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campus COMMENTS

Letter of the Week: Tau Beta Pi Debacle

Dear Editors:

The conduct of a few Techmen at the beginning of last week's Tau Beta Pi pledging ceremony was, to say the least, disrespectful.

The incident occurred when A/S Bill Cannon announced that there had been an error in announcing the Franklin P. Adams assembly: that it would not be held until the following week and that the present program was to be the pledging ceremony of Tau Beta Pi, national honorary general engineering fraternity. Upon hearing this, 20 or 25 students noisily got up and stalked out of the auditorium mumbling loudly under their breath.

This lack of respect for the highest honor on the campus is a far cry from the "manners" program put on by John Schommer a few weeks ago. I think it a sign of profound ignorance that these persons could not remain during the free hour and witness an inspiring program, or at least have the courtesy to exit quietly.

It is unfortunate that a few persons should make a farce of the school's most honored pledging ceremony.

ABC

Approval on Records

Dear Editors:

About all that comes to one's attention around here are loud and vigorous words of complaint. 'This' is bad (and getting worse) and 'that' has reached a horrible state of depravity and 'the other' is criminally neglected.

But such cases are in a minority and certainly most of the many IIT activities and organizations are running efficiently if not perfectly.

Up in the Student Union Lounge there is a very ingenious mechanism: the "Juke Box." A Tech student, known to many as a "good guy," is the one who feeds records into the machine and tries to keep everybody happy. Don Freeman is held down to 20 records at a time but the constantly changing, always popular bill of fare is certainly the finest seen in the old lounge for a long time.

AMB

Your Opportunity Eastman Kodak to Interview Seniors

Another of the organizations which has informed our placement office of a need for engineers is the Eastman Kodak Company. Their request has been for chemical, mechanical, electrical, and civil engineering majors.

As an aid in orienting IIT students on the Kodak Company, here are a number of facts. The company bases their standard of work on a 40 hour week. The intention of the firm has been to pay salaries and wages equal to or above those prevailing in the community. Advancement is based upon experience, skill, and general capability.

Kodak has tried to keep a stability of employment in its ranks and has given constant attention to the planning of its production schedule. Kodak has striven to improve their methods and processes and better working conditions. They maintain a policy of freedom of discussion with the management and reward employees for constructive suggestions.

The company encourages employees to pursue suitable courses of study which will help them in their work, and refunds part of the tuition when the requirements of the course have been met satisfactorily.

To give the seniors and graduates a better idea of what Eastman Kodak has to offer, the company is sending out representatives to interview them. These interviews will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the office of the Placement Department.

A Vet Looks At School Life

By CHRIS COLLIAS

A pal of mine will never forget an experience he had as a visitor in an insane asylum.

"Hsst!" said a fine looking old gentleman beckoning him confidentially. "I have a secret; would you like to hear it?" My friend said, "Sure." "You see all those people walking around here?" My friend nodded. "Well they're all nuts, except me," said the old gentleman earnestly and went off smiling cheerily.

Things aren't quite that bad for everyone, although the suggestion I am going to make in today's column might seem to indicate that.

Anyone who gets around a bit must have noticed the strain which our fast paced industrial civilization engenders. Add to this the pressures of various conditions, the normal frustrations which life brings, the restrictions of a complex civilization, and small wonder if a good part of the population finds the strain past bearing.

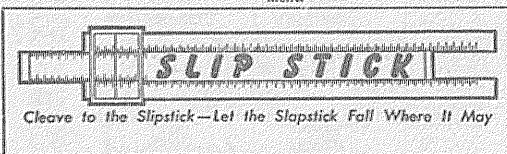
Everybody, no matter how sane he may be, goes off the beam occasionally. We call it temperament or letting off steam unless it goes too far; in that event it becomes sheer tragedy. Yet it is perfectly understandable when the conditioning circumstances are known.

Today we know that the dividing line between sanity and insanity is a thin and constantly shifting margin. As one grows older, all the bad mental habits and faulty training place an increasing strain on the human mentality and body. Why not implant a vital set of mental and hygienic principles in ourselves as early in life as possible?

An understanding of these rules would do much to revitalize a jaded and increasingly cynical population.

A good many intelligent people are beginning to realize that successful living takes in the Golden Rule—the religious principles we were taught as children—and a good deal more.

There was a young explorer and a beautiful girl who were stranded on a desert island and lived informally for a year before they were rescued. They immediately asked the ship's master to marry them. He did so; but the girl, still dubious of the captain's credentials, got a missionary to legalize the ceremony in a coastal town in Africa. In turn since he was of another persuasion, he had a priest of his faith marry them for a third time when they landed in New York. A friend of theirs heard about the triple ceremony and commented admiringly, "Well, Bob, you and Betty sure ought to find heaven by one path or another!"



Fans (both of you), please forgive me if the "stick" isn't up to par today. I'm worried about the "carrying-on" of my gal, who's away at school. She closed her last letter saying, "Honey, you won't recognize me; I'm getting fat. I weigh 155 pounds stripped. Of course the scales at the drugstore may not be so accurate, but that's what they register."

College Josie: "I told him he mustn't see me any more."

Campus Sue: "And what did he do?"

Josie: "He turned out the lights."

Irate matron: "Madame, what do you mean by letting your child snatch off my wig?"

Relieved mother: "Oh, it's a wig, is it? I was afraid for a minute that he'd scalped you alive."

