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Machiavellian Tactics

Student government?????

The greatest threat to student government at IIT was revealed at the latest meeting of the Illinois Tech Student Association, commonly known as the ITSA.

The basic principle of free government is in the fact that the summation of individual ideas results in a general policy that is for the betterment of the group as a whole or of the majority of individuals in the group.

It was with this idea in mind that a congress was formed in the United States, England established a Parliament, and so down the line until eventually you have the students of Illinois Tech forming a similar representative board to control student activities.

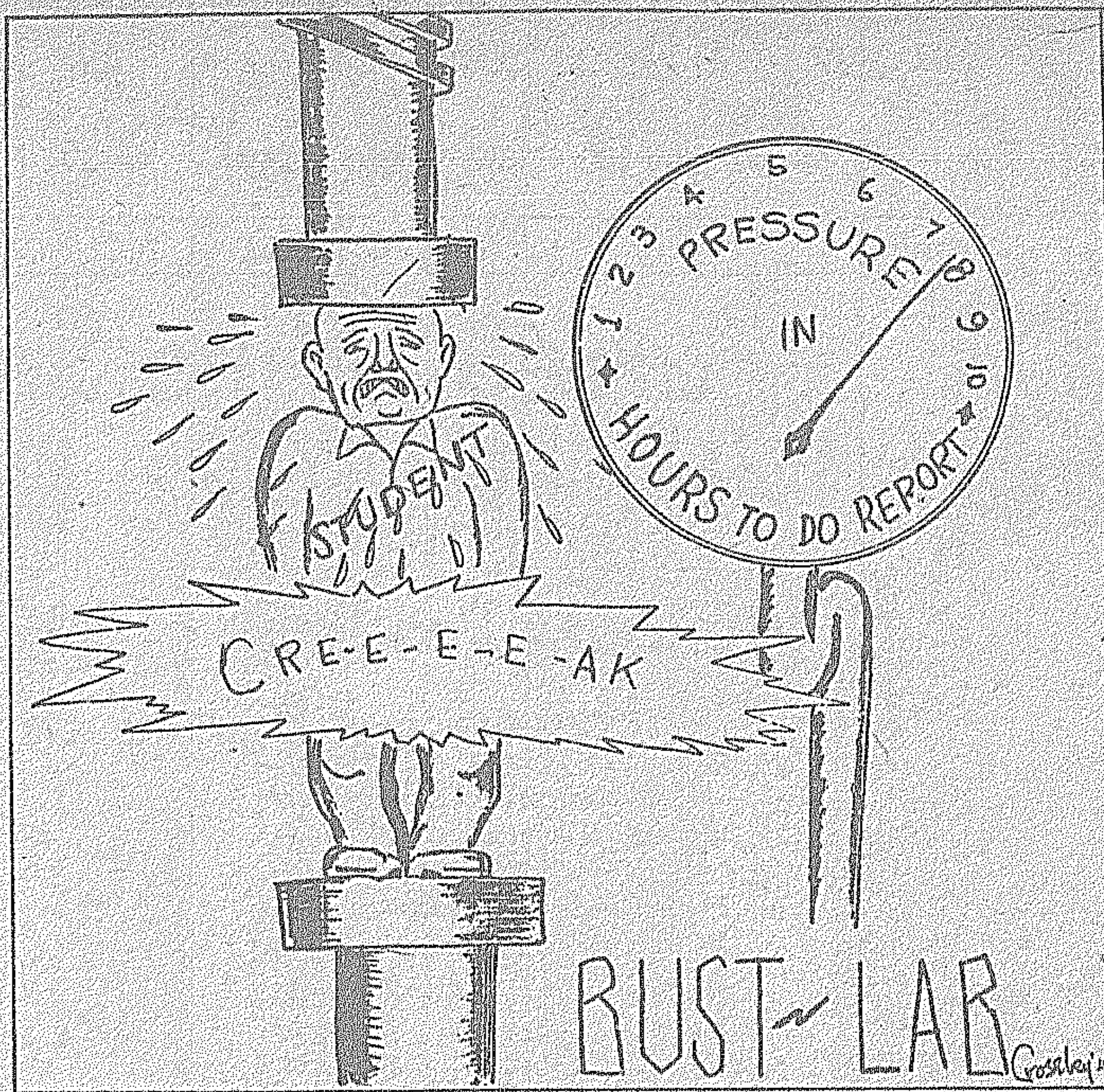
Each representative to that board is bound, by the position he holds, to have the interests of the group he represents foremost in mind and to use the only weapon he has, his vote on that board, to fulfill the desires of his charges. His voting on any subject should follow the dictates of that student group he represents and all other circumstances affecting should be ignored or the board will not administer representative government but instead develop into "boss" rule with the individual student merely a pawn.

