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Pattern

Naturally it is the desire of every staff to put out a paper which will be looked for on distribution days, and toward this end we will try to interpret the journalistic appetite of the student body by keeping one foot in every door, one eye to every keyhole, and one ear to the ground.

We also intend to voice our opinion with great gusto when an investigated situation shows that it is necessary or warranted, and to point an accusing finger where compelled, as well as to give credit where it is due. However we propose to stand open to your criticism at all times, whether it be constructive or otherwise. For the first type we will be grateful, for the second you will be grateful; both will be necessary.

If we appear unnecessarily critical at some time, it will only be because of our zeal to see Illinois Tech rise with as few of the little " . . . yes, but listen to the way they do this . . . " whipers to hinder its progress and blot its achievements.

We intend to back, wholeheartedly, movements for the purpose of improving campus conditions, student facilities and government, as well as organizations and groups working for these improvements.

But above all, TECHNOLOGY NEWS is your paper. It is, and rightfully so, under your control through your governing body. It should be your voice.

Its editorial columns should reflect your desires or supplement your thoughts. Its feature columns should contain features that are of interest to you. But paramount among these requisites, TECHNOLOGY NEWS is a newspaper. Its news columns should contain news that will most interest you or is most necessary for you, as a student body, to be aware of, and it should be told truthfully at all costs.

If we fail in our attempts to fulfill any of these standards, we expect to hear about it. TECHNOLOGY NEWS should represent you as completely as does any other institution at Illinois Tech. It is up to you, as well as us, to see that it does.

Why ?

We are living in an era of speed and efficiency. Time means more today than it has ever meant before. Labor saving devices and years of experience and research have speeded up our modes of working and accomplishing.

Yet here in engineering school, where time means so much, we have a horrible example of inefficient planning and poor handling of an important part of the school's business.

The registration for classes this semester was by far the worst in our experience. Every year the system of registering students has gone from bad to worse until it reached a new low last week.

The chaos caused by this system is no doubt the result of insufficient preparation for this mammoth job. An undertaking of this sort needs planning of weeks and maybe months ahead of time. It is too big a job for one or two people to handle.

One of the principle causes of confusion was that the students did not register on the day they were scheduled. Those in charge of the registration closed their eyes to the fact that juniors signed for classes the day sophomores registered. Classes that were opened to one department (say the Electrical Department) were filled by students of other departments. In many cases juniors had registered early in the day designated for them and had found that their junior classes were filled and closed by lower classemen. This confliction brings up another suggestion.

The registration should begin with upper classmen and work to the lower classmen. Seniors have found that subjects that they needed to graduate were closed due to undergraduate enrollment. Examples of this are such courses as Welding and Constitutional Law.

There are also cases of instructors who, having expected twenty of thirty students in a class, were amazed to find their classrooms packed to the door.

Obviously something is wrong. What it can be is not easy to say, but this cannot go on forever. Some system or other must be devised so that registration will not be the task and torture it has been in the past.

Ulysses Backas

The Third Front

STEAM SHOVEL

Reports chairman Moore of the coop dance

By far the most successful dance of the social season and a capacity crowd was evident of his good work. Among the notables were **Chuck Rowbotham** and **Jeanne Whittle, Casey Pulchalski** and his woman of the hour, **Warren Moore** and **Margaret Hartman, Art Devitt** and **Mary Harity, Phil Richman** and **Flo Ferguson, Peter Minnegan** and **Anna May Fitzpatrick, Jackson Byrne** and **Jerry Dillon** and unidentified thousands.

In the wake of the dance—

Important development as Harold Hurvity getting married to the former **Rose Silverstein.** The **Steam Shovel** regrets that the usual bridal party sponsored by this column must be postponed 'till after the war. **Jackson Byrne,** prominent athlete and socialite, and **Jerry Dillon** always find at IIT social affairs that convenient dark corner in which to pledge their mutual love. Their oft considered marriage plans merely await Jackson's degree. Though 'tis sad to relate it seems that this dance may be the last school affair for many a student with the army calling into active duty many of the reservists.

A wicked triangle has developed—

Ralph, the dashing book store romeo, has finally become so involved that it will take adroit handling on his part for extrication. Seems that **Doris Miller** the new freshman of I.I.T. has supplanted **Shirley Sexson** as his heart throb and to further complicate the matter Doris and Shirley have become excellent friends, what could you do in this situation? Answers to this guery will dutifully be acknowledged in this column.

