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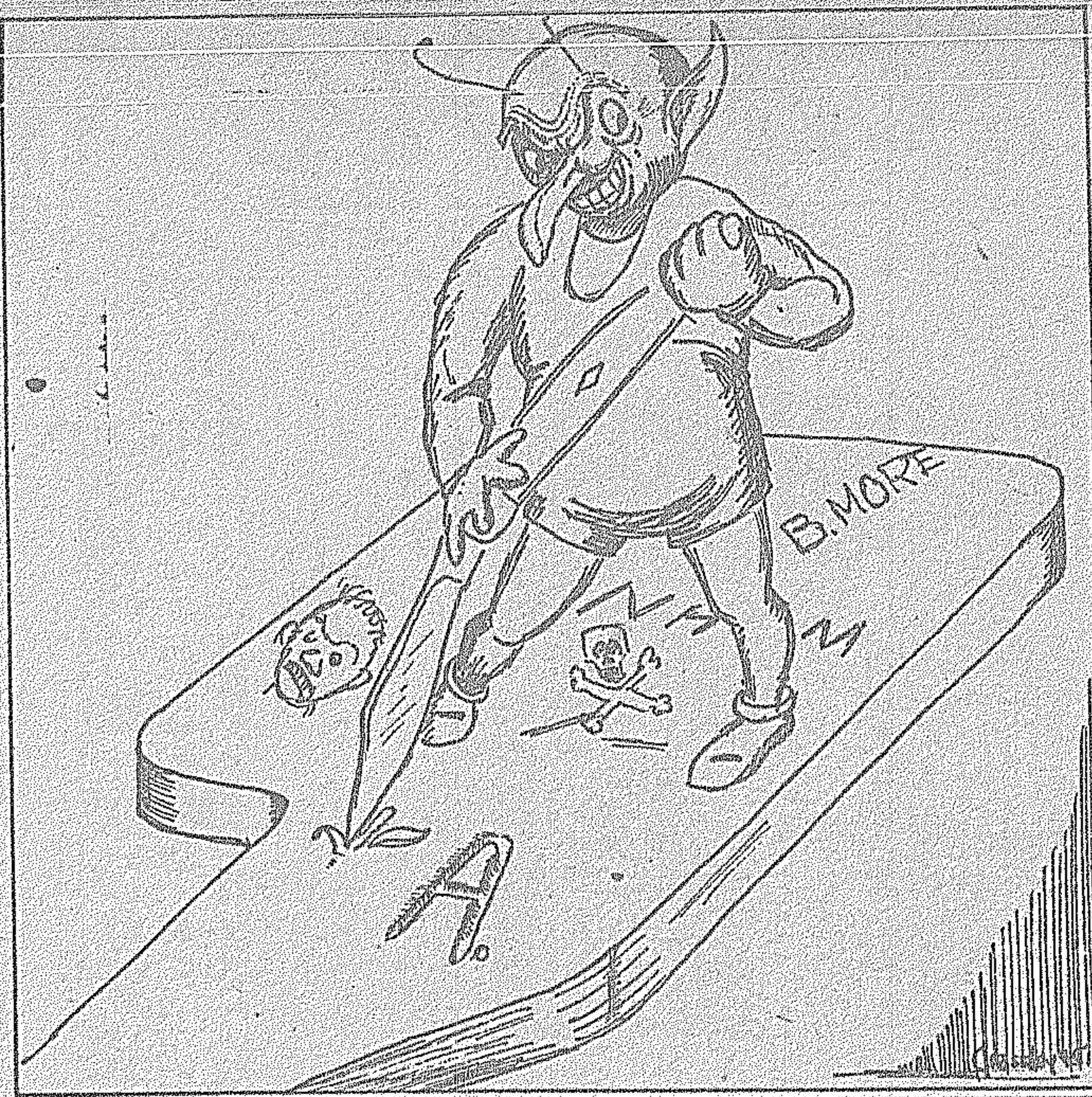
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The sun has been shining brightly for the last few days and by now the top soil has become a bit slushy. The word "slush" is our cue to get the shovel off to a flying start. The shovel has been overhauled and something new has been added: jet propulsion. Everything is in readiness, so once more we attempt to delve into the muck and mire on the campus.

