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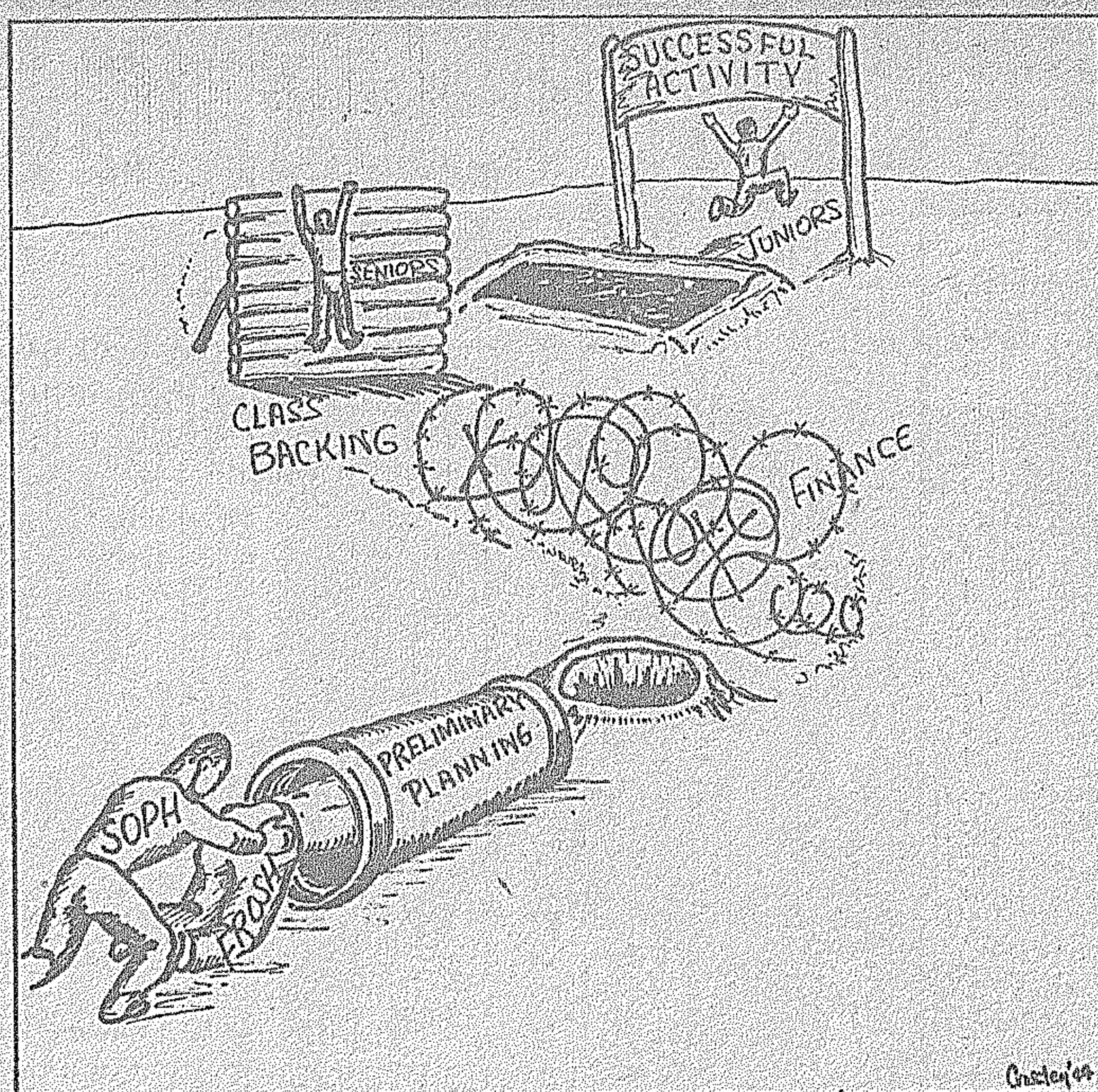
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## The Obstacle Course



Brushing away the snow, the Rod cautiously ascends to the operator's car to commence this week's diggings, so it's off to work we go!

Note to Store Keeper Lingnor: You will have to be more careful about the way you have been peddling that "Sweet Stuff" to some of the secretaries on the campus. Someone may report you to the rationing board for not collecting sugar coupons . . .

