



Cleave to the Slipstick—Let the Slapstick Fall Where It May

She got up in the morning, put on her robe, went downstairs, raised the blinds, took the cover off the parrot, went out into the kitchen, put the coffee on and lit the fire.

The telephone rang and her husband said, "Hi-ya Baby? I just got in off the ship. Fix yourself up, I'm coming right over."

She hung up the telephone, pulled down the blinds, took off the coffee, and turned out the fire. She then came back and put the cover back on the parrot and began slipping off her robe as she started up the stairs.

It was then the parrot called out: "Hell's bells! This sure has been a short day."

—IIT—

A male puppy is a son of a female dog. A female dog is the dogcatcher's main objective. A main objective is the dream of a dictator. Therefore, dictators are male puppies. And what did I say male puppies were?

—IIT—

"At any rate," said the auctioneer, "mine is a business that a woman can't take up."

"Nonsense," put in the strong-minded lady. "A woman would make quite as good an auctioneer as any man."

"Would she?" retorted the other. "Well, you try and imagine an unmarried lady standing up before a crowd and saying, 'Now gentlemen, all I want is an offer.'"

—IIT—

No man ever really makes a fool of a woman. They only give them the opportunities to develop their natural abilities.

—IIT—

Willie was asked by his Sunday school teacher why Noah took two of each kind of animal into the Ark. To which he answered, "Because he didn't believe that story about the stork."

Young Mosquito: "Soft pickings these days, aren't they?"

Old Mosquito: "Yes, and to think when I was your age, I could bite girls only on the face and hands!"

—IIT—

Two aristocratic looking gentlemen were discussing their family affairs one day. One was worried about the conduct of his son, saying: "I don't know what to do with him. He went out with a girl about a month ago and caught trench mouth from her."

"That's likely to happen to any young man," said the other.

"But it is something. He gave it to our hired girl—and then I got it and gave it to my wife!"

"Say! You'd better do something about him. Good lord, maybe I've got it now!"

—IIT—

"It says here a man was arrested for going out on the street without enough clothes on."

"What was the charge?"

"Impersonating a woman."

—IIT—

She: "I don't see how a woman can be happy without a husband."

He: "Well, just phone me some evening when you're without your husband and I'll come over and show you."

—IIT—

It may be said that Santa Claus is the only man who can run around with a bag all night and not get talked about.

THE RAZOR BLADES

Meet the Navy; V-12 Way of Life Is Tried and Tested

A V-12 unit has been flourishing at IIT since the first of July—way back in 1943—and during that time the trainees have been in everything and have even started some things that had not even been thought of before. Their activity has been prodigious. Yet, a majority of their civilian comrades in slide-rule arms and the somewhat harassed professors know little of their life in the six quarters along Michigan Avenue.

Some of the sterling qualities to be seen in the trainee at home are speed and household skills. With a flying start, engendered by a nerve-shattering alarm bell, he can leap from his sack, dress, make his "rack" up, wash and shave, complete a cleaning detail, gather up his books and swish out the door in fifteen or twenty minutes, just making morning mess muster. But the real surprise comes when one looks over the work he so nimbly flew over. The bed is made with precise 45 degree corners and made so tight that a (small) coin will bounce from its gray navy blanket. The room cleaned at a lightning pace is shining and dustless, a joy to the eye of any good housewife.

Considering these admirable traits, one might well believe the jest, "He'll make some lucky welder a fine wife someday."

● AUTUMN DANCE

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The sale of bids has been rapid and those holding reservations are asked to purchase their bids before their reservations become invalid.

Chuck Cavallo, whose ten piece orchestra will furnish the music for the evening, has currently been appearing at many of the larger country clubs around Chicago. The band will feature Vivian Stewart as vocalist.

Bids to the "Autumn Nocturne" are on sale daily between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Student Union lobby for \$2.50.

The navy office has announced that the customary extension of liberty will be granted to naval trainees the night of the dance.

