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Honor and the System

REMEMBER THE SYSTEM. Signaling the coming of final examinations, a placard from which the "honor" has been removed made its first appearance in 405 Main last Thursday. It is not necessary to waste space concerning the moral implications on the mutilation of the sign. The act is merely an expression of a particular childish and nasty brand of humor.

These placards have been placed about to serve as a reminder to the student body that they are regarded as men of character. Their word is respected, and it is the personal duty of the student to see that this responsibility is upheld.

The honor system is now functioning in its fourth semester at IIT. Having been instituted by none too great a margin of votes, it has accomplished much since its inception. In spite of all that it has done the board makes no claim to have completely stopped any cheating which may exist. Such a goal can never be accomplished without the wholehearted cooperation of the entire student body.

During registration, each student signed a statement that he would abide by the honor system. This procedure would seem to indicate that the honor system is an established institution at IIT. Unfortunately, however, this is not true. There still are individuals here who are abusing, without hesitation or sense of guilt, the privileges offered by the honor system.

The reason for this situation is the hesitancy on the part of students to report violations. They still abide by a code which does not permit "snitching". This is a view which conflicts with their best interests. The institute will have nothing to do with a cheat, and the engineering profession cannot tolerate such a man.

It is the duty of every student to uphold and support the principles of the honor system. Despite the opinion of many the honor board does not serve solely as a punitive body. It considers as one of its greatest services, its power to aid a man. Many violations are brought about by situations which could be avoided through proper guidance or help to the students. The board attempts, whenever possible, to spply this aid. On the other hand, the board should not tolerate anyone who is not willing to cooperate with the system.

Because the system is in the infant stage it is still necessary to urge students to support it. This is not as it should be. Possibly after yielding to the weight of tradition, the students of IIT will not need to be exhorted to support honor. In time we may approach an ideal condition where the emphasis is placed on honor and not the system.

—M. BURKART

Man Of The Week—

Scholarship and Activities Win Recognition For Seaman Arnold Thompson

By RAY OLSON

He is business manager of the Integral.

He is a pledge to Tau Beta Pi.

He is a member of Pi Tau Sigma.

He is Arnold Thompson a/s, senior industrial engineer, and this week's "Man of the Week."

"Tom" began working on the Integral Staff a year and one-half ago in the circulation dept. and was soon promoted to business manager. He has been serving in this capacity for over a year.

In regard to his membership in Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, "Tom" is quick to mention that in reality he is not studying mechanical engineering but actually hopes to be an industrial. He began studying this as a freshman at Lewis. When the two schools merged he moved to the Armour campus and then later enlisted in the navy v-12 program. The half scholarship he received at Lewis carried over to Armour and by coupling this with money earned by working, Tom has managed to make his way through school. In spite of his extra-curricular activities and the necessity of working, he has earned better than a 2.8 average for the full four years.

Arnold Thompson

For his efforts on the Integral and for his splendid scholastic record, Thompson has been pledged to Tau Bet Pi, highest general engineering honorary fraternity in the nation.

Tom's hobbies have been few especially since he has begun working for the navy, mainly because the necessary time has been lacking. However, he still gets an occasional opportunity to do some reading and to play his harmonica, two of his favorite avocations. Also he occasionally dabbles a bit in photography. As to the social angle Tom claims he is virtually inactive and at best qualifies for an S. T. O.

Thompson hails from Kelvyn Park High School where he was engaged in numerous extra-curricular activities. There, too, he excelled in scholarship, graduating in the upper one-tenth of his class.

Thompson's immediate future will be decided for him by the navy dept. He says that his plans for the peace are indefinite but that he will probably secure a position in his field or then again he may decide to make the navy his career.

