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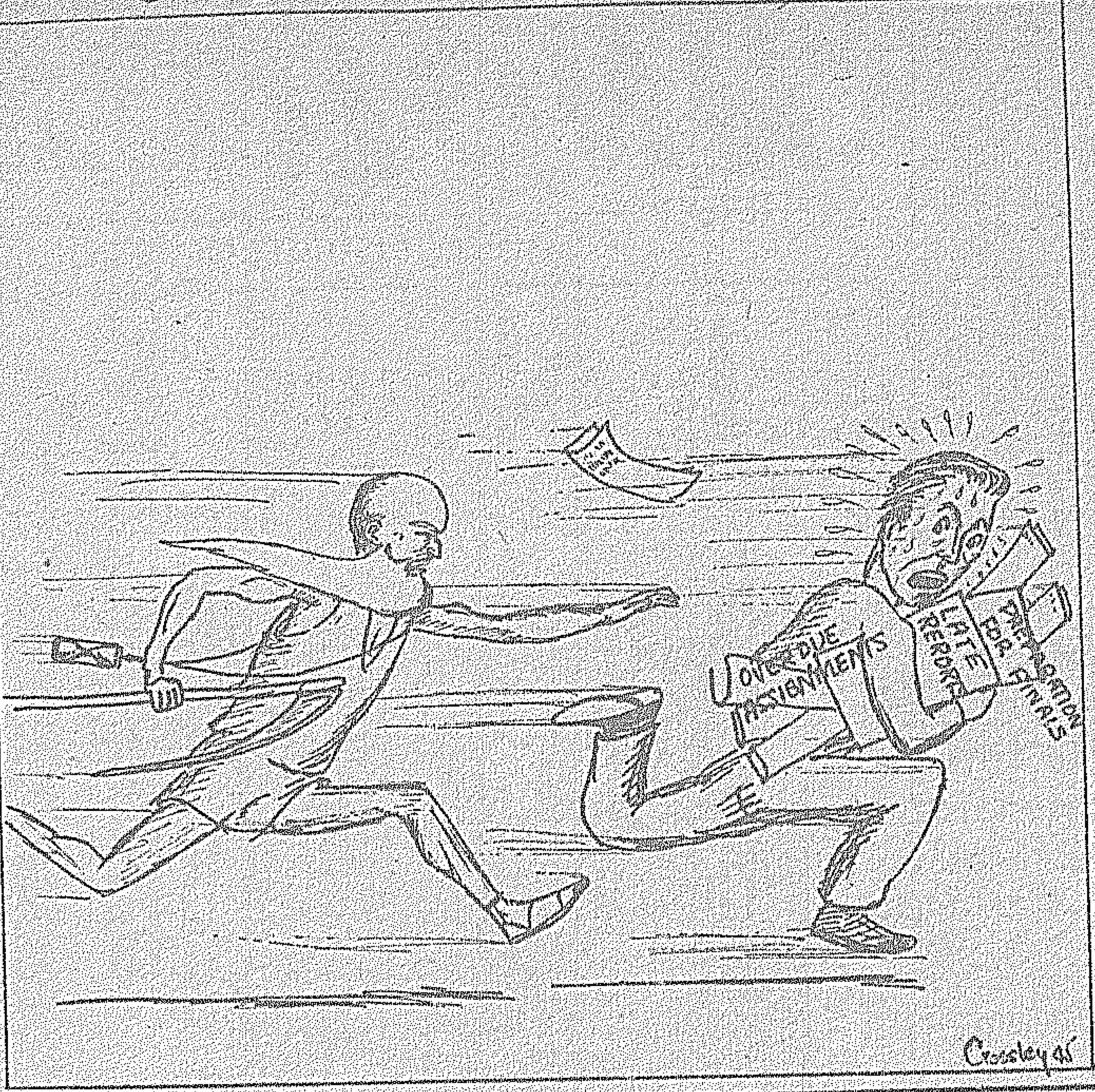
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Racing Against Time



The government decided that a steam shovel is an absolute necessity in maintaining civilian morale and all that rot and therefore granted us a priority on a brand new one. I will take it out on an initial trial run before turning the reins over to a bigger and more efficient operator for the next semester. Without further adieu we're off!

