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Blood Donors Respond To Call For Reserve Plasma Supplies

Soon after the inspiring address by Bruce Thomas to the student body in Assembly recently, it was amazing to note the response of the students in signing up for the Intersorority Blood Doning Campaign to take place at the Red Cross Headquarters on Exchange Place next Monday afternoon, November 22.

The boys in the Signal Corps, who had just arrived for their four weeks' training at the Institute, showed the importance of giving blood. They all quickly signed up for blood donations.

The following additional donors have signed their applications, and any student will be excused from classes:

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BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Hi	Av.	P.C.
Faculty	6	2	727	687	750
P. & P.	3	1	750	665	750
Mech. III	5	3	747	691	625
Mech. I	0	4	561	518	000
Elec. I	0	4	487	473	000
High Single Game—					
Dewey (Mech. III)					202
High Two Game Average—					
Fox (Faculty)					176
High Team Game—					
Publishing & Printing					750
High Two Game Team Average—					
Mechanical III					721

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Name	Team	G	Av	Hi	G
Jones (P.&P.)		4	166	179	
Van Peursem (Fac.)		8	153	171	
Fox (Faculty)		8	153	179	
Bensen (Mech III)		7	148	175	
Tuites (Faculty)		7	144	170	
Dewey (Mech III)		8	141	202	
Pittlick (Mech III)		8	140	170	
Brodie (Faculty)		8	137	159	
Moerhouse (M. III)		6	127	153	
Huskey (Mech. III)		8	134	157	
Castle (Mech. I)		3	133	149	
Knack (P.&P.)		4	132	151	
Maue (P.&P.)		4	132	143	
Hollenbeck (M. I)		3	130	140	
Beckdahl (M. III)		6	127	166	
Smith (P.&P.)		4	127	154	
Bergman (Elec.)		2	116	130	
Morecock (Faculty)		7	115	130	
Karker (Faculty)		4	112	121	
Silverman (P.&P.)		4	109	133	
Nelson (Elec.)		4	101	120	
Hallet (Mech. I)		4	97	109	
La Fontant (M. I)		4	96	113	
Maas (Mech. I)		3	92	125	
Gilland (Elec.)		4	89	116	
Gilpin (Elec.)		3	83	93	
Eckl (Mech. I)		2	79	79	
March (Elec.)		2	75	79	

Faculty Visit Strattons

A group of Faculty members and wives, and vice versa, pleasantly made a surprise descent on the new Stratton domicile, 9 Nottingham Circle. Master John was the recipient of a tangible token of esteem from the assembled galaxy.

DR. ELLINGSON AND KARKER PASS THE VICTUALS



Photo by Remson L. Kentos

The Kantagree Party Was An Enjoyably Entertaining Affair

The Kantagree held on Saturday, November 13, was a very delightful affair.

The members of the Committee responsible for the arrangements were Martin Sewell, Chairman; Rose Latin, Refreshments; "Ginny" Rouse, Invitations and Decorations.

Service men from the various groups stationed in Rochester were invited and a fair number attended. Those present had an enjoyable time and enthusiastically praised the appointments.

A Floor Show was presented at 9:45. Bob Dewey of the Mechanical Department played two solos, "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," and "Deep Purple." Carol Bishop of Food Administration sang "The Man I Love," "It Can't Be Wrong," and "Embraceable You," and Alberta DeRitis of the Retailing Department and Alix LaFontant of the Mechanical Department gave an exhibition of the Rhumba.

Refreshments were served immediately after the Floor Show, and ravenously devoured.

Those of you who weren't at the Kantagree should have seen Dr. Ellingson and "Stan" Soffer at the barrel (sweet cider, of course), and Mr. Karker and his tray of "homemades."

The Committee wants to thank Mr. and Mrs. Earl Karker and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Sorace, who were the Chaperones at the dance, and all those who aided in arranging the entertainment. They did a lot to get the Service men and the girls acquainted so that they might feel comfortable, properly introduced, and generally at ease.

It was apparent by the friendliness of the group that a real delightful time was enjoyed by all until midnight curfew tolled.

