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A Dollar's Worth

The ITSA is now opening a campaign to invite all south campus navy students to pay a \$1.00 ITSA fee. This would be used to help support the class social functions for this semester.

V-12 students should take careful note that this drive is not like the similar ones which the ITSA has held in the past. Those others requested the navy students to pay a large fee for many things which were to be given to them anyway. The students also thought that it was not proper for them to put out their money for things such as sports, which were included in the amount to be paid. Those situations no longer exist.

This new fee is a streamlined affair, suited to the pocketbook of the V-12 man. Not only is it reasonably small, but it also will be used to give the men the entertainment which they will appreciate.

This plan was instituted because the civilian fees collected would not provide enough revenue for a suitable social program for the semester. Furthermore, the ITSA felt that the civilians should not pay for the navy students' social activities. We think that that is the most fair means of dealing with the problem; after all, this will make possible more social activities for the whole school, not just the civilians.

Junior Spirit

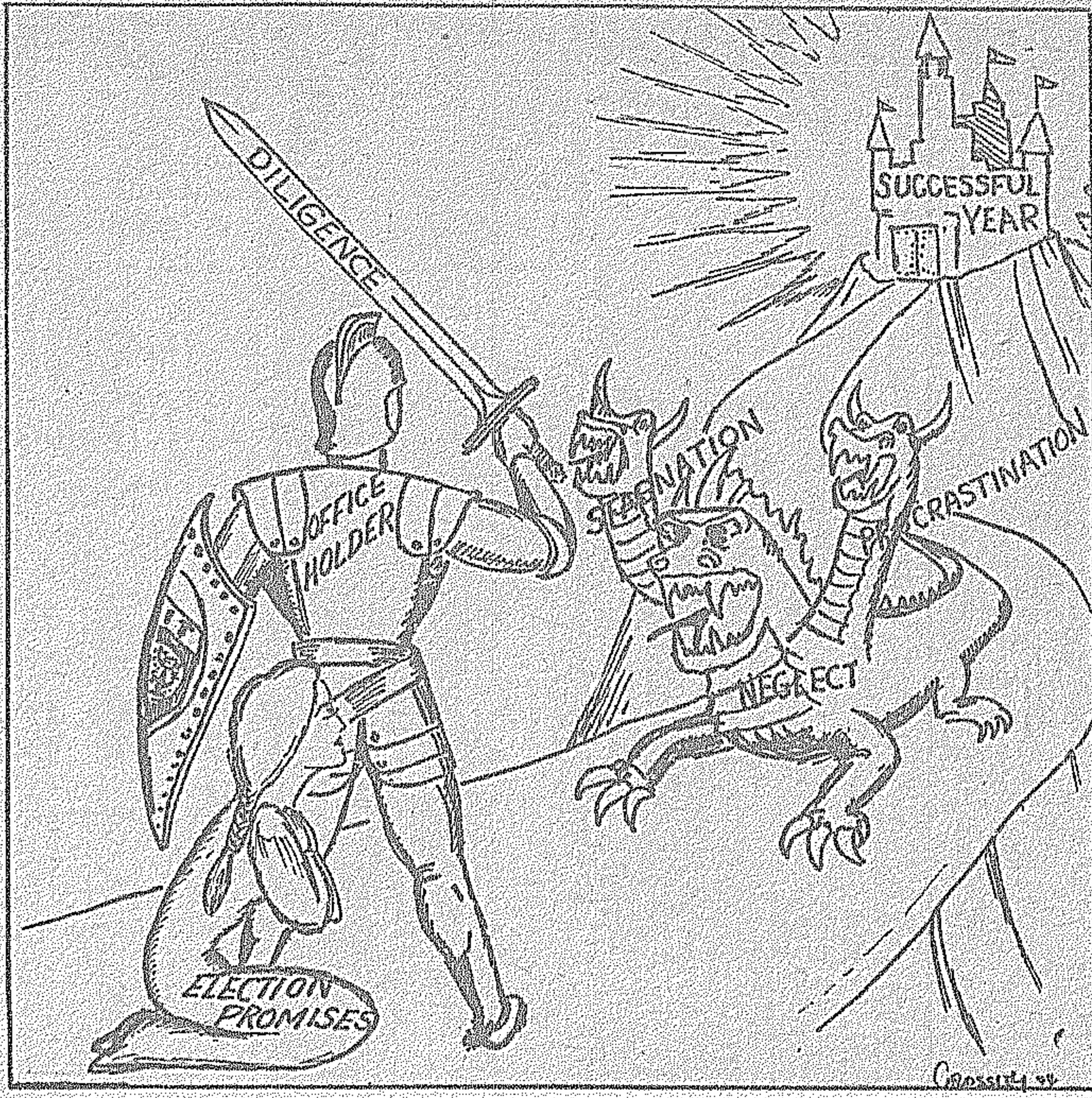
The new junior class officers are to be congratulated for the splendid way in which they have begun making plans for their social program. Immediately after their election they began organizing the Holi-Hop, an all school dance.