Alan "just call me two-timer" Grant, had proven his loyalty and faithfulness to his one and only Shirley on many occasions in spite of the numerous obstacles which were thrust in his path. He never deviated from the straight and narrow by dating other women until recently. After being led astray by A/S Gene Kleeman, who "compelled" our hero under threat of bodily harm to attend the Research Foundation dance, Alan is looking for new fields to conquer. To misquote: "Alan is fiddling while Shirley burns" as our Gallivanting Grant entertains, among others, Eleanor Berta of the News Bureau.

Shades of Valentine's Day. Mary Shannon, secretary in the registrar's office, was extremely pleased upon receiving a letter last week. She was overjoyed upon opening it at seeing that it was from her dream man "Big Boy" Bojanowski. A large red heart with a picture of Bojo in the center and signed I Love You, has caused Mary to walk around as in a dream for the past several days. We hate like all get out to make her dreams short lived, but there were two secretaries behind this sinister trick whose names are Lillian Hanicits and Deloris Johnson, who in their spare time pose as her close friends.

We have a contender for the title Rounder of the Week who is none other than A/S Harry Knowlton, that shy, bashful, barefoot boy. He was invited out as a guest of Herb Taylor and Jim Norton last weekend and after a few rounds at the local dives, they hit a well known pub on the west side. There Harry received his baptism of fire coming by way of an introduction to one Rosie, a waitress in said pub. This was only a part time job for her, and after closing they proceeded to the fair damsel's home for refreshments and... The sad result of this escapade was sick bay for Harry where he spent a long week in quiet and solitude. We have heard that he has since taken the pledge.

Dr. Roy McCauley was called upon to take a bow at the recent ITSA banquet and was at a loss for words. It seemed as how he was half asleep at the time and had to be nudged by a fellow diner.

The past life of a smooth sailor on the campus is catching up with him. Our dashing romeo A/S McCabe of #4 boarded a crowded bus last Saturday night and stood next to a lady with a young child. After a few minutes had elapsed, the youngster stretched out his pudgy arms and called out "Daddy" much to the bewilderment of Mac.

A/S George Martinko has had some trouble with one of his women recently. It seems that Joyfull has been taking a certain sharp nurse out lately for strictly business reasons; that is, the girl used to write Joyfull's book reports with the false idea that it was for "Romeo's" love for her, but George was just taking advantage of the poor girl. Well, the nurse was noticing his negligence of her the past few weeks and has finally become wise on him. Now Joyfull is trying vainly to get back on good terms, at least until she writes his last book report.

At long last, we have come across an IIT 'Man' who firmly believes that he can rise to greater heights by not going out with girls. Our nominee to the hall of something or other is Herbert Eck. On numerous occasions Herb has openly expressed his dislike for women. He pends his idle moments frequenting the local hot pots and goes off to a quiet corner to sip his suds in peace. Someone ought to take him in hand and explain a few things to him, and the boy to do it is his erstwhile buddy, Louis Kishkunas.

During my reign of terror I sincerely hope that all who have fallen before our grim reaper have enjoyed scars of notoriety and fortune.

The shovel is in tip-top shape for my successor to take over and with constant care, it should rise to even greater heights in weeks to come. As much as I would like to reveal my true identity, my future dealings with my "friends" would come to an abrupt standstill and I would be shunned as one who has a deadly, communicable disease. Rather than risk this I'll sign off simply, as.

—THE ROD

Man Of The Week

Kasmar Leads Tau Beta Pi Pledges With 2.77 Average

Russell A. Kasmar is the leading scholar of this semester's Tau Beta Pi pledge class. Kasmar is a senior electrical engineer with a 2.77 average.

Before you decide that Russ is just another "brain" and skip over to the Steam Shovel, let me assure you to the contrary. Kasmar frankly admits that "my most interesting classes are with the Lewis coeds on Tuesdays and Thursdays".



A resident of Villa Park, Illinois, Kasmar missed voting in the presidential election by two weeks. However, Russ isn't hesitant about expressing his ideas.

He'd vote for the best man: Democrat, Republican, Socialist, or American Commonwealth. English 101 taught him not to be "one-party oriented".

