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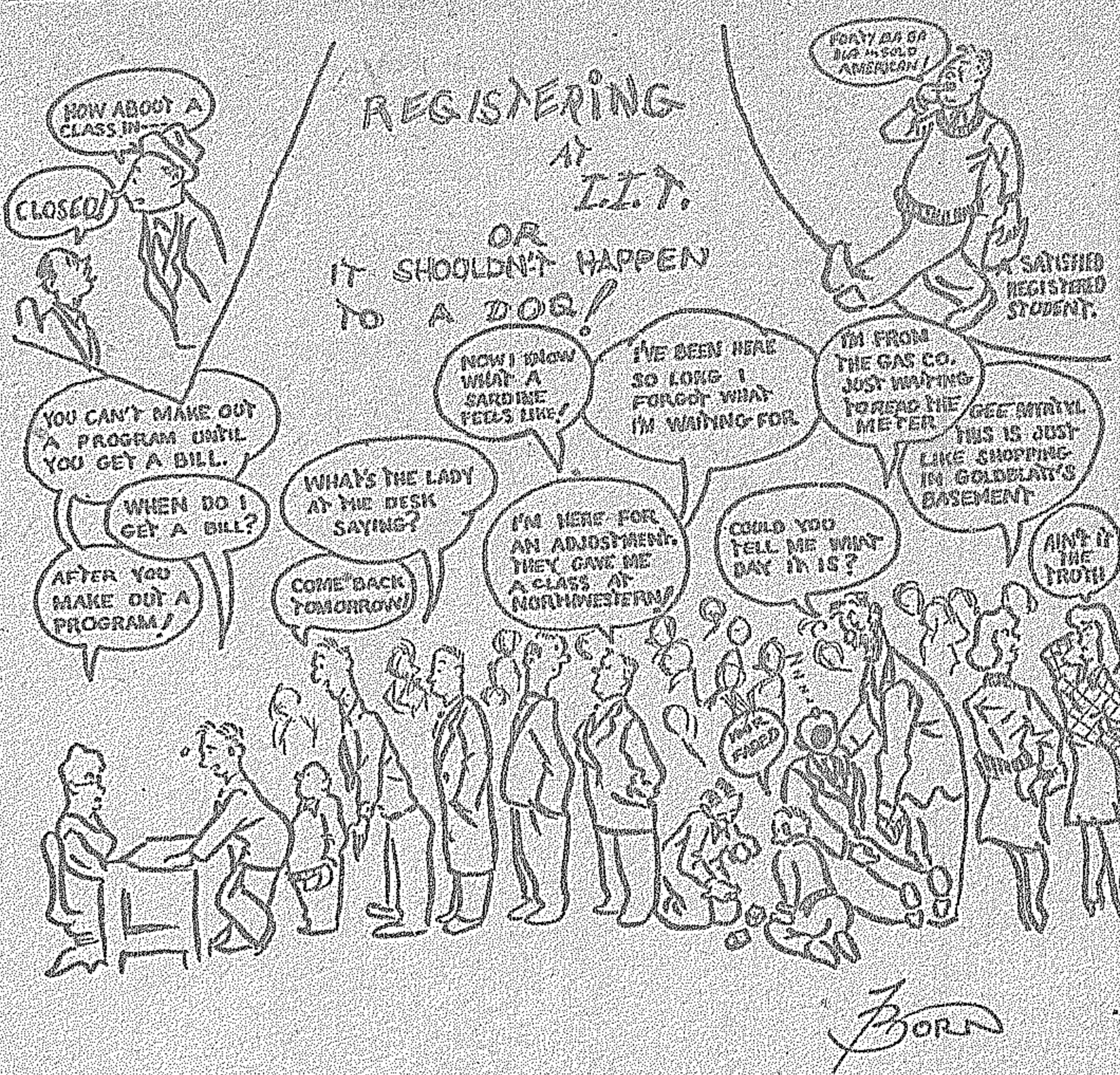
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Ain't It the Truth



Although the some old steamshovel remains, the controls have passed into the hands of a new operator whose one wish is to faithfully discharge his duties in digging up the dirtiest dirt on the campus. Without further ado let us examine the latest dirt hot off the shovel.

Many of the occupants of room 3-A-L (which for the benefit of all landlubbers signifies 3rd deck, forward compartment, living space) in quarters #5 hould in the very near future receive their PHD (Piling it higher and Deeper) degrees. That compartment is the scene of an almost nightly wise-cracking and story-telling session. The usual master of ceremonies is genial Joe Fair, nominee for the poor man's Bob Hope. Joe knows a million of them. (He used to bowl them over at Bowling Green before coming, rather, before being ordered to IIT.)

One "weeping towel" goes to Harry "I got the straight word Twickler, who, with the youthful innocence of a boy of twenty-five, blundered into the NROTC program expecting more liberty. Among history's famous last words should go these from Twickler: "But I thought things would be different now that the war is over."

The perfect crime has at last been committed. It took place in Navy quarters #5 last Monday night. Someone, braving the wrath of "Happy" Chandler Sammons and his mob, managed to exchange his wide mattress for a more convenient narrow one belonging to "Happy." What remains a mystery is how this perpetrator of perfect crimes managed to walk past the open door of the adjoining study room twice carrying a huge mattress without being seen. Upon discovery of the misdeed a hurried search of the quarters was undertaken by "the mob" but to no avail. "Happy" Sammons has offered one of his prize cigars for any information leading to recovery of his sack pad. For the next few days the name "Happy" will be strictly a misnomer.

Keeping the dirt turned in the Faculty Circle we happen to know that while down at Rockford, Ill., last weekend, Mr. Gordon Erickson, IIT glee club and orchestra director, claims to have been in at not later than 12:30 Saturday night. So you see, Mrs. E., your husband is still true blue after all these long years. He was satisfied with a few short beers—at least, so he says.

Report has it that some of the younger operators were not so "early to bed." Heard to come creeping in during the wee hours were A/S Tom Burt, A/S Trent Knepper, and A/S Robert Campbell. It seems they were attracted by a couple of the local high school girls on Rockford's main street. Wonder what these Rockford girls have that Chicago girls don't, that two of them could keep three sailors occupied for so long? How about revealing the secret, boys.

The "Riddle of the Week" was posed by Prof. T. J. Higgins of the E E Department in one of his classes this week, quote "How does a mink get babies?" The answer—"The same way a baby gets minks." I'm sure he would appreciate it if someone who understands the riddle would explain it to A/S Gene Kleeman.

Prof. Macklin Thomas has won the acclaim of his English classes for his outspoken criticism of the grammar text used for the course. He pointed out that such example sentences as "I did not permit the boy to have the book"; "There are good roads all over the country"; and "The women rode and the men walked"; are out of date. "Why not let the guy have the book?" queried Mr. Thomas. "What kind of