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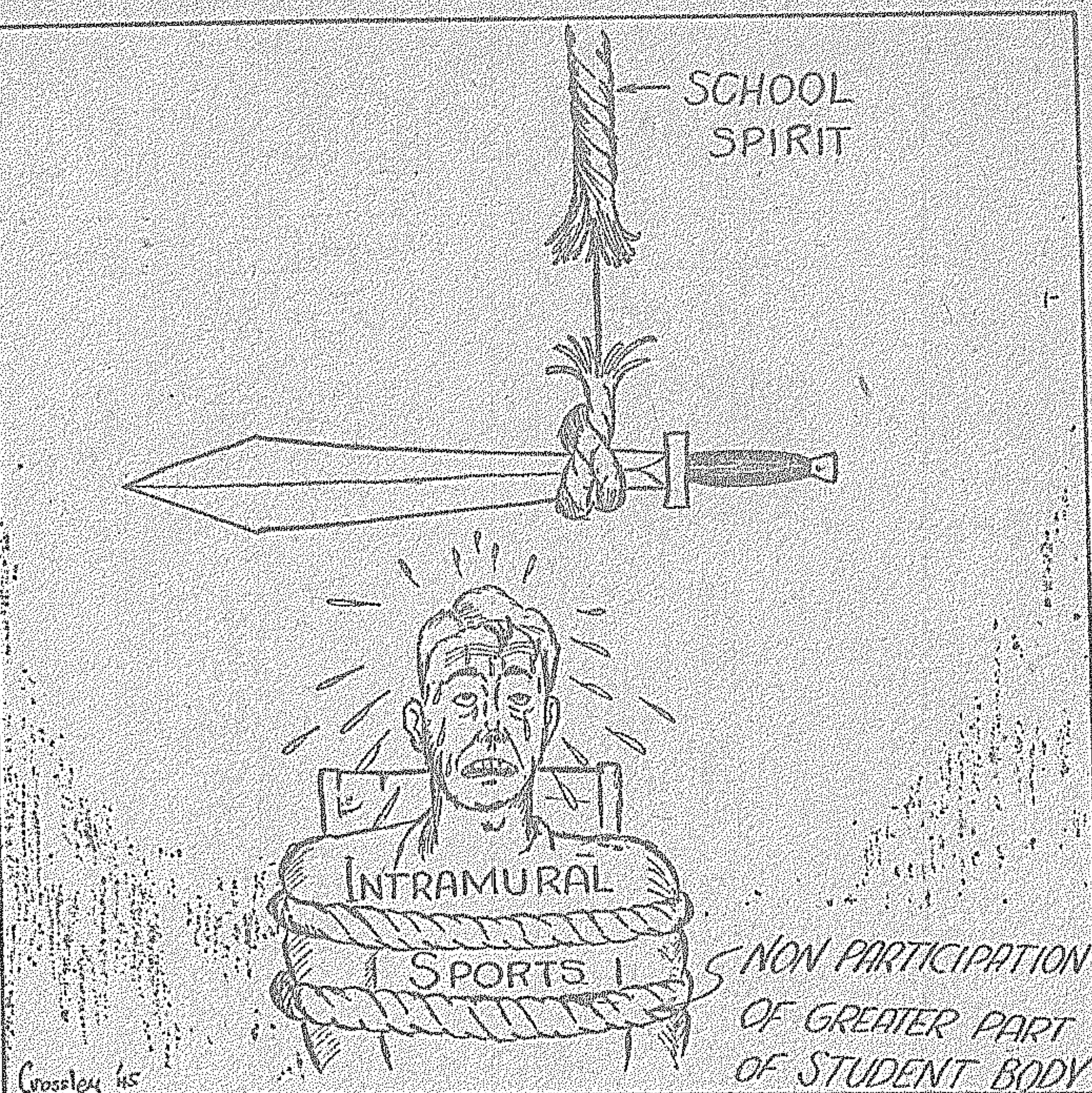
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The Last Thread



This is "Faculty vs. Student Week", and as the students are continually at blows with the professors of higher knowledge, this will come as no surprise. If the professors can summon enough nerve and come into the open, a select group of students will duel with them with cream puffs at twenty paces. I am sure they will not disappoint me by losing to the students.