Let it be known that Charles Atlas was not visiting our great campus last week. That short gentleman with the bulging biceps is really our own Dr. John Mangold of the mechanics department. Last week a Cadillac became stalled in front of Chapin Hall and the driver became very frustrated when he was unable to get his auto moving, owing to the fact that the icy pavement made his wheels slip. Several of our strong navy boys pushed and pushed to no avail. However, at that moment our "mighty mite", Dr. Mangold, happened upon the scene and with one gentle shove the car and driver were on their merry way. This only goes to prove, my little readers, that teachers may have brawn and at the same time be real instructors.

This week's "Dangling Gooseberry" goes to none other than that research casanova, Dick Lund. Dick was persuaded to accompany his friend and colleague Bill Bloudek. Why shouldn't everything be in readiness for this great event? Dick had his "one and only" June Cox, and after the appointed hour arrived it was found that Bill's gal had stood him up, and rather than disappoint a friend, Bill came dateless. After a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all concerned, Dick proceeded to drive June to her home. Accompanied by his bosom pal Bill, Dick refused to act ungentlemanly and did not so much as smooch with her all evening. Arriving at June's home, Bill suddenly remembered that June had some of his physics reports, and he told Dick that he could kill two birds with one stone by escorting June into her home and collecting his reports while Dick would remain in his car. Anything for a friend, you know! After close to an hour inside, Bill returned to the car besmeared with that familiar red paint most women possess, and meekly stated, "Those physics reports sure were hard to find."

Our super snoops have discovered that a very delectable dish known only as "Putzie" spent several nights in Allan Lerner's apartment. This happy pair were first seen together at the freshman hayride where they appeared to be "up in the clouds". When asked about his friend, Allan steadfastly claimed that she was a third cousin. However, we have every reason to doubt his veracity in this matter.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all at the recent Junior sleigh ride. The only complaint uttered was that no one knew just what kind of a girl Don Frish was with. The reason being that Don's face was in front of her's so often, that they were unable to see how she looked. You'll have to mend your ways before the next affair, Don, or bring a different girl!

There threatens to be quite a fight between two of the local boys on the Armour campus, which can only be averted if attractive Deloris Johnson of the business office decides just which of these chivalrous gentlemen it shall be. Bob Spitzig asked Deloris to accompany him to the Pi Kap pledge dance last Saturday. Deloris had to refuse his invitation because she had already accepted Howard Johnson's bid. Full of the old never say die spirit, Bob asked her to the Snow Ball and Deloris again politely refused him for the very same reason. Deloris is a very popular girl, Bob, so you'll just have to wait your turn. Things are tough all over, so don't let it get you down.

Another eternal triangle which is extremely far from being equilateral is that composed of Lillian Seges, Dick Petersen and Trent Knepper. Trent apparently had the inside track but Dick is still in there pitching as evidenced by his asking Lillian to the "Snow Ball." She refused because of a previous date with Trent. Trent threatened that if he wasn't given a higher priority rating by Lillian, he would ask Cecile Ecker, whom he met at the recent Holi-Hop, to the coming dance. It seems that Trent and Cecile have become quite fond of each other, because they have been spending more and more time together. Be mighty careful, girls, as Trent has quite a reputation as a heartbreaker.

We have decided that jet propulsion definitely is not to be used on steam shovels. Have fun, fellows, and we'll get to you, jet propulsion or not.

—THE AOD

Exercise at IIT

Considerable agitation has been present recently on the campus concerning exercise and athletics. The feeling seems quite strong and the complaint increasingly pressing that there is a lack of opportunity for proper physical exercise.

The men who have returned from the service feel that they should be able to stay in good condition. The new freshmen notice the absence of gymnasium work which they had in their high school days.

It is an indisputable fact that regular exercise is conducive to better academic work. Now things have come to a state where civilians get no chance to participate in sports or have any physical training unless they go out for a varsity team or play in intramurals. This is not sufficient to satisfy the wants and needs of the majority.

Very probably, the reason for this would be given as the lack of facilities. Of course this is very true, but at the same time better use might be made of "goods on hand".

For a school like IIT it is a disgrace that they lack the proper plant for physical training. John J. Schommer has been plugging away with all his efforts to try to improve the situation.

