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Student Union Fee

Each semester, civilian students are charged a two dollar Student Union fee which allows them to use the Student Union facilities for that semester. This fee serves two purposes: approximately one third of it goes toward the operating expenses of the building; the other two thirds goes to retire the debt on the building.

Formerly, students have had the use of the entire building, restricted only by the rules of the SUBC. In the past term and in this term, several conditions have arisen which are causing considerable concern among civilian students. Most of the attention centers around these points: For about four hours during the day, the lunchroom is closed to civilians during certain times of the day for Army classes; Navy students who do not pay regular Student Union fees use a large part of the lounge, to the extent that the Student Union manager has had to chase slumbering V-12er's off the sofas; and the Navy now has part of the auditorium for offices and occupies the east and west rooms on the second floor.

The school receives payment from the Navy and Army for the use of these facilities. The Army payment is adequate for the few classes it has in the building. According to the Navy contract, the Navy pays one half of the operating costs of the building. This seems like a fair arrangement, but for each dollar the Navy pays, civilians match that, plus two dollars more for the debt retirement fund, which adds up to three times as much. —OLDSHUE

Class Interest

The sophomore, junior, and senior classes were scheduled to hold their monthly meetings last Friday. The seniors met, and a majority of the class was present. The sophomores also held a meeting; one-fifth of them attended. With only 10% of the Junior class showing up, their meeting was canceled.

The majority of the people who fail to attend do so not because they have a class then, nor because they have homework they must do, but simply because they are not interested enough in their class—or in most of the other things that go on around the school, for that matter.

And the worst part of it all is that the great part of those who read this will say, "Well, so what?" There is a good answer to that "so what?" The administration has cooperated to the extent of excusing classes on this hour every Friday so that such groups may be an active part of the school. If the students themselves are not interested enough in school activities to devote that hour once each month, then the conclusion is clear: There is no place for extra-curricular activities.

