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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Free Periods

I would like to renew the suggestion that there be two free periods next semester. The first could be on Tuesday and the second Friday. The hour should be from 12:00 to 1:00. This would permit a full schedule of lectures from 9:00 to 12:00 which are the best periods for classroom efficiency. Afternoons would be free for laboratory periods, and a three hour a week course could meet on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00. All school assemblies would be scheduled for Fridays leaving Tuesdays for society meetings.

(Signed) B. R. Sutton

Medical Facilities

We think it high time that it be brought to the attention of the school's administration of the sad lack of medical facilities on the campus. We think that it is certainly obvious that a school of our calibre with laboratory apparatus, machine shop equipment, high powered electrical equipment, plus a year round varsity, intramural, interfraternity athletic program, should make provisions for full time medical personnel.

It has been noticed time and time again that students have suffered minor injuries while participating in the categories above. It would be catastrophic, indeed, if a student incurred a serious injury, for it would probably prove fatal under existing inadequate conditions.

For example, during an interfraternity football game recently, two students were injured, one of them seriously, before 5 p.m. These men were taken immediately to Dr. McNamara's office, only to find the

office locked and no competent medical personnel around to administer prompt treatment.

We demand that the Institute take steps to remedy this immediately.

(Signed) Leonard Ellman
Carynn Ellman
Baron M. Joseph
Jerome Lettvin
Trever Miner
Wilford Wittenberg

Physics to Chopin Hall Tunnel

Here is a matter that has been puzzling me for some time. Perhaps it has come to you or your predecessor's attention before, but I have heard nothing of it. Have you ever been in 308 or 313 Physics, glanced at your watch and realized (with that sinking feeling) I'm already late for my next class—ironically in 2—Chopin? You race madly down stairs to ground level, across to Chapin, and up to your class just in time to be called late. Think of the lost time, the INEFFICIENCY (a mighty word in an Engineering Institute) of the route! Now, I ask you, is it so impossible to cut a passage between Chapin and Physics? It would save time for students and faculty, alike, and its advantage in bad weather is obvious. No doubt there are many difficulties that I cannot see, but it is a thought anyway.

(Signed) Frank Morton

Techmen Talk

by Mike Werth

Question of the week: Do you think IT should have a football team?

Edward J. Radek, junior ME:

"I am in favor of having a football team but doubt if we could have one because students don't have any time for training. It wouldn't have to be tops. I don't think the Institute's reputation as an engineering



school would be dependent on the team and it certainly would raise school morale. I think football as a recreation would do some students good. Facilities for practice are lacking and should definitely be provided. It would cost quite a bit to get the necessary equipment but cost should not be an insurmountable barrier."

DeWitt Pickens, senior EE:

"Well, schools that do have football teams usually have other branches besides Engineering, which is stressed in this school. You know the old adage: 'A man can't be an engineer and football player at the



same time.' The curriculum in Engineering Schools is just too crammed, so to have a football team non-engineering departments would have to be expanded. A football team would do more for school spirit than any other single activity. Evidently the school is undertaking a big building and expansion program and I think the building up of the sports end should be just as much a part of that program as those new constructions being put up. Football in my opinion is a part of college life."

Faculty Facts...

Captain Donald McGregor, Professor of Naval Science, entered upon his naval career in 1921 when he enlisted for a four year hitch. He obtained his initial training at Hampton Roads, Virginia. After a short tour of duty off the East Coast he in 1922 was selected to receive three months of preliminary instructions for the competitive exams to be held for entrance to the Naval Academy. He was one of seventeen enlisted men to qualify for the Academy in that year and attended same from July '22 to June '26. Upon graduation he was stationed on the battle-cruiser Seattle, an old time coal burner. Since then he has seen seventeen years of sub duty. During the war he was the commanding officer of two submarines, the U.S.S. Gor and later the U.S.S. Seahorse. In the fall of 1945 Captain McGregor reported to IIT to become commanding officer of the U.S.S. Illinois Tech.