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SUBLIME SOCIAL DIRECTION

Are folks with too much ambition, contentious and cantankerous? Or with too little ambition, as equally devastating?

We have made almost a religion of ambition, urging it upon our young and not always realizing that it is one of the explosive qualities of the human spirit.

We see on the one hand the harm that can be done by ambitious persons in creating difficult and inharmonious situations so that they may achieve personal preferment. On the other hand, persons who have no ambitions stagnate to the point of mere existence.

These contrasts in ambition might have only a classroom interest were it not for the fact that in this country we do not make much of the word and much depends upon the direction which ambition takes for the common good of society.

Two kinds of ambition are recognized by the dictionary, one an "inordinate" desire for preferment, the other an "uplifting" desire for achievement. It is interesting that the word comes from the Latin "ambitio," meaning a going around, as for votes.

Where does the "uplifting" desire for achievement become the "inordinate" or unrestrained desire for preferment and power?

Ambition, says the philosopher Burton, "arises from a proud desire of honor and distinction; and when the splendid trappings in which it is usually caparisoned are removed, will be found to consist of the mean materials of envy, pride, and covetousness."

To Cardinal Wolsey, ambition was the sin by which the angels fell, and he adjured his servant to "sing" it away. The terrible tragedy of a Macbeth to the exalted objectives of an Abraham Lincoln denote some of the interpretations of an ambitious soul.

Lack of ambition has been the curse of many, neither should ambition be the mere objective for "inordinate" desire for wealth and power.

Much of our success as well as much of our misery comes from some form of ambition.

If urging it upon the young we do not always make clear how easily the higher form may run into the lower.

We must, therefore, stress the need for noble service and for reciprocal attainments. We should not

tread toes to maliciously aggrandize our selfish desire. Ambitions should be directed toward alleviating human iniquities and to foster a neighborliness of spiritual comradeship.

The direction of ambitions must not be toward mercenary or selfish smugness, but toward charity and understanding.

Love Moves the World Spread the Sunshine

In a recent broadcast from Great Britain, J. B. Priestley, the well known novelist, who once aptly described Arizona as "geology by day and astronomy by night," said that "the world is kept going, is endlessly recreated, by the quiet, patient folk in it by the craftsmen, the scholars, and poets and artists—the mild things. These are the creative elements—and not the crazy emperors, their satellites screaming with blood lust in the Circus, drunken armies, burning and looting, uproarious Antonys and Cleopatras, bloodthirsty scheming Herods and the like. It is Faith, Hope and Love that keep the world going."

Whenever you are too selfish looking out for your own interests you have only one person working for you—yourself. When you help a dozen other people with their problems, you have a dozen people working with you.

—William B. Given, Jr.

How to Stay Young

Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind. Youth means temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite of adventure over love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than in a boy of twenty. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals.

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Purity in Depth

Life is a digging job. Nothing worthwhile comes easy. If it does it is not worth keeping for long. Often it is necessary to dig deep into the chaeter of a person in order to have revealed the strength and beauty that lie so silent there. When a great man dies it often takes years before a just appraisal can be made of his life and career. You have dug into all the "wide spread veins" of his activity and usefulness.—George M. Adams

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11 TIMOTHY 2:15

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Moe Jive

Puppy love of the week: Marty Sewell and Miry Waite. Incidentally, this beautiful affair was almost broken up by a member of our faculty running a date bureau for the boys at the U. of W. Wanna guess?

Nine prizes of one bowl of lukewarm horchit each will be offered for the most neat answers written in longhand manuscript. In each case, the decision of the judges will be final.

Just got back from a meeting of the committees on entertainment for the Sadie Hawkins party at the church. Man oh man, what a party that is going to be! There is more down-to-earth entertainment planned for one night than Mechanics has ever enjoyed before. There is everything from slapstick comedy, to really good dancing.

Taking into consideration the fact that social life at Mechanics needs to be curtailed to a certain extent this year, you dear readers really can't afford to miss this great party. What say, we prove to ourselves that Mechanics can put on a really enjoyable party in a big way?

Rumor has it that there will be an all-male chorus; that should be well worth the money. (.35 cents stag, 50 cents a couple.)

By the way, just how far is the faculty concerned?

