

In the April 16, 1929 issue of the *TECHNOLOGY NEWS* there appeared for the first time the mention of an honor system. Claimed this editorial:

"The honor system is on the decline in American colleges. The Yale student council has finally convinced the faculty that the honor system cannot be enforced under the social and educational conditions which now exist at universities. At Amherst, upon the request of students, the system was dropped after being in effect for twenty-three years, and at Harvard the proposal to introduce the system was rejected.

The question seems to be a perennial one, yet the trend in the American colleges now seems distinctly away from such a system. The chief objection to it seems to be that despite all arguments, it refuses to function with anything approaching passable efficiency. The dishonesty of the few, and the refusal of student bodies to accept the responsibilities of administering discipline prove to be the stumbling block. Students prefer to leave the work and unpleasantness to faculty and administrative bodies rather than shoulder such burdens themselves."

And the question did arise again. The first article pertaining to the honor system appearing previous to the present honor system inauguration was a letter in which Jim Gittelsohn wrote:

"At college we make the friendships and acquaintanceships which we will hold for the rest of our professional lives. How can we feel a sense of comradeship, a mutual faith and trust in our classmates if we must feel that our every neighbor is a potential spy for an 'Honor System' which guilds Gestapo methods, simply spying and tale-bearing, with the cloak of 'honor.' We can't!"

Morgan Fitch, one of the originators of the system, had this to say:

"Fifteen to twenty people have changed their minds and struck their names from the honor petition, leaving it looking like a chicken had run across the sheet. John J. Schommer likes to tell the story of how he went around with a petition nominating a dead horse for President of the U. S. He claims he got 25 signatures before anyone read the petition. Are these the kinds of people who are changing their minds now? The system is not a Gestapo. It is founded for your own protection and if you don't want it no one is going to push it down your throat."

A mass meeting was held the following week and students gathered to offer their opinions. In the hot discussion which followed the pros and cons were presented and finally it was decided to give the honor system a one month trial if this was passed by a student vote. The students voted 415 to 383 in favor of the trial period.

On Friday, December 18 the faculty and student body met at another mass meeting to decide the final fate of the honor system. In the following issue of *Technology News* the following story appeared.

"One of the largest elections ever held at this school climaxed the one month's trial given to the honor system. The results show that the system was adopted by a vote of 404 against 342. The system is NOW in effect. The system is here to stay."

Man Of The Week

ASME Conference Head, Claire Puchalski, Warrants Honor

Because of the job he did as Conference director of the recent ASME meeting, Claire "Kelly" Puchalski is this week's Man of the Week.

"Kelly" started IIT as a Co-op and has earned his way through college.

Few people know that he holds a thirty-minute leeway over his twin brother "Casey" in age, and few know that he has three brothers and three sisters.

Besides maintaining a scholastic average of 2.3, "Kelly" is active in the Triangle Fraternity, the SAE, the WSE, and is fraternity editor of the *Integral*.

He has also taken an active part in intra-mural sports, just as he did when he attended St. Rita High



