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## TIRED . . .

It is, frankly, a rather boring thing for Technology News that once more we must comment on the lunchroom-bookstore situation. We're tired of it. We're tired of writing, semester after semester, on same old objections and "gripes"; tired of reminding ourselves that the same old cold silence of the administration which greeted our last attempt will greet our next. We're tired of the supercilious glances directed at us by the members of the lunchroom staff.

But we cannot remain silent in the face of an ugly student resentment which expressed itself most graphically last week during the student vote on the revised ITSA constitution. As a matter of fact, the essential features of the constitution had not been changed. The most important changes were made simply to clarify the position of west campus representatives now and after the new campus had been erected. There had been no doubt in the minds of the ITSA that the revised constitution would receive the almost unanimous approval of the student body.

The constitution was approved, but under no stretch of the imagination by a unanimous vote. For the south campus the returns were: yeas, 226; nays, 153. From the west campus came: yeas, 96; nays, 4. The staggering fact presented itself that over 40% of the south campus student vote opposed the constitution. Subsequent investigation of this sentiment disclosed that it was based almost entirely on disapproval of Article IX, Section 3 of the By-Laws which had been printed on the ballot as follows:

"The administration of the Illinois Institute of Technology retains the right of operation of the bookstore, the checkroom, and the dining rooms."

Actually over 12% of the voters had expressed their written disapproval of this clause on the ballot itself. Mingling with many of the several large

groups of students which had gathered after the voting verified that this 12% was only a small representation of those voting against the constitution because of this clause.

No better picture of this reaction can be presented than by printing some of the ballot comments on this clause, which ran in the following manner:

"I should say not."

"This is bad business. Let the ITSA operate the prices in the lunchroom. We want it on a nonprofit basis."

"I'm in favor of a co-op book store, dining hall."

"It's about time something was done about the high prices of books and food around here."

This is a disgraceful state of affairs. And we do not state this from a desire to antagonize the school administration. This is a condition which simply can not be met with indifference if the general welfare of Illinois Institute of Technology is important. Although not illustrated in the constitution vote, the resentment toward lunchroom conditions is rampant also at the western campus, the crowded and inefficient conditions having been pointed out editorially last week.

These opinions are not those simply of Technology News, or, as we sometimes suspect the administration of feeling, unthinking children anxious to find something to bicker over. The majority of the students at Illinois Tech have almost reached maturity, and the level of undergraduate intelligence is considerably higher than that of the average college or university. It is unthinkable to expect such men and women to be content with a lunchroom policy that features drab menus, and increasing prices accompanied by diminishing portions and no betterment of an already inferior food quality. Nor is it just that they must tolerate a school bookstore demanding top prices and giving in return such service that some texts are not received until a month after the course has started.

These points have not been exaggerated. If more conclusive evidence is desired by the administration, we ask them to canvass the faculty itself for its reaction to the faculty grill. We do not think that the fact that more and more of the professors are bringing their lunch and eating in other restaurants indicates satisfaction with the grill service. So help us, it is the truth; and we know it because they have told us.

One of the outstanding talks to an IIT engineering society, in our opinion, was delivered last Friday by Prof. Jesse Hobson, new head of the electrical engineering department, in which he pointed out that, because of their training in logical and analytical thinking, engineers must become socially and economically conscious as never before, if order is to be established in the chaotic quicksand of the world today. Well, let's start right here at home with a little thing . . . a little thing like the ordinary every day social courtesy of providing wholesome cafeteria conditions for students and faculty. We know that Professor Hobson was thinking of world conditions, but if the logical and analytical thinking processes of a great technological institution cannot function sufficiently in such a social condition as this, little can be said for the success of the students when such an example is set before them.

We speak directly and respectfully to the IIT administration. YOU KNOW HOW TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM! A DEPLORABLE NUMBER OF ALUMNI HAVE ALREADY GRADUATED WITH NO LITTLE ILL FEELING BECAUSE OF IT. FOR THE SAKE OF THE INTERNAL HAPPINESS OF THIS SCHOOL AND ITS FUTURE ALUMNI, LET'S SOLVE IT NOW!