Of course, all the Photo Techs have heard about the famed Mr. C. B. Neblette (the king of sensitometry, no less); it seems he liked the model so well that he took a six (6) negatives using the excuse that the first four were under-exposed. Read Chapter XVII in "Photography, Principles and Practice."

What's this we hear about Dick Husky and Wilma Potter? Well, what's this?

Prize Book

Writing a life novel taxes the imaginative powers little; if you just stick to your main character from birth to old age or death, your story virtually writes itself.

Harper has just brought out a new book, "Journey in the Dark," by Martin Flavin, which won the \$10,000 Harper Prize Novel award. Martin Flavin is a 60-year-old writer with a long string of Broadway shows and two other novels in his wake. He retired from a successful career as a manufacturer to write and has done so well that he has a home in Carmel, Calif., and a 1,300-acre ranch in the mountains near the National Forest.

He writes earnestly—"conscientiously"—and manufactures a good, salable product.

PLEASE NOTE!

All *Psimar's* will be left at the Institute Store for distribution. Please come and get your quota. Thank you.

Buy Uncle's War Bonds

Printers Studiously Explore Engraving Plant

Our technical studies class was met at the door of the Genesee Electroplating Company by our genial host-for-the-day, Mr. Stanley Mox. He laughingly explained that his was probably the only plant in the city where no priorities were needed to enter.

We followed the engraving process from its initial stage to the final taking of proofs.

We saw the wax molding press which exerted 225 tons of pressure on the type forms. The wax was flowed from a metal base and then shaved off. The forms were removed from the press and placed on a bench for "cutting down and building up."

When the forms were perfect, they were put through a blacklead polishing process to insure electrical conductivity. Then the actual electroplating took place. The forms were immersed in a solution of copper sulfate from two to two and a half hours. After their removal they were brushed with soldering flux, covered with tin foil, and backed with hot lead. After being cooled by an air-blower, the electrotype plate was "bumped up," or, in plain English, straightened out. A rough shaving or the first cut was taken off, and the finishing operation made the job ready to run off on the presses.

A Highly Skilled Craft

We were told that electroplating is a business which can be learned only through practical shop experience. There are no schools which teach it, and the only possible method to learn the trade is by shop apprenticeship.

This statement was proved by the men of the Genesee Electrotype Company themselves. All of them have had at least thirty years of experience and many have forty or more. They were most patient with us, however, and very kindly explained to us "greenhorns," the fundamentals of their highly skilled trade.

We certainly were intrigued with the numerous processes involved, particularly with respect to the copper sulfate "boiling" vats during the electrolytic formation. The time consumed to complete an electrotype plate requires approximately four to five hours, although a speed-up process can be resorted to for "rush" or emergency jobs, reducing the time element by forty percent.

Budding Romances

Morehouse and Dawson,
Wilder and Eddy,
Kentos and Parker,
Pickney and Deal,
Davis and Alexander,
Sullivan and Preston,
Vitch and Booth,
Blackwell and Moore.

If any one else knows of any more, fill them in along the margins provided for such stuff.—Moe

MATTHEW 7:5

First cast out the beam out of thine own eyes; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote of thy brother's eye.

God Bless 'Em

Three former Institute youths have reported to the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, Alabama, to begin the third phase of their training as pilots in the U. S. Army Air Forces' expanding program.

These aviation cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive physical, military and academic instruction at Maxwell Field, Alabama, preparatory to beginning their actual flight training at one of the many primary flying schools located in the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command.

They are Aviation Cadets Norman R. Jennings '42, Gerald E. LaFosse, '42, and Clyde B. Williams, '42.

LOOKING FORWARD

I am not afraid of the future and I, unlike many others, do not fear an economic upheaval when we have won the war. We shall need much. There will be more work to be done than ever before; and . . . we shall enjoy greater production and greater consumption than ever before. The world will be a better place in which to live. It is better now than when I was a boy and it will continue to improve. But men must learn from their experiences and live for the future, not the past.—Henry Ford

MAN'S STRENGTH

A man's strength cannot always be judged by his strongest action; in many instances he is judged by his weakness.—J. W. Headrick

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Students Tour Printery

The students of the Publishing and Printing Department visited the John C. Moore Printing Company plant on November 16. Much of educational value is derived from these explorations in the realms of industrial practices.

