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Safety in IIT Labs

Safety conditions in HT labs are not what they should be to guard against the loss of life and health of the student body. E. Clark Woodward, one time Director of Safety, wrote an article on "The Blind Scientist of IIT". in the Campus News Letter-No, there is no such man as yet, but who knows? Technology Center may soon be famous for having on its staff or among its students a great scientist or potential scientist who is totally and permanently blind.

The complacent and self-satisfied attitude of some teachers whose attitude is expressed by, "During the twenty years I have been in this lab there hasn't been a single accident under the conditions that prevail" is in no way indicative of a progressive outlook.

A grinding wheel should be provided with proper guard to prevent eye injuries: a testing machine should have a guard which will not fly off when a bent specimen proceeds in its direction; the organic chem labs are too crowded for the type of experiments performed. This latter shortcoming, in fact, is general and machines in the materials lab are much too closely spaced for the type of guards provided.

Safety is not a onesided problem. It requires the intelligent cooperation of all concerned. Teachers should thoroughly acquaint students with possible dangers and the operation of machines, and instruct them in emergency measures and first aid. Students should follow to the letter all instructions made for their safety and be serious in their work. At the present time, both students and teachers are not living up to these basic requirements,

It is understood that criticism of this nature produces two completely different reactions: One is the opposition of vested interests and those with hurt prides, the other is constructive action resulting in advancements for the good of all. It is hoped that the foregoing suggestions will be accepted in a constructive manner.

Man Of The Week

President of Alpha Sigma Phi, Lind Is Active in 4 Honoraries

by George O'Brien

When the fanfares of this January's graduation are over,

IIT will notice the absence of a most versatile personality—Ronald H. Lind. Rollo started in the long "grind" at IIT in September 1941; he was only 16 years old.

He immediately thrust himself into a host of activities. As a member of the Armour Players, the forerunner of Dramatech, he was in the cast of one of their productions. He



a degree in Chemical Engineering.

After a period of service in the navy as an RT he returned to the campus last year and proceeded to make up for lost time. He is taking a graduate course in night school.

Lind is a member of numerous organizations: The Glee Club; Pi Nu Epsilon, the musical fraternity; Pi Delta Epslon, national journalistic fraternity; Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical engineering society; and is president of Alpha Sigma Phi, national social fratarnity. Besides being an active member of all these organizations he has kept a high enough average to become a member of Tau Beta Pi, of which he is a one time president. In addition, Phi Delta Upsilon, national honorary chemical engineering society claims him as a member.

In closing it might be said that though his time schedule did not allow for any sports activities, there is one letter which he would certainly be awarded if it existed-and that is for social graces.

by Mike Werth

Question of the week: How in your opinion can the United Nations Assembly be made to effectivel preserve the peace of this world?

Chuck Schram Soph EE:

"The veto should stand but not the way it is now. At the present time it is being misused by Russia. The veto should be used for the in terest of the world as a whole and not for the indi-

vidual nation. Since the big powers have more experience international trade and operation it the big five who should be in charge of all armed forces un-

der U. N. jurisdiction and any use of these forces should be agreed upon unanimously by them. To make unanimous action possible, Russia would have to be more cooperative The nationalistic attitude of all countries would have to change. The one way to accomplish this is by education. As things are now nations are not willing to give up enough of their rights to make U. N. really work. Many barriers to international trade should be removed such as that South America Cattle law. There should be an international exchange of teachers and students. The main thing needed to

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The divorce rate has risen so that there now is one divorce for every three marriages, Can it be that people no longer care to stomach each other for life?

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"Where did Joe get that awful black eye?"

"He mistook asthma for passion."

EE: "So you bawled out your girl about the way she put on

lipstick?" CE: "Yeh, she put it on an

ME's face."

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"Well, my father has two wives to support now.'

"How's that? Is he a bigamist?" "No, but I just got married." --117---

Dentist: "Sorry, but I'm all out of gas."

Girl in chair: "Ye gods! Do dentists pull that old stuff,

'Are you game, girlie?'" Possibly, have you got a hunter's license?"

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The jalopy's motor began to pound and knock and finally gave up in a burp of steam. The worried boy said to his compan-ion: "I wonder what that knock could be?"