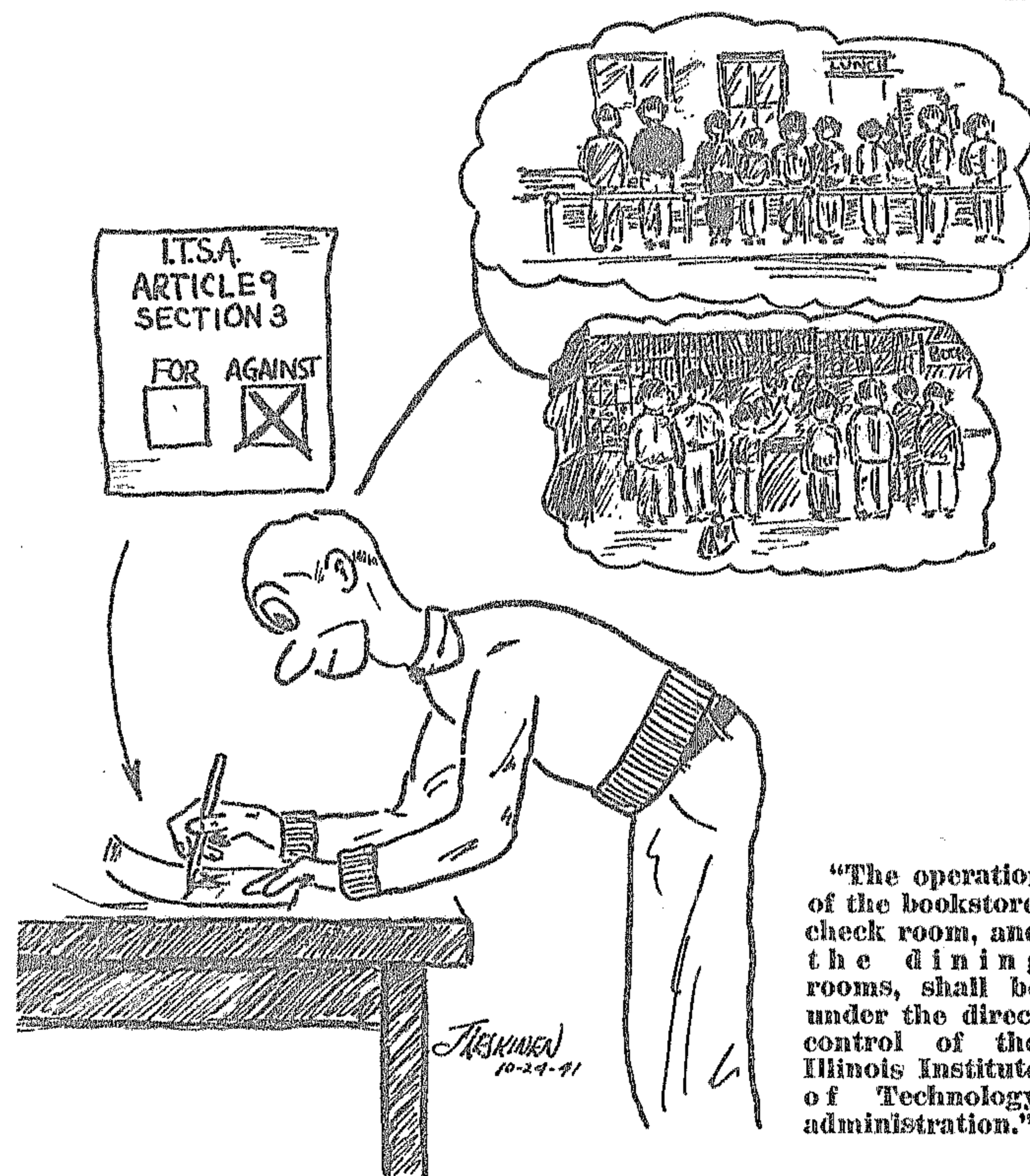
—T.B.

