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IF WE MUST DANCE . . .

It is rather striking that in stride with this week's announcement of definite building plans for 1942, a group of prominent students at IIT have banded themselves together in a dynamic attempt to make our school dances the finest ever offered.

Technology News introduces this new social plan in both news and editorial articles, this week, not only because of the plan's actual merit, but also because of its timeliness.

In the past, Illinois Tech dances have been held in a manner which is unique . . . the Illinois Tech style. With exception to fraternity and sorority dances, which are not under consideration, all major school dances have been held under the sponsorship of a class. Although the ordinary connotation of a class dance is one held by a class and open to members of that class only, here the freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and architects throw a total of six dances a year which are open to the entire student body. Apparently because of financial restrictions, these dances never have been endowed with the sophistication or selling qualities of a first rate nationally known band or first class ballroom. Instead, we have been content to settle for second and third rate bands and ballrooms with student turnouts averaging between 200 and 250 couples. And that is the most shocking part of the entire situation . . . 200 to 250 couples from a student body of 3000 attending a major school dance.

Analysis of this dance system brings to light three likely reasons as to why our dances have never been able to rise out of the small time category. First, short-sighted financial and grouping arrangements have resulted in too many open dances to provide adequate backing funds for each. Second,

the association of a class name with the dance seems to muffle enough attendance from other classes to warrant depending upon large receipts.

The new plan is briefly this. Hold smaller closed class dances with less expensive orchestra and smaller room. This can be done for almost 25% of the cost in the past. Pool the funds from all class treasuries into one central fund for the backing of at least two all-school dances under the name Illinois Tech, instead of sophomore dance, junior dance, etc.

Careful inspection of this plan by the Tech News staff leads us to believe that such a setup of dance funds will allow Illinois Tech students to dance to the rhythms of such famous bands as Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, and Tommy Dorsey on such luxurious floors as those of the Aragon ballroom or the Stevens grand ballroom. And with such attractions as these, we think that there will be a thousand couples out there, instead of 250.

All this, of course, cannot be accomplished by talking. The plan must be submitted before the various class social committees, when they have been chosen, and their approval and cooperation secured. But even now a committee is investigating available bands and ballrooms for an Illinois Tech fall dance that can make history in this town and real subject matter for student memories.

Information concerning costs and financial arrangements will be placed before all social committees concerned in the very near future in order that any decision made may be based on facts. We cannot commend the architects enough for their fine school spirit and foresight in, even at this early date, relinquishing plans for their usual November ball and holding a closed dance, so that they may assist in this revolutionary plan. (See story on page 3.)

Technology News strongly urges the classes to follow suit. We propose that all school social chairmen form the central committee to administer the all-school dances. But lest our hearts run away with our heads, Technology News suggests that the scope of this scheme be limited at first to only one dance. If a smash success is achieved with that, it will be time enough then to talk about more big dances.

So there it is, students. Please, drop us a line to tell us what you think about it. T.B.

PU-LEEZE . . .

It was a pitiful expression that the editor wore as he peeked into the Student Union Technology News box which was supposed to have contained the south campus returns of last week's Polygon poll. As a matter of fact, he could hardly have been very cheerful under the circumstances, for, lo and behold, on opening the box he found it almost completely devoid of those small slips of paper which he had so anxiously awaited.

Last June, while the Polygon was being distributed, south campus students unashfully voiced their opinions of the year-book one way or the other. It was, therefore only natural to expect an enthusiastic response to a poll on so controversial an issue. Instead, it was found that less than 50 ballots had been turned in on the south campus. The west campus, which boasts an enrollment one-fifth that of the south campus, returned five ballots.

In order to obtain a really accurate poll, it is necessary that a good majority of the students participate in it. For this reason, the question will be aired again this week, and it is hoped that the returns will be a bit more encouraging—even to the point of being decisive.

It is requested that ballots be filled out only by those students who did not vote in last week's poll. D.B.

