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What's Your Opinion?

An interesting investigation has been in progress for the past several weeks on the George Washington University campus. Recently its Student Council appointed a committee of five to investigate the campus newspaper, *The University Hatchet*, after numerous charges have been brought against it by both faculty and student body.

Some of these charges seem to be all inclusive:

"The work of the editors of the *Hatchet* is shody, and incompetent; the editors display a lack of journalistic knowledge, editorial ignorance and have no concept of journalistic work; the *Hatchet* resembles, more than anything else, a political bureau—it tells the University what to do."

A good many more claims and counterclaims besieged the Student Council as the investigation caught fire on campus.

Although *Technology News* is not in a position to obtain enough facts to form the basis of a qualified opinion, after reading some of the testimony several things became evident:

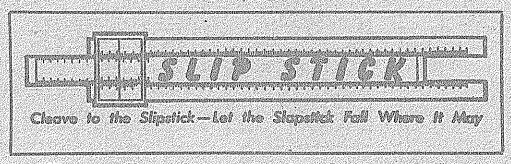
The charges brought up at this investigation must have certainly been cumulative in nature. It is true that one editorial touched off the investigation but it could not solely have been responsible for the outburst of accusations that followed. These accusations are indicative of a pent-up feeling of animosity for the *Hatchet* harbored by some students and faculty members for a long period of time. Whether or not this attitude was justified is not apparent but it does appear that not enough genuine interest and constructive criticism was forthcoming from *Hatchet* readers.

If a college newspaper is to be the pulse of student opinion, to be a truly representative publication and print what the readers want, while at the same time serving definite needs on the campus, it must have cooperation.

For a number of weeks now *Technology News* has received a minimum of campus commentary. Surely, everyone is not in abject approval of our editorial policy; many of you are not so submissive that you will let our statements go unchallenged. Probably there is even a small percentage of the student body that pines for other than the Steamshovel. Well—let's hear about it! This is YOUR newspaper. YOU pay for it and if there is something you ardently like or dislike, let *Technology News* know about it.

Contributions to Campus Comments can be made by depositing signed letters into the box in Student Union or Chapin Hall. Names will be withheld upon request.

"Have You Made A Contribution Lately?"



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

We were all set to go to press but when we started to iron things out we found we weren't hot enough. Now friends, you can start to burn.

—IIT—

IIT Engineer, pouring drink: "Say when, honey."
She: "Right after this drink, dear."

—IIT—

He: "If you don't marry me I'll take a rope and hang myself from your chandelier."
She: "Now Bob, you know pa doesn't want any boys hanging around here."

—IIT—

Husband: "Let's have fun tonight!"
Wife: "O.K., and if you get home before I do, leave the hall light on."

—IIT—

Nosey friend: "I hear that you and your wife had words last night."
Henpecked: "She did, I didn't get a chance to use mine."

—IIT—

Some girls are insulted when strangers offer them a drink; but very often, they swallow the insult.

—IIT—

CB: "She seemed like a nice sensible girl."
ME: "Yeah, she wouldn't listen to me either."

—IIT—

Moe: "There's surely one great advantage in these short skirts."
Joe: "Yeah?"
Moe: "They make it so much easier for the dear girls to get up stares."

—IIT—

She: "O.K., come over tonight and we'll play strip poker."
He: "All right, but couldn't we bet a little money to make it more interesting."

—IIT—

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Man Of The Week

Leichti, Former Integral Editor, Active in Many Campus Groups

by Don Goldsmith

Some students pick up a copy of *Technology News* and apprehensively scan the Steamshovel—but not James W. Leichti who has a genuine soft-spot in his heart for that column. "It was like this," says Jim, fondly reminiscing, "The Digger commented that I was going steady with a certain girl; I wasn't at that time, but I ended up by marrying her."

The 1941 graduation program of Schurz High School foreshadowed Jim's career at Illinois Tech. Among other things he was salutatorian, class treasurer, and student councilman. He was also listed as "most dependable," although his classmates still will not let him forget about his performance as the dashing lover in "You Can't Take It With You," the class play.

