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Activities Present Problems—

Students this past week complained increasingly of the fog which now surrounds most extra-curricular activities on both campuses. Rumors are widespread and grow more virile hour by hour. In the rapidly changing flux which naturally follows such a move as the Lewis-Armour merger, many student organizations feel that they may lose their charters and authority at the drop of a hat—with little or no advance notice.

While we realize that some organizations such as publications, student government, drama and athletics will eventually be combined for mutual benefit of the student body as a whole, it is our strong belief that many student organizations are and will remain purely local in character if they are to continue to provide the right sort of facilities for their student members. Most of the clubs are of this character and we see no reason why the reputations for student amusement and recreation which they have attained at both Lewis and Armour should suddenly be deserted on the hint of a new arrangement.

It appears to us that the greatest problem at present is not so much one of administration as it is of influence. This problem of uniting two student bodies (one accustomed to a tradition of no compulsory activity fees and the other long used to a comprehensive activity budget) is a touch nut to crack.

Students at both divisions of our new Institute can help toward the solution of this pressing problem, not by neglecting their present organizations in anticipation of a change, but by forcefully developing and strengthening their particular activities. When financial unity and equality in student affairs is achieved (and we feel sure that this is but a matter of weeks) then those organizations which are proving the most popular with the majority of the student body will receive first consideration in the apportionment of a student activities budget (or budgets).

The Managing Board of this publication is deeply interested in the above problem and will make every effort to present new developments to readers as they occur. Comments and suggestions will be appreciated.

Student Opinion—

Staff members generally kept an ear to the ground last week for comments, pro and con, on the first issue of the Technology News. We did this for two reasons. Firstly because we are interested in producing a paper which will be generally read and approved by the student body. Secondly, the staff was a little anxious to determine student approval and disapproval of the many changes from the original Armour and Lewis publications.

The conclusions we have drawn from many conversations with students and our material rebuttals are as follows:

(1) Although most readers were pleasantly surprised by the abundance of reading material it was felt that twelve pages were too much of a good thing and that the average student doesn't have the time to read such a volume of print. Henceforth, we will limit the issue to eight pages or less, reserving the larger page numbers for special occasions.

(2) We were pleased to hear that the great majority of readers felt that the tabloid size was ideal for this publication. We will retain it.

(3) Comments on our new picture-story feature which appeared on the back page were many and varied, and we feel encouraged to continue along these lines in two or three more issues this semester.

(4) We do not know what to think about our feature columns, as some protested the laxity of the censor while others complained of the "sissy britches" condition of the page. As a starter, we will have our local "Hayes office" carefully survey the feature material for a few issues and await further developments.

The staff wishes again to express its desire for student opinion in the form of letters to the editors. Any suitable material will be printed.

Faculty Briefs

By the recent merger of Lewis Institute and Armour Institute of Technology, the electrical department at Armour has been enriched by the presence on the faculty of Mr. Paul G. Andres and Mr. Leroy T. Anderson, who will divide their time between Armour College of Engineering and Lewis Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Andres from Michigan State

Mr. Andres obtained his B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State University in 1918 and five years later received his E. E. degree from the same school. He spent some time in graduate work at University of Indiana, and has had experience as a consulting engineer. He was associate-professor of electrical engineering at Michigan State University from 1921-1939. One of the outstanding achievements was his work of chief engineer for the design, specifications, installation and training of personnel for the Indiana State Police Radio system. He was first appointed to the staff at Lewis in the beginning of the school year 1939-1940. Mr. Andres is a commissioned lieutenant in the communications division of the United States Naval Reserve.

Joined Lewis in 1935

Leroy T. Anderson graduated from University of Michigan having obtained his B. S. degree in electrical engineering. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science in engineering and the degree of Master of Science in engineering in 1934. Concluding with graduate study at University of Chicago, he joined the faculty at Lewis in 1935 as an instructor of electrical engineering.

Mr. Robert I. Sarbacher has recently come to Illinois Institute of Technology from Harvard University. Mr. Sarbacher was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and graduated from University of Florida with a B.S. degree. He was awarded M.S. and D.S. degrees at Harvard, and has had considerable commercial and industrial experience in the electrical field. He was electrical research assistant at Harvard prior to his coming to I.I.T. this year.

