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In Retrospect

At the beginning of this last week of classes, IIT students can look back on an eventful semester. This is the term when the basketball team beat all previous IIT records by winning 13 straight games; when IIT's date bureau, the Link was established; when phenortons were to be seen all over the campus.

The term began with a new system of registration, which many students thought to be an improvement over the procedures of previous years. The next two weeks saw construction begin on the second and third units in IIT's new development program, the Research Foundation's diesel laboratory and the Parmly Foundation building.

Sports history was made on several occasions. The first pep rally in three years was held just before the game with the University of Chicago, and, cheered on by a capacity crowd of IIT rooters, the Techawks triumphed 45-43. The wrestling team not only beat Wheaton for the first time in eight years, but was also victorious over the powerful Navy Pier team.

Socially speaking, Dorothy Jacob was acclaimed IIT's most popular secretary, while the girls voted A/S Elliott Gage as their ideal Tech man. The Dance Club held weekly socials, and the juke box arrived at long last, to be installed in the lounge. The Integral Queen was crowned in due fashion at the Drake Hotel in December. On the west campus there was considerable agitation for a lounge. The school promised \$2000, and a committee was set up to bring the lounge into being and by the end of the semester progress has been made.

It was the second term of the accelerated program, and students found the grinding pace a hard one, for there had been no more than a few weeks' vacation in more than a year. But nevertheless, many of the students did find time for activities. Intramural sports flourished. Ambitiously extending itself, the Co-op Bookstore established a branch at the University of Michigan, and tried, unsuccessfully to date, to set up a branch on the west campus and to buy out the south campus bookstore. Rho Epsilon sponsored a code class, taught by Dr. David P. Boder. A good example of what can be accomplished by a class which is on its toes was furnished by the aggressively acting sophomores under their able president, Tom Ruck. The class held several well-attended meetings and social affairs.