Poll Held; Find Tech Students Want More Liberal Subjects

In a recent poll, the student body was given an opportunity to express an opinion on a currently discussed matter. It was shown by this poll that the student body as a whole is in favor of more electives for the engineering major in his senior year.

The exact text of the question asked of the students is as follows: "Do you believe that students majoring in engineering should be permitted to choose the same, more, or less, electives in their senior year than they are now allowed to take." The question was asked of a cross-section of IIT students and the results are as follows, on a percentage basis:

For more electives....56%
For less electives....26%
For same electives....17%

Total 99%

It is apparent from the poll that students in general dislike the well-packed engineering curriculum. One comment was that it would be better to let this apply to all classes and thus have a wider elective system for all students. Another comment was that in some courses too many electives are required. This applied to some non-engineering courses, but these are not to be neglected when the student body as a whole is considered.

One senior student reminded the reporter that at one time, a few terms back, a faculty committee was considering allowing senior students with B averages or better to substitute elective courses for required engineering courses. This would be an advantage because it would give the student added incentive to keep his grades up and would also give a Tech student a chance to take some liberal arts subjects to more fully round his education.

"This indeed seemed to be a good idea but nothing ever came of it," said the senior.

If a system like this were instituted it would be necessary for the individual departments to keep their basic courses so that students could not avoid all the difficult ones in choice of more easy subjects.

By the trend of student opinion, it seems that the faculty should take notice and at least attempt to supply the hard working engineer with courses that are somewhat relaxing.

Sigma Alpha Mu Publishes Own Paper

The Sigma Epsilon chapter has published its own newspaper. It comes out monthly under the title of "Se-Sam" and is edited by Al Wengerhoff and Stan Lapin. The title stands for Sigma Epsilon chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu.

The pledges under the leadership of A/S Irv Gelb have challenged the actives to a game of baseball, but no date has been set for the event.

The next combined meeting of the pledges and actives is scheduled for September 12.

Triangle Fraternity To Hold All Day Picnic

Triangle fraternity is planning to hold an all day picnic at Park Ridge on Sunday, Sept. 23. There will be swimming if the weather permits, baseball, and dancing. Refreshments will be served.

Plans are also being made for a senior farewell dinner dance to be held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel sometime in October.

Pi Kappa Phi Pledges Plan Dinner Dance

Four men were appointed from the Pi Kappa Phi pledge class to make arrangements for the forthcoming traditional pledge dinner-dance. They are A/S Jim Woodling, Joe Jallits, Don Freeman, and Don Black. According to Pledge Master Bill Ludwig, the affair will be held at the end of the month.

A welcome visitor last week was Frank Lidd, formerly of the army air corps. Lidd is planning to re-enter school next term.

There will be a combined active and pledge meeting this Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. in 405M, states A/S Ray Olson, archon.

Letters To The Editor

Secretaries Again

I hate to bring up this subject again, but I remember a letter written to you last term from one of the IIT Casanovas who stated he wondered why the secretaries on the campus acted as if he didn't exist. I wonder if he has ever gone to a meeting of the dance club for an answer to his question. Has he ever seen plenty of good looking girls standing around helplessly while IIT "men" gawk sheepishly at them from across the empty dance floor?

In polite society it is always the man who must take the initiative, and while I've been to dance club several times in the last few weeks, I have danced only four dances. Maybe if our complaining student would stop being so bashful and tongue-tied, he would find we secretaries are not as bad as he thinks.

Sincerely,

J. J. B., a secretary.

A Look At Alumni

As navigator of a B-17 Flying Fortress in England, Lt. Fred G. Schroeter served overseas from October, 1944, until May of this year, participating in many bombing attacks of the European air war. In combat, he was awarded the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters and the theater ribbon with one battle star.

Dr. Willard E. Hotchkiss, former president of the Institute, is a member of the War Labor Board for the Tenth District, on the Pacific coast.

Appointment of Oliver F. Stern as a traffic representative in Chicago for the Pennsylvania-Central Airlines has been announced by Fred Clemens, PCA Regional Traffic Manager.

