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The Accelerating Myth

The favorite alibi of students at Illinois Tech is the accelerated program. It is given whenever one asks their participation in outside activities. Because the idea has been thrown at them by newspapers, the faculty and the administration, students have come to believe that they are now covering more academic territory in a shorter amount of time. The ever trusting, gullible student believes that this lightning program has taken away the time that formerly could be spent in extra-curricular activities. The invariable reply to the question of whether a student will become active in some activity is, "I have too little time because of this accelerated program."

What is this accelerated program? How does it differ from former programs? Before the present emergency, each semester consisted of sixteen weeks. At the present time the semesters consist of sixteen weeks. There is, then, no difference in the length of time given each term. The instructors require no more now than previously. There has been no change in the number of credit hours which are required of the student. How, then, does this program differ from any former ones?

The only speed-up that can be discerned is that caused by eliminating the summer vacations. There are, however, four weeks out of every year given to vacations. Those students not attending Saturday classes spend only sixty-five percent of the days of the year in school. Yet the belief prevails among students that they do not have time for anything outside of school work.

This myth is a mental hazard. It is a cloak that may be laid over the fact that too many students do not know how to study. The thought, deeply imprinted in the subconscious mind, has had a tiring effect upon the students. It is offered as an excuse for work that is not being done.

It becomes apparent then that the so-called accelerated program has taken no more time than was formerly taken by the college curriculum. Why is it, then, that student participation in extra-curricular activities is at an all time low? While some organizations have gone out of existence, most of them have remained, existant in name only. Fewer teams have entered in intramural sports. It is in these activities that some of the greatest benefits of a college career can be found. Yet the students have failed to take advantage of them.

An enlivened student body is needed to reactivate the dormant campus organizations. If the students dispel the thought that they have no time for such things, they will find time and can attain the benefits derived from them. These, more than anything else, can provide the recreation which is essential to well-being.

H. BURKART

Woman Of The Week

Lewis Biology Major Blanche Fried Combines Outside Activities With Studies

By DICK SKIBBENS

A long list of extra-curricular school activities, the ability to hold a full-time outside job, and a skiing championship—it's not often that these accomplishments are found in one person, but then there aren't many people like Blanche Fried, Lewis biology major and "Woman of the Week".

A February graduate, Blanche's four years at Illinois Tech have been well rounded out with an abundance of extra-curricular activities. The highlight of her senior year, which consumes much of her time, is her job as Lewis editor of the Integral.

Born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Blanche came to America in 1939. She overcame her handicap of not knowing the English language and graduated from Farragut High in June 1940, an honor student. Entering IIT the same year she became a member of the Glee club and also belonged to the Medical Arts Guild. She served as secretary in her sophomore year and was treasurer of the junior class.

Blanche, now vice-president of Kappa Phi Delta Sorority, was its secretary in 1942-43. She was Lewis assignment editor of *Technology News* 1941-42 and served on the Lewis Student Council for two years. Last year Blanche was president of the Pan-Hellenic Council and became a member of the Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary collegiate journalism fraternity. She had been a member of Sphinx, which was the IIT chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon.

During her college years Blanche has held two full time jobs. In 1942 she worked nights in a factory and attended school in the day. After one semester at this position she worked part time at the Lewis switchboard. In 1942 she was presented with the Kappa Phi Delta Alumnae Scholarship for 1942-43.

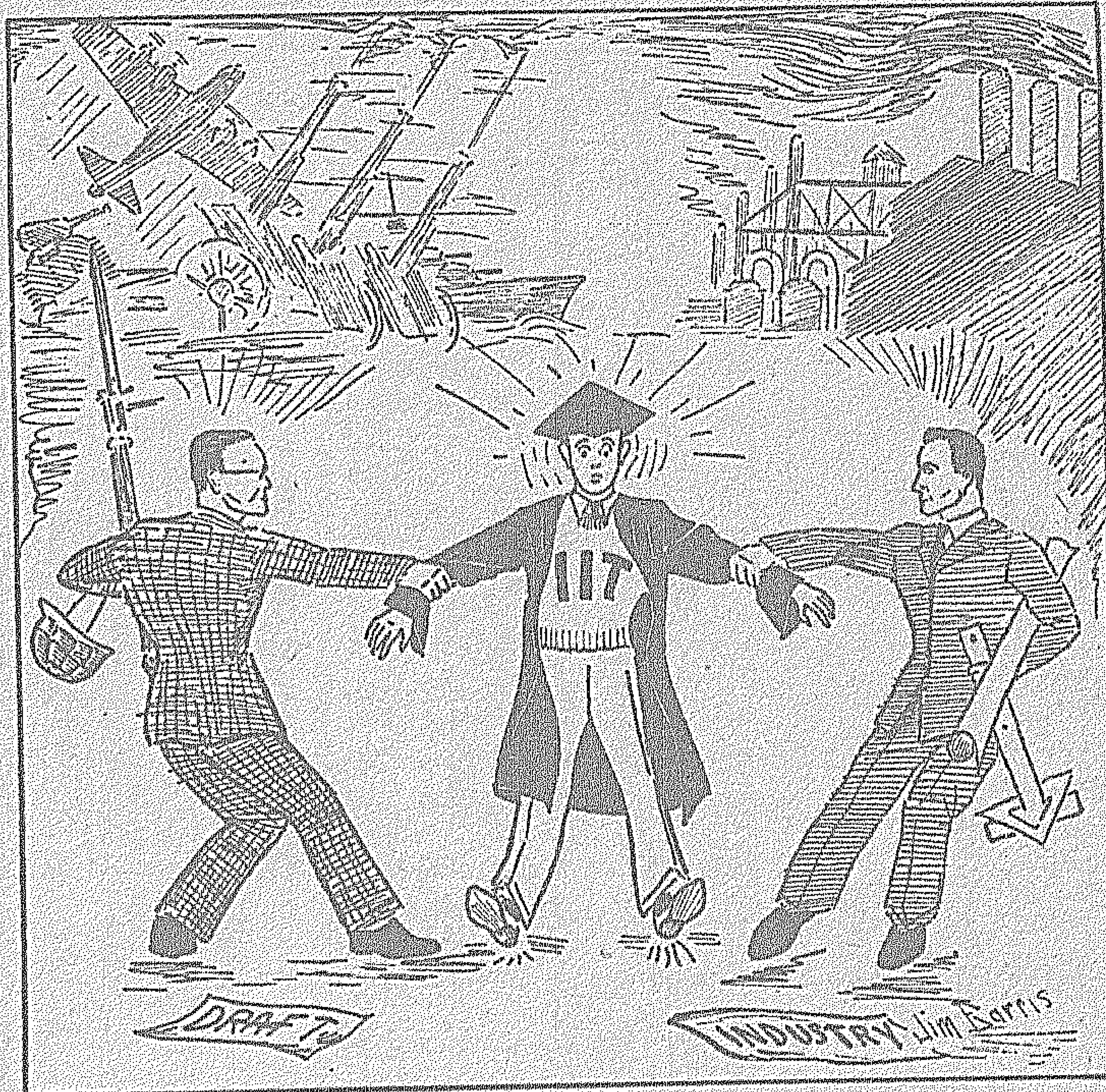
She now holds a full-time position as ESMWT secretary to Paul Jones in the Engineering Building on the west campus. However, Blanche still finds time to attend classes at Lewis.