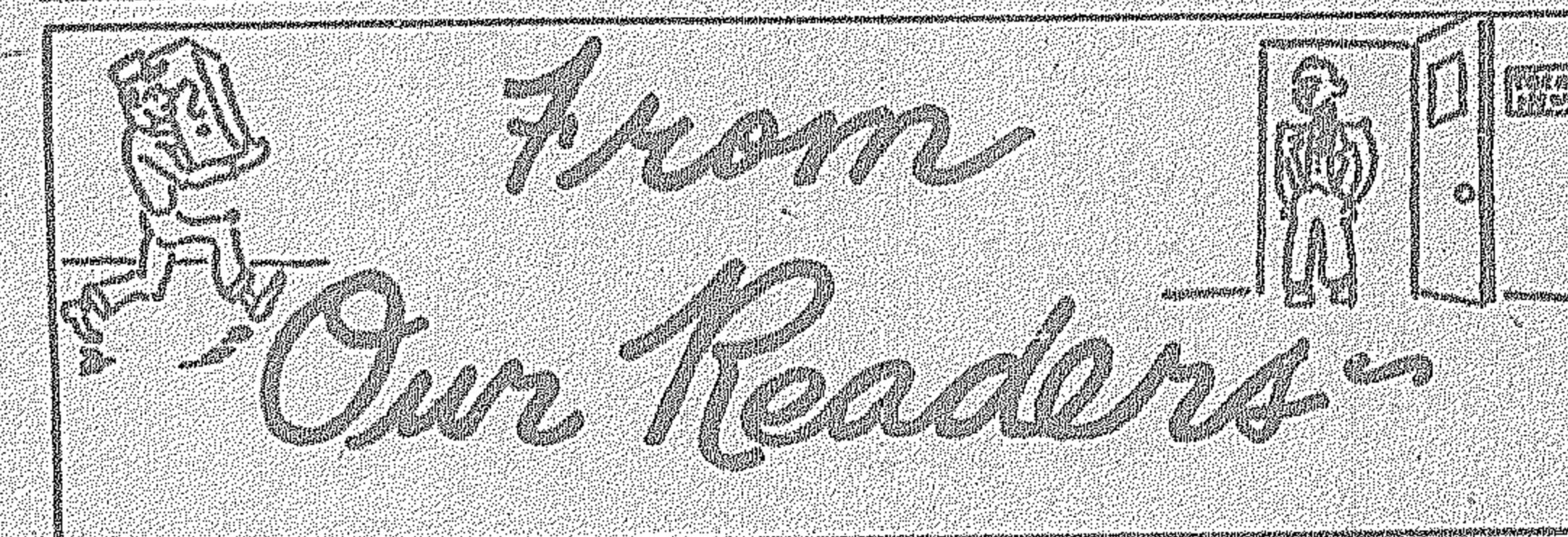
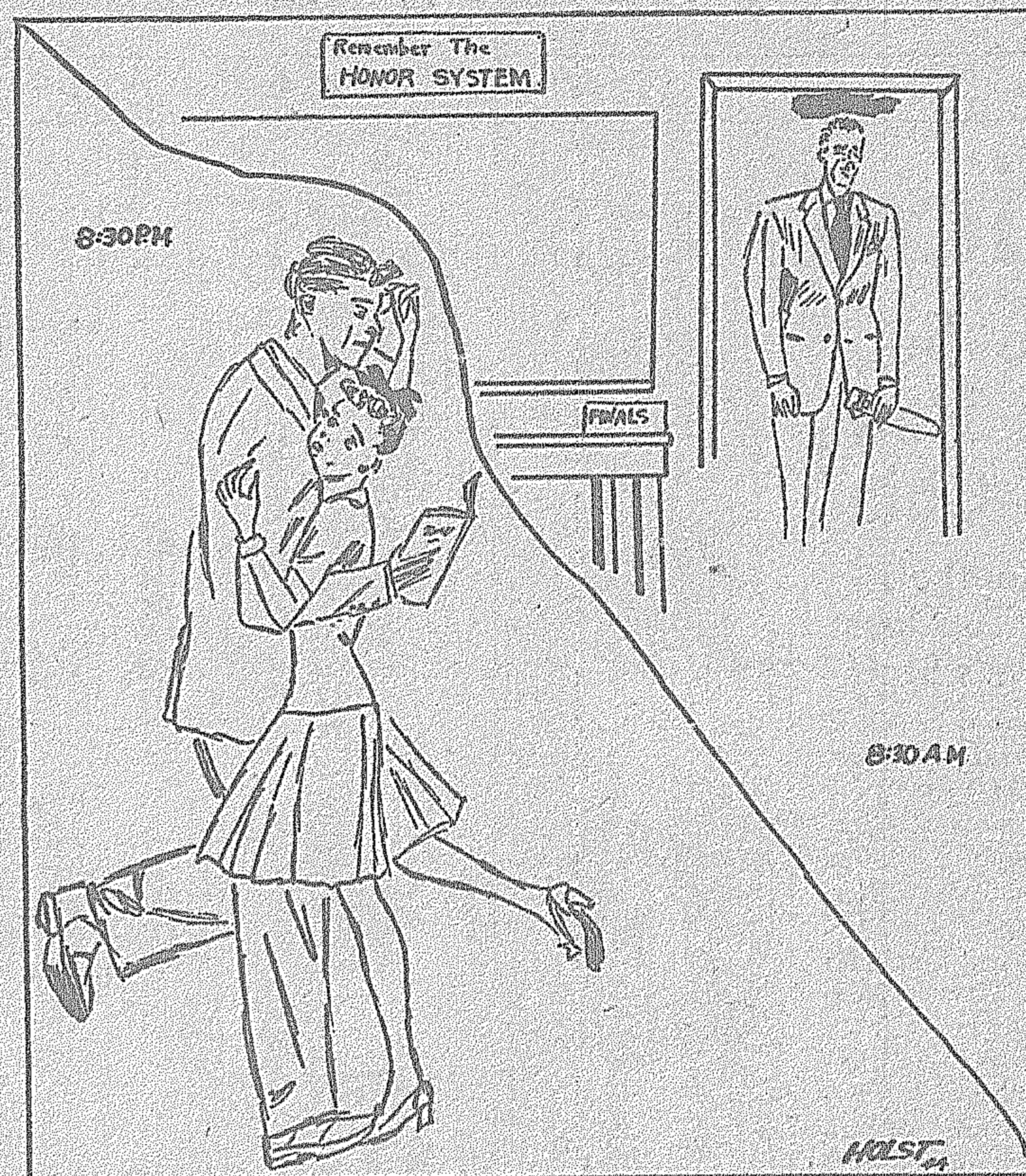
The future is largely uncertain, but it seems likely that about 239 students will be deferred. One certainty is that those civilians who do stay will maintain good scholastic standings, since competition for places in the quota will be keen and selections will be based on scholastic records.

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Man Of The Week

High Scholarship, Athletics, and Humor Are Alfred Roberts' Assels

How to Pass the Finals



Dear Editor:

As associate editor of the *Central News*, I just finished reading your January 24 issue, which I received through our exchange division. With personal interest and sincere appreciation, I read the letter signed by one of your readers with the initials M. F. T. The point was well-taken. If you recall, it dealt with the inactivity of the Link dating bureau after securing certain data from, I presume, hundreds of women, and publicizing it as a service to out-of-town students.

I, as a sorority member here, optimistically registered with this "bureau" and the only response I have had was from a couple of upper-classmen who had ransacked the files to see what they could see. As far as I am able to determine, even these results were greater than any of the other girls had had in this school.

