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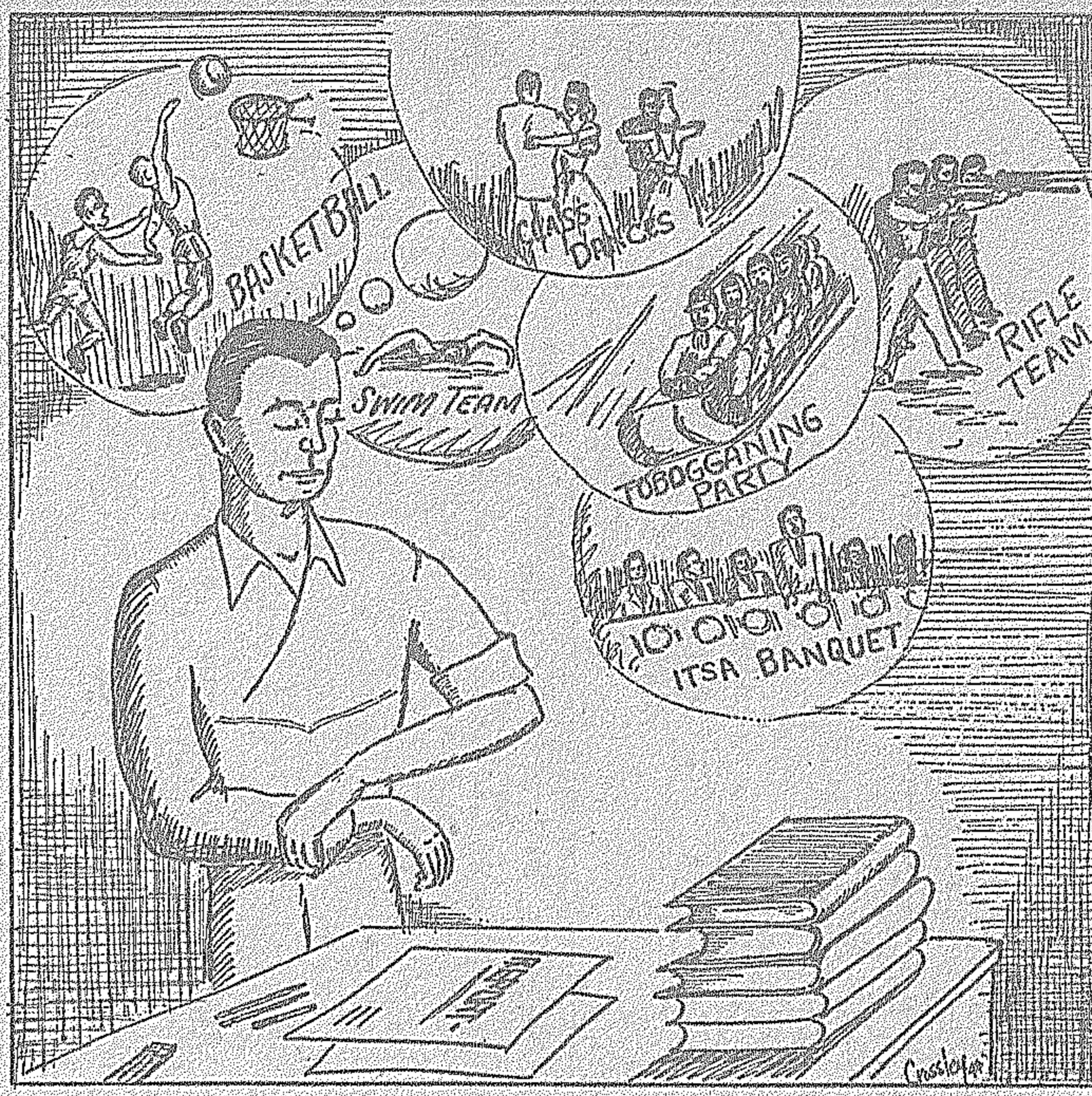
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School Daze Again



Since the vacation has made its hasty exit, once more it is due time to discard the bottles and begin dusting off the overloaded brains. The shovel has been filled to capacity with 100 proof alcohol and the distillers have guaranteed the liquid to a point of 50° below zero. The Rod, shafting done while U wait is at the helm and once again we are about to delve into the goings on about the campus.