Stern was recently given a medical discharge from the U. S. Navy in which he held a rating of Aviation Mechanic, 2/c. He had been stationed at Glenview Naval Air Station, Chicago, and Sand Point Naval Air Station, Seattle.

The National Underwriter reports that Charles P. Kuffel, F.P.E. '34 has been appointed by the National Fire Insurance Company as its Illinois state agent. After his graduation Mr. Kuffel was employed by the Missouri Inspection Bureau in Kansas City and St. Louis, by Fred S. James & Co. in Chicago and Pittsburgh, and as engineer for the National Union in Chicago.

Patriotism

The flag-raising ceremonies each morning with the navy unit drawn up to a salute are impressive. However, the negligence of students and members of the maintenance department apparent in their failure to render the proper salute is distressing, especially at a time such as this, when respect for the flag is the least of our patriotic responsibilities. Compliance with the rules of courtesy is a matter of choice, but it is extremely bad taste to carry on conversation or proceed with work while the flag is being raised. It is suggested that persons who wish to do so leave the vicinity. If this cannot be done, it is proper to remove the hat and stand quietly facing the colors until the band has finished playing.

Yours,
Q.E.D.

Quarters #2

Don Gipple, Cal Zehnder, and Bill Park reverted back to childhood recreations last week when the strain of homework became too great. These three intellects were seen in the third deck blowing pretty soap bubbles—regulation bubble pipe and all.

It has been suggested that card-tables be set up in the recreation room and pinochle and bridge tournaments be inaugurated. This, together with the ping-pong tables, when the nets are set up, would make the room even more popular than it is now.

Making muster on time has been a tough proposition ever since the bell system broke down. Rolling out in the morning is even worse without the usual "lovely morning sound that picks you up and throws you across the room."

Quarters #3

Sometimes a fellow is darn glad of the 20-20 vision that got him into V-12. Take the case of S. D. Warner and Norb Vojta who set out for the All-Star Game in high spirits and came back to ask the boys, who caught the game from a comfortable seat next to the radio, just what it was all about. As they tell it, they arrived at their seats and found themselves at the very north-east end of the stadium. They were immediately faced with a decision—to stay where they were and hear the game over a nearby portable radio or move above the cloud bank and roost on the upper rim of the

mammoth bowl and see some of it. They decided to move and were mighty thankful for their semi-binocular vision—they saw a good part of the game.

Quarters #4

Herbert Pritz nonchalantly remarked last week that, in true sailor tradition, he had a steady girl in five cities across the United States. "I'm true to them all, one at a time," he said. "But the one in Baltimore hasn't written for a year and a half so I've put her on the inactive list!"

More and more rumors are being spread about Bud Kralovec and Jack Capron in regards to their spare time in Kalamazoo during a recent baseball trip. Bud turned his car around to pick up a "spirit" waiting by the side of the road for a nonexistent, intra-city bus. Capron says the girl sat next to Bud who was driving, and came near causing a wreck when she crossed her legs. Apparently Bud can't drive sixty without keeping his eyes on the road!

Quarters #5

The diary of the seaman of the quarters for the week is rather im-

pressive. The typical page reads: "Monday night I rested up from a heavy week end. Tuesday night I went to the Cleveland-White Sox game to cheer Bob Feller. Wednesday night—regular liberty. Thursday night I was one of the ninety-two thousand watching the Packers trounce the All Stars. Ah, Friday night was wonderful. On my way home on the train I met a slick little number. Promised to call her. Saturday—I'm home, it's swell. Life can be beautiful."

Quarters #6

Nimitz—alias "Blivet"—has become famous for his nightly prowls in the quarters. He also attends various classes through the day. One professor commented that he was the brightest pupil in his class. Recently he disappeared for four days and returned thin and haggard, looking like Tom Bills after a good weekend.

Rudy Foglia spent the last week wandering in a thick green haze. The extra liberty over Labor Day gave him time to go home to visit Marie in New York. Terry Rice was in somewhat the same state.

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