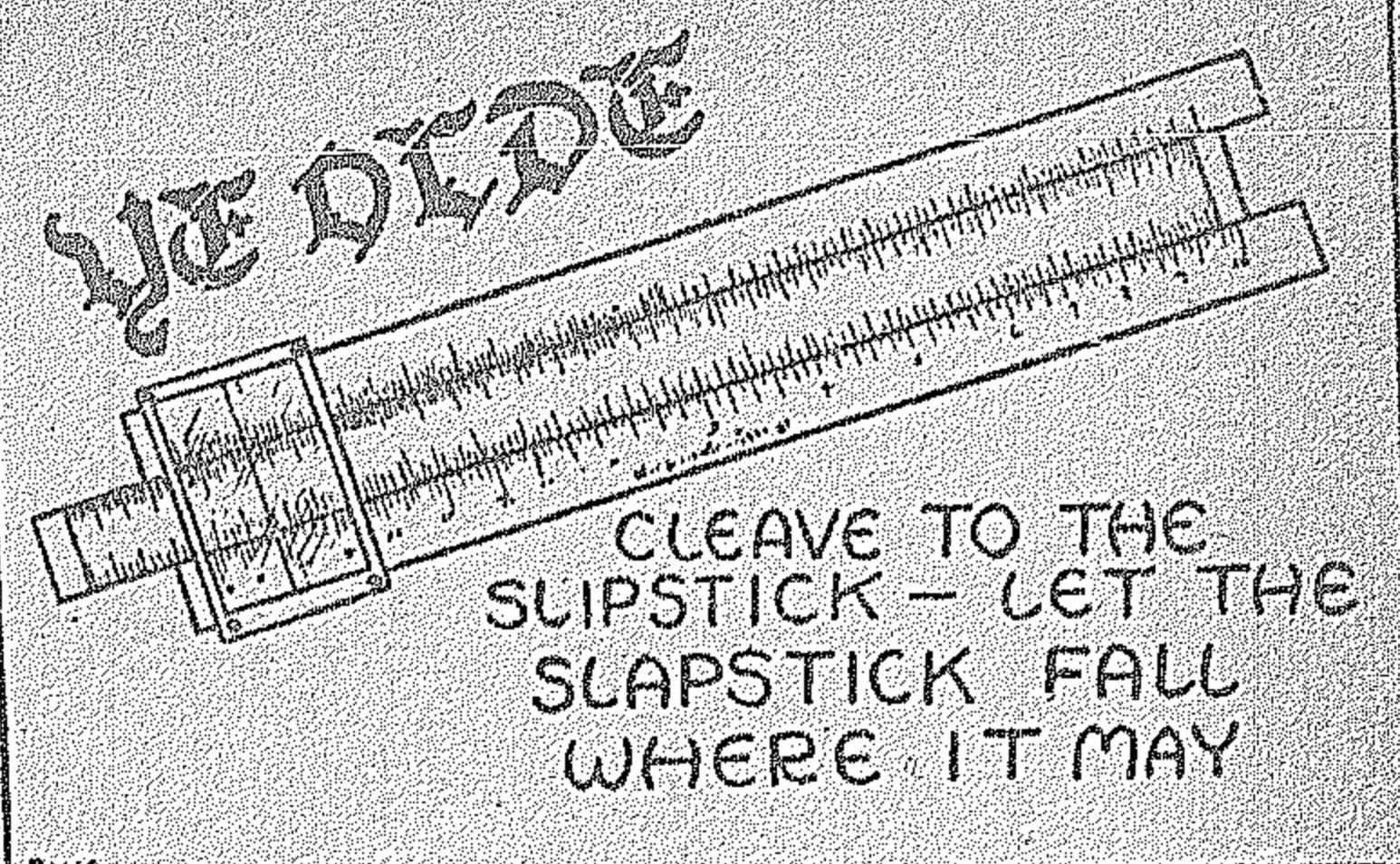
—by Katz
Claire Puchalski

enjoy his favorite sport, horseback riding.

After graduation in November, Puchalski plans to stay at IIT if possible and become an instructor. As these are uncertain times "Kelly" plans to take the radio technician's test in the Navy and if called he will go into that branch of service.

School, where he won a major letter in basketball.

He recently bowed to Al Roberts in the Senior Class election runoffs but he has been successful in the Pi Tau Sigma where he is corresponding secretary.



This week we're dedicating this column to the recent inductees, who insist on winning the war before the rest of us get in.

IIT
Mr. Gotrocks: You say you want to marry my daughter. Preposterous young man. You couldn't even keep her in underwear.

Schober: You haven't been doing any too well yourself, sir.

IIT
Cernauskas say: Man is just a worm. He comes along, wiggles a bit, and then some chicken gets him.

IIT
A woman complained to a psychoanalyst: "My family think there's something wrong with me, and it's all because I like buckwheat cakes." "But there is nothing wrong about liking buckwheat cakes," the puzzled doctor replied. "I like them myself."

"Oh, do you?" The woman was delighted. "You must come up some day. I have seven trunks full."

IIT
Shirley: They say my lips are the best looking in the office.

J. Cowie: I'll put mine up against them anytime.

IIT
Unbleached: Gawdge, who's dat pouter pigeon gal yonder whut carries herself so perturberant?

Gawdge: Why dat's Miss Iodine De Lilac Washington from Memfuss.

Unbleached: Doggone, she sho do put on a wonderful front, don't she?

Gawdge: Hush yo' mouf, man. Dat ain't put on.

IIT
Mable (at baseball game): And what are those men out there for?

Earl Schlosser: They're fielders. They catch flies.

Mable: I wish you'd quite being so sarcastic when I ask a civil question.

IIT
Lady: Why are you so excited, little boy? Can't you sit still?

Little boy: Lady, is that any question to ask a gentleman?

IIT
Fleischer: We're coming to a tunnel. Are you afraid?

Sally Jane: Not if you take that cigar out of your mouth.

IIT
Cernauskas Say: A wise man is one who has never let a woman pin anything on him since he was a baby.

IIT
Modern women: "I hope that's a nice book for you to read," said the fond mother to her young daughter.

"Oh yes, mother, it's a lovely book, but I don't think you would like it. It's so sad at the end."

"How is it sad dear?"

"Well, she dies and he has to go back to his wife."

IIT
Doc Richter say that a gacpadine yra toks kur ir tarpe a pona ir a madraca.

