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Start Right In

A new class of freshmen has started to gear itself to the work and worries of IIT life. A sincere welcome is given to these men and we hope they will find Illinois Tech living up to their expectations.

Because of the war and the fact that many freshmen are veterans, an admonition to work would probably be superfluous. It is hoped particularly that the freshmen will take an active part in school life from the very outset. Some new students may feel that they ought to bide their time and get into things later. Such a student will probably be saying the same thing to himself the semester before graduation.

One of the best ways to get acquainted with fellow students is through various school activities. After the first two school years classroom contacts with many students will be lost.

It is possible to attend school without being part of it, and the new students who keep their noses in a textbook will find they have missed the best part.

There is no lack of opportunity for an interested student. *Technology News* and the bulletin board will suggest activities.

The ITSA elections will be held soon and class offices will be open. The new students should know that poor officers will likely mean a deficient social calendar.

See and Select

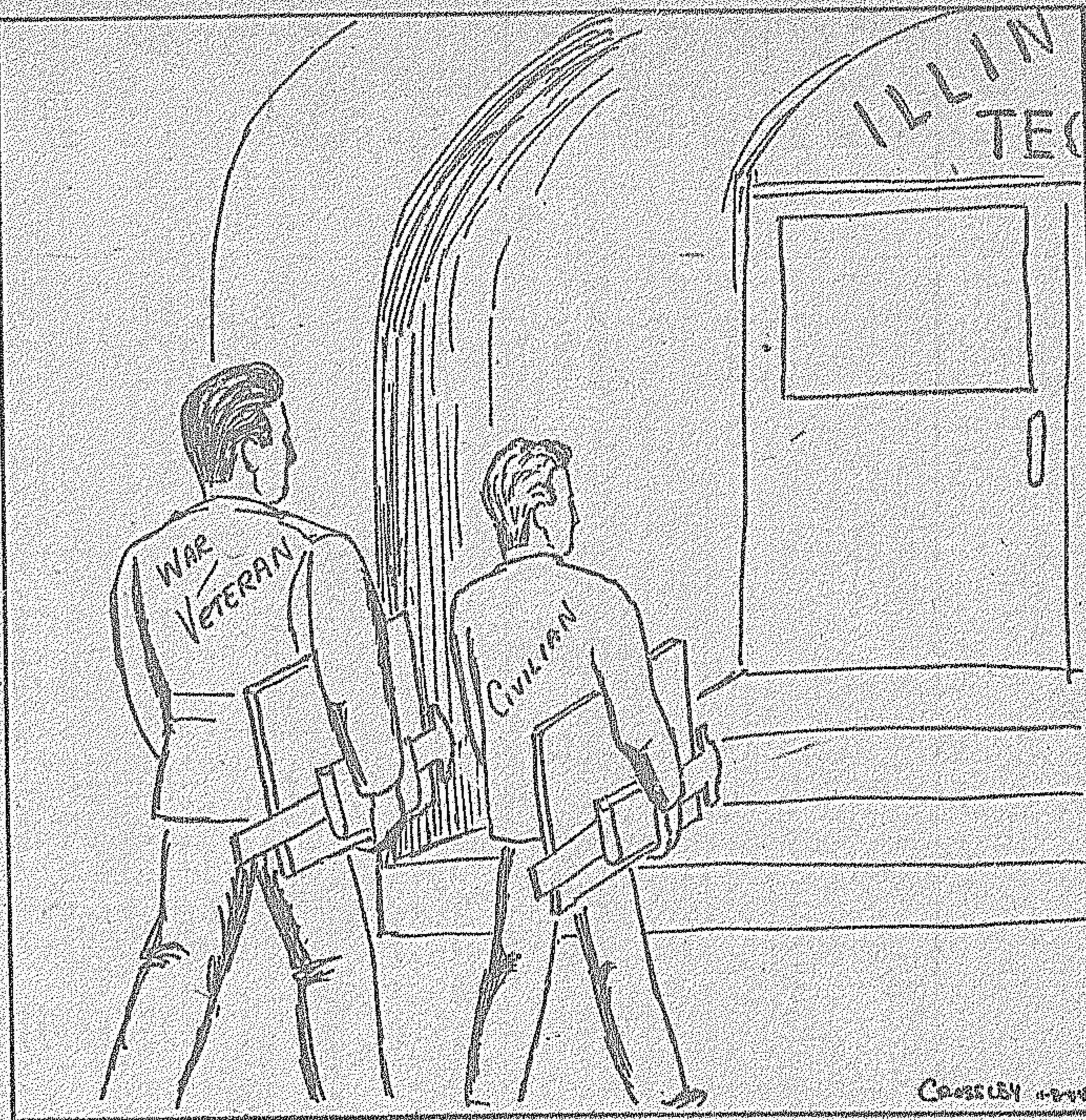
The ITSA elections will be starting this week, so now all students should start thinking of what men are the best candidates for the various offices. For the convenience of the student body, the old practice of general class assemblies before each election will again be instituted. At these meetings the candidates for the class positions will be introduced, and each will be given an opportunity to state what his policies will be if elected.