Popularity Poll

Please fill out the form below, clip it, and deposit it in the Technology News box in the SU lobby or, on the west campus, in the box outside room 313. The results will be tabulated and published next week.

1. Do you approve of the name "Polygon" for the 1942 yearbook?

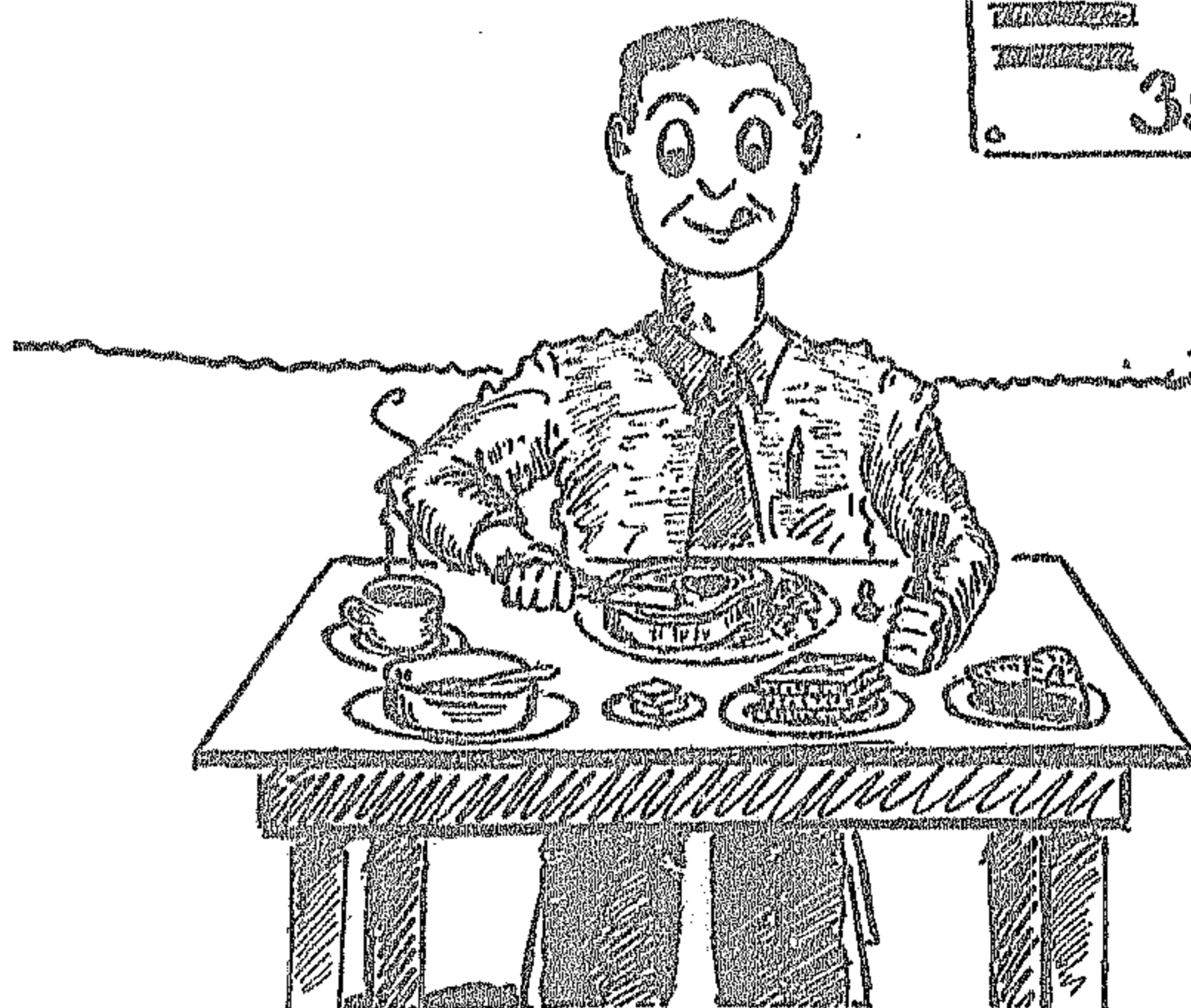
If not, what names can you suggest?