A/S Ralph Raming undoubtedly takes the best economics notes in the school. The most prominent page in his notes reads as follows: "Margie, I love you more than the sun loves its shining rays, more than the moon loves its starlit sky, more than the ocean loves its white capped waves, more than !!!" Just where does Alverdia fit into the picture?

A/S H. Wickham and A/S D. "Swamie" Swanson of Quarters #1 are having a gay time dating a certain Barbara. Swamie dates Barbara on Saturday and Wickie dates her on Sunday. As proof that he had a heavy engagement last Saturday night, Swamie brought back a pair of ladie's skivies. Adding to the confusion is the fact that Wickie has a girl back home who is waiting for him and who thinks that he is loyal to her.

The 'tallest' story of the week concerns the Edgewater Beach Service League. It seems that a few months ago the Servie League had a tea dance on a bright Sunday afternoon. One of the girls is a beautiful specimen of Amazonian activity; she stands only 6'2" tall, and by some queer, freakish coincidence she is called "Alice the Goon". Of course Alice is a good name in itself, but the rest of the phrase is the most descriptive: It seems that Alice is out for tall men, and at the dance in question A/S Maurice Anthony got hooked. A month later the same performance was repeated with A/S Fred Leydig as the star attraction. But these boys just kept quiet, and last week-end A/S Ray Winkler joined the ranks of those "gone with the Goon." Poor Wink! This should be sufficient warning to all those males over six feet tall.

If you have noticed the gleam in the eyes of Bob Pritzker, junior industrial, it is because he claims the honor of being the most patriotic man (?) on the Armour campus. In a determined effort to hasten the end of the war by saving gas and tires, Bob dates a girl who lives 'just around the corner' from his residence. After snuggling thru a show in the balcony of a loop theater, Bob immediately drove to a spot along the lake front which he claims will make even the 'cold girls' romantic. Bob said that his date offered no resistance to his pincer movement; in fact, it was "unconditional surrender."

Someone who has taken good advantage of the manpower situation is Ted Pryst. Ted is practically engaged to a little miss who answers to the name of Pat. Being very fickle, Ted had a change of heart and has fallen for another. Now he is in a haze as how to get Pat to return his ring and still be friends with her. In the meantime his 'new love' is wondering why he has kept his supposedly sore "ring" finger in bandages for such a long time. If there is anyone who can help Ted out of this embarrassing situation please get in touch with him at once.

A/S Chester Zdanowicz has had his first date and it was love at first sight. Chester dates this girl every week and for more than one reason. If he should not take her out some week-end, Paul (P.P.) Martin, who also is madly in love with this cute Bohemian girl, is all set to take over. In order to be more comfortable, Chester's girl removes her blouse whenever, wherever, and whenever they may be necking. Being a lad with very high morals, Chester does not do anything besides neck.

If you saw a mob gathered around A/S Fred Olson last week, it was merely those hero worshippers who were waiting to touch a genius. Fred had received a 100 on a math 202 exam.

People are beginning to wonder about A/S Bob Thurston who has been constantly seen in the company of a certain blond coed. He was recently seen with her, playing ball in back of Chapin Hall and has been observed at times sitting in a quite corner helping her with her school work?

I am in the midst of a technical conversation which is too involved for you average students. So I must close this column so that I may convey my professional knowledge to the participants.

—MOLE

No School Spirit

Last week, a June 1941 graduate, who is now in the Army, visited the campus and the uppermost question in his mind was to find out the burying place of the old school spirit. He wanted to pay his last respects. The only answer we could offer was that there hasn't been any of it around the campus in a long while. No one seemed to know just what had happened to it.

In the first place, with the influx of V-12 students and the Army's call to arms of the majority of civilians, school spirit has become virtually extinct.

The V-12 fellows, aside from those who attended IIT as civilians, didn't ask to be sent here to further their education. They would much rather have been sent to some of the larger colleges or universities in the country because of the wonderful surroundings and so on. They were sent here for a definite purpose, and that was to get a top flight education, and in so doing, be able to serve their country in a greater capacity later on. If things don't go to suit themselves, they gripe to one another instead of bringing their complaint to some one or group which could help bring about reforms. It is every student's duty to find out why things are as they are.