Rotcy: "Are you troubled with improper thoughts?"

Buddy: "Naw, I enjoy them!"

He had just given his wife a beautiful stunk coat as a gift. "I can't see," she mused, "how such a nice coat comes from such a foul-smelling beast."

Wearily the husband replied, "I don't ask for thanks, dear, but I do demand respect."

Two sardines were swimming down by California when one suggested that they swim up to Oregon.

The other objected, "Oh, no, it's too far to swim."

"Well, let's go by train," said the first.

"What," cried the second, "and be packed in like a couple of tourists!"

"Smile that way again." She blushed, and dimpled sweetly. "Just as I thought, you look like a chipmunk."

Passerby: "Is that a genuine bloodhound?"

"It surely is. Oscar, come over and bleed for the lady."

She was young and fair and pretty,

And in closing may I remind you: Virtue is learned at mother's knee; but vice at some other joint.

—THE VICIOUS VIPER

Kappa Phi Delta Promotes Both Social and Scholastic Activities

In order to form a pledge of their friendship, a group of girls at Lewis decided to form a sorority. These six girls were officially recognized on Nov. 16, 1904, as the Kappa Phi Delta sorority. The purpose of the sorority is to promote friendly relations among the women students of IIT and to stimulate interest in high scholastic standing.

Student Poll: Mixed Up Courses

It was with mixed emotions that your inquiring reporter posed to-day's question of the week: "In your opinion, what has been the most fouled up course you have taken at IIT?"

The question was asked with the thought of giving the seniors a chance to let out the pent up frustrations of four years of being bruised and bewildered and, probably more important, to furnish constructive criticism. Here are some thoughts of seniors on the subject:

A/S Alva Oslin, senior ME—"Prof. Levy's 'electron tubes' course tops the list. The course in general was too deep and the payoff came when the good prof informed us the textbook was wrong—after the quiz."

A/S Stanford Abramowitz, senior ME—"Prof. Mangold's Mystery Hour (fluid mechanics) had me wondering. He's a brilliant man himself, but he just couldn't put it over. His boardwork was beautiful, but I couldn't seem to keep track of his 'tidbits' spread all over the board as they were."

Art Strong, senior ME—"The presentation of Prof. Glave's business policy course, in his complacent tone of voice gave me a bad time. Not only did it seem more like a course in book-keeping and accounting than business policy, but our class was always in a bad spot when Prof. Glaves loosened the unvented rage of three previous lecture hours upon us."

A/S Carl Chambers, senior EE—"In my estimation Prof. Sadowsky's math class was the most fouled up. He constantly intilled in the class a fear of not passing the course, rather than displaying a helpful attitude. Basing the entire term's grade on the final exam and allowing no partial credit on problems seemed to me to defeat the purpose of the course."

Fraternities & Sororities

ALPHA SIGMA PHI

Alpha Sigma Phi held a pledge-sponsored social at the O'Henry Ballroom Saturday night, Jan. 26. Reports from the members indicated that this function was a success and that they are looking forward to other affairs of this type.

Informal initiation is to be held Saturday night, at a place yet to be determined. However, formal initiation will be held on the following day at the Swedish Club.

The Alpha Sigs are conducting what is known as "Hell Week" for the benefit of their pledges. All pledges have to wear burlap undershirts and offer candy to the actives when they appear on the scene. The pledges are Roy Johnson, Lou Goluck, Ron Moschel, Bill McKeown, Jv Busack, Don Ennis and Al Bruckner.

TRIANGLE

Tom Feehery, president of Triangle fraternity, heartily invited all actives, pledges, honorary members, and alumni to dine at a banquet in honor of the Triangle graduating seniors this Saturday. The dinner will be held at the popular Ruppneck's Restaurant which is located on the north side at 1127 West Thorneade Avenue. It will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

PI KAPPA PHI

An informal initiation of the seven pledges to Pi Kappa Phi will be held at the home of Henry Hawrylewicz, Saturday evening. A committee composed of A/S Jim Woodling, A/S Cal Zehnder, Howie Johnson, and Don Black are making arrangements for the affair.

THREE PI KAPPA

Three Pi Kappa alumni were present at the pledge-sponsored dinner-dance held last Saturday at the Oak Park Arms Hotel. They were John Mark, Frank Janik, and Fred Olson. Included in the evening's entertainment was a skit presented by the pledges.

The pledges will be given a written and oral examination of the material covered during their pledge period sometime next week, states Howie Johnson, pledge master.

Dale Wihlman visited the chapter last week. He left school in 1942 for the navy air corps but will return next term to complete his senior year. He brings to four the number of Pi Kappas who are returning to school next term after extended interruptions in their college work.

SIGMA OMICRON LAMBDA

The Sigma Omicron Lambda sorority held their annual alumnae tea last Saturday. The Lincoln Room and Press Club of the LaSalle Hotel was the site of the affair. As is customary, the new pledges entertained the group: Mary Wetzel and Muriel Bovie presenting an original radio script. (Mrs. Wetzel is a professional radio script writer and wrote it for the girls.)

At a meeting before the tea, officers of a new, over-all control council of the alumnae, were selected. Florence Moss was elected president and Selma Yonkers secretary.

The informal initiation was held last Friday at the home of Hope Iversen. The two pledges initiated were: Muriel Bovie and Mary Wetzel. A pajama party followed the initiation.