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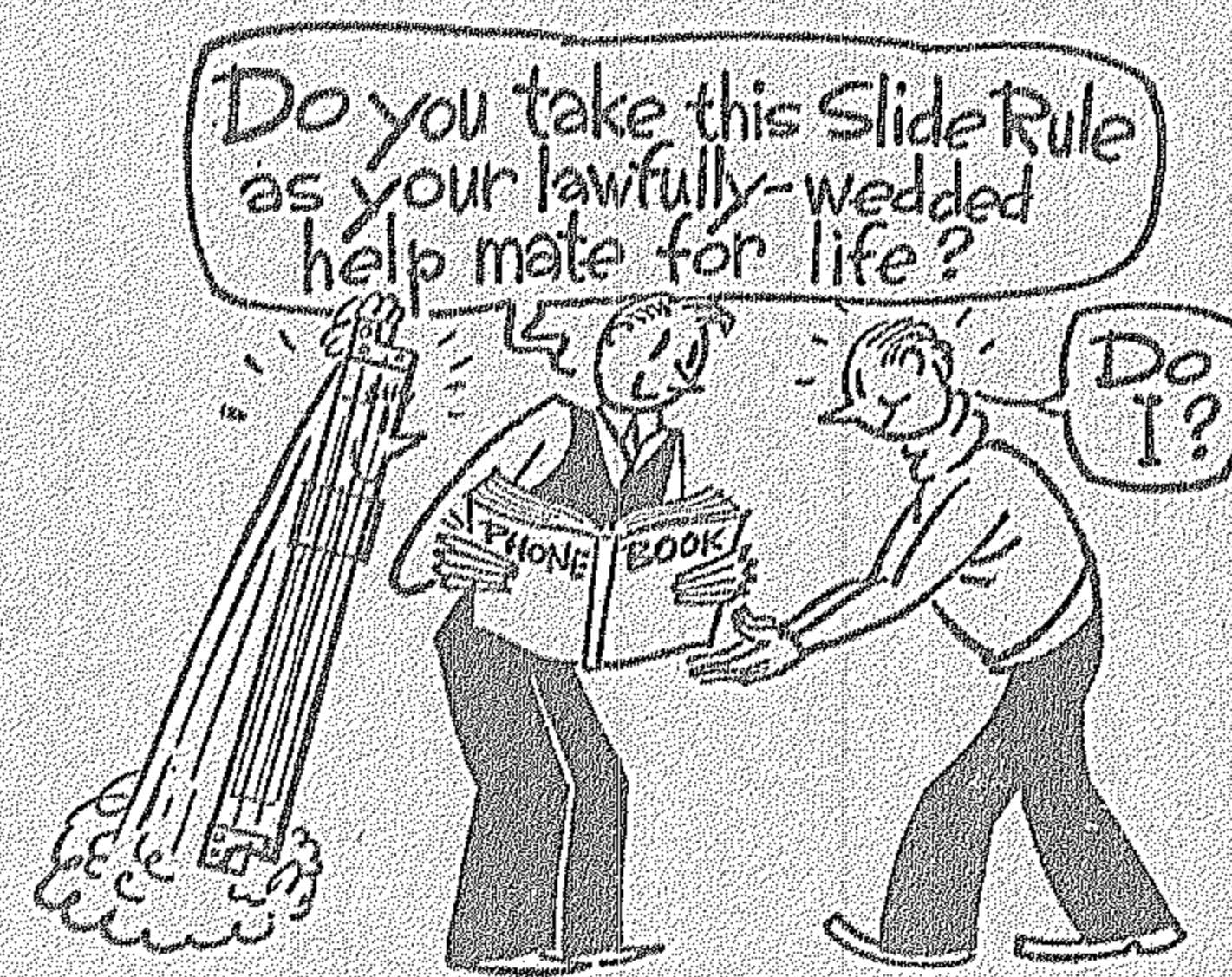
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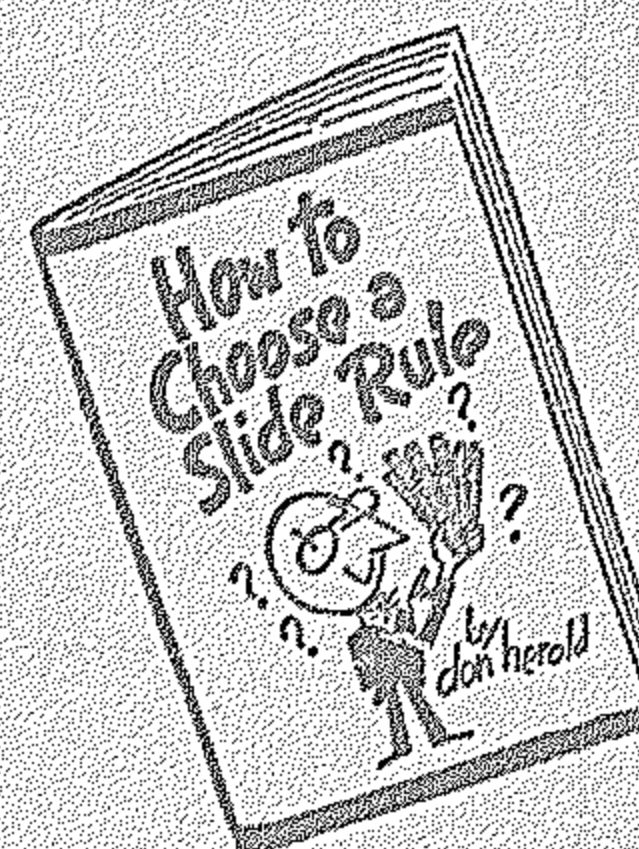
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