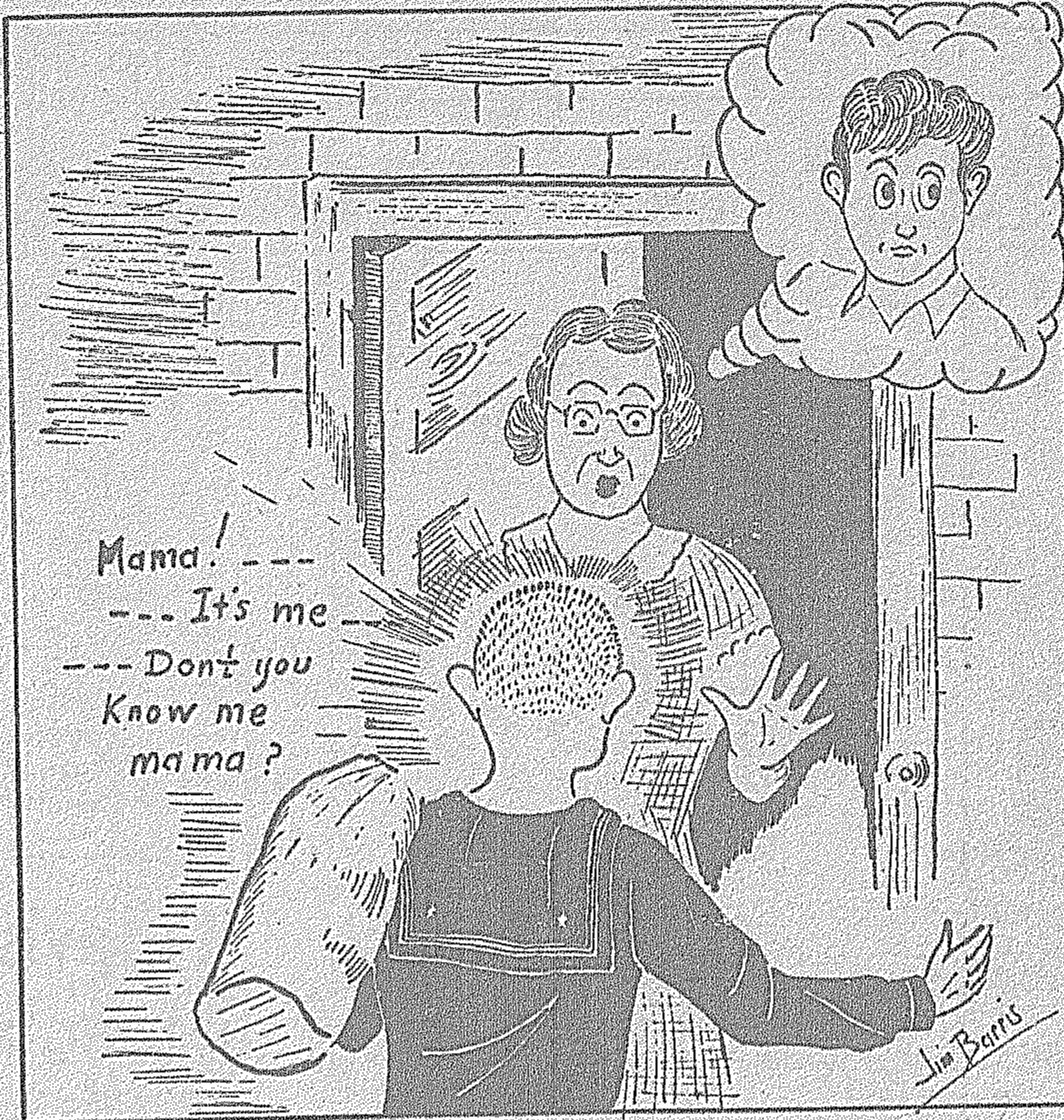
—FRIED

Man Of The Week

New Basketball Co-Captain Ed 'Casey' Puchalski Known for Outside Activities

By TOM KILGARIFF

"What Have They Done to My Boy?"



His recent election to the co-captaincy of the varsity basketball team, his position as a Junior Marshall, and his all around interest in extra-curricular activities warrants Edward ("Casey") Puchalski's nomination as the "Man of the Week."

He was an outstanding player on the intramural championship team, the 2A Co-ops. This team captured the 1941 basketball and last year's touchball titles.

Speaking of Co-ops, Casey is the acting president of the 3A co-ops, now on a full time, day school schedule.

Casey, the fraternity man, rose from the rank of the lowly pledge of one semester to the vice-presidency of Triangle fraternity the next semester. This fact coupled with his other fraternal activities has earned him membership in Beta Omega Nu, honorary fraternity of outstanding fraternity men.

This is not to be confused with Beta Tau Omega better known as the B.T.O., (Big Time Operators), one fraternity which



Edward Puchalski

he does not desire to join. The reason is that for the past two years a little blond, Betty Manning by name, has taken up all his dating time. This friendship has all the earmarks of a life-long one.

Casey also is an active member of the ASME, professional mechanical engineering fraternity, of which his brother, Clare ("Kelly") Puchalski, is president.

When it comes to hobbies, the best way to show Casey's attitude is to quote him saying, "Sports are my hobby". He has started to take up bowling, but decided to keep reports of his success in this athletic endeavor a military secret.

Casey is even musically inclined; not only is he known as one of the smoother dancers of the school, but in his spare moments, he plays the tuba for relaxation.

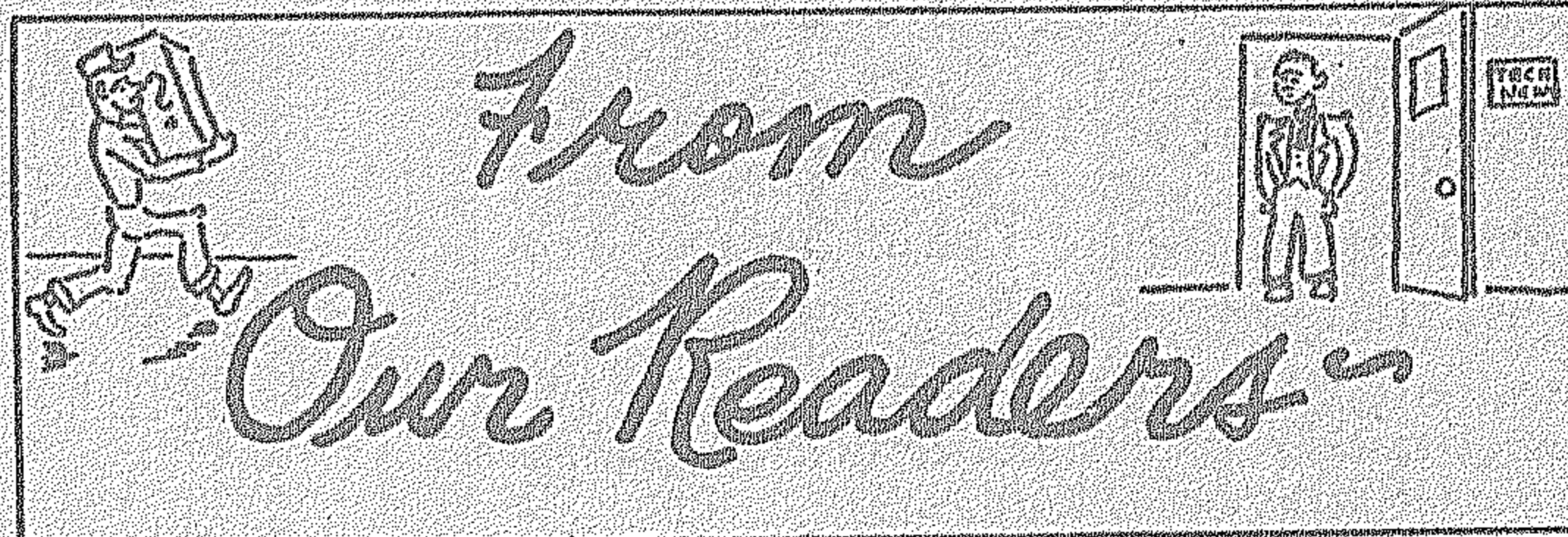
He is better known as Casey than as Edward Puchalski, and many a box score was published with "Casey" at guard, rather than "Puchalski." This leads to difficulties during basketball games when many a scorekeeper is confused by someone substituting for Puchalski when there seems to be no one by that name playing.

Casey, the mechanical engineer, plans to graduate in June of '44 if all goes well. Upon receiving his degree, he will enter the field of industry and start on his journey toward the top of the ladder of success.



HERBERT BERNSTEIN completed the work for his master's degree in one day. He undertook a problem which had puzzled chemists for 10 years, devised a solution, and tested it in the laboratory; all within 24 hours... WALLACE MCGAHAN of the ASTP once worked as a compiler of cargo shipped for the British Ministry of War Transport... THOMAS POULTER, of the Armour Research Foundation, was awarded the Congressional Medal "for scientific accomplishment unequalled in polar exploration," for his work in the 1933-35 Byrd expedition. He acted as scientific director for that Antarctic exploration... CHESTER TRACY, storekeeper first class, was once employed in Costa Rica by the United Fruit Company.

Just wondering.



Dear Editor:

Imagine my surprise when I arrived at school Friday morning to find an excavator digging deep holes in the tennis courts back of Chapin Hall.

You see, I am one of those IIT students who likes to play tennis; I am one of those students who for weeks have been following with interest through the columns of your *Technology News* the developments concerning the tennis courts. I was one who was hopeful that said developments would bring some desired results. I had even heard that the ITSA was negotiating having the tennis courts resurfaced.

Friday morning I thought perhaps the ITSA had decided to substitute a swimming hole for the tennis courts, but then I realized that such could not be the case. This must be instead the start of the Parmly Research Foundation building.

Woe is me!

Happy as I am to see another new building go up at Illinois Tech, I'm just wondering if the school had to take our tennis courts for same. Or did they in taking the tennis courts make advance arrangements with the ITSA? If so, why didn't the ITSA let us tennis loving students know?

I don't begrudge the school the tennis courts. I want IIT to have whatever is best for IIT. But I would like a full statement from the ITSA, or from the administration, or both as to what is going to be done for tennis courts.

How about it?

Racquet Wielder

Dear Editor:

I'm an Armour man, but I do sympathize with the problems that are besetting the Lewis students, and so I'd like to ask:

What's this I hear about Ernest Walker, acting dean at Lewis, trying to deny the report that Lewis is to have a student lounge, even though the fact was announced in last week's *Technology News*? As I understand it, he called it just a rumor.

What's this I hear about the same Mr. Walker refusing to dismiss students from classes to attend the mass meeting of Lewis students scheduled for this week? As I understand it, Dean Linton Grinter and other IIT officials had asked that this meeting be held and had agreed to provide the lounge if the students would vote a \$2 fee for lounge membership cards at this meeting.

Because of these two things, action on the Lewis lounge may be delayed. Only about 65 Lewisites out of the nearly 300 were able to attend the meeting, and so what will be done remains to be seen.

Lewis' battle for student activity is difficult enough and to meet additional obstacles on the Lewis campus makes it almost impossible.

B.P.T.

Dear Editor:

Why weren't Armour students allowed to have Thanksgiving off? The seemingly "better-half" of IIT, Lewis, was given the entire day off. Why, if students were forced to come to school, weren't members of the administrative staff holding office hours on that day?

The supposedly good theory that we had to come to school because the navy men must come to school was shattered by the vacation given to V-12 students at Northwestern University. Are they any better than we? Then, too, the navy program has provision in it for vacations which are of a legitimate character.

War plants throughout the Chicago area were closed on Thanksgiving. Armour students, however, rode to school in deserted street cars and elevateds. The only thing that the students would like to know is, Why? A simple explanation on the part of the faculty or administration would have saved a good deal of griping last Thursday, if there is such an explanation.

I am now beginning to wonder whether or not we will have to be here on Christmas or New Years. That's not too far fetched an idea, you know.