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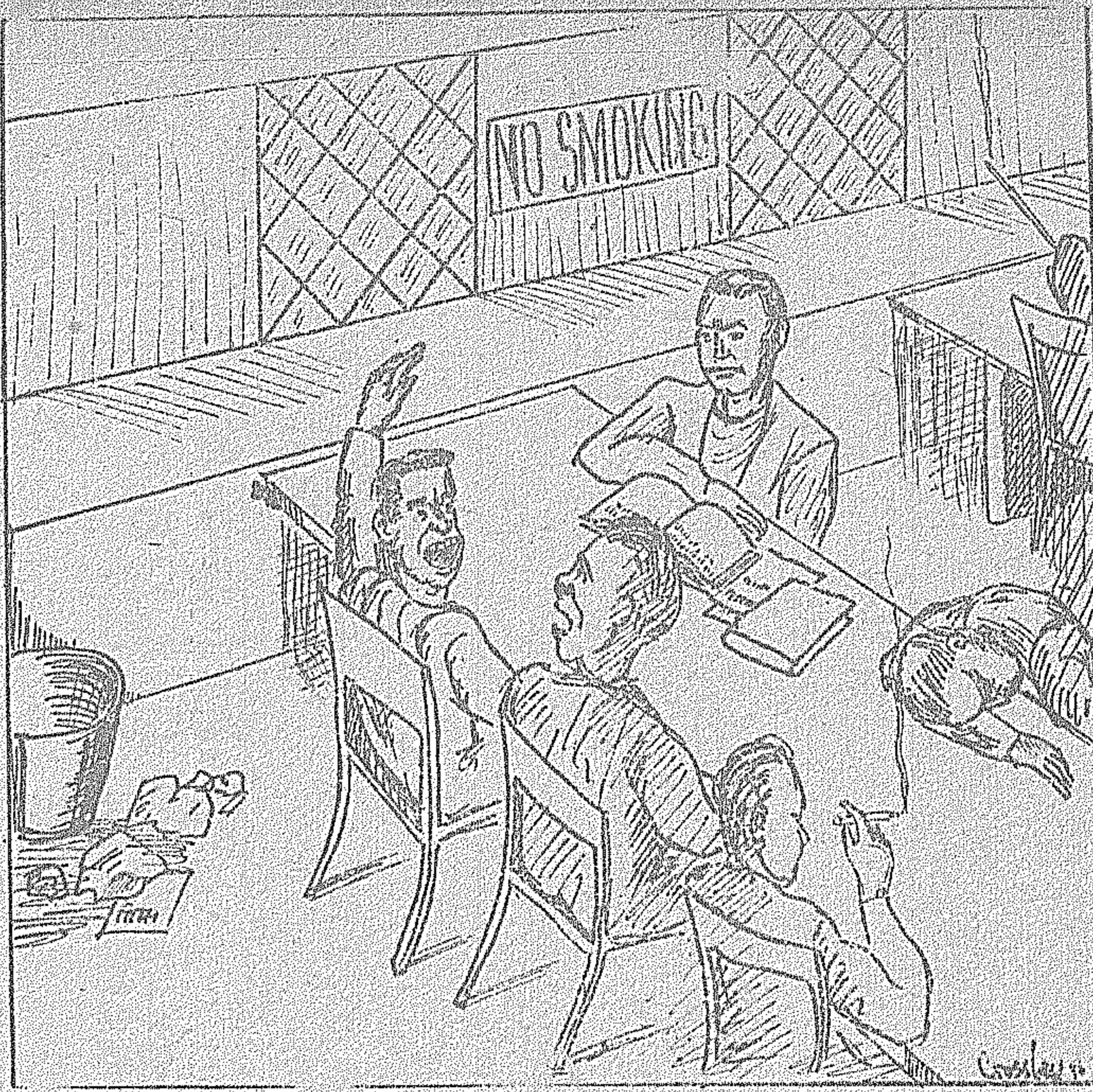
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Men at Work?