## RESEARCH FOUNDATION

What was once a cluttered store room and janitor's room in the old Research Foundation building has been turned into a compact, beautifully planned photographic darkroom and studio. The darkroom and print room contain some of the latest equipment available, while more is yet to come. Mr. Kenneth Moore, in charge of photography for the Foundation, was told to plan and equip a space in the old basement, in which to produce prints for the research men. After he discovered what was needed Mr. Moore proceeded to construct a darkroom. The result is an efficient and compact arrangement, much on the order of a model kitchen.

Work was started about a month and a half ago; plumbing was installed, plywood partitions between the rooms were erected, and a ventilation system was introduced. Mr. Moore has been using it only a fortnight and finds it satisfactory for variety of photographic work that the research department requests. The normal capacity of the new darkroom is 300 prints a day. The darkroom is about four by seven feet, while the print room is about seven feet square. The darkroom contains a sink (equipped for constant temperature developing), drying racks, loading board, and automatic timer, plus other equipment needed for negative preparation.

## IT DID HAPPEN HERE!



## Medical Arts Guild Formed Friday On West Side Campus

A long felt need for representation and organization of the pre-medical student body was satisfied Friday, October 24 at which time the formation of a Medical Arts guild was completed. Rubin Bloom, junior pre-med student, was instrumental in bringing this inadequacy to the attention of the liberal art faculty and student body. Assisting him in this effort was Dr. Leslie R. Hedrick, chairman of the department of biology, who has since been chosen faculty sponsor by the group. The initial election of officers held Friday voted Ted Wozniak president, Ruth Steinman vice-president, and popular new-comer Norma Cooper, secretary-treasurer.

Acquainting the pre-medical students with modern medicinal practices and medical journals is one of the ultimate aims of the club. In order to give the guild an assured foundation, the officers and faculty sponsor are at work compiling a tentative constitution, the completion of which will be effected in the near future.

Striving to attain a more unified organization, the guild will accept new members until further notice.

## Armour Sophomores To Run Off Election Of Four Men Today

Runoff elections for four positions in the south campus sophomore honor class are being held today. The positions of president, vice-president, social chairman, and Student Union representative are to be determined. Balloting will continue from 9:00 until 2:00 under the auspices of the ITSA board.

Candidates for the presidency are: William Parks, Byron Round and Phil Huguelet. Ulysses Bachas and Edwin Johnston are left in the race for the vice-presidency. The social chairman has two entries, Julian Bowers and Bruce Worcester, while William Foster is unopposed in the Student Union representative position.

## C. R. Ege Speaks To Armour Civils; Movies Also Shown

Friday, October 24, the civils having assembled in 202 Main, listened to an exceedingly interesting lecture accompanied by sound movies. Mr. C. R. Ege, assistant manager of the Portland Cement Association of the Midwest area, was the guest speaker. The movies were preceded by Mr. Ege's brief but informative lecture stressing the importance and timeliness of his topic, "Limited Ways."

### Old Principles Eradicated

"Limited Ways" has a simple literal meaning, that is, "highways having access and exits restricted to only a few controlled points." America's scheme of life is built about an adequate plan of transportation, and this necessitates a revolution in old principles of highway construction—which is well under way in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

Not only does this revolution embody design but also new methods of finance. Symbols of this change are the Hudson, Merritt, and Belt Parkways, the East River Drive, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The turnpike best illustrates the advances in design, construction, and methods of finance. Its notable elements are darker concrete, freedom from roadside encroachments, triple lanes in each direction, all cross interference eliminated by grade separations of concrete rigid frame design and pleasing architectural appearance, and a central dividing strip of 10' or 20' in width.

### Tolls Pay for Turnpikes

Money for the turnpike and similar projects is obtained from tolls rather than from taxes. The methods for collecting tolls are numerous and differ with the particular highways in question. The tolls on the Pennsylvania Turnpike are collected at either ends of the route or at nine intermediate points of entrance to the highway. The advantages derived more than compensate the toll rate of one cent per mile.

Welcome news to Chicagoans is that plans are being made for such similar "Limited Ways" in this area.