This group should serve as an example to underclassmen as what is expected of an efficient class officer group. Under the guidance of A/S John Enander, the juniors appear to be having a resurgence of student enthusiasm. In this, they are following the example of the present senior class also very active in their junior year.

This, perhaps, is an indication of the new trend which is hoped for now that the class treasuries will be given money to spend. They will now have the proper incentive to plan such activities, knowing that there is now a monetary backing for their planned endeavors.

The new sophomore and freshman classes should become instilled with the same spirit that the juniors now have. They also must now take advantage of the opportunity for new social functions. The sophomore class complained last term about how they had no money to spend. Now, however, with the new appropriation, they no longer have any excuse for such a lack. We look forward to seeing these underclass groups to follow the lead of the juniors.

Get the Maiden to Safety



Man Of The Week—

Tom Ruck Elected to Class Presidency for Fourth Time

His election as president of his class for the fourth consecutive time has won Tom "Truck" Ruck the title of "The Great Dictator" and the distinction of being this week's Man of the Week.

Now a senior mechanical, Tom was first chosen president of his class when a freshman co-op student in 1942. Since that time his Illinois Tech career has been remarkable for its activity. Under "Truck's" guiding hand the now senior class has far surpassed all others for its spirit and united effort.

However, Tom has not restricted his extra-curricular activities to class functions alone, for a total of eight other activities have received or are now receiving his attention.

In the field of sports Tom's activities have been quite versatile. Last year he won a minor award for his work with the wrestling team. A total of four intramural awards have been presented Ruck, who played with the Mech teams in his sophomore and junior years. While a sophomore, he participated in softball, football, and track, and in softball while a junior.

A firm believer in the values of the social fraternity, Tom is now president of Pi Kappa Phi. Since he pledged the organization as a freshman, Tom has held the position of secretary, historian, and rushing chairman. To Tom social life is a very "important part of an individual's education". In regard to women he apparently believes that

"there is safety in numbers" for he goes with many different ones but (he says) no one in particular.

Other past and present activities of "Truck" include the Interfraternity Council of which he is now the acting chairman, the ASSC, the Student War Council, the ASME, and the Freshmen Advisors. A part scholarship for his excellence in the field of extra-curricular activity as well as his competence in scholarship was awarded him by the Alfred Eustice Trust Fund.

Until this term Ruck has paid for almost all his own expenses, working as a student assistant in the visual education department and in the Student Union along with various other part time jobs.

After graduation next summer, Ruck plans to get into work involving engineering personnel, possibly branching into sales. In any event his future work, says Ruck, will deal with people. In the meantime Tom continues about his goal of making the school more public minded, a task at which he has had more than a little success.

A/S RAY OLSON

... Techman Talking

by DR. JESSE E. HOBSON, director of the Armour Research Foundation
Although my close association with the Department of Electrical Engineering at Illinois Tech necessarily terminated November 15 when I accepted responsibilities in the Armour Research Foundation, I am glad that the change did not require my leaving the campus. I came to Illinois Tech in 1941, three very short years ago as they appear now. I am increasingly convinced of the opportunities here for a first-ranking scientific, educational, and research institution closely associated with industry.



The war came at a time when IIT was going through a critical period of development and expansion. It is certainly to the credit of the administration, staff, and student body that we have been able to assume large responsibilities in the war effort and at the same time continue much of the long-range development begun shortly before the war. Students deserve a great deal of credit for the institution's war service, particularly because they have been patient with crowded conditions, upset schedules, and frequently undesirable working conditions.

