the WOMAN'S angle

By CAROL MOSES

The time of year has come when one can't decide whether to wish that the days passed more slowly so that finals don't arrive too soon, or to be glad that they are flitting so fast so that all will be over with (including another chance to pass that chem course).

At any rate the lure of the open fields is calling, and Dr. Hedrick's botany class has at last cornered that individual into taking them on a field trip—into the wild, dangerous wastelands of Garfield Park.

There ought to be an unwritten law whereby women entering the locker room just to the right of the entrance to the boiler room in Main should give out with a "Woman in the Room" cry, or at least knock loudly before entering, to prevent mutual embarrassment, especially of those poor souls who use said room to change their togs in.

There's a darn cute program on the radio Saturday nites at 8 p.m.—it's "Leave it to the Girls", and features Paula Stone, MC, and five glamor girls who together with a male guest, hash out problems sent in by listeners, both men and women. The Man has his say on every question, and at the end of the program has a chance to "talk back." Sometimes things get so hot that fur flies. Typical problem (sent in by a man)—"Should I tell my fiancee that I wear lifts in my shoes to make me as tall as she is?"

Here's a fitting sentiment, found in Byrd Lee's column in the Alabama Polytechnic Institute's "Plainsman":

Coed's Lament

My hair will curl when it is set
My ears and neck are clean.
My figure has been whistled at.
And I'm over eighteen.

I use Ipana every day.
My father has no gun.
With three men to every girl,
You'd think I'd find just one.

So won't somebody let me know
Why I'm here at home
On Saturday nite at half past ten
Writing this gosh darn pome?

—Widow

Hearing about all these honorary fraternities makes me wonder whether an honorary sorority taking in women students of all fields couldn't be founded here. Most colleges have them, why not ours?

Journalists Honored

PLEDGES—These student members of the *Technology News* staff will be initiated into Pi Delta Epsilon, journalism honorary, tomorrow evening. Left to right—Allan Kukral, Carol Moses, Hubert Helfer, Howard Baum and Edward Arends.

Dr. W. C. Krathwohl Discusses Effects of Reading Abilities

The Elementary Principals Journal recently printed an article "The Importance of Acquiring Reading Skills" written by William C. Krathwohl, Director of Tests at the Institute for Psychological Services of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

In his article Dr. Krathwohl states that a study of the Army and Navy tests for specialized abilities has shown that this age demands of us the ability to read with understanding and speed, and that in this subject too there is something wrong with the instruction our children receive.

Evidence of the inadequate reading abilities of college students and its effects on the success of students in an engineering college was seen in studies made of the results of orientation tests and grades made during the first year by a large sample of students at IIT.

The entire group of students taking an orientation examination was divided into quarters on the basis of scores on the Reading Comprehension Test, and the grades received by students in the lowest quartile of the test were compared with those in the highest quartile.

In the case of failing grades received by students of this group those in the lowest quartile received on an average three times as many failing grades (E's and D's) as those in the highest quartile. In the honor grades (A's and E's) almost the reverse ratios existed, with students in the highest quartile receiving three times as many honor grades as those in the lowest quartile.

Mr. Krathwohl points out that the low grades received by students in the lowest quartile was due not to low mentality but because of their poor reading ability they must spend nearly twice as much time in reading their assignments and doing their homework, which is ordinarily set up to take up much of the good student's time.

Mr. Krathwohl believes that much of these poor reading habits and inadequate ability might be eliminated in the elementary schools. Emphasis on silent reading would increase the child's reading ability. He believes that testing the child's progress in reading is just as important as testing his progress in arithmetic.

Announce Mail Pickup And Delivery Schedule

A complete schedule for mail pick-ups and deliveries for the IIT post-office was published last week by Mrs. J. Hoshour, postmistress.

Mail to be sent to the post office for any particular pickup should be in the post office twenty minutes before the scheduled pick-up time so that it may be prepared for pick up, according to Mrs. Hoshour.

