

Honorable?—

Two issues ago, a student wrote a letter to the editors wanting to know if the students were morons. All of the editors answer no, the students are not but some of them show it.

In the field of business, when a man says something he sticks by his word. So it is, when you have signed the Honor System petition, you said you believed in it. Now, fifteen to twenty people come along and say, we have changed our minds and scratch their names off, leaving the petition looking like a chicken had run across the sheet.

John Schommer likes to tell the story of how he went around with a petition nominating a dead horse for President. He claims he got some twenty-five signatures before anyone read the petition. Are these the kind of people that are changing their minds?

All of us are supposed to be the best educated people in the world and we are supposed to run this country twenty years from now. We can not do it if people are afraid to stand by their convictions. If people at IIT are so weak kneed that they cross out their names with big blotches of ink so that no one can possibly read it, then how can we accomplish anything.

Heaven knows, people change their minds but have the courage to stand by their change of mind. Go to Roy Peterson, Ken Jacobs, Bernard Chertow, Sophcles Dokos, or Don Keigher if you want your name removed from the petition. When you blotch your name out, it is only a blotch on you and on the school. Anyone can sneak up and cross their name off when no one is looking, but it takes a man to stand by his change of mind. The original Honor Board is very interested in the defects of the system. If you find reasons for not adopting the system then they would be glad to know so that the difficulties may be remedied. The Board consists of the above mentioned people.

If the system does not come through, then the faculty will resort to the old rules of the school. This reads, the first offense in cheating requires the prof to flunk the offender in that course and a second offense requires that the offender be dismissed from school.

This cheating is expensive. There are at least three boys who won't make their respective honoraries because of this. All these could have made them if they had not gotten the reputation for being dishonest. Seniors are flunking necessary subjects for graduation because of cheating.

Cheating has ceased to be a joke. It is your neck and you hold your own axes. Protect yourself.

The Honor system will not be adopted until 1100 people sign the petition. Until that time the old school rules hold. The system is NOT a Gestapo. It is founded for your own protection and if you don't want it, that is your business and no one is going to push it down your throat.

—Morgan Fitch.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

We come here to spend the four years of our college lives. In this period we make the friendships and acquaintanceships, which will probably be the ones we will hold for the rest of our professional lives. How can we feel a sense of comradeship, a mutual faith and trust in our classmates if we must feel that our every neighbor is a potential spy for an "Honor System" which guilds Gestapo methods, simple spying and tale-bearing, with the cloak of "honor". We can't! We want to deal openly and manfully—we have been nurtured all our lives of the principle of clean sportsmanship and above board, open-handed conduct. Ask any man on campus today this question: "If you saw a man cheating, would you turn him in?" Let each man ask himself the question. The answer is obvious. The system must fail of its own dishonor—the price will be disunity and distrust in our ranks. THIS WE CANNOT AFFORD!

Some far-sighted men who signed the petition have recognized their mistakes, and have had the courage to right it—witness the many names which have been voluntarily removed from that petition. Others must and will follow suit.

Honor, but only true honor, can mark here. But to do so it must come from the hearts of the stu-

dent body, not the minds of a well-intentioned, but small and certainly unrepresentative group.

This is a question which directly influences the academic life of every Tech student, present and future. We are all entitled to a voice in our student government. We cannot be expected to arrive at an intelligent conclusion concerning so important a matter as this in a single meeting, at which the plan is presented, and we are asked to vote yes or no immediately on its acceptance. Student opinion demands its voice. This means an open meeting, two or three if necessary, conducted according to parliamentary rules of order, in which arguments pro and con can be presented. Only after everyone interested has had an opportunity to speak or listen fully, and a popular vote has been taken and fairly counted, can it be expected that we shall accept any system, be it wise or unwise in the minds of its framers. Otherwise the student body will feel that the proposal has been railroaded thru—that the desires of a few have been forced upon the many. Then this system will fail as miserably as failed the "Honor System" which existed here years ago. We demand the right to discuss this in body. WE CALL FOR SUCH AN OPEN MEETING!

JIM GITTELSON

There's been some changes

The library of the Illinois Institute of Technology has seen a lot of changes in the last few months. Every new student should visit the improved, better equipped libraries at both Lewis and Armour. These two libraries are now functioning as one unit in order to give the best possible service to the students.

Under gentle insistence, the Lewis Library has been undergoing some remodeling. Since the Army Signal Corps took over the Southwest Room it was necessary to move and restack some 6000 volumes. Something good has become of it, however, since one hundred new chairs have been added which ought to aid to the comfort and convenience of the students.