MEN OF ACTION

The men of action are, after all, only the conscious instruments of the men of thought.—Heine

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DEFINITION OF ART

By SHIRLEY MANHART

Art is a large field constituted of many phrases, words, and meanings; it is not just a picture. It ranges from a flower seed to industry, thus taking in physical features and man-made features, both having rules and regulations. Beside these restrictions are our own interpretations and, as far as the individual is concerned, these seem the most important to us. What may be beautiful to one person, may not be beautiful to another regardless of composition, color, mass, and meaning. A cubistic painting may have all these rules but still will not appeal. The grubby hands of a child may be quite repugnant to one person but have a happier meaning to some one else. There are many definitions to art and, as art is not separate from the individual, this is the definition which satisfies what is in his heart. Only that which is beautiful in your mind is art.

DeWitts Fete Forum

Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeWitt entertained the Faculty Forum Group at their home, 9 Sibley Place, Sunday evening, November 14. Mrs. Calvin Thomason gave an enlightening and interesting review of several recent best sellers. Mrs. Elberfeld and Gardner attended to the refreshments.

Truth Survives

"It is not lack of truth but lack of courage to desire truth that is truth's chief obstacle."
"Life is not to be understood by concentrating upon its beginnings to the neglect of its end.—Walter Farrell

Fashion Trends



November—and Thanksgiving—so, let's talk turkey about accessories, those little things that count so much toward a smart outfit.

From the top of your head—and whenever you think of hats, its snug-fitting Dutch cap that has top place. The newest is reversible, made of two contrasting colors, black, and brilliant red, Kelley green, or shocking pink. Advanced patterns can easily be made of felt with fringe trim. A bit about jewelry—such variety!! Bracelets, series of clips, and unique earrings. And lapel pins—all sizes and shapes—figurines, animals, primitive heads, and little miniatures that add clever interest to your classic suit. Pearls are more popular than ever. Pearl earrings and finger rings are worn with lovely single strand necklaces.

Everything's in the bag these days—so, they're big and pouchy (frequently matching your hat) and carried casually over your arm—with drawstrings attached. If you have a hand in the war effort, you'll want to show them off. Crocheted, string, or mittens lined with lamb wool will keep your hands cozy for class, but don the gauntlet gloves when your struttin' your best. Now let's go a bit sophisticated in our dress, and wear glamorous black. A black velveteen (so dressy) top and black and white checked wool skirt. You can go to town with accessories here—try a touch of red trim on the top—either in braid (oh, so smart) or jewelry. Then repeat the red on your hat.

BOWLING SCHEDULE

- November 18—7:00 P.M.
Alley 1—Publishing and Printing
" 2—Electrical
" 3—Mechanical III
" 4—Mechanical I
- November 18—9:00 P.M.
Alley 1—Faculty
" 2—Electrical
" 3—Mechanical I
" 4—Publishing and Printing
- December 2—7:00 P.M.
Alley 1—Mechanical I
" 2—Electrical
" 3—Publishing and Printing
" 4—Faculty
- December 2—9:00 P.M.
Alley 1—Mechanical III
" 2—Electrical
" 3—Publishing and Printing
" 4—Mechanical I
- December 9—7:00 P.M.
Alley 1—Mechanical III
" 2—Publishing and Printing
" 3—Mechanical I
" 4—Faculty
- December 9—9:00 P.M.
Alley 1—Faculty
" 2—Mechanical III
" 3—Mechanical I
" 4—Electrical

No foul rule in this league. Blind score for missing player 1 100 pins. Teams will bowl a complete game on one alley and the shift; at least three men must bow for a team game score to count.

Thomas Warns Students

Mr. Bruce Thomas, who was a war correspondent on several Commando raids in France, was the main feature of the Assembly. Mr. Thomas has just returned from Alaska and the Aleutians where he went as part of his job as a correspondent for the San Francisco Chronicle. It was also in this capacity that he crossed the Channel with parties of the famed British Commandos.

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