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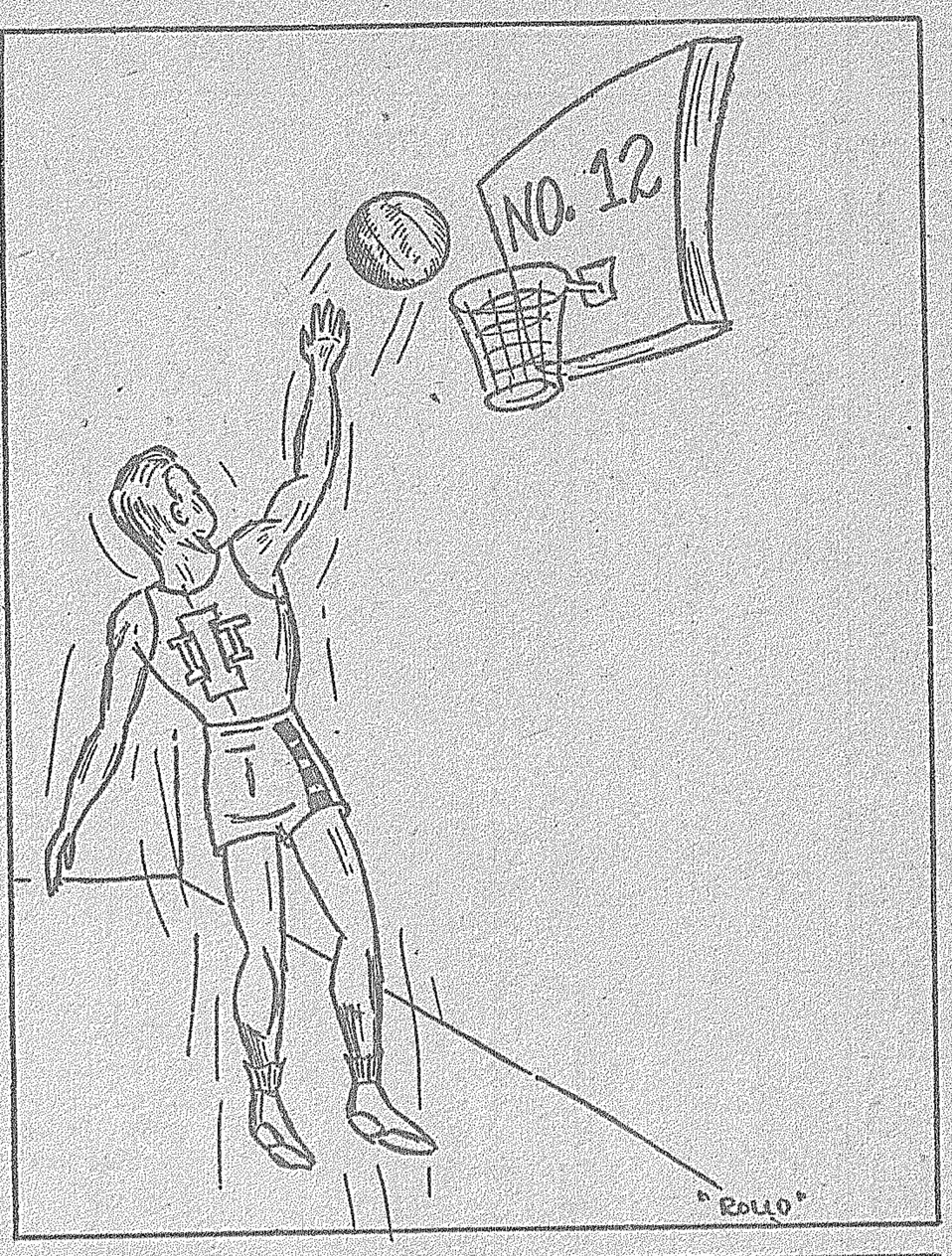

From Our Readers—

Dear Editor:

It's about time that something was said about the attitude so many engineers on the Armour campus have toward the secretaries working there. These characters seem to reason, in their smug manner, that the secretaries are attracted to IIT by the concentration of males on the campus. Accordingly, they are full of cute little bright quips.

It may surprise these gentlemen (to use the word in its broadest sense), but not all secretaries even knew what the Institute was before they were offered jobs. Some of the girls may enjoy the presence of the boys around here, but too many others are forced to put up with it without gritting their teeth too much. There is a limit to that which a girl has to listen to, and the engineers around here are rapidly reaching that point. After all, the ability to push a slide rule cannot excuse the lack of common courtesy.

Fed Up

Dear Editor:

If I remember correctly, about four months ago a group of our seniors became very enthused about establishing a dating bureau, mainly for out of town students. This dating bureau, called the Link, was set up, and applications and form letters were sent to girls throughout the city who were interested in securing dates. Many girls responded to their plea due to the excellent publicity received from various newspapers who believed they were helping a worthy cause. Everyone hearing of this organization became just as enthusiastic about this new idea as the original founders themselves.

Since this time, however, the Link's excellent files have only been referred to when hostesses were needed for the very few All School Socials. Many girls' organizations, sororities, clubs, etc., have called upon the assistance of the Link in securing boys for their social affairs. So far the Link has been turning deaf ears to their pleas for help. Could it be that all the plans and efforts of the founders are going to waste, or was this bureau established for the sole purpose of making up a new mailing list for our school socials? This being practically an all male school, a mailing list is of course essential for this purpose.

But again, if this dating bureau was set up for the benefit of all as was the original plan, some drastic changes should be made immediately towards this end. Why don't those in charge wake up and get on the ball. We all think this is too good an idea to discard so soon, so why let it die out?

M. F. T.

Dear Editor:

Have you ever tried to make a telephone call around six or seven o'clock? Don't! Your patience will be exhausted before you get to the telephone booth.

Last Thursday night I had an urgent call to make and I had to wait about a half an hour before I could get into the booth. A V-12 student had gotten to the phone just before I did and he stayed in there for thirty minutes.

The second booth was occupied by another sailor who intended to camp there as he had a stack of slugs in front of him.

I was wondering if such situations could not be alleviated by some means of limiting the length of a call?

If this cannot be done is it possible to supply the campus with more telephones for the use of the student body.

"A. G. Bell."

Names in Notes...

Dr. M. ALDEN COUNTRYMAN of the physics department once sold vacuum cleaners from door to door . . . . DR. FRIEDRICH KARL RICHTER earned his passage on a voyage to Greenland by chopping fish on a fishing boat when he was 16 years old . . . . JOHN CUDAHAY, famous meat packer, built and lived in the building which is now Navy Quarters No. 2 . . . . JESSE E. HOBSON, chairman of the EE department, had WILL KINCAID, now an IIT physics instructor, as a high school teacher . . . . CHANNON PRICE, ChE assistant, went through Ganzaga University on a music scholarship . . . BILL WOODS, sophomore physics major, has ridden his bicycle to school (a distance of five miles) every day for the past year . . . . SAMUEL BIBB, mathematics professor, is now instructing women students for the first time in the 19 years he has been at IIT . . . .