The civilian student, mainly the freshmen and sophomores, fail to take an interest in school affairs because they feel the draft board breathing heavily on their necks and in perhaps a month or two they will be gone.

Typical example of the point we've been trying to drive home is the current intramural program. Norm Schmitz has done all in his power to make it a success by placing notices about the school and the response was terrific. A total of thirteen teams, four senior and three navy, entered. Games and times were given space in the already crowded sports page, and either one or the other team showed up ready to play but not both simultaneously. The result was forfeits, showing an extreme lack of interest on the part of the student body.

The freshmen failed to show any interest in class elections and much time was spent in getting together. Several weeks ago the baseball squad played Concordia on Ogden Field. Student spectators numbered well in the tens and these were all V-12 students.

Some will say that the only valid reason for keeping sports alive at all is to benefit the participants. These are school organizations, and students who are unable to compete in these various sports should take pride in their accomplishments.

The above stated facts are reasons why school spirit will remain dead. The only solution is for students to cast off that "I don't care" attitude, but fast.

—PYPE

Man Of The Week

Jatczak, Senior M. E., Is Social Chairman and SAM President

December 27, 1925 was the beginning of an eventful and so-far successful career for Leonard Jatczak, senior mechanical engineer. Born in Chicago, he attended Falconer Elementary School on the northwest side of the city. He entered Lane Technical High School in 1939 and immediately became active in many school activities. He was on the debating team and a member of the National Honor Society, which requires a high character and service record in addition to an excellent scholarship record. He was a staff major in the ROTC unit, and in his last term, his fellow students



showed their opinion of his character by electing him class treasurer. During that term he was also personally responsible for over three thousand dollars of class and school money.

In February, 1943, immediately after graduating from Lane, Leonard entered IIT. In his freshman year he restricted his outside activities to participation in intramural baseball. During his second year he became a member of the ASME and

in his third year he was pledged to Pi Tau Sigma, honorary ME fraternity. He also became a member of the SAM and is now president of that organization. As a senior he is social chairman of the 4B class and is responsible for the highly successful 4B stag which was held a short while ago. He is also a newly initiated member of the Polish Club and is on the editorial staff of the Integral.

Throughout the time he has spent here, Jatczak has been active in student aid. He worked for Coach Stenger for several terms, and in his second year he marked economics papers for the ASTP unit which was then stationed here. He has managed to maintain a 2.46 average.

Only one thing remains a mystery about Leonard, and that is how this tall, good-looking fellow, with slightly wavy brown hair has managed to keep from getting hooked by some discerning female.

—ALBERT WENGERHOFF

... Techman Talking

R. A. Budenholzer, Asst. Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Since my arrival at Illinois Tech in 1940, I have heard much comment concerning the new building program which has been proposed for improving the physical facilities of the Institute. That this should be so is not surprising since improvements in physical plant are easy to visualize. However, improvements in the educational program are even more essential if Illinois Tech is to create and maintain its place as the leading engineering school of the middle west.

My observation of the trend of engineering progress leads me to conclude that engineering has become a science in which guesswork and rule of thumb are almost entirely obsolete. In modern engineering, where competition is abundant, a factor of safety of five or six will no longer be acceptable as an insurance policy against lack of knowledge.

Because of the great technical ability, resourcefulness, and ingenuity which will be demanded of engineers in the future, it seems to me that only those especially qualified for its responsibilities should be permitted to pursue a course of study required for entrance into the engineering profession. Engineering schools should make every effort to help guide those who do not have the desire or aptitude for engineering into other lines of endeavor, and to encourage those who do, to the limit of their capacity. This is a goal toward which I believe Illinois Tech is striving.

Every conscientious student of engineering, recognizing the importance of his profession to society, should bend his efforts towards improving that profession. This improvement can gradually be realized if engineering schools exercise constant vigilance with regard to those who are admitted, and if the faculties of these schools encourage the students, by virtue of their own example, to take part in meeting of the technical societies and in general to uphold the dignity and ethics of the engineering profession.