2. Do you approve of the form (size, shape, style) used in the last yearbook?

If not, what constructive criticism have you to offer?

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE

SOUTH CAMPUS SPECIAL



Kutup Korner

Dear Tech News:

Ever since I took Eng. 101 for the second time, the following verse has haunted me. I hereby cast it in your lap and will henceforth cease my mumblin.

POEM

I am a little which.
I wish I were a was,
So I could turn inside out
Like the peaches on the fuzz.
Thanks you,
Doodler Dan, the Doodling Man.

DEFINITIONS

A Mud Puddle is that which if it don't rain, ain't.

Flies are those which when your nice fresh paint is still in the summertime wet, lots of come buzzing around but only a few get stuck thank heaven in.

Snodgrass and Co.

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing a very pathetic and tragic unfinished poem. This sub-studded verse is an obsession with me. I heard it someplace and don't know the ending. Please print it in your Kut Up Korner and find me an ending. All my teachers are remarking at my short breath and pallid complex-

Defense Training—

(continued from page one)

ship, high school completion as a minimum education requirement, mechanical aptitude, sound health, vision and hearing and a minimum age of 18 years.

Trainees Get Certificates

The Chicago ordnance district which supervises government army and navy defense contracts, has predicted vacancies of about 400 inspectors by the end of 1941. Successful trainees are given a certificate by the Institute after completion of the 12 weeks' course which declares their fitness for

ion. I cannot rest until I find the finishing lines.

Did you ever stop to think
As the hearse goes whizzing by,
That someday you and I
Will be riding in that ——?

Hopefully yours,

Pallid Paul, the Paleface's Pal.

—O—

BUBUBA

where zippers go zip
and buttons ignored
ahh . . . when i get bored
i go to the gem
'n' see me a strip.

—but don't buy their candy.

—O—

A serious thought for today
Is one that may cause us dismay
Just what are the forces
That bring little horses

If all of the horses say "Nay?"

—H. E. Y.

—O—

Some college girls pursue learn-
ing, other learn pursuing.

—O. So. Wize

—O—

BAILIFF me it was some ex-
ams.

Science is very resourceful—it
couldn't open Pullman windows,
so it air conditioned the trains.
—D.O.O.P.

specific positions. Positions are not guaranteed by the United States office of education which controls these courses.

The course consists of nine subjects requiring daily attendance from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and one two-hour evening lecture period per week. Ordnance regulations, applied mathematics, engineering materials, inspection methods, materials laboratory, production processes, drawings and specifications, production practices and inspection laboratory classes make up the schedule.

Personal interviews of applicants are required and are conducted at the Lewis division, 7 S. Damen Avenue.

Miss Patricia Johnson New Library Assistant

One change in personnel has been announced for the coming year in the Illinois Tech library. This change has been necessitated by the departure of Miss Alice V. Neil, who resigned last August 10th to accept the position of librarian at the research laboratory with the General Electric company of Schenectady, New York. Miss Neil's position will now be held by Miss Patricia Johnson. Miss Johnson, an Oak Park resident, is a recent graduate of Rosary college in River Forest.

The list of newly acquired books for the IIT library has been posted. In addition to the ninety-five new volumes, pertaining to engineering subjects, there have been several additions to the general reading section including Armstrong's "Trelawny," Jan Valtin's "Out of the Night," "Captain from Connecticut," by C. S. Forester, and Kraus' biography of Winston Churchill, Ambassador Dodd's diary. Assistant librarian Miss Esther Chesire distributed her vacation days between her home town in Iowa, Sale Lake City, Yellowstone National Park and the Royal Gorge.