These assemblies are a very good thing to have. They will eliminate many of the complaints which have been heard at recent elections. First of all, the students will no longer be able to say that they don't know anything about the persons they are voting for. Secondly, they will have an opportunity to hear what can be expected of those duly elected. Furthermore, after making campaign promises, the men will feel more obliged to abide with them if selected for office.

In the past, many were elected merely because they could gather together more friends than anyone else could. They never promised what they would do if elected; and after election many of them didn't show much interest in their office except that they had more titles to brag about.

But all of these plans will net nothing unless the whole student body attends the assemblies. If they stay away, like they usually do, the class meetings will have served no purpose. So attend the assemblies, select the candidates on their relative merits, and then be sure to go to the polls on voting day.

Freshmen - Welcome



Man Of The Week—

Misch Is Journalism Honorary Head and Long-time Newsman

Three years as a member of the *Technology News* staff and as an active student at Illinois Tech both in his extra-curricular activities and in his studies, have earned Misch the position of "Man of the Week."

Misch, a senior chemistry major, came to Illinois Tech in the fall of 1942 and almost immediately joined the newspaper staff. Since that time he has held the positions of reporter, headline and rewrite editor, assignment editor, and now the task of business manager. Bob has served in the latter capacity since last July.

In recognition of his work with *Technology News* Bob was selected to the ranks of Pi Delta Epsilon, national collegiate journalism fraternity, last spring. He is now president of this organization.

Professional interests have drawn Misch into Alpha Chi Sigma, national professional chemical fraternity. He has been elected reporter of the IIT chapter. His duties consist of pe-

riodically making long reports to the national office. Other activities which Bob has participated in during his career at Illinois Tech include the Rifle Club, Radio Club, and the SCMP.

However, not all of Misch's time is devoted to studying chemistry or participating in extra-curricular functions. Building model airplanes and photography draw his attention. Bob also gets a great deal of enjoyment as an amateur astronomer and as a student of languages. He has studied German here, and is one of the three students to complete the three Russian courses offered at IIT.

As to the future, after graduation in July Bob plans to continue his studies either at IIT or elsewhere. He will strive for a doctorship in chemistry and will probably devote a great deal of effort to work in metallurgy, a subject in which he is greatly interested.



... Techman Talking

By JOHN C. PENN, Professor of Civil Engineering

Since my graduation from IIT in 1905 I have seen it emerge from an academy into the light as a college of engineering and have participated in its development. As an officer of administration I have helped to develop the Institute from a college without endowment, supported by yearly gifts, into an institution that has all the possibilities for a brilliant future. With pride I think back to the day when I approved the appointment of H. T. Heald as instructor in civil engineering and later succeeded in having him appointed as my assistant.

There was a time when our enrollment was limited and the office could pick and choose its students. We soon found out that high school grades were poor criteria, that the standing of the high school, taken into consideration with the grades, and high school activities were better. We also discovered that it was more difficult to reject than to accept. Aptitude tests, mathematics tests seem to have something, just what I do not know. I would like to see tests developed that would measure a boy's laziness, his determination, and his ability to study. I am not referring to the natural, innate laziness of an adolescent. That does not matter; he will get over that. I am interested in the boy who is wise enough to know that it is smarter to do a set task at once than to work hard to find some way to dodge the labor of the task. I would like to have students who must take engineering; I am less interested in those who choose engineering because in the competition for the gain of riches engineering offers the best choice. A lad who has slid through high school with good grades received, but not earned, on the basis of good looks and fine athletic or musical ability and who has not learned to study is a poor risk for a college that can choose its freshmen.