"Dream Man, curly black hair and beautiful blue eyes" the very words that apply to that "answer to a maidens' prayer" man, Daniel O'Connell. Adele Cox has eyes only for Danny while Danny only has eyes for Mary Quen, his belle at the Co-op dance. And to make the whole situation tragic George House, the "cute" freshman, has been striving to make a hit with Adele by squiring her to fraternity lunches and the like. Frustration is evident in George's eyes as he slowly comes to realize that Danny has a corner on the available market. We sincerely hope that no serious consequences will develop from this drama of stark passion and unruled love.

The situation is well in hand—

So says **Adrian Vandemoortel** the gorgeous sister of **Marge** the recent telephone operator at Armour. Such information was derived from a recent telephone conversation that your reporter overheard. **Jimmy Waber,** that loverboy of the graduate school, is trying his best to get that certain "in" with Adrian. What is it Jim, trying to get them at the age where they have not heard of you as yet? Perhaps it is safer that way.

Things that pass in the night—

Bill Parks still struggling desperately to visit his love in Mississippi, who incidentally is getting married next week; looks as though Bill will have to return to Champaign and fields nearer home. Warren Furst has started his college career with a bang, seems brother Furst had to do some tall explaining and Warren is convinced that "silence is golden" and he is a heck of a lot smarter when talking to professors. June Cox is still going strong with Ed Strauss and the situation looks like one of those long time affairs.

Obituary of the week—

We regret the passing of this great and honorable organization and though its life was short we know that the officers and men were of the highest calibre and of unblemished record. The organization was formed as rapidly as possible and in every way attempted to meet and combat any unjust criticism. All of our readers cannot but know that we are mourning the loss of the "ABCDEFGHI". The death blow was handed it last week in a recent court decision and though it was a fair blow it was too much to withstand so this proud organization succumbed. May the Lord have mercy.

We close now but despite the fact that it is a new semester remember no deed will go unseen and secret operatives are on duty at all times.

'Till next week, au revoir.

Hector

Blitzkrieg

Amid the blizzard and the cold, cold ground your blind writer . . . . I mean ghost writer is going to see if a column can be written seeing as how most of the happenings at Lewis have been at a lull!

BOB WEISS is having quite a time with his foot, after he broke it during commando drill. It seems as though someone always manages to step on it; not on the hard cast, mind you, but right on his tender tootsies which are exposed.

Several of our cuties appeared in the Rotogravure section of a well known Chicago newspaper, during the week of registration, as you have probably seen. **BLANCHE FRIED (LOUIE)** has received several letters from persons who were interested in her work?? . . and would like her to correspond with them . . . . careful Blanche, I once took a correspondence course!

Now that the co-ops have left, **HELEN GORDON,** our Integral queen is quite lonesome for **RUSS' KOMEN,** her heartbeat. It doesn't seem right to see her without him. Also missed from this group is **CHARLES BINDIG**—the one man band. He had so much rhythm that he once said that if he didn't expel some of it, his head would burst . . and hearing his music, we don't doubt it.

Wild **DON IHRIG** and his stagecoach is sure missed, now that he is a member of our armed forces. If he drives a tank the way he did the wagon . . . Watch out Axis!!

ROSYLYN KUZNITSKY surprised quite a few people by returning to school with a beautiful sparkler . . as to when it will happen? . . . It's a military secret. Best of Luck!!

There is one question that must be settled. Are german measles contagious? It seems as though **BERNIE MARLAND** doesn't think so, beingthat he had them and tried his best to give them to every other person. Wouldn't it be exciting if the whole school was put in quarantine? . . . or would it?

PAT ARNS is leaving school this semester and I'm sure you'll all agree our irish dimpled darling will be missed. We'll all be waiting for your return Pat.

Applied Psychology given by the major himself seems to be the class of the year. The whole gang's in it and I believe you'll be hearing more of their happenings in the future.

The whole cafeteria was disturbed by **ETHEL WITT'S** and **SQUIBB'S** cackling (laughing to you). After checking what had happened, we found that **FLORENCE BARTUSEK** had given a half dozen or more ways that you could introduce yourself to a man. Too bad we were'nt there to see them.

HOPE IVERSON is our new "number please" girl. I can't see how anyone can figure out what's what on a switchboard.

Some people have all the luck!! **OLGA MARCOFF** and **REVA MILLER** have no classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and they can sleep until noon. Can you remember way back when you used to get 6 hours sleep? I can't.

Shore 'nuff
Sixth Columnist