Immediately following the Snow Ball, we obtained permission from the La Salle Hotel manager to take the shovel up to the Grand Ballroom to see just what could be uncovered in the line of grime and soot. It was quite a task to take it all the way up to the 19th floor, as the elevators were a bit crowded as it was. We contemplated dismantling the shovel on La Salle Street and then re-assembling it on the dance floor but this would be extremely tedious. We solved the problem by using sky hooks, and by means of pulleys raised the shovel to the uppermost floor and swung it to the middle of the building. While it was still suspended, the ropes were cut and the shovel descended on its merry way (freely falling body $S = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$) and came to rest on the 19th floor. There and then I hopped into the driver's seat and off we went!

It has been our practice to delve into the shortcomings of one of our fair secretaries. As this time is no exception we bring you this week's glamorous gal, Ruthie Werner. A/S J. Wright and Ruthie were seen looking starry eyed at one another at the recent fling. Reports which are very reliable have it that Jack is extremely worried at the news that Ruth is about to be transferred to a downtown office. This will call to an abrupt halt their frequent rendezvous at Lewis where they were seen in romantic embraces. Jack explains that he falls asleep with his arm on the back of the couch and when he awakens who should be sitting there but Ruthie. Enough said!

Two of the local boys were observed at the dance engaged in a bitter battle, not fisticuffs, but a fight to outlast one another in that old familiar game of jug-a-bug which was so popular at IIT not so long ago. Len dejectedly threw in the towel after the first 5 rounds but Bill just kept right on going as he felt plenty fine, as any fool could plainly see. After downing 8 rum and cokes, Bill was ready to set the world on fire, but along came his ever lovin' Edna and led our "victor" past the Arche de Triumph by the ear and thence out into the street. The real reason why Bill had to quit was that the barkeep asked him for his draft card and Bill couldn't prove he was a man.

"Bobbie" Talman desired to have his name printed in this column so much that he even wrote his name and misdeeds and dropped them into the Tech News Box in the Student Union Lobby. We saw through it all but didn't print any of them as it is not our policy to do things that way. Instead we probed and finally came up with this choice morsel. "Bobbie" has been trying valiantly for some time to attract the attention of one of our lovely co-eds, Shirley Sexson. On their recent trip through the Dodge Plant, fate took them through several dimly lighted corridors and as Shirley became extremely frightened and looking about in vain for a person of the stronger sex to comfort her, spied "Bobbie." The only thing he was heard to say, cuddling so close to Shirley was "Gee Whiz."

A/S Paul Bruening visited his alma mater Valparaiso a week ago and as he was leaving one of the sorority houses in the wee hours of the morning, a girl was seen hurriedly getting out of a parked car. She ran up to our hero, sighed "Paul my Love," and flung her arms around him. After an hour of this he managed to break himself away and politely tipped his hat and departed. He still claims that he had never seen the girl before!

A/S Bill Willis has recently lost his remaining two whole points which heretofore had made him top man among the ranks of the lilly whitters. It couldn't have happened to a better fellow as his engagement to Nurilla Thurston was announced at the Snow Ball. Our suggestion to you Bill, is that you stock up on cigars while they are still available. Who knows, they might come in extremely handy some day.

The recent Triangle fraternity party could very easily have been mistaken for an IIT secretarial convention. In attendance were Eleanor, Helen, Isabelle and so on thru the night. That usual B. T. O., Bill Atchison just couldn't understand why all of the girls refused to dance with him. We know that it wasn't B. C., so come, come, Bill, what was wrong?

We had to abandon the shovel at the hotel as it continued to plunge earthward through the 20 stories but finally came to rest in the sub-sub basement, a total wreck. We have asked the government for a priority on a new one stating that it is very essential to the well-being of the nation. This week will decide the issue so keep rooting for us.

—THE ROD

Free Period Improvement

Last week the commanding officer of the IIT V-12 relinquished his claim to the Friday "free hour" by canceling navy assemblies for next term. This change makes it possible to conduct class, club, and society meetings at a time which should cause fewer conflicts and less confusion.

It should also be possible now to schedule the many classes at 11 a.m. during the remainder of the week, which were shuffled to the very early or late hours of the day this term and last. This, too, is expected to relieve program scheduling conflicts and to lessen the strain of the wartime curricula.