A final thing that concerns me is the development of technicians (as opposed to engineers) by colleges of engineering and the insistence of industry that we train engineers when the industries really need technicians.



As we hang out the shingle for the new semester we find the Shovel has been overhauled, equipped with chromium cylinders and a new operator has been installed at the controls, (a small time one at that.) As we all know from general experience, the work to be done is sad but true. Lead a gay life fellas, we'll get to you. Here's hoping we can drag your name through the slush in the near future. If we can do as good a job as our worthy predecessor, "Monk" Michalek, our efforts will not have been in vain.

For a short space of time the shovel was balancing precariously on the edge of a cliff. Our final attempt resulted in catastrophe and next week we will endeavor to glue the parts together and sift the soil.

Jim Waber, graduate student and wolf extraordinary, was seen walking back and forth of Room 106 Chapin trying to muster up enough courage to talk to the new secretary. It seems as how Jim was attempting to arrange a meeting between petite Mary Ellen and a pal of Jim's from the Research Foundation. How many times were you bodily evicted from the office, Jim?

Tom "Lover" Kilgariff, the shy, retiring heart-throb of many a south side damsel, was left waiting at the post the night of the Phinal Phling by his glamorous gal from Delavan. Tom who is now a confirmed bachelor, had made arrangements to entertain his fair maiden over the weekend but when Saturday night rolled around, he was seen drowning his sorrows alone. It sure is a rugged life Tom, and my advice to you is to see your chaplin.

Larry Cernauskas, who recently graduated from the hallowed halls of IIT, is our nomination for "man of the week." He eagerly purchased a chemical engineering text the day following the last meeting of the class for which it was used. Could it have been that Larry wanted to have something to read in his spare time?

The new contender for the title "Sweater girl of IIT" is Alice Lewis, ex lady Marine. The reason why some of the jokers on this campus look so undernourished is because they just can't concentrate on anything else when she "walks" into the cafeteria. Howard Johnson, please take notice.

IIT's reputation has become city wide. Quarters #7 received a phone call from one of the local lassies inquiring for a fictitious sailor in order to make conversation. Hurrying to the phone was A/S Ivan "Goober" Goldberg, who proceeded to describe in details, the "delightful time" they would have together the following Saturday night. This lass wanted a good time, but "Goober" must have frightened her, so consequently nothing further was heard from the fair maiden. The moral of the story is "Evasiveness pays in many ways."

The following is an excerpt from the conclusion to a lab report by Edward Schaschl, now a senior chemical, who turned it in during the final days of last semester. The experiment was determining reaction rates for a clock reaction. "Clock reactions are useful in timing, for displays, and for studying reaction rates. The latter of the three being the least useful since not very much is gained from an experiment such as this."

A/S Dick Papps, Quarters #2, has been trying to assume the title of "a wolf in ship's clothing." He recently made three dates for one Saturday evening. Everything was working fine for the boy. He had called off two of the dates at the last minute, had just finished a wonderful evening with the light of his life and was returning home when lo and behold, he ran into one of the unfortunate misses. Members of IIT who feel the urge to correct this grave injustice can call Sag. 4856, ask for Margaret and apologize for Dick's impoliteness.

"There's nothing as beautiful as love," claims A/S Paul (PP) Martin who, after every liberty raves about his one-and-only, June. The truth of the matter is that our hero has gone with the gal for four months and loves her from a distance, for he has never kissed her. Paul thinks of her night and day, especially night, as he always moans her name in his sleep.

A/S Allan Grant, our old lover boy of the gay, young damsels, has taken to his old habits upon returning to IIT. Seems as tho he had a date with one of the "sharpies" of old Chi., and spent a relatively quiet evening. Next morning an alumnus of ours, Mort Paul, called Allan and asked the specific occurrences of the previous night. Allan, innocent as a new born babe, disclosed very novel, fictitious happenings. Little did he know his luscious thrush was also on the line. Poor Allan! Sad Allan!!! Why does he insist on building up those fervent stories? Let it be a lesson to the rest. If you don't get in trouble one way, you will get it from us.