

# LETTERS

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in order to forestall any future recurrence of this type of chicanery, we believe that the ITSA be given the power to dispense punishment sufficient to discourage any more promotions of this sort.

H. R. Biller  
Ray K. Bender

P.S.—If Wangersheim was the guiding spirit in this business, kindly insert his name in place of Murray's.

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To the Editor:

Highly justified indignation concerning the pending Broyles bill was expressed in your Letters column last week by D. J. H. I feel, however, that I should qualify his prediction which maintains that passage of the bills would mean "No teacher in our institution or any other would dare lecture freely."

D. J. H. apparently underestimates the devotion of teachers to the principles of academic freedom. I am quite sure most teachers would "dare lecture freely" despite totalitarian threats.

Albert D. Biderman,  
Instructor in Sociology

## This Collegiate World

# Valpo coeds show way as skirts rise

By Milton Miller

Things are looking up! The "new look" is becoming antiquated. Finally, after one tortuous year, we are free of ankle-length skirts that have had everyone, male and female, looking down at the heel. Led by Valparaiso coeds, women all over the nation are switching to the 14 or 16-inch hemline.

Even though this doesn't comply with the recommendations of Technology News' fashion advisor, Reb of Paris (garters), who suggested a 36-inch hemline for '49,

it is better than the old "new look," which put numerous street cleaners out of work. Obviously the change in style will please the girls as well as the men. But save your binoculars for the beach, my son; 14 inches is still "pretty low tide."

A graduate student attending the University of California attempted to "borrow" the Bay Psalm Book from the school library as a fraternity initiation prank.

There are only ten known copies of this book in existence, and this particular one is insured for a cool \$100,000.

Attempting to get away by climbing through the library window, he ran smack into the police. The gendarmes relieved our intrepid pledge of the book, his chances of getting into the frat, all hope of his prospective master's degree, and \$2,000 in bail. Can't they take a joke?

Two weeks ago, in comparing tuitions charged by leading engineering schools in 1939 to their present rates, we committed an error.

It was correctly stated that Armour charged \$300 yearly tuition in 1939, but this was compared with the comprehensive present tuition of \$350 yearly, which includes many fees formerly made as separate charges.

Adjusted for these additional fees, Armour's 1939 tuition averages about \$350 yearly, and the originally stated 83 per cent increase shrinks to 37 per cent. This is considerably greater than "slide rule" error.

## Blowing the Gaff

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"Hey Bud, gotta dime? It's a worthy cause." "Hey Sis, wanta donate to Packages for Patagonia?" Remarks like this will no longer be heard, since this semester Illinois Tech is launching, for the first time, a combined charity fund drive.

The drive, which is tentatively scheduled for April 12, will be for the benefit of such organizations as Community Fund, Settlement House, Red Cross, World Student Service Fund, March of Dimes, etc.

As the plan stands now, the drive will be held once each semester and that is the only time during the semester that you will be asked to donate to these organizations.

It has worked successfully at other schools and I see no reason why it should fail here. I for one would be willing to donate more than usual, just for the privilege of not being bothered the rest of the semester.

I have no gripe against charities in general, but it does get annoying when you're approached every couple of weeks for collections for some of the most fantastic seasons you can imagine.

The ITSA board of control realized the plight of the students and initiated this plan to eliminate it. Let's get behind it and make it a success, so we don't have to go back to, "Hey, Sis, wanta donate to Packages for Patagonia?"

Jim Gaffney



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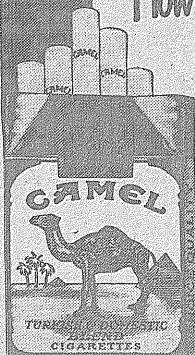
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