Such "boss" rule or rule of the ITSA by a minority group was indicated at the last ITSA meeting when a minority group of student representatives led by President Don Hedeon and Bob Freund were able to prevent the *Technology News* from receiving sufficient funds to operate for the entire semester. They are joined by Tom Blim, secretary of the ITSA, Pete Browning, president of the junior class, and Frank Groman, president of the freshmen class. All of these men belong to Alpha Sigma Phi, social fraternity.

It is interesting to note that EVERY ONE of the true representatives of the student body voted for the continuance of the *Technology News*. A comparison of figures shows the Alpha Sigs four votes plus the help of the faculty were able to overrun the six votes cast by the independent student members of the board.

This attempt to take over control of the student government at IIT is not being done in any sly manner. Norm Schmitz, president of Alpha Sigma Phi, has boasted on several instances that Alpha Sigma Phi is a powerful fraternity with its men spotted in various organizations. He speaks with pride in his eyes of the glorious group of Alpha Sigs of 1940 who practically took over control of the entire school from the student body and it was only through an organized effort on part of the independent students at the next elections that this illustrious group was removed from office. Something will have to be done to insure STUDENT representation in the future!!!!

Materials Lab



Man Of The Week

Smiling A/S John Enander Leads Varied Life at IIT

Smiling John Otto Enander, senior in mechanical engineering, has maintained a high scholastic standard without sacrificing social activities.

"John Otto" entered IIT first as a "pre-engineering" student while still not having graduated from high school. In this way, by overlapping and taking up the college program, John is a senior at nineteen.



After being drafted in May of 1944 he applied for V-12. Before returning John got a taste of Navy life, his first taste and the one which remains the longest—boot camp.

This break in schooling, however, did not deter Otto for he kept right on piling up the points to maintain a 2.4 average. His secret is to "study like hell" when he's in the mood, and whenever there are those reports to get in. It might be called the inspiration plus system.

John's banner year was his last semester of his Junior year, in which he was president of the class and

ITSA representative. As a member of the ITSA he took an active part in decisions of the board. He still hasn't given up his social activities, being a member of the SAM, ASME, Armour Eye, and Pi Tau Sigma, honorary engineering fraternity.

The field of economic and social studies holds the biggest interest for John outside of his studies. He has actively participated in pursuing this interest by reading and personal investigation. This curiosity has led him to a study as to the effect of religious belief on economic and social issues. He intends to continue these interests to a wider degree in the future.

Though he won't admit to being an outdoor man he likes to camp out. His idea for a good vacation is to camp in northern Canada, go boating fishing, hiking, and read under the pines, but not alone we might add. These, of course, are post war plans.

—WITOLD KOSICKI

... Techman Talking

ROBERT ROSE, Instructor in Civil Engineering

Occasionally I am asked to take over a few lectures for a member of the ME department who is ill or attending a meeting. Invariably someone will ask how it happens that a civil engineer knows something about thermo, or steam power.

There are two assumptions behind that question. First, that I am a civil engineer. Actually, I studied mechanical engineering. That does not mean I would be ashamed to be a civil—some of my best friends are civil engineers. Besides, I want to eat next month.

But the second assumption—that a civil engineer should not know anything about thermo—is serious. It implies that a student of engineering should not know anything beyond the course material of his departmental curriculum. Such an idea, although popular among students, is wrong.

For example, application of automatic control apparatus to industrial processes is becoming increasingly popular. Probably most conspicuous is the use of electronic control devices for this purpose. As a consequence, graduates in mechanical and chemical engineering should have an opportunity to become familiar with the operation of electronic circuits.

In time more elective courses will be available to cover this situation. But it seems to me that the student chapters of the ASME, ATEE, and others could perform an important service in this respect by sponsoring a series of joint meetings.