It had been erroneously reported that A/S Bob Thurston was one of the gang of culprits who attended the Christmas party held in Sonny's office. Since that time we have been informed that Bob doesn't even so much as guzzle soda pop and looks upon any form of drink as a vicious vice which should not be tolerated in this great and fair? city of ours. "Every man to his own Boswell" as we always say. We failed to incriminate one of the ring leaders of the affair, Bob Sweiger! This column prints only the truth and nothing but the truth so will the person who reported this incident call at our office and pick up your check. We cannot stand for any false accusations or statements.

A V-12 MORALE BOOSTER! Following the President's notice to Congress to draft those persons who were not doing their utmost to help win the war, A/S Paul Flood received a letter from an old flame who was interested in knowing just exactly how this new order would affect him. Believe it or not, Paul was left speechless.

Our "irresistible" gent, P. P. Martin, is very broken up at the moment due to the fact that he has been jilted. He, of all people. Recently he made the acquaintance of a dream doll at a White City roller rink and fell madly in love with her. On the verge of announcing their engagement, his June decides that he isn't for her and to add insult to injury, she became engaged to a sailor who our P. P. had never heard of. This would be enough to drive an ordinary man to do something drastic, but not P. P. Modest Paul claims that the reason he attracts women is not that he's a good skater, claiming that there are four better skaters than he in Chicago, but that he is just plain irresistible.

While we are in the mood for announcing engagements we cannot overlook our great big "lover boy" Herb Taylor. Upon returning from leave Herb said he had popped the question to Atha Smith who incidentally is married. Quote Herb, "She is all mine as soon as she obtains her divorce." Mrs. Smith, known affectionately as Al, is an ensign in the Waves. I don't know whether we should congratulate this home breaker-upper or not.

Bill Zechel discovered a lovely lovely over the holidays in Park Ridge. Deciding this was the "real thing" at last, he lost no time in really getting acquainted. All good things have an abrupt ending as the saying goes and this is no exception as his dream gal hastily departed for Lawrence College where she matriculates. Anyone living north please note: The name is Joan at Park Ridge 826.

Al Dimoff, our abstainer from anything stronger than Ovaltine, while returning from Christmas leave was still in the gala holiday spirit. In his hurry to leave home Al packed his laundry while it was still wet. Being an eager beaver at heart, Al decided to make the most of his long train ride home so he proceeded to hang his "wooleys" to dry on the straps. Everyone in the car was shocked when Al soon pulled something dainty and pink from his duffle bag and attempted to hang it to dry also. With a flushed face Al explained to the curious riders that the last article was a hold over from New Year's Eve.

Harold Daniels, "the Atlas Maiden Swoon" of IIT, tried, on the pretext of an interview, to discover the various necessary facts (address, phone number, etc.) about the new secretary in the News Bureau Office. We have awarded this week's garf sandwich to Hal because his efforts were in vain owing to the fact that she is happily married.

Then too, there were two youthful fellows running around all day the Wednesday before vacation armed with a branch of mistletoe and proceeded to make havoc (who is havoc) reign on the campus. When the crucial moment arrived our illustrious gentlemen had cold feet. Could it be that these boys do not know what the twig is used for? The names were not disclosed to us so naturally we are not in a position to comment as to the ability of these sad specimens.

If after your name printed in this column along with your misdoings your reputation is not completely ruined, please return the unread paper and you will be entitled to a refund. The lamp is running dry and so we will suspend operations for another week.

—THE ROD

## ITSA Inefficiency

The meeting of the ITSA last Wednesday was probably the most amusing and confusing display ever presented on the IIT campus. What was supposedly a serious gathering turned out as a ridiculous scramble.

First of all, the bi-weekly search for a quorum ensued. Then too, there were: a long drawn out discussion on the Armour-Lewis relationships, squabbles on approving appropriations for dances, refusal to let a class officer act as a proxy for an ITSA representative, elaborate arguments on the meaning and interpretation of the ITSA constitution, proposing adoption of Robert's rules of order for the meetings, and the proposed fine of men for non-attendance of ITSA members at meetings. These, coupled with periodic outbursts from members of the student audience, resulted in one of the stormiest and longest ITSA meetings on record.

Fortunately, the board does propose to pass bylaws to overcome these faults and at least have a semblance of order in the future. Some of these at least, should be adopted. First, the meetings must be run according to Robert's rules of order. Then perhaps some one will know what's going on.