After a successful four years at York Community High School, Kasmar came to IIT. After three years at IIT, says Russ, "As one of the few people who haven't been held up on Thirty-third and State streets, may I say that I love it here. I hope that when Mies Van der Rohe gets

around to building the new campus, he will air-condition every building that goes up in order to remove the meat from the air."

Seriously, however, Kasmar has enjoyed his stay at IIT. Extracurricular activities always make college life more interesting, and Russ has been active in many organizations. Professional interests have led him to membership and offices in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Radio Club, Rho Epsilon and Eta Kappa Nu. Just plain fun and interest has led him to join the Dance club, the Engineer's Co-operative, the Honor Marshals and the Integral staff.

Although Kasmar claims that his hobbies include swimming, cycling and radio, it appears to this writer that Russ should also have mentioned winning scholarships. Kasmar has held the B. A. Eckhart, Julia C. Beveridge and Alfred L. Eustice awards.

Future plans? "Radar research and married life for me—mostly the latter!"

—EDWARD SHORE

No More "Lame Ducks"

The ITSA took the first steps towards planning for the new semester at its meeting last Wednesday—it decided the exact election procedure for next semester. For once the group has defined exactly which offices will be voted upon.

Perhaps now the ITSA will be able to hold its elections early in the semester for a change. Since it has now dispensed with some of the preliminary work, it can go ahead and carry out the voting promptly. Every semester the old board spends about a month taking care of the complicated elections. As a result, these "lame duck" representatives stay in office several weeks longer than they should.

These perpetual delays are serious. The whole business of the semester is held up until the new officers finally get in office. Many of the student organizations have to wait then for the board to approve their plans for the term; thus school activities are prevented from starting promptly.

The ITSA board should empower its elections committee to announce the elections at the very beginning of the semester. Then the voting must be carried out promptly, ending at the latest the second week of the term. The student officers will then take office quickly and carry out their duties promptly. If these steps are taken, part of the "perpetual inertia" of the ITSA will be ended.

Who Is Teaching What?

Program planning here at Illinois Tech has become a hit and miss proposition now that a few departments have apparently instituted a policy of not listing the names of the professors instructing some of the courses.

The registrar states that some of the instructors will be listed this week when final arrangements are made with the department heads. However, apparently a small number of the names will continue to be withheld. Most of these omissions, however, are unavoidable.

Every professor and also every student has individual "quirks" in his or her personality. Often where one student will thrive under the instruction of a professor, another will find his personality and teaching methods unbearable. It is for this reason that students should be given some freedom in their selection of instructors.

A procedure of omitting the names of the members of the faculty from the program schedule or of making radical changes after the term begins, deprives the student of any opportunity for selection. This can easily result in a general lowering in the student morale and efficiency—a factor often disregarded by the instructor who is many years removed from his undergraduate days.

... Techman Talking

By HERBERT A. SIMON, Assistant Professor of Political Science

What is it that brings a non-engineer to teach at an engineering school? Such a person must have some kind of missionary zeal which urges him to give his particular brand of salvation to the heathen worshippers of the slide rule. I suppose I am no exception. I arrived on the IIT campus with the firm conviction that in the next generation many engineers are going to fill important positions in the government service, and that if they are to fill those positions well they must know how governmental organizations are administered. The war has postponed the initiation of such a program, but has not dampened my enthusiasm for it.

It is said that this is an age of specialization—that a man must prepare himself to go down some narrow rut. Student engineers sometimes use this argument for resisting all but the most narrowly "practical" parts of the curriculum—just as social scientists use the same excuse for ignorance of basic science and engineering principles.

Both are wrong. This is an age of generalization. There is no real place for one-track minds, unable to think intelligently outside the narrow confines of a particular field. No man knows when he sets out on his career how many different specializations he will have to learn in its course; how many times he will have to readapt himself to the world's changes and to the changes of his own place in it. A broad education in the "fundamentals" is the only kind of education which can possibly prepare him for the changing demands of the world.

IIT is already, and has long been, committed to a philosophy of education in the "fundamentals". I have found wide agreement here that a good engineer knows engineering—and a good deal more; and my contacts with faculty and students have perhaps helped save me from the corresponding sin of social scientists—that of living in ignorance of the natural sciences and technology.