I, and I'm sure the other girls who registered will back me up, wholeheartedly endorse the idea of this M. F. T. in asking "those in charge to wake up and get on the ball." Good times could be had by all and the sororities would reciprocate in inviting the men to the numerous social affairs which they sponsor.

If the Link is going to carry this idea through, and it is a good one, well and good. But if they brought it up as a lark just to see what the response would be then I, for one, would like to the personal information which I supplied returned to me rather than have the various men mull over the data to see if I come up to (their) specifications.

Jane Pinkerton
Associate Editor
Central Y News

Dear Editor:

In the last few issues of the paper have appeared many anonymous letters. If these so called "ladies" and "gentlemen" are too ashamed of their opinions and dastardly remarks to sign their names to the letters which are submitted, then such trash should not be considered for publication.

Constructive criticisms are very beneficial to any institution of higher education; but the remarks made by "Weary Student" were presented, in our opinions, through improper channels. If the professors of IIT are really sincere in their work as they should be, we think we can personally vouch that all criticisms brought to them directly would be accepted in a respectful manner and given careful consideration.

It seems that petty arguments of "Secretary" and "Equally Fed Up" could be settled at a personal rendezvous in a more specific manner. It may be true that some of the boys of the Armour campus are uncouth and some secretaries are incapable of rating a date elsewhere; but why try to force personal debates upon the public? (They do afford some mild amusement).

We desire this to continue to be a high standard paper; so can't we as readers, submit letters of higher quality and capacious interest.

R. R. Rasmussen
D. D. Doerr

Dear Editor:

The ITSA has terminated this semester's work. The job done by its members, under president Harry Anderson, exemplified what could be done by an aggressive group.

One item of major importance has been left unfinished.

Lunchroom policy must be clarified, and the students made to understand the difficulties involved in maintaining the cafeteria at this time. The ITSA, next semester can approach the problem from two sides and issue a full statement explaining why some of the minor items have been dropped from the menu and others added.

The meat is now on the par of any average Loop cafeteria. Varieties in the meals for one day cannot exceed two or three as the concentrated demands between the hours scheduled may result in too great a loss if more courses were sold.

S. E.

By HARRY BURKART

Although his election to the office of vice-president of Tau Beta Pi last week might rate him as "The Man of the Week," Alfred Roberts need only be himself to assume the title. The activities (and actions) of Al have become campus legend.

First, there is Alfred, a member of the higher intelligentsia; a scholar. This man with the active mind and photographic memory, has established himself among the selected few who are elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi, the all-engineering honorary fraternity. His ability as a student of electrical engineering has rated his election into Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical fraternity, and into Rho Epsilon, the radio engineering honorary.

Secondly, there's Al the athlete. A rough brush-over of his activity in this field finds him as a member of the basketball team. When he goes out on the floor, the shout goes up "Is it a plane? Is it a bird? Is it Superman? No, it's Rockets Roberts!!!" Al is also an all-around participant in intramural sports.

Next, one finds Al the leader. Twice, for both his scholarship and his activity, he has been chosen as an Honorary Marshall. He was elected by the junior class as a Junior Marshall. Last week, further recognition was given him when he was elected by his fellows in Tau Beta Pi as vice-president. Al is also an active member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.



Alfred Roberts

Finally, there is "JJ", the man with the quick wit, the humorist. "JJ", the square root of a minus one, does not signify a negative personality. In him one can find the satirical humor of Shaw mingled with the slapstick of Bob Hope. His witticisms and his very actions exemplify the care-free student of the movies; they relieve the tension of a formal occasion, the seriousness of the classroom.

It was Al who took aside one of the freshman members of the basketball team to offer him some kind words of wisdom. "Son," he said, "if you want to get into Tau Beta Pi, you must study hard. You must be an intent student; never sleep in class, listen intently to your instructors and take notes during lectures." The freshman's reply was, "Gosh, Al, I couldn't go through all that. How do you stand it?" This advice was as contradictory to Al's character as was his part in the formation of "Beta Nu", the fraternity of "Brown Nosers", or apple polishers. In this group are students who relax by ridiculing their scholastic endeavors.

"JJ" is also a member of Pi Kappa Phi, the social fraternity.

Since Al is a navy student, he will be a naval officer upon graduation next November. In this he follows his brother who graduated from IIT two years ago.



Prof. ALBERT GAIL was once a European cross-country motorcycle racer. CORINNE LENSE comes from a strictly naval family. Her father is a lieutenant commander in the Navy Pier engineering department, while two brothers are ensigns; one is in the submarine attachment and the other is in the Navy Air Corps. A paper written by JOHN DAY LARKIN, chairman of the department of political and social science, is referred to in the textbook used in constitutional law classes.