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## The Heat's On



Another week and another plot of dirt to wade through. This week the stuff seems to be oozing. We may crush some soft "shoulders" as we go along, but we're sure to dig everything out. There goes the whistle and according to our union pledge we start on time. Soooo—

Here we go on our merry, methodical way. The rigors of IIT at last are telling on A/S Norbert Vojta. That can be the only answer to his latest symptoms of brain fever. Our chief snooper reports that he spends his evenings plotting a "graph" of his romance with a certain Cicero high school lass. This without a doubt is the acme of lovesickness. He is probably charting a course on the sea of romance (excuse the pun). At any rate he certainly is at sea.

While on the subject of the queer exploits of some of the gentry hereabouts, we wonder what underclassmen Larry Krahe and Bill Kerrigan had on their minds last week when they wandered about the campus questioning the secretaries as to their love life. What's the matter boys, looking for a steady?

Orchids to A/S Paul Range of quarters six for the best bit of maneuvering of the week. When Adele and Angeline tried to corner him for the same night, he told Angeline, who had a boat cruise in mind, "I really can't go because I might get sea-sick." That's really pulling one out of the hat when you consider Paul has had sea duty on the Atlantic. Adele is probably more fun in the "pinch" anyway, eh Paul?

We've just told you a story of a chap with too many girl friends so now we'll tell you one about a boy who can't get one. This concerns shy, faint-hearted A/S Tom Gavin. Tom was going great guns with a fem from Milwaukee, but the going got too tough when she got engaged to an ensign. Then he got mixed up with a certain little red head. Alas and alack, she too is engaged. Oh, me, the troubles of some men!

We hear that Tillie, the beauteous switchboard operator of the Alumni Office, is headed California way. Take it easy, Til, don't let those movie moguls set your head spinning.

All the items this week seem to be of the gay Lotharios on the campus with more girl friends than they can handle. The champion of them all however is A/S Bill King who claims fourteen as his very special skating chums. This is indeed hard to believe and certainly can't last. His dream world started to crumble when one of the girls found that she wasn't his one and only. He now has thirteen scalps hanging from his belt and when the others wisen-up—bloody murder!!!

A/S Warren Furst, well known IIT athlete pulled another "fancy Dan" in the game with Chicago U. After going hitless the whole game, Sonny instructed Warren to bunt. "Sluggo" Furst however with an eye on the pretty blond amongst the spectators decided to hit away. So the pitcher pitched, and the batter batted, and the ball started on a long drive—right into the pitcher's hand!!

Sometimes we wonder what makes the so called students around here tick. Take the case of Bob Loomis. Reports from the outlying districts have it that Bob made the acquaintance of a comely miss on the street car the other night. After feeding her a bit of the Loomis gush, he asked if she would like to join him for the evening. Of course she said no. What could any young lady say—after all she did have one date with him already.

Once more we devote a little space to the doings of one of our professors. This time it's Professor Walter Hendricks of the English department. Seems he has the misfortune to continually drop his glasses during lecture. To allay the consternation of his class about the situation he told them that horned rimmed glasses "just don't break." It must have been embarrassing for him to walk into class last Monday with the specs clumsily held together with scotch tape.

A/S "Pete" Peterson, of Quarters 7, has developed a new technique. His procedure is to race to the beach directly after inspection, Saturday, meet some beautiful damsel, and then take said lady out for an evening of festivities. Nice work if you can do it but you have to be a smooth worker, says Peterson.

As a parting shot we wish to call your attention to the simply scrumptious, sexy, shapelessly, sensational figure Chief Fred Godfrey is attaining. As yet his weight is around two hundred but soon he shall be a perfect eight. The secret of his success has at last been discovered by your worthy sleuths. Although he makes some wild claims about the navy P. T. program being responsible, we have discovered that he has been secretly taking Figurine. Really, my dear, it works wonders.

### Election Comments

The ITSA elections were officially completed last Wednesday. The new freshman and sophomore class officers will now be expected to take office and assume their respective duties. We hope they will realize their responsibilities and try to fulfil the duties of their position.

In addition new Honor Board officers were elected. It is hoped that they will add new life to that organization and promote the honor system in the school.

The only mysterious part of the elections was why the 4B class did not participate. Instead of listing their candidates on the regular ITSA ballot they held a private election of their own at a class meeting. Are they so different from the rest of the students that they must be set apart from the rest and use their own procedures in appointing officers?