Professor McGregor is married and has a son 18 years old. His hobby, as it might be called, is submarines. He is greatly interested in all phases of work being done to improve the overall characteristics of subs.

The Observer

by Lou Fisher & Bob Guthrie

The election is over, the votes are tabulated, the candidates have been selected. The headlines that screamed "Republican Landslide," "Victory for the G.O.P.," etc. are concentrating on other subjects. And at last, even ex-president Hoover had a chance to gloat; this he did in his usual ponderous, unintelligible style.

The people chose their representatives in the regular, democratic manner; this would come as a surprise to a stranger who would read the newspapers of the last few elections with their charges of dictatorship. But then it was different, the Democrats won. Now, as then, the people freely selected their candidates for office. The choice was colored by many, varied causes; the postwar restlessness, illusions of the good old days, a confused Democratic party and a multitude of other reasons.

Somehow missing from the election was the figure of our late, great president. Once in a generation, or in a century arises a great man. It was in our's that Franklin D. Roosevelt was the commanding leader. To those who remember the boom of the 20's, he was the man who brought us out of the bust of the 30's. To those who grew to maturity in the last decade, F.D.R. was the ideal. To those who are just growing up, he is one of the immortals along with Washington and Lincoln.

Franklin D. Roosevelt brought together in the New Deal, the lead-

ers of industry and labor, scientists, economists, sociologists, educators, regardless of political affiliations, and inaugurated the monumental works that will remain forever a part of the American structure. Can anyone deny the permanence of social security, T.V.A., bank insurance, international leadership and cooperation after the great failures of the twenties, public housing and much other progressive legislation. Even the W.P.A. and P.W.A., in spite of the unfounded, adverse criticism added to the wealth of the country in a trying period.

The Democratic party of today is not that of F.D.R. The constructive elements in Congress are overwhelmed by the unholy alliance of southern Democrats and northern Republicans. Men such as Morgenthau, Ickes, Wallace and others are gone, replaced by men such as the jocular Allen, whose friends are not those of the people who elected F.D.R. four times.

The New Deal is gone, but the progress made will forever remain a memorial to F.D.R. The voice of Franklin D. Roosevelt is silent but his memory will be everlastingly engraved in the hearts and minds of the American people.

Fraternities & Sororities

THETA XI

The Alpha Gamma chapter of Theta Xi is scheduled to hold a Homecoming Party on the seventh of December. This affair shall consist of a buffet supper given by Athetix, the Mothers' Club, followed by a dance. "Alumni members are cordially invited to this gathering, in fact, we are expecting several out of town alumni," Paul Boggess, president of the active chapter indicated.

Activities at the house include the forming of a band with Donald Arthur playing the sax, Paul Boggess, the drums; John Stern, the electric guitar; Dick Haney, the bass fiddle, and Bob Mathias, the piano. In the past Ed Lindahl has been the vocalist. A Theta Xi Choir, led by John Hardy is in very good practice and will soon be heard at the chapter's functions.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI

Jimmy Yancey, world renowned jazz pianist who was featured at the all-school assembly November 1, was a guest of the Alpha Sigma house Saturday night, November 16 at the Pledge sponsored Hard Times Party.

Although the party was not a "house rent" party, which Yancey has had many numerous privileges of playing for in the last thirty years, the fraternity men and guests thoroughly enjoyed the distinctive boogie woogie for which Yancey has become so popular.

The Mothers' Club of Alpha Xi chapter have announced the election of their officers for the coming year. They are: President, Mrs. Greenlaw; vice-president, Mrs. Jones; secretary, Mrs. Smith; and treasurer, Mrs. Ennis. The club is planning a card party and open house for members, alumni and parents to be held December 13.

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity was founded at Yale University on December 6, 101 years ago and in celebration, Alpha Xi chapter is planning an elaborate banquet to be held at the house. All members and alumni from the Chicago area, including the University of Chicago chapter are being invited. Dr. Wilbur H. Cramble, Grand Senior President and Executive Secretary Ralph F. Burns will be present for the occasion and they shall be heartily welcomed.