Aside from her college life Blanche is also athletically inclined. She won a championship in skiing at Prague and is also an accomplished skater. Swimming holds her interest along with ping pong and other milder forms of relaxation.

Her real love is biology and medicine as her beautiful collections of slides can attest. Upon graduation Blanche will seek a master's degree in biology and hopes someday to do research work on the subject.



Blanche Fried



Dear Editor;

Let's give a bouquet of orchids to our wonderful maintenance staff who clean the sidewalks of all snow and ice and let the steps of the main building accumulate a coat of ice. Ice is quite slippery, as everyone knows, and in all probability others besides myself have had the misfortune of slipping on these steps. It's quite a nasty fall, too, as I only wrenched my side, had the breath knocked out of me, and almost broke my glasses.

This is a dangerous condition, and someone in authority should see that it is corrected.

Invalid, almost

Dear Editor;

Why isn't something being done about the lunchroom? In many plants and department stores the employees get good substantial food at cost prices. This usually means meat, vegetables, potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, and a slice of pie, for about thirty cents. At the Armour cafeteria this same meal would cost about fifty cents.

We all know that the cost of living has gone up, but this is just so much more reason why the students, many of whom earned their own tuition, should be able to obtain food at reasonable prices.

Does the existence of IIT depend on the profits made on food sold to the students?

W.N.

Dear Editor:

In the "as I see IT" column of last issue, Mr. Burkart asked what was wrong with Armour's energetic engineers. Wherever he looked, sleep seemed to be prevalent. What is the matter? Simply that with accelerated courses, spare time work, reports and such student occupations, everyone is tired as hell and sleeps when time is available. Do you drink Sanka Coffee, Mr. Burkart?

Two Sleepy Sophomores

Dead Editor:

Technology News started the sea-

mester off by writing editorials on the lack of activity in the various clubs. Heeding your words, the clubs reorganized and have been quite active.

But what of the pathetic condition of the engineering societies on the campus. Where in the past, prominent engineers were invited to speak before these groups every three weeks, we are lucky if we see one a semester now. And what happened to the evening smokers where a student could find out whether his profs had a human side to them?

If you don't mind my saying so, I think the officers of these organizations should resign if they don't want to put any effort into the making of successful, purposeful societies.

Darned Sore

Dear Editor:

Since you have mentioned it in your last two "As I See It" columns I have come to the conclusion that those students who leave their empty lunch bags around the auditorium act in the same manner when they are home. I personally can't see why it is so much trouble to walk fifteen feet with an empty bottle and an empty bag and put them where they belong.

Even if they live like "pigs" at home, I don't see why they can't have a little consideration for the looks of the school. If a stranger walked into the auditorium during lunchtime, he would not be favorably impressed. What's wrong with those guys?

A Freshman

Dear Editor:

What happened to the music which used to be played in the lunchroom? The radio fraternity claimed that it would assure students that service last semester and they did, but this is another semester.

Navy men and civilians alike would appreciate the resumption of this service. Can the ITSA rule on this?

Navy Sophomore.



SAM KARLIN, math major, a one time city chess champion, plays chess blindfolded... The sophomore class vice-president, BOB DeBOO, has five given names in addition to his family name. His full name is Robert Henry Jerome Victor James DeBoo... EDWARD KEPIL, freshman mechanical, traveled in every state except New York before he was five years old. He still hasn't been to that state... The youngest member of the IIT faculty is M. SCHULTZ who is 23... BELA LOSMANDY can claim the distinction of having the most original physics reports. They are written on special stationery which has a photograph of Bela on each sheet... The Faculty Co-op Tobacco Shop, which does close to a thousand dollar business annually, is headed by Prof. Robert Perry.