"Maybe," said his blonde girl friend, "it's opportunity."

CE: "Could I have just one kiss?" Co-ed: "Sorry, I don't cater the retail trade." -----

The crew of the Protous, Navy submarine tender, tells this story of its little ship, whose main armament consists of four 5-inch guns. A few days before the Jap surrender, the

Proteus prepared to enter Tokyo Bay at night. The radar man reported the contact and Proteus' skipper ordered his signalman to send the challenging message: "Identify yourself or we will open fire."

Back came the reply from the target, "This is the USS New Jersey. Don't scratch our paint."

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"How do you manage to get oney out of your husband?" money out of "It's easy. I say, 'I'm going back to mother;' and he immediately hands me the fare."

Then there's that story of the lawyer who sat up all night trying to break a widow's will.

maril I was "Why do you have such a high bed

for your little boy?"
"So we can hear him when he falls out of it."

Alimony is like buying oats for a dead horse. -117-

WOLF: A modern dry cleanerworks fast and leaves no ring.



Twelve shopping days to Christmas and one more issue of *Tech News* then the happy slide rule artists can relax with a sigh of relief. No more worries, no more fear that the "guilty shall be exposed in the paragraphs below.

Ed Lindahl had a date for a recent school dance, or so he thought until the girl's sister called him on the telephone to tell him the date was cancelled. Reason: the young lady found another man and was to be married the following night.

Somewhat in the spirit of the popular "glow in the dark" slide rule, the boys over at the Triangle fraternity put their heads together and developed of wonders. A slipstick operated on the principle of an Ouija board. Declares Promoter Hoffslager: "It'll take all the elements of error and possible mistakes out of mathematical calcula-

Ted Pryst, that man about town and country had difficulty in trying to persuade his sweetie, Charlotte, to come to a fraternity party last Saurday. Maybe she remembers the night of the senior dance where he willingly divided his lovin' amongst several other fraternity dates. The Digger has learned that Charlotte reads the Steamshovel every week and since she hasn't seen Ted's name in it she assumes that he is true to her. (Ted is nearly ready to publish his "Directory on Dates" but is having difficulties with promised royalties from the Link).

A budding genius is in our midst as any fifth term EE student will verify. Referring to none other than Bill "The Brain" Wightman, we find that he is always glad to lend a helping hand to any instructor especially in class when the lecture becomes a bit involved. J. F. thinks Bill is bucking for an "A".

Warren "Pop" Ferguson is having more than his share of troubles as the pouches under his eyes will indicate. It seems that Ferguson's baby is getting here preventative shots and he has to stay up half of the night trying to quiet her. Between tending the baby, washing dishes, and doing calculus, Warren had thi to say about married life, "S. O. B.

The latest word on fashions can be obtained from Tom Goldcamp who recently did some self inspired research at a loop fashion show. After tantalizing study, Tom analyzed the situation: "All the stockings were well filled. Black lace still rates high but a shortage of material is evidenced. Goody goody."

E. Howard Smith is about ready to give up his daily breakfast in the cafeteria. Every morning Howard, still half asleep tries to eat his meal peacefully when Shirley Sexon breaks in with her hearty "Hi" and a long and loud resume of the previous day's ex-periences. Smith feels he is wasting too much money, leaving half his food behind.

Illinois Tech's basketball team has a new type of rooting section. Rather than having a few people exert themselves on the court, a new technique was developed. Pat Vedel just sits in one of the seats industriously chewing her gum and emitting a screech periodically. This system was tested at a practice game at Hardin Square Park although for some reason which the Digger has not yet determined, another method was used at the Loyola game.

Professor Rufus Oldenburger has a group in his math class in Chapin Hall which he affectionately calls the "Gas Institute boys." The situation is an outgrowth of the overcrowdedness causing the class to extend the full length of the room, hence the last two rows are known by that call.

Then there is the Mech 202 instructor, name indisclosed, who gives an example of a high moment of intertia. It is a woman—she is hard to get going and hard to stop when she does get going.

Ye olde Digger concludes this column with the afterthought that the lull between Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations could be made more pleasant by completely dispensing with homework and reports.

-The Digger