Deliveries are made twice daily to the post office, at 8:45 a.m. and again at 2:15 p.m. Registered mail arrives at 11:15 a.m. and also 2 p.m.

Registered mail pickup is at 11 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. Air mail is picked up three times daily at 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

campus COMMENTS

LETTER OF THE WEEK—VETS STILL MOAN

The Veteran's Club objects to the editorial of last week, "As I See IT," which, it seems portrays the fact that the editor is very badly informed, or perhaps this editorial was written in a rush to meet the deadline without investigating facts about furnishing guides for gold-star families.

Illinois Tech Vets

Did any of you vets attend the American Veterans Committee meeting last Tuesday? How many of you even know what the organization is? The AVC is an organization of WW-2 vets founded about three years ago and has been growing by leaps and bounds (and even faster). A large number of the colleges and universities of the U.S. have campus chapters.

The main idea behind the AVC seems to be to help the veteran re-establish himself in civilian life rather than have congress hand him the world on a silver platter.

Anyway, the AVC had a very good and effective line-up of speakers at their meeting, as well as a large and appreciative audience. From here it looks as though it's going to be quite a battle even if they do win Gardiner in the end. The army seems determined to hold on to it.

The army claimed they needed the space because they had to move from the Civic Opera building, but when the AVC investigated they learned that the army had not even asked to have their lease renewed. It looks as if it might develop into the same old army story (We have it and we'll keep it, come hell or high water.)

Another interesting bill has been brought before congress. This one, so far known only as HR6067, provides for increased subsistence for students under the GI bill. The bill provides for payment of $75 per month to a single vet and $100 per month for a married vet plus $15 for the first child and $10 for each additional child.

All men who want to get this bill enacted should write their congressmen now. This bill has to go through a vets' committee in the house which is headed by John Rankin. His past record has been one of autocratic rule of the committee, and delay on all vet legislation. It's going to take a lot of pressure to get the bill through. Another proposed bill (HR 4501) provides for terminal leave pay for enlisted men. Under it an enlisted man would receive pay for an after discharge furlough. The bill would provide retroactive peyments of this money. If you're already discharged you'd get the money anyway.

If you are still having trouble with your subsistance checks and haven't filed a tracer with Mr. De Sylvester do so now. Most of the letters of eligibility that have been in Mr. Wright's office have been forwarded to the Veterans Administration. Those which have not are being

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In the first place, the statement is made, in the editorial, that the vets club . . . "claims such a large percentage of the student body." This is definitely misinformation as there are approximately 1100 vets in day school alone, while our vets club boasts the grand total of 60 members. This, in our opinion, is far from a large percentage of the student body.

The editor overlooks the fact that the veterans club is an embryo organization, not yet functioning as a closely-knit association. The other organizations on campus have had years upon years to establish customs and traditions, while the vets club is just a youngster among many mature organizations.

The editor also overlooks the fact or neglected to inform himself of the fact that a city-wide research problem is being undertaken by the vets club. This takes most of the veteran's "spare time." The "attitude" of the vets club has, up to the present time, been of the most cooperative nature, thus any "permeation" that might take place, we assure you, would be definitely for the good.

As a closing remark, we think it would be a very nice gesture on the part of the editor to go to Mr. A. Wright, on the second floor of the Student Union, and volunteer his services to escort the gold-star families around the campus on May 29, 1946.

Illinois Tech Vets.

Know Your Honoraries

Alpha Chi Sigma Was Founded At University of Wisconsin

Alpha Chi Sigma, a national professional chemical fraternity, was founded in 1902 at the University of Wisconsin by a small group of chemistry students and has grown steadily ever since. It now has forty-six active chapters of which seventeen are professional chapters and fifteen are professional groups. It has a total membership of over 18,000. The local chapter has fourteen active members and ten pledges.

The objective of the fraternity is to bring together men in the chemical profession for a well balanced program of professional and social activities with a slight emphasis on professional. Before the war the fraternity sponsored many speakers from industry. One of the activities of the Illinois Tech chapter is a tutoring service for freshmen and sophomores in chemistry subjects.