Facilities should be provided for students to exercise and learn new sports. It is particularly important that engineers learn sports which they will be able to participate in in later life. This is because engineering work requires little physical exertion. So the engineer should be taught how to keep himself fit.

Honor Board Succeeds

The honor system here at Illinois Tech again is on the upgrade after seeming to have passed its low ebb. Under Chairman A/S Bob Negele the "get tough" policy of the board seems to be having some affect toward discouraging illicit co-operation.

To be sure, there is still a great deal of cheating going on. However, cheating seems to be diminishing as time goes by. The reasons for the cheating that continues to occur are the same as ever—the student feels disinclined to report even the habitual cheater. Navy men are pressed for grades in order to escape restriction and failure to Great Lakes, and then there are students who will cheat regardless of conditions.

There is one new policy of the Honor Board which has caused comment in student circles. This concerns its plan of making the records available to the presidents of the honorary fraternities. The idea is excellent PROVIDED the secrecy of those convicted can be maintained.

It has always been the Board's policy to protect first offenders since even the best of men may be tempted if enough is at stake. This policy should be continued.

Man Of The Week

A/S Bob Thurston Ranks High In Scholarship and Activities

Scholarship and extra curricular activities put A/S Robert Thurston, senior in mechanical engineering, into the spotlight this week.

Besides having a 2.68 scholastic average, Bob holds the presidency of the student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Pi Tau Sigma, national mechanical engineering honorary.

Thurston hails from Ohio, where he graduated from Brown Township High of Kilbourne, Ohio, as co-valedictorian. During his high school days Bob earned a major letter in basketball and participated in track and various musical organizations. Immediately after graduation in May, 1942, Bob entered Ohio Wesleyan University, where he majored in general engineering subjects, thinking later to transfer to some engineering school.

During his three terms at Ohio Wesleyan, Thurston was pledged to Kappa Sigma, national social fraternity. He won a major letter in track for his achievement of losing only two of his half-mile runs. Besides all this activity, he found time to work as railway ticket agent and chemistry stock room helper. But this isn't all. Bob participated in the Glee Club and band.

In the first part of 1943, Thurston

enlisted in the Navy V-1 program and reported to Illinois Tech with the first group of V-12 men in June of that year.

When Bob graduates from IIT in June, he will have left an outstanding record. Not to mention his impressive scholastic record, Bob is now president of ASME and Pi Tau Sigma, corresponding secretary of Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honorary, and a member of the band and Glee Club.

Thurston plays a mean tuba in the Navy Band and sings bass in the Glee Club. He holds a minor letter in track.

As for his future plans, they are pretty well defined. After graduation in June he will be transferred to a reserve midshipmen's school where, after an intensive four month course, he will be commissioned as an ensign. When the war is over Bob plans to get some practical experience in his field and then return to school to obtain a higher degree and maybe to become an instructor.

Bob's hobby, reading, has been curtailed because of his school work. He enjoys all outdoor sports such as swimming and ice-skating.

He says he likes almost every kind of food, even navy chow, sometimes.

—A/S ALAN GRANT

... Techman Talking

by SAMUEL F. BIBB, Associate Professor of Mathematics

One score and minus one years ago I found myself on the campus of Armour Institute of Technology for the first time. Yes, I too had that blind date feeling that each one of you surely must have experienced when first you saw our campus. Just as you now have your doubts and hopes so did I as I began my duties as Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Even as I have not a single regret as to the school of my choice, but a deep feeling of appreciation for all of the opportunities that have come my way, so you will learn to care and care some more for all that your college and associations may change you into.

During these almost twenty years at the Institute hope has never deserted me, for at different times, in the mind of the dreamer at least, I have taught on two new and beautiful school sites in wonderful buildings. Now the third expansion program thrills me with all that it promises and I know that this time those in whom we place our faith will not fail us.

Some four terms passed I was fortunate enough to be transferred to the Lewis campus. This new adventure is proving to be one of the happiest chapters of my whole life. Let it be said that my greatest desire is to see Lewis and Armour grow closer and closer together so that in the quickest possible time they shall absorb one another. When this union shall have been completed and all of us stand united on our very own campus, surrounded by the many new buildings that are certain to be there I shall take myself aside and down to dream some more. Putting it all in that proverbial nut shell—Illinois Tech, I love you.

