"Would you please (sob) check our circuit, Mr. Megger?"

Collegiate world

Vets dizzy from revolving funds

By Milton Miller

For several years now, veterans enrolled in Milliken university, Decatur, Illinois, have had at least one advantage over their counterparts at a lot of other colleges. Milliken has operated a special revolving loan fund to bail out vets who find themselves temporarily deficient in funds as a result of tardy VA checks.

Lately Milliken's loan fund administrator has had to turn 'em away weepin'. "We can't make any more loans," he has explained, "until someone pays us back on some old ones." The revolving fund has stopped revolving, for the nonce. Ah, well, the checks are coming.

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When a male student at Loyola university, New Orleans, steps into the student lounge there, he automatically becomes violently anti-female—or so claim most Loyola coeds. As reported by the Loyola Maroon, girls stay away from the lounge because the men there seem to regard them as trespassers. As coed sophomore Nita Vazzana explains, "The boys there obviously resent a girl's intrusion, so I don't go. The girls should use the lounge, maybe going in groups at first until the strangeness wears off." And remember, women, last one in's a sissy.

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Here at IIT where even eight-termers aren't exempt from examinations, it's always pleasant to dream about skipping those pesky "finals." Down at North Texas State, students are attempting to realize that dream—in part at least. One member of the student senate at NT has introduced a proposal to exempt students with a satisfactory average in a course from taking the final exam in that subject.

According to the NTexan, a teacher should be better able to judge a student's work over the 18-week period than by hastily calculated grades at the semester's close. The proposed exemptions would allow each student more time to prepare for exams in his tougher subjects, while relieving the instructors of a part of the paper-marking burden at each semester's end.

Letters to the Editor

Chem group gets CB chairs

To the Editor:

The American Chemical Society recently undertook a little venture of which it feels justly proud. It is a well-known fact that there was a dire shortage of chairs in the Chemistry building basement. Working on the premise that the only reason for a chair shortage was that proper authorities were not aware of it, ACS decided to do some informing.

A committee was formed which, after a few preliminary inquiries, wound up in the office of Gilbert A. Force, business manager of the Institute. When the committee revealed the nature of its business, Mr. Force was so interested and cooperative that the group decided to ask for new lockers too.

The whole story came to a happy ending last week when 45 chairs and 80 full-length lockers were delivered to the Chemistry building.

The moral of the story is that student organizations should take it upon themselves to try to improve their lot, not only because it is their duty as citizens of the school, but because it actually brings results.

Bob Yonco

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To the Editor:

Without laboring the question of undeniably high prices at our non-profit (to be taken with as much salt as one has available) bookstore, I should like to lodge a complaint against the general attitude of the clerks employed. It's amazing how a student helper can become so belligerent, and only six weeks after the term has opened.

I, too, have worked behind a counter in a business that encounters more balmy questions than any other, and I know that a clerk can remain civil before such a continual barrage. So as long as we have to pay exorbitant prices at the place where the motto seems to the reciprocal of "We meet or beat all advertised prices," let us get our change (?) with a smile.

Don't take this as a mass condemnation, clerks; some of you are swell people. But if the shoe fits, squeak it.

Roger J. Bills

as I see IT

By ED MICHELIC

"STUTTERING ENGINEERS" is a rather extreme way of describing an engineer's lack of verbal and written proficiency in language handling. Maybe it just seems particularly suitable to use it in Tech's surroundings where the "formula" emphasis is so strong. The article on page six points this out very dramatically, linking up language ability and possession of it to success in an engineer's future.

I agree with the speaker quoted that practice in oral and written expression will improve one's ability in it. In fact, that is one reason I joined the Technology News staff. I was getting D's and C's on freshman English themes and feeling very low about the whole business of writing.

I don't propose that every frustrated author rush immediately to the News office in South Union just because the paper has helped me out of difficulty. I do, however, personally invite students to join the staff of Technology News primarily because they want to be of service to fellow students. Language-handling ability will probably follow.

All right, what can you do? Here are some things that can be done. If you are good at typing, come on in and be a secretary. Are you interested in doing advertisement soliciting or practical work in accounting or cost control in a nine thousand dollar business? See Cliff Nelson, the business manager.

Can you draw cartoons? Bring in a sketch to chief cartoonist Irv Rebeschini. Are you a "born promoter"? Do you like the idea of working with group social chairmen in planning publicity for dances and meetings? Do you like people and like to write about them so vividly that their personalities seem mirrored in type? Do you like to read scientific journals and relate your findings to other students in your field? There is room for you on the expanding staff of Technology News.

If you join us, I believe you may develop latent administrative and writing talents and social techniques as well. We do need help, now, and in succeeding semesters.

Letters to the editor pay off. Sam Lane and Fred Wright have won cartons of Chesterfields.

This week's winner is Rodger J. Bills.

Let's meet to air opinions

I don't know how many of you read "News in Brief" last week, but one of the items referred to a "get acquainted" meeting in the Dean of Students office today at 4:00 P.M. I believe this calls for a little more explanation.

As you probably know, there are about 79 different organizations on campus with very little semblance of coordination among them.

Now, as I understand it, the purpose of this meeting is to get officers of these organizations together so they can get to know each other and exchange ideas. If it proves successful, it may very well turn out to be a weekly affair. I hope so.

In the position I'm in, the occasion very often arises where I'm asked how the students feel about such and such a point of question, and it's necessary for me to give an answer. This I can readily do, but there is very often some doubt in my mind as to whether or not I'm really giving the entire student body opinion and not just my own. Probably a great number of you are often put in the same spot.

Now, with the initiation of these "get acquainted" meetings, it will be possible for every organization to speak its piece and let the other groups know its feelings.

Another advantage that I can see is an all-school outlet for any good ideas that come up. Very often an organization is too small to do anything constructive about its ideas on gripes. Here's a chance to contact other groups and organize to present a solid front.

I may live to regret suggesting something like this to you, since I may be opposed to some of your ideas.

All I can do is inform you of the plan and let you make whatever use of it you can. It's your baby now.

Jim Gaffney, ITSA Pres.

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Slipstick

Papa Rabbit noticed with some interest that his youngest son was looking very content with life.

"What makes Junior so happy?" he asked Mama Rabbit when they were alone.

"He had a great day in school," she explained. "He learned to multiply."

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A cute female shopper asked the floorwalker: "Do you have any notions on this floor?"

He sighed and replied: "Yes, but we suppress them during working hours."

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Ira: Daddy, is cofferdam a bad word?

Daddy: No, son, it is perfectly all right.

Ira: Well, my teacher has a cold and I hope she'll cofferdam head off.

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Confucius say, "He who kisses girl on hillside is not on level."

Heriot: What was that funny odor in chem lab today?

Sherwin: Fresh air—somebody opened a window.

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They cut down the old apple tree
That blossomed each spring by the door,
And Rover has missed it since that day
Though he never missed it before.

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The new textbook for A.C. machinery dealing with hot circuits will be Forever Ampere.

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Platonic friendship—the interval between the introduction and the first kiss.

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"Do you like bathing beauties?"
"I don't know, I never bathed one."

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Her name is Virginia—they called her Virgin for short, but not for long.

Carbolic Gus