The fraternity was voted the most well organized professional fraternity in the country at the biennial meeting of the Professional Inter-fraternity Council. For many years, Alph Chi Sigma has financed the triennial ACS award for the most outstanding work in pure chemistry by a young chemist. It is also a very active participant in the National Safety Council. Currently it is studying and discussing the problem of unionization of chemists.

One of the fraternity's salient points is that its activities do not end when you graduate. The Illinois Tech Chapter is rather unusual in having so many undergraduate members. At most schools it is comprised of graduates only. The professional groups and chapters are very active throughout the country.

Membership is by election. Graduates and students who have completed half of their sophomore year in chemistry or chemical engineering are eligible for membership.

EUGENE HILL

Fraternities & Sororities

SIGMA BETA THETA SORORITY

Sigma Beta Theta sorority held its informal initiation of Maristell Dixon and Lua Johnson at a picnic at the home of Wauneta Gorrell, Midlothian, Ill. The formal initiation will take place at the all-sorority June barbecue.

Maristell Dixon will act as hostess during the summer vacation at their Cedar Lake (Ind.) cottage.

Election of officers will be held at the July meeting.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI

Pledges and actives of Alpha Sigma Phi took to the wide open spaces Saturday, June 1. The occasion was the pledge sponsored picnic at Dunes State Park, Indiana. Even though the weather was not up to snuff, all who attended reported that the event was well worth the long trip to the Dunes. Hot dogs and beer was the main course of the day.

Informal initiation was held at Rollo Fischer's house in Elmhurst last Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon, the formal initiation was carried on at the Swedish Club of Chicago and six pledges became active members of the fraternity.

PHI BETA PI SORORITY

Phi Beta Pi sorority, inactive for several semesters, will initiate its pledges formally at the home of alumna Shirley Fink tomorrow evening. The pledges are: Gloria Dubin, Libby Gopan, June Lyons, Carol Moses, Luella Simon, and Reva Zlotnik. A pledge dinner was held last Wednesday at the Ranch restaurant following a rush period during which a tea was held at the home of Ramona Osherow and a luncheon was given at the Kungsholm.

The all-sorority summer formal will take the form of a dinner dance at Villa Venice June 28.

PI KAPPA PHI

The formal initiation of Douglas Benton, Wilbur Burkhart, Arthur Dammkoeler, Henry Gloodt Edward Hennessey, Dick Huber, Paul Kerby, and Eugene Schaelkopf into Pi Kappa Phi will take place this Sunday in the home of John and Bill Pottenger. After the initiation the new actives, together with the entire chapter will gather at the traditional initiation banquet.

Through the courtesy of five of the brothers who have recently taken the fatal step and hung their pins the Alpha Phi chapter of Pi Kappa Phi enjoyed an informal picnic party on the "Point" at Fifty-fifth Street last Wednesday. The brothers and their dates spent an evening of dancing, ping-pong, eating, and strolling along the lake.

Informal initiation of the pledges took place last Saturday evening at the home of Dick Eberhart. It is being rumored that the pledges were not amused at the evening's entertainment.

TRIANGLE

Election of officers for the fall semester was held at the last meeting. The following men were elected: president, Bob Bachland; vice president, Bill Bloudek; secretary, Will Kedrov; treasurer, Ken Thompson; chapter editor, Marty Gabriel; corresponding secretary, Tony Glowacki; social chairman, Arnold Kust; and sports manager, Dick Lund.

The fraternity Senior Farewell will be held in conjunction with the Northwestern Chapter of Triangle at the Lake Shore Athletic Club Friday, June 14th at 9:00 p.m. The dance will be semi-formal.

A boat cruise is being planned for the early part of the summer. The arrangements are being handled by the social committee.

Plans are also being made for a thorough clean up of the fraternity house during the summer vacation in preparation for the fall semester.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Alpha Epsilon chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity held a dinner and business meeting in the West Dining room in the Student Union last Monday night at 6:00 p.m.

Plans have been made for a party to be held at the Pavilion near 55th

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