IIT
Absent-minded Salesgirl (as date kissed her good-night): Will that be all?

IIT
Wife (heatedly): You're lazy, worthless, bad tempered, shiftless, and a thorough liar.

Sayer (reasonably): Well, my dear, no man is perfect.

IIT
Dafy: Now let's talk about you, dear.

Krone: All right, darling.

Dafy: What does a young man like you see in a girl like me?

IIT
Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, Jack jump over the candle stick,

O.K. You're 1-A.

IIT
Then there was the one about the lamb who jumped off the cliff because he heard Sinatra sing, "There'll Never Be Another Ewe."

IIT
"Milking the cow, Miss?"

"Whatta you think I'm doing, feeling her pulse?"

IIT
Visa ka tu dara kada tu ischeni nekada darik kas- nors ir negeras.

—LARRY VYTAUTAS CERNAUSKAS



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The Navy Ball:

As one who has been a close on-looker of plans for the Navy Ball this May, I would say that your nose for news of this affair must have been directed into the Armour West wind.

Plans for the dance originated in the minds of several navy men who were dissatisfied with the poor affairs arranged by the ASSC. These men reasoned that they were entitled to ITSA backing and therefore applied to Mr. Spaeth, the Institute treasurer, for such. When Mr. Spaeth demanded proof of their sentiment, over 500 A/S made verbal indication that they would try to attend. This show of unity of opinion did not convince the treasurer, however, so the next evening the sailors were asked to sign pledges stating that they were willing to have \$5.00 from their pay, deducted in advance for bids. Three hundred thirty, or 65% of those canvassed, responded.

At this, Mr. Spaeth graciously gave his consent . . . provided the dance go through the usual (ASSC) channels. Two A/S in particular (Robert Andersen and Robert Thoren) had already contacted the agents of major dance bands, the Stevens Hotel management, and others for the preparation of contracts. The benefit of their days of work dropped into the laps of the ASSC—with nary a line of credit from "Tech News." However, since this is, and was intended to be, an all-school dance, civilian students will be welcome.

One could fill the pages of "Tech News" with reasons why the Navy men would not rely on the ASSC and other IIT politicians. They would all reduce to the fact that 40% of the enrollment is not represented proportionately in politics and it is not represented because sailors, disgusted enough with IIT politics, will not vote for the few sad sacks who have time (due to artfully picked courses) for offices. In turn, the potential real BTO's are too scholastically ambitious to run for election. The good Navy politicians are as few as the good civilian ones.

Ray Mead A/S

Sabotage:

Last Wednesday night, while eating supper in the school cafeteria, I was considerably disturbed by a stu-

dent sitting nearby who was telling several friends all he knew about the new B-29 bomber. Without even trying hard to listen, I was able to overhear specific information about (1) armament, including the number and type of guns in the tail turret, and the number of top and belly turrets, and (2) the relative positions of the pilot, co-pilot, navigator, and bombardier.

Such information should not be discussed publicly. The necessity of secrecy about armament may be emphasized by the fact that an amazing number of Jap Zeros were destroyed when tail guns were added to the Flying Fortress—before one plane escaped to run home and tell the other pilots to watch out for these guns. Information about the position of vital crew members can be the basis for interception tactics that can be developed by the enemy even before the new plane goes in battle.

A good many of us are in possession of restricted information, and it is one of our solemn duties to keep mum about it. "Loose talk costs lives" is no empty motto. It is a serious challenge particularly to an egoist who wants to show off all he knows.

All of us, and especially the above mentioned breed should keep our mouths shut.

Robert L. Rose

Navy Hour:

IIT's program is made up so that every Friday at 1:30 there are no classes. This hour is supposed to be devoted to meetings of professional societies, class meetings, etc. However, the Navy has appropriated this hour for its use in assemblies for the V-12 Unit. This means that when class meetings are held, no Navy men will be present. For a school whose policy is supposed to be close cooperation between the Navy and civilian aspects of the school this seems to be a very poor dictum. If the Navy unit must have these assemblies, why can't another hour be chosen? During the last two weeks the navy has held meetings both on Friday afternoon and on Friday evening. While I don't want to tell the Navy what to do, wouldn't it be just as well to hold meetings only on Friday evenings?

Jacob Dumelle



VOISLAV V. MIRKOVICH, a consul in the Yugoslavian General Consulate, is studying in a war training course at Illinois Tech. . . PROFESSOR HARRY McCORMACK was a track and football star during his college days. . . PAUL FLOOD, ME student, has a father and two brothers who are graduates of the south campus. . . RUFUS OLDENBURGER of the mathematics department was an associate of Albert Einstein at Princeton University. . . Funeral services for Philip D. Armour, founder of Armour Institute of Technology, were held in the Armour Mission, now the Student Union building.