Inspection trips of the advanced laboratories of the various departments would be interesting, as well as good experience for the hosts explaining the equipment. Such visits would help relieve the sore gap left when the traditional open house of junior week was discontinued.

Joint social meetings, perhaps following movies or short talks on subjects of mutual interest would be doubly valuable. There are too few opportunities for juniors and seniors to get acquainted with men outside their departments.

I would like to see the student chapters of the various societies try such a program. The opportunity to broaden our knowledge and increase our acquaintances seems too good to miss.



The lack of rain this week dried the joints on the old shovel and at first it was unwilling to dig. However, I promised it a raise in pay, shorter hours, and a grease job and so here I go again. This week I depart from the usual style and print a little poem that was so requested by its author.

Lament Percival

When it comes to civil engineering,
Or life with Gloria Farrell,
Better stick to engineering,
Than live clothed in a barrel.

When it comes to a little "romance it,"
At twenty-five bucks per date,
I'll stick to compass and transit,
They paid for what I ate.

I know the appeal of those long, long legs,
So soft and smooth to touch,
Now waiting for some other eggs
Smooth, smoother and such.

A girl with her stature and shape,
Thinks only of me as an ape.

A/S Murray Andrew Percival

The love story of the week concerns A/S Murray Percival and Gloria Farrell. It seems that Murray had a date last Wednesday night and somehow lost his pants and dearest Percival spent half the night looking for his pants. Finally he borrowed a pair. Very sad but true, time waits for no one and neither does Gloria. Yes, dear reader, Gloria stood him up.

After a long search I have finally found the fastest duo on the Armour campus. Don't fall over but their names are Bob Pritzker and Forrest Neil. A week ago Friday Bob and Neil attended a loop theater, getting out about 9:00 p.m. Bob is always bragging about his prowess with females, and Neil, being dubious about Bob's supposed accomplishments decided to ask Bob to prove all he says. Bob, not to be taken aback, immediately called up a girl friend who lives at a near North side YWCA. The girl procured a friend for Neil. As it was too late to attend another movie, Bob declared to park along the lake front. After spending a few hours doing what is usually done in the company of a girl friend when parked in such a romantic spot they took the girls home. When at the door of her apartment Neil's date said, "Aren't you going to kiss me good night?" Whereby Neil replied, "Sort of an anti-climax, isn't it?"

Two young ladies were observed recently on the steps of Quarters #2 surrounded by the junior wolves. Asked by A/S Ray Bojonawski of Quarters #6 what they were selling they replied, "That's confidential, and besides, the offer is open to Quarters #2 men only!" I am wondering if these are the same girls who have been dating those "I.B.O.'s" (itsy-bitsy operators) of Quarters #2, A/S William "Little Willie" Stewart and A/S "Herring" Raming. It seems that these girls of questionable occupation pick them up every Sunday in a '41 Buick.

The latest victim of the love bug is A/S "Danny" Dannenmaier of Quarters #3. The moment he laid eyes on a little chick at the Dance Club he was overcome by her charming beauty and knew immediately that "this was it." Danny even tried to have her name removed from the newly organized Link files so that he might have exclusive call on her dating time.

It seems that A/S Eugene Schaafsia is just a chemist at heart. The other day Professor Caton, math destructor, was deriving a formula which completely covered the blackboard. Just as he had put the finishing touches on his masterpiece, Schaafsia, who had been catching a little shut-eye on the sly, looked up, rubbed his eyes, and exclaimed, "What's that, the formula for gunpowder?"

Who said the surroundings at ole IIT aren't conducive to amour? There's at least one soul who will stand and disagree. This happy soul is A/S John Wright, Quarters #5, who recently popped the question to Ruth Werner, former secretary on the South campus and now at the downtown recorder office. Neither smoke nor roaring train could hide the light in John's eyes.

In memoriam to A/S D. Warner. The strangest story of the week is one where A/S Gus Troyan invited Warner to take his girl's sister on a picnic. Gus wanted to show his girl what a great woodsman he was. It seems that after an hour passed by he was still making a fire. However, the best part of this story is when Gus took his future wife out to admire nature. The next day Gus was seen with poison sumac on his neck. His girl? She had it all over her legs.

It's getting late and the editor is shouting for me to hurry, so I'll have to take leave till next week when, God willing, even though you don't, I will return.

—MOLE