Furthermore, attendance must be made compulsory for student members, and the quorum changed to the bare majority instead of the present system. That will eliminate grabbing men out of the chow line in order to make a quorum.

Finally, the active participation shown by the Lewis members should be encouraged as much as possible. They, through their vigorous leadership, are supporting the just rights of the west campus group. Such active participation is aiding in making the ITSA again come to life, and cease to be a bunch of yes men who vote for passage of every motion. The ITSA needs more such leadership.

## Indolence or Activity

Now that weeks are rapidly passing and certain student groups continue to be a drug on the extra-curricular market, at least a few protesting voices should be raised. Especial attention is called to professional organizations who have contributed nothing to their profession on the campus. Fortunately, however, the majority of these groups have at least held regular meetings, and the activity of the ASME has set a pace which all could aim for.

The AICHE and Western Society of Engineers seem to have dissolved into oblivion. As far as can be determined, the AICHE last held a meeting on September 6 of last year. The student WSE has not been heard from for a much longer period.

It is significant that those professional organizations which are most active have an interested and active group of officers. If once a few leaders are found, the rest of a group will generally co-operate.

## Woman Of The Week

### Lillian Seges is Active in Many West Campus Student Affairs

Lillian Margaret Mary Seges is the only girl on the Lewis campus who has participated in six outside activities at one time. This semester Lillian is president of her sorority, Kappa Phi Delta; Lewis ITSA Representative; secretary of Kiva; member of the new drama club and of the volley ball team; and clerk in the school book store. She has just completed her work as Lewis Editor of the 1945 year book.

Lillian was born in Chicago and graduated from Steinmetz High School as a member of the National Honor Society. She entered Lewis in October, 1942, as a chemistry major, but during her sophomore year she switched to psychology.

This summer she intends to do clinical testing for shock and fever therapies at the Elgin State Hospital in Elgin, Illinois. She will get college credit for this work. After she receives her degree she plans to go into clinical psychology, but

as to type she is yet undecided.

Despite all her extra-curricular work Lillian manages to maintain her B average and pursue her hobbies. She has studied piano for three and one-half years, collects popular and classical records, and is an ardent fiction fan. At present she has reached the second volume of Upton Sinclair's five book series on social problems, which is an example of the type of reading she does.

When quizzed about her romantic interests she said, "There is no man in particular—as yet." For the information of those who have not been frightened off by her ability she revealed the following vital statistics: age 19, 5'4", hazel eyes, dark brown hair, and a very fair complexion ("It interferes with my choice of make-up"). Her pet peeve is being called "Lil."

—CECILE ECKER

## ... Techman Talking

by JOHN F. MANGOLD, Associate Professor of Mechanics

After more than twenty years of teaching experience, I am heartened by the thought that all my efforts have not been in vain. Many changes have taken place on this campus during these years. The most noteworthy change, of course, is the affiliation of the two schools, Armour and Lewis. This union has produced a decided strengthening of the new school which we now know as Illinois Institute of Technology.

In speaking of changes that are required it is taken for granted that new buildings are needed as well as additional equipment. We are positive that all these things will be added as conditions become favorable. However, I am interested in a great excess of equipment. A certain minimum is needed for demonstration purposes in illustrating fundamental principles. After all, the laboratory work should serve to enhance the class room teaching rather than to overshadow it.

I am proud of the attitude of our school in laying stress on teaching. It requires a peculiar ability to do this work. Patience and an enthusiastic outlook for your subject are virtues which go far in inspiring a student to do excellent work. There are instances in some schools where the instructor's interest is expected to be primarily in research, to the decided detriment of his teaching.

I believe that at this school we are successful in presenting basic principles, both in technology as well as in human relations. I like what is being done in analyzing students and helping them to a better understanding of themselves. In this connection, it seems that we are offering more encouragement to students than we did a number of years ago. The counseling which is being carried on is a definite help to many students. Formerly very little attention was paid to the humanities, but these are now properly recognized and given their proper and deserved place in the curriculum.

After having taught both in a liberal arts college as well as in technical schools I believe that I am justified in the assertion that our student body is much more generally interested in all subjects offered than is the case in a liberal arts college. Nearly all of our students are here to get the work and not primarily to get a degree.