RHO DELTA RHO

Lenny Breen, Rho Delta Rho social chairman last week announced that the fraternity pledge dance has been definitely set for Wednesday night, November 27, at the Madison Athletic Club. The party will be a combination mixer and Thanksgiving affair, to which alumni, active and pledges are invited. Music and refreshments were promised; also planned was a special pledge skit.

Burt Josephs, recently elected Rho Delta Rho President, this week made public the fact that the fraternity is now conducting its meetings bi-monthly instead of weekly. Under this new system all business is transacted between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. every second Wednesday evening. The boys then go over to the Grad. House for supper after which they return to their own fraternity house for a social get-together. In the future they plan to have prominent guest speakers at their socials.

PRAETORIANS

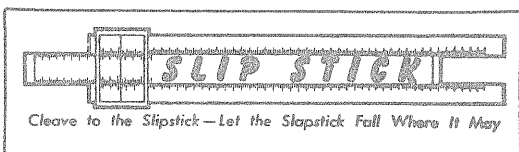
The Praetorians will hold their first dance of the semester on Saturday night, November 2nd on the North Side. The dance was planned by Social Chairman Louis Sopkin and was co-sponsored with the girls from Phi Beta Pi. A magician appeared to enliven the party with card tricks and every one was amazed when he restored Paul Zucker's tie after cutting it to ribbons.

President Reissman stated that this party was the beginning of a very complete social program planned for the semester. He said that the fraternity would hold an alumni smoker in the very near future to which all the old members would be invited.

PHI BETA PI

Members of Phi Beta Pi are relaxing after a rigorous rushing period. Rushing culminated in a dinner at the Ranch on Sunday, October 27. Chicken was served again.

Saturday, November 2, the girls got caught in the rain but had a fine time with the Praetorians just the same.



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

Joe: "I hear you're going to be a father. Why do you look so glum?"

Moe: "It's like this. If my wife finds out about it, I'm a goner."

—IT—

Office boy: "I'm sorry, madam, but Mr. Brown has gone to lunch with his wife."

The wife: "Oh! Well—tell him that the stenographer called."

—IT—

"I suppose that you didn't have the nerve to do anything so wasteful as throwing rice at your efficiency expert's wedding."

"Oh, yes we did; but as a concession to his teaching, we had the rice done up in cotton bags, each missile weighing five pounds."

—IT—

I picked up a talking parrot for next to nothing from a L.A. recently. He couldn't stand the way it split its infinitives.

—IT—

"How long have you been working here?"

"Ever since the office manager threatened to discharge me."

—IT—

"Have any of your ancestors ever been traced?"

"Yep, Grandpa was traced as far as the Mexican border."

—IT—

Voice in subway: "Take your filthy hands off my knee! No, not you, You!"

—IT—

Co-ed: "So you played golf with Joe yesterday. How does he use the woods?"

Second: "I don't know. We just played golf."

"Yes, my father was a Pole."

"Really, North or South?"

—IT—

New Secretary: "Mr. Jones, will you give me an advance on my salary?"

Boss: And what makes you think that I do business that way?"

New Secretary: "All of the other secretaries told me that you started making advances to them as soon as they came to work here."

—IT—

This business of seniors looking for a job can be trying. The man interviewing me yesterday said he would hire me if only I were married instead of single.

"Why?" I asked.

"It's like this," he snapped.

"The married men can't get upset when I yell at them?"

—IT—

Boss: "Simpkins, you've been drinking again. Now, once and for all let me tell you that I'll do all of the drinking that's done around here."

Simpkins: "You can't, sir. It would kill you in a week."

—IT—

"Why does this manager seem so partial to Young Saunders?"

"Because he's the only fellow on the staff who isn't taking corresponding correspondence lessons to become manager himself."

THE CULTURED CULTURE