The Armour Library has been the recipient of a most unusual gift from a former student, who wishes to remain anonymous. While receiving his education at Armour, he worked as an assistant in the library. As a mark of appreciation of the value the library training has been to him since graduation, he is pledging one per cent of his salary each year for the purchase of some item in the library. The Armour Library is most grateful for the feeling that prompted him to do this, and would gladly welcome any more contributions in the same line.

Some older students might remember Miss Helen Curtis Rudd who was a member of the Armour Library staff some years ago. She is now doing temporary work in the library and can only comment that it has grown in leaps and bounds since she has been there.

In the past two months the library has received a large supply of new books of the latest issues. These new books cover the fields of Science, Literature, and Current Best Sellers. The list of titles is too long to publish in its entirety. Among the Current Best Sellers in the library are Mission to Moscow, Moon is Down, Berlin Diary, and Ivory Mischief. Any student interested in the complete list can see Miss Steele for further information.

The libraries of IIT are doing their best to keep the student body satisfied; so visit your respective library more often and take advantage of its usefulness!

Due to the fact that there will be countless questions arising in all of your minds, the TECHNOLOGY NEWS is opening a question box. Hand in your questions to any member of the News staff or place the questions in the TECHNOLOGY NEWS boxes around school. You may ask questions on any topic around school. If it is a draft question, we will ask John Schommer, if it is a question on the reserves, we will ask Dean Peebles, if it is a question on sports, we will ask Sonny Weissman, or we will find some authority in the field which your question concerns. We do this to relieve the offices of the many men on the faculty and administration.

SHOOT YOUR QUESTIONS TO US—we will find an answer some how.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REQUIRES that all freshmen in college be enrolled in physical education classes and that all members of the Army Air Corps Reserve and Navy Reserve programs also be enrolled in physical education.

Enlisted Reserve Gymnasium

Classes:

These classes meet in the Armour gymnasium—5th floor Main Building. Select 5 hours from this schedule.

Monday 8-12 a.m. 2-3 p.m.
Tuesday 8-12 a.m. 2-3 p.m.
Wednesday 8-12 a.m. 2-3 p.m.

Thursday 8-12 a.m. 2-3 p.m.
Friday 8-12 a.m. 2-3 p.m.

Freshman Gymnasium Classes:

Freshman gymnasium classes meet in the Armory from 4-6 on Monday through Thursday.

All classes register 5th floor gymnasium. Classes start Monday, October 26, 1942.

IMPORTANT TO ALL

STUDENTS:

Locks must be taken off lockers in the locker room, 5th floor gymnasium immediately. Lockers must be assigned by either "Sonny" Weissman or Grant N. Stenger.

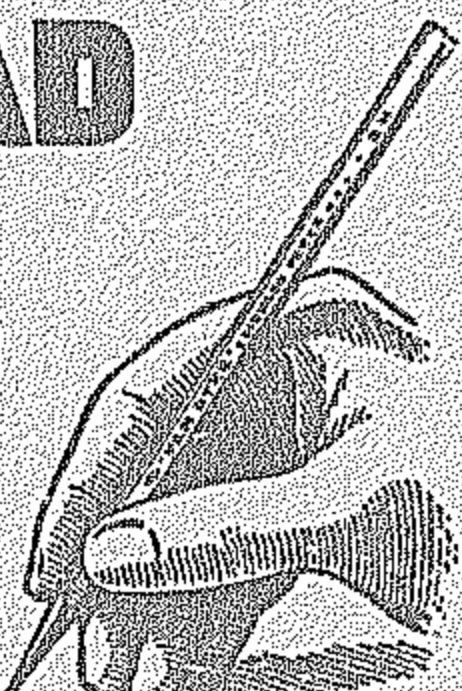
ITSA BUDGET

1942-43 BUDGET	
Item	
Income	
Student activity fees.....	\$32,000
Total	\$32,000
Expenses	
Baseball	\$ 1,500
Basketball	1,450
Board of Publications	
Tech News	4,900
Integral	6,200
Engineer and Alumnus..	3,500
Boxing and Wrestling.....	700
Coaches' Salaries	—
Fencing	25
General Expenses.....	1,500
Golf	400
Intramurals	750
Musical Clubs.....	1,100
Rifle Club.....	100
Swimming	650
Tennis	650
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Hockey	175
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