George Andrews, who will depart from our midst very shortly for the merchant marine, is desperately attempting to have a girl to "leave behind" in old Chicago when he leaves. Numerous furtive glances by him have been cast in the general direction of Elsie Young, secretary in the TD department. No doubt George also has found out that petite Elsie is a very accomplished cook and a home girl. You have plenty of competition in that respect from those senior chems, so you'll have to speed up your tempo, George, if you hope to get somewhere.

This week's sad tale of woe involves Herb Taylor, a veteran sailor, who is reputed to possess a girl in every port. Departing from the land of sunshine, California, to join the Cruiser IIT, Herb left a beautiful young girl who pledged undying loyalty 'til his return. To misquote an old saying "absence makes her heart go wander." As Herb goes, so goes his damsel; for she immediately dropped him like a hot potato and fell for an Italian prisoner who is interned at a camp where she is employed as an interpreter. Undaunted by this terrible blow, Herb has done a bit of wandering on his own and has found a delectable something to comfort and soothe his wounded heart.

From the depths of heaven knows where comes this tale about a big little operator and consequently for it this boy deserves to be admitted into the Hall of Fame. The gentleman in question is Albert "Beanbutt" Bowman, who after a very courageous stand, was thrown into the depths of oblivion. Al offered to assist a cute little girl with her bags, while they were both waiting for a train for home at the railroad station in the loop recently. The girl was so thankful for the help that she invited "Beanbutt" to her apartment for the next Saturday evening. He willingly obliged, and the evening started off with dinner and a movie. The young lady decided that they should retire to her apartment for a midnight snack. Drooling profusely, Al was all for it. What transpired thereafter we will have to believe Al. In his own frank, unrehearsed, vivid description he claims that the damsel bade him sit on the sofa and then proceeded to sit on his lap. Full of the old IIT spirit of never say die, Al decided to throw caution to the winds. Without thinking Al suddenly jumped up and ran out the door, a very muddled boy. You may wonder about the nomination to the Hall of Fame. It's not what he did but what he didn't do that should merit the award.

Marvin Nussbaum was preparing to leave for the Navy, so for weeks in advance, he made the rounds saying very tender goodbyes to his friends and relatives and at each stop he received farewell gifts, the memories of which he was supposed to cherish during his sojourn in the service. The previously appointed Saturday arrived and our hero kissed his folks, grabbed his little black bag, and hurried to the induction center; for he didn't want to keep them waiting. Apparently he was too eager, for the officials at the center informed him that they would be unable to induct him at that time, for his draft board hadn't sent the necessary papers so he proceeded wearily home. He should be plenty experienced in the art of tender embraces next time so parting won't be such sweet sorrow.

A wonderful time was had by all at the Weissman Party which was held on the Friday before the vacation period. The only trouble was that Sonny knew nothing about the affair. Several of the boys in attendance were: Norm Schmitz, A/S Bob Thurston, Henry Koci, etc.—and so on thru the night. A large tray of cokes was obtained from the lunchroom and brought upstairs where their flavor was slightly altered by the addition of spirits. In other words, the joint was jumping. There is nothing like an affair of this sort to promote a friendly spirit and brotherly love among the many students at our institution. What do you say, fellows?

The cold weather raises h--- with the performance of the shovel. The joints are a bit stiff, but who are we to talk after the manner in which the holidays were spent. Next week we will have a new grease job and will be more than ready to take up where we have left off.

—THE ROD

Making Resolutions

Two departments of IIT which merit special praise for their work are the electrical engineering department and the department of language and literature. Their staffs have done exceptionally good work in teaching the students and in promoting the best interests of the Institute.

Under the chairmanship of Jesse Hobson, now the new director of the Armour Research Foundation, the electrical engineering department has greatly increased its staff to meet the wartime demand for more people trained in electronics. It has certainly proved itself equal to the task. Students in all departments agree that electrical engineering is a pacesetter department at IIT.

In many engineering colleges non-technical subjects are neglected. Such is not the case here, as proven by the high standards set by the language and literature department. Its staff is composed of picked men, highly trained in their vocation and selected for their teaching ability. Few institutes maintain such high standards among their personnel as does IIT's language and literature department.