The 4B's chose a full set of officers which are now supposed to be representatives on the SUBC, the ITSA, and other student organizations. These appointees should not be allowed in the future to act as representatives unless they are elected in the same way as officers or other classes.

In the past many of the duly elected class officers have neglected to fulfil all the duties of their offices. They regarded their position as merely honorary titles and acted accordingly. Each semester one wonders whether or not the new officers will act in the same way.

There are always some officers who have run for office only because they thought that here was an opportunity to get a free title with no work attached to it. There may have been a special temptation to do that now since enrollment is smaller and hence competition is less.

We hope that has not been the real reason why many of the candidates ran for office. We know that was not the reason for some, but we wonder about a few of the others. It is hoped however that all will perform their duties conscientiously and not choose the easy path of doing nothing. If officers are found incompetent later, steps should be taken to remove them from office and replace them with more qualified individuals.

### Walk, Don't Ride

In spite of a ruling to the contrary, Illinois Tech freshmen and sophomores may daily be seen riding the elevator in the Main Building. One reason for the rule is obvious when one observes the small capacity of the elevator. But that is not the only reason for prohibiting freshmen from elevator riding. Long ago the custom was established and now has become an IIT tradition which accompanies the green hats, etc., which freshmen wear in normal times. Every junior and senior who attended IIT when an underclassman is quite familiar with the long trek up to the technical drawing rooms and the gym, so freshmen need not feel they are being imposed upon. Perhaps the Junior Marshalls should adopt an extensive program of the rule.

### Man Of The Week

## 'Bob' Kasnicka Elected to ITSA And Honor Board by Senior Class

His recent election to the Honor Board and to the ITSA as the 4B representative, warrants Robert (Bob) Kasnicka as "Man of the Week".

Although he is active in many fields of student endeavor, athletics is his predominating interest. This is reflected in the fact that he is a member of Honor I, the honorary athletic fraternity of IIT.

His initiation to Honor I last semester followed the most successful season any basketball team at Illinois Tech ever had. Because of Bob's efforts as an integral part of this team, he was awarded a major letter.

Another accomplishment is his election to the office of secretary of Triangle, his social fraternity. In this social field he was appointed last semester by the Interfraternity Council to be athletic

manager. With the aid of his pitching prowess, Triangle was able to win the interfraternity baseball championship last season.

The honorary social fraternity, B ON, has found in him a valuable asset to their course.

Upon his entering IIT as a cooperative student in September of 1942, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was the first organization of the school to claim him as a member.

He can be seen often on the various parts of the campus in the company of Miss Nancy Callahan, secretary in the War Training office. This two-some has all the makings of a lasting friendship.

—A/S TOM KILGARIFF



## ... Techman Talking

By H. C. SPENCER, Chairman of the TD Department

"Why did you come to IIT?" was propounded to me by the interested student Technewshawk Bob Negele the other day. While this question certainly has an answer, and a good one too, I think it is a perplexing question to try to answer, offhand.

Previous to my coming to Chicago, I had taught for eleven years at Texas A and M College, and they were pleasant years indeed. I left the Department of Engineering Drawing where I had a staff of sixteen full-time teachers and a student enrollment which was the largest in the country. We had relatively pleasant school quarters, many friends, and our own home in a beautiful community. Some of our friends told us we were making a mistake to leave such an environment and come to the smoky, cold-blooded big city of Chicago.

Nevertheless, eleven years is a long time to work in one place, and I felt the need for the stimulation that can come from new contacts in an organization which is "going somewhere".

When President Heald and Dean Grinter approached me on the matter of coming back to Chicago (I worked here as a draftsman twenty years ago) I seriously considered the advantage of IIT. Briefly, I came to IIT because I felt that it was a progressive institute with a splendid future in technical education. Its leadership was young, progressive, and receptive to new ideas. I was told that the IIT Board of Trustees was unique among technical schools in that it was composed wholly of important leaders of industry and that its aims were to make IIT the outstanding engineering school in the United States. It seemed so apparent that this type of leadership would produce results that I decided that I should like to be associated with such an enterprise.

I learned that IIT wanted the latest ideas in technical drawing and was willing to pay for them and for their development—in short that I would be entirely free to apply new techniques and methods in training young engineers in the language of their profession—technical drawing.

Although the war has interrupted many of the developments which have been planned for IIT—chiefly our magnificent building program—much progress has been made during the last few years. In many ways, IIT is today the outstanding school of its kind in the country, and I have not the slightest doubt that its real development has just begun.