Whether the change of the free hour will actually aid Illinois Tech's extra-curricular activities is a matter of conjecture. However, one thing is certain; the deans are definitely in favor of the free period and intend to see to it that no classes are scheduled for this time. It is our hope that they will also take definite steps to prevent individual instructors from changing their own classes to the students' free period. Positive action should be taken for the instructor who exerts pressure on the members of his class in order to make them conform to his personal desires is being extremely selfish as he is depriving the students of an important part of their education.

After The Ball Is Thrown

All seem to agree that the summit of current IIT social life was reached with the success of the "Snow Ball". The laurels should go to the diligent sophomores and freshmen who labored to put this affair at the apex of IIT dance history.

A/S Witold Kosicki deserves recognition as a true leader. He managed affairs well and planned with foresight. His energy, along with the help of Loomis, Spitzig, Taylor, Giegel, Pickens, Hatstat and Sager put things over in top style. At the same time the moral support from the freshmen proved useful. Noteworthy too is the fact that it was not crowded despite the fears held before the dance.

There was but one stigma which cast a tainted shadow on the shining record. This disgrace was the varying degrees of inebriation of a small, but evident, minority. It is indeed a direct insult to the soph-frosh leaders that certain people had the bad manners to make themselves pigs by consuming too much liquor. Some even had the audacity to show their ill breeding by bringing their own flasks. This is certainly a reprehensible act. Action should be taken to keep this minority from dances to protect the name of the school. Preaching about self respect will do no good if aimed at such people, because their action offers ample evidence that they have no self respect.

Man Of The Week

John Mitchell, Honor Student, Holds Full-Time Outside Job

This week's Man of The Week works at a full time outside job in addition to being one of the top honor men on the campus. He is John N. Mitchell, senior electrical engineering student. Mitchell is vice-president of two honoraries at IIT, Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu. In carrying out his interest in EE, he has joined Rho Epsilon, professional radio fraternity; the Radio Club, and AIEE.

His extra-curricular activities are not limited to Illinois Tech. At present John is president of the Central YMCA College chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, a negro social fraternity.

He was once awarded a one-semester scholarship to Central Y, and later received a similar one to IIT.

Mitchell is now working 48 hours a week as a departmental supervisor at the Wilson Laboratories, to help support himself and his family. He was married in 1941, and now has a son, John, Jr., two years old. Throughout his college career he has been working full-time, going to school full-time one semester and half-time the next. From 1937 to 1939 he attended the evening school of Central Y, studying first mathematics. Later, however, he became more interested in the applications

of math, and turned to electrical engineering. While at that school he was an Engineers Club member and tutored.

Since leaving that college, he has been specializing in communications option at IIT, doing much of his studying on the west campus.

A graduate of Englewood High School, Mitchell was active in the ROTC during his prep days. Rising to the rank of lieutenant in the school corps, he served as the secretary of the ROTC Officers Club on that campus. He was also a member of the Student Police there.

Mitchell doesn't have many hobbies, namely because he doesn't have time to indulge in them. He does however collect mathematics books and stamps.

John's greatest ambition at present is to have more time to spend with his family. Eventually, however, he hopes to make his home in South America, where he will practice electrical engineering. He is also interested in teaching, especially mathematics or physics. His present plans call for continuing his studies after graduating June and work for a master's degree.



... After Today What?

by Henry Freund

At the present time there is very little construction going on. After the war, it is common knowledge that the story will be quite different. This lack of construction is reflected in the graduating class of civil engineers totaling but two. This, too, will change with the times.

Before the war there were a great many more courses offered by the civil department. In the future, many courses will have to be offered and many more instructors will be needed in the department to care for the influx of new men. They will again find it necessary to offer such things as soil mechanics, city and highway planning, advanced water treatment and hydraulic design. This coming term, arches and rigid frames will be offered after a lull of four terms.

Equipment at present is in good condition, but better results could be attained with more modern equipment, particularly in the sanitary engineering laboratory. The highway design equipment is old. This equipment is used for testing different road surfaces and soil properties.

Now, the curriculum does not offer a course in building design. There is only one on steel buildings, reinforced concrete structures, and continuous structures.

More space is needed for the materials laboratory. More and more testing equipment for this laboratory is needed.

Again the hope is often expressed that the civil camp will be resumed after the war. Camp Armour at Trout Lake is the spot where the civils formerly spent five weeks in surveying, plus the fun after a day's work.