IIT students appreciate the work these departments are doing. The one thing which will give students a good lasting impression of a school is capable teaching. Throughout his engineering career a man will be thankful that he had capable professors in his courses. Certainly most men will be able to look back with pleasure on their association with these departments.

Deserving Praise

It has been said that "New Year's resolutions like laws are made to be broken". However, there are a couple of potential resolutions that Illinois Tech students might do well to make and keep.

First a pledge by everyone to do his part in this war effort just a little more efficiently and enthusiastically no matter how insignificant it might seem, whether it be working in a war plant or "just going to school", would do a great deal toward bringing the world's strife to a successful conclusion.

Along the line of school affairs a pledge to "dig in" and work a bit harder would certainly be appropriate. This should not be construed merely to mean burying one's head deeper into the books. There is a wealth of education obtainable outside of text books, which like raw ore, remains untouched. One source of this knowledge lies in Illinois Tech's extra-curricular activities. A new burst of activity is brewing this week with 14 separate organizations planning meetings. Let us hope that this new energy will continue to grow, for only by participating wholeheartedly in these affairs does the student realize a full return from his college career.

Man Of The Week—

Robert Sweiger is a Leader In Scholarship and Activities

Robert (don't tell them my middle name is Cecil) Sweiger ranks high among Tech men in scholarship and activities.

Bob entered the Armour division of IIT in 1941 as a mechanical engineering student. After a few semesters at Armour, Bob enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was stationed at Scott Field, Illinois for six months.

Upon his return to IIT, our 23 year old Villa Park hero soon became known as one of the big men on campus.



This semester Bob is the vice-president of the Alpha Sigma Phi social fraternity after serving for two terms as its secretary. Bob is also the secretary of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary fraternity for mechanical engineers. Bob was elected this semester as treasurer of the senior class after a successful year as junior class secretary. A good deal of credit for the civilian showing in the recent War Loan Drive can be given to Bob, as he was chairman of that drive.

Since one of the prerequisites for

admission to IIT is a high school diploma, Bob attended the York Community high school in Elmhurst. At York, Bob was active in basketball and tennis, and was a member of the National Honor Society and Latin club.

As for outside interests, radio, hunting and fishing are some of Bob's main interests. He used to go hunting with his brother in Minnesota about four miles from the Canadian border. Naturally, his chief interest up to three weeks ago was women, or should we say a woman.

Bob takes charge of the registrar's office in the evenings, and has served as a student assistant in the Physics department.

As to his own future, Bob wants to enter the heat power or refrigeration field. As to the school's future, Bob wants to see more athletic teams, especially a football team. He believes that this would help keep IIT's name among the leading schools in the country.

—LEWIS DAVIDSON

... After Today What?

By Henry Freund

Carlyle said "The true university is a collection of books". This must certainly apply to IIT when the new campus is finished. The student body and faculty are looking forward to the day when the library will take on a new appearance both in contents and in physical aspects.

This library will be placed in the new administration building. The actual books will be made up of a combination of the Lewis and Armour libraries. The size of the library, determined by the size of the Armour and Lewis libraries, should total 100,000 books. From Armour 60,000 would be contributed and from Lewis 40,000.

This combination should work out very well since the larger part of the Armour books are technical while those from Lewis deal mainly in liberal arts. The library would prove to be one of the largest technical libraries in the city. However, if it is compared with Harvard with 2,000,000 volumes it is quite dwarfed.

The library will have to enlarge its periodicals. In Chicago the John Crerar Library has a very large collection of such publications. It is important that the library increase its collection since this is really the main source of original technical information. At the present time there are about 40,000 periodicals in the library.

Concerning the physical appearance of the library I would like to conjecture a bit. An innovation which seems to be much needed is a lounge study room off the main reading room. This room would be equipped with comfortable chairs and surroundings.

In addition to this I would like to see small conference rooms off the lounge study rooms. These rooms could be used for discussion the students might find necessary, and would also provide a place for advisors to have private meetings with the students.

The staff of the library will have to be greatly enlarged. It will be a tremendous task to reclassify all the books into one integrated system. Furthermore the larger staff will be needed because of the plans of expansion. After the physical housing is provided the quantity of books will expand along with the other enlargements of the school.