My work in the three years as Director of the Electrical Engineering Department has been pleasant, principally because of the loyalty of the electrical engineering staff members and their willingness to make the necessary extra efforts, beyond normal duties, so necessary for progress. The staff saw many of the opportunities presented for war service and for development of the department and was willing to assume responsibility, do the extra work required, and give extra time. Satisfaction has come from being able to observe definite progress each year in building the department we would like to see at IIT. Certainly, the job is by no means done, for many improvements in curriculum, quality of teaching, facilities, staff personnel, and services are yet to be made. I personally regret that

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The old shovel, its parts worn by so many years of constant dirt shifting is about to start operating once more. Due to the unfortunate fact that we were forced to fire Snaffu as a result of union orders, we were left rather short-handed. We have advertised for help but as yet no one has heeded our call. We are going to attempt to dig deeply into the goings on about the campus irrespective of whom it hurts. Without further adieu, the motor is cranked and off we go.

Undoubtedly you fellows have wondered why A/S John Saunders has had that far away look in his eye for the past few days. It was not brought about by an attack of amnesia or as a result of a fall down the stairs, but because of the fact that the "La Grange Lothrio" is once more head over heels in love. Reliable sources report that his latest shining star sighs "Oh Johnny" as she carefully counts the minutes, hours, and days till she can see him once more. As long as you know that she's waiting patiently, Jack, come down to earth.

Latest reports have it that "Long John" Sachs is having a wonderful time at camp in Florida except for one thing. There aren't enough "26" girls to go around. This sure is a tough world, John, but Bob Spitzig has been around a bit and maybe he has a few addresses for that part of the country. He would be only too happy to give them to you. To those of you who haven't met our Bob, he is IIT's contribution for the "Man About Town" title. What did you say about Lipp's Lower Level, Bob?

Waiting patiently in his merry Oldsmobile, Sol Yanoff can still be seen almost every afternoon, in front of Hyde Park high school. Unbelievable at is may seem, he has a passion for girls. Sol, as you may well remember, keeps a blanket in the back seat of his car in case of emergency. Now we know that he doesn't use it just to keep himself warm. He doesn't go for older girls, but likes to prey on the uninitiated. He claims that they are young and innocent and therefore are not able to corrupt his morals.

If anyone knows of something that A/S Leslie Gunner could take so that he can concentrate on his studies, please let him know. It seems that the large double picture that stands on his desk, can be seen more often on the desk of A/S Ed Bell. Our knight in shining armour made the following agreement with Ed: If he becomes too involved in a problem and requires Ed's assistance in its solution, then as an award, Ed is the sole proprietor of the picture for the following day.

The uppermost question on our mind at the moment is, "What does Henry Pype have on the ball?" Peeking around a corner, we saw him conversing with some secretaries in the business office last week, and how they seemed to enjoy it. Can it be that the girls go for his shy, retiring manner? He insists that he goes home and sleeps after school, but we wonder! He doesn't seem to be set back by the fact that a girl friend of his recently left for a convent. Whatever he has must certainly be working in both ways.

Yes fellows, Jerry Snyder has a girl friend by the name of Minerva. She keeps house for him while his mother is out of town. She is a wonderful cook and companion and sometimes helps him with his homework. "Big Boy", as he is ardently called by his girl, just necessarily has to have someone to sooth and calm his fears when he is left all alone. You see, his mother sometimes goes away for a day at a time and he gets terribly lonesome. The girl, oh yes, I neglected to mention that she is a gay young divorcee and what takes place on their rendezvous is not open to the press.

The new light in the lift of C. Howard Johnson is a cousin of Bill Ludwig, soph IE. A smooth operator if there ever was one, Howard asked to have an introduction. The only way it could be arranged was for them to go on a blind date. He is now convinced that this is the "real thing" for him as he can now keep a record of where she goes and what she does via Bill. That's conspiracy if I've ever seen it.

A/S John Marshall Graham III, of quarters 3, hasn't been out with a girl since his junior year in high school, the reason being that he never could find a way to take care of his 20 inch slide rule. J.M.G. III is so attached to the "slipstick" that he sleeps with it under his pillow at night and is contemplating to strap it to his ankle in order that it wouldn't injure pedestrians as he walks down the street.

If we have brought a little misery into your lives as a result of this article, we feel more than gratified for our efforts.

The boiler just sprang a leak and thus we can't get up enough steam to continue. We hope to have more juicy items for you next week and that your name will appear in the not too distant future.

—BOSCO