At IIT Jim Leichti picked up where he had left off in high school. He is a member of ASME, SAE, Triangle Fraternity, and the Glee Club. In 1945 he became editor of the *Integral*, but had his tenure cut short, after twelve weeks, when he was called into service. Because of his work on the *Integral*, Jim was elected to Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalism fraternity. He is also treasurer of Pi Nu Epsilon, honorary music fraternity.

Jim spent two years in the Navy as an Electronics Technician Mate 2/c. Most of that time he was teamed up with three other men, all specialists in certain types of radar "gear." With them he toured the United States doing repair work and instructing in this specialty. They traveled as two teams, never in any one place for more than ten days at a time.

Now temporarily settled at IIT Jim is again thinking of traveling after his graduation. He says he will really hate to leave Chicago since his man Kennelly was elected mayor, but he is willing to go wherever the best economic opportunities can be found.

steam shovel — IT DIGS UP THE DIRT

Between the dark and the daylight, when the shades are beginning to lower, there comes that pause in the daily plight, that gives rise to the Digger's column.

For example, at the Rogue's Gallery, John Sachs mistook the floodlights on Machinery Hall for moonlight, and commenced to make love to his date on a table by the window in full view of the entire lounge. That is real love or something.

IIT may see one of the first Tucker Torpedo cars in the near future. Franklin Blaha has been laboriously cultivating a close friendship with the young daughter of Preston Tucker for many months now and the project should begin to pay dividends. Blaha claims he had to give up his Canadian girlfriends because of the International Mann Act.

Irv Busac's reputation for being the "Man About Town" with the women finally caught up with him. His mother, well aware of that distinction, demanded an explanation of an invitation to her son's wedding. After twenty minutes of intensive sweating, Irv convinced his mother that the date, April 1, proved that the announcement was an April's Fool joke.

Forty-eight hours after Bob Bartlett was married, he was sporting a beautiful discolored eye as well as other bruises. Bob claims that the mutilation is in no way connected to his wedded life but that it was caused by a door. Don Campbell, however, thinks that the "coincidence" excuse is being carried a little too far this time.

The reason for the decline and liquidation of the Link was brought to light by the sad experiences of Bob Jonelis. It seems that Bob thought he would be shrewd and make his own file of Link addresses to be used at some future time. Recently he had an occasion for a date and called several of the numbers. Extreme disgust followed when he discovered that every girl he called was married.

In answer to the Digger's request for items of interest, the following was received: "Dave Levinson claims that his only interest in Arlene Cox is because she is helping him to further his education. But that cannot be the reason that his eyes light up when she's around. Besides, his interest extends into the weekend evenings—that's a different kind of education in any language."

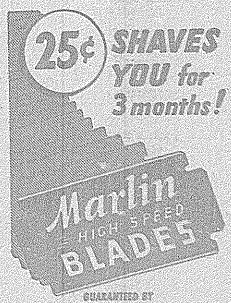
Harry Himmelblau believes in starting college fads such as swallowing goldfish and the like. A few weeks ago he grew sideburns but that was not accepted by the campus. Now Harry is wearing black shoes with red and white checkered shoelaces. If no other bobby soxers join him in a few days, Himmelblau will abandon all other attempts. He is tired of washing the strings every other day.

Kay Kamalick, the sports chairwoman for the ITWA, fostered the idea of a basketball game between the coeds and the male students. Now that such an arrangement has been made for Junior Week, Kay is trying to persuade the girls that if they run slow enough they can catch a man.

In her efforts to sell tickets for a theater party Arlene Edwards erred by using high pressure on Ted "I ain't got no use for the women" Restarski. Success was not in sight until Harold Scholin nudged Ted out of his backward orientation. By the time Harold was through, Ted had Arlene booked for the theater party and several other socials.

Five more minutes before the eight o'clock class and the Vulture must continue with the culture. So long.

The Cultured Vulture



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