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A Year of Honor

IIT's honor system begins its second year this month. And we think this a good time to consider carefully how well it has worked during that period. While any length of time less than about four years is insufficient to establish such a system, the results of one year should certainly indicate whether it is, or ever will be, a success.

Most students, we believe, feel that it has not been a complete success, although the majority are in favor of it. Their complaints center about a few items.

"Do we have to write the pledge", is a question often asked of instructors, "and what will happen if we don't?" If we have an honor system, why do instructors make us use alternate seats and give out different quizzes to adjacent rows?"

In regard to the first point, we know that there are always a few men in most cases who will try to cheat. Without an honor system the others have no choice but to remain silent or to speak to the offenders. For no man would tell tales or snitch on a fellow student. But the honor board is composed of, and organized solely for the benefit of, the students themselves. A report to the board of deliberate cheating is to the best advantage of the class, the school and most of all, the offender himself.

But the honor system is not based on each student's being his fellow student's keeper. The backbone of any such system is the responsibility of each student for himself. Certainly no one has to write the pledge. That's completely contradictory to the whole idea. Each man should so conduct himself that he can sign the pledge, not only in the letter of it, but in the full spirit as well.

Objection to the use of alternate seats or quizzes is, we feel, rather childish. Almost all of the classrooms are of necessity greatly overcrowded, and when you are obliged to sit almost in your neighbor's lap, it is physically, if not morally, very difficult to keep your eyes on your own paper only. Most of the instructors cooperate fully within the honor system.

That newcomers to IIT might fail to accept the honor system is understandable. When first proposed here, it was the subject of a great deal of debate and discussion, and when finally adopted by a student vote, everyone on the campus knew what it stood for, what its purpose was, and what its good and bad points were. The new men have been told about the system, but not, of course, in such detail. When they have seen it in operation here for some time, and when the whole idea becomes more firmly established, there will, we are sure, be no more difficulty of this sort.

Honorable conduct is of the greatest importance to every person. To the servicemen on campus, and to those civilians who may enter the armed forces upon graduation, the honor system has, if possible, an even greater value.

—FRIED

Men Of The Week

Distribution of Free Cigars Is Proud Papa Lou Wengel's Latest Past-time

By DICK KOENIGSBERG

Distribution of free cigars

As the newest "proud papa" at IIT, Lou Wengel receives this week's nomination as Man of the Week. When Lou began passing out cigars and began running around like the traditional new father, some of his friends wouldn't believe him; they didn't know he was married.

Robert Louis Wengel, born November 30, provided 9 pounds, 13 ounces of evidence, however, and so all is forgiven. Lou brought his family home last Thursday, and all concerned are doing fine. Naturally the new responsibilities of parenthood are taking a great deal of his time, but Lou manages to maintain his outstanding scholastic and extra-curricular record.

Lou began his career at IIT as a cooperative student, working at Republic Flow Meters Corporation to gain industrial experience which he feels will be valuable when he enters industry.

As a co-op Lou was eligible for membership in the Wranglers, late co-op organization formed to further the artistic and literary tastes of its members. In recognition of his outside activities and a scholastic average well over 2.0, he was honored by election into Pi Tau Sigma, mechanical engineering honorary.

"Every student should take part in extra-curricular activities, for they are an integral part of his education," Lou says.

A life-long interest in music has led to the presidency of Pi Nu Epsilon, musical honorary; Lou lends a swelling tenor to the glee club. An enthusiastic camera fiend, he belongs to Armour Eye, school photography club. The rest of his hobby time is devoted to a coin collection of which he is very proud. As for commercial interests, Lou satisfies them by acting as advertising manager of *Technology News*.

In order to keep in shape for wrestling with young Robert, Lou bowls, swims, and "dubs around a golf course."

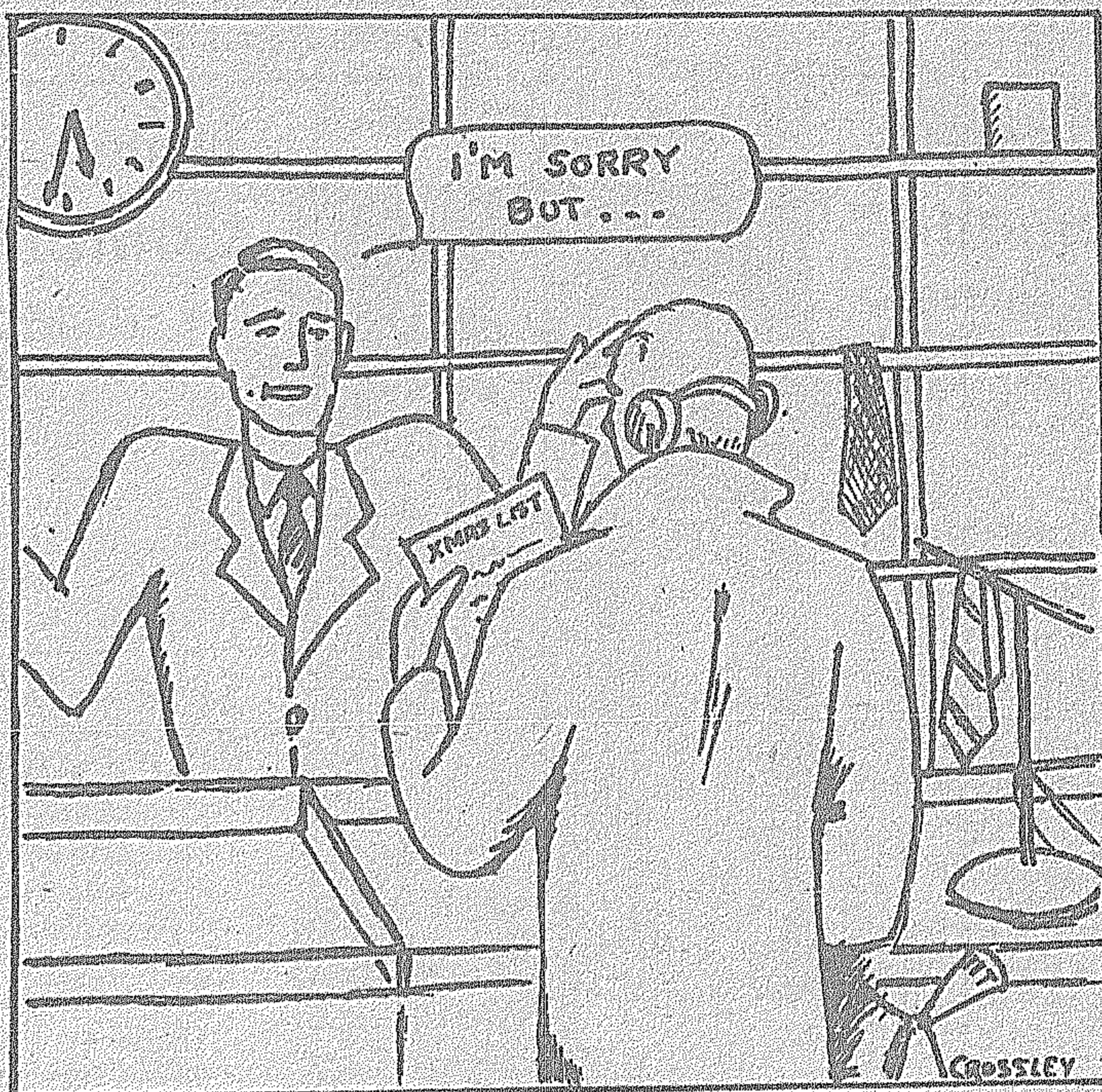
Because he felt it was one way of contributing to the war effort, Lou became an enthusiastic member of the Student War Council. He represents Pi Nu Epsilon on the Interhonorary Board, and still looks back on his term of membership on the ITSA Board of Control.

A February graduate, Wengel is contributing to his class by membership on its announcements committee. After graduation he plans to enter industry as a sales engineer, providing his draft board is willing. In the meantime he is too excited over the latest addition to his family to do a great deal of worrying over the future.



Lou Wengel

Christmas Eve 1943



It is the Editors of the yearbook who are in a position to put Armour and Lewis into one book as one school, but in several aspects they have failed, or perhaps we should say, are failing.

As the story goes, pages in the yearbook were set aside for the officers of the Senior class as well as those of the officers of other classes. Because the officers were not yet elected, through no fault of the students, these pages were eliminated, the Editors alibiing that these Lewis pictures were not in on time. They just couldn't save the page!! You might say they had the attitude of "Oh well, toss 'em in with our group. It doesn't really matter." This does, however, matter a great deal for it means that only Armour is recognized as having class officers.

Still throughout *Technology News* mention was made that pages were being held open for several occasions such as space for a picture of IIT's most popular secretary and a page for shots of the Integral dance. Seems rather strange doesn't it?

When you come down to brass tacks you find that it's the students (both Armour and Lewis, believe it or not) who pay the activity fees, and not the secretaries. Allowances should therefore be made when necessary as in this case.

Very calmly and reasonably now "Dear Editors" get down to some honest to goodness thinking and reasoning—do you think your actions have been according to Hoyle? Put yourself in the other guy's shoes for a while!!!

Senior, Junior & Sophomore class officers

Dear Editor, and the Coeds Concerned:

In regard to the letter written by "Five Coeds" concerning the recent popularity contest, I wish to state that there was NO rule that the girls could not vote. When I discovered that there was to be an election, and was informed of the details, I hastened to exercise my franchise

When I approached the poll worker, not a word was said when I asked for a ballot. It is entirely possible that I am well enough known as a student at the Institute that I needed no proof of identification: but if those poor little coeds experienced any difficulty, they had but to flash their \$150 slip of paper (registration receipt) under the worker's nose and they too, would have been able to vote for their favorite secretary.

This letter is not just to prove the fame of the writer but in hopes that there shall be no more misunderstanding for the girls. When they came to the Institute they must have realized that the south campus was predominantly male, and therefore when a sign, with one exception, says, "Men", those in charge are thinking of the general case, not the exception. The girls have only to remember that their registration and ITSA activities receipts are the "Open sesame" to all student activities.

Shirley Sexson, M.E.—'46

Dear Editor:

Some time ago there appeared in *Technology News* an article which bemoaned the fact that there wasn't as much interest shown in school-work among the civilians as among V-12 men as shown by the comparatively high per cent of absent members in the civilian enrollment. The records of the instructors show this to be true, but these records show another condition which must be taken into account:

Can a man who has been overtaken by the delightful sport of classroom sleeping be considered as present? An interesting observation has led me to ask this question. A census of the physics 202 demonstration at about ten o'clock on December 2 showed that fifteen V-12 men were 'out of this world' accompanied by two dormant civilians.

This may be an extreme case but it is certain that no one deny that the odds on this type of thing are at least four to one.

R.A.B.



JOSEPH ALGINO, junior mechanical, claims to be the only student at IIT who has never been outside of Illinois. The farthest Joe has ever traveled from Chicago was to Starved Rock... R is the signature of RICHARD R. RASMUSSEN, assistant in chemistry... After studying all day in the masculine Armour atmosphere, WALTER GRENGG and ED SCHASCHL, soph chemicals, twice a week attend a typing class at Carl Schurz Evening School. There they are the only males in a class of thirty... WALTER HENDRICKS, chairman of the department of language and literature, was an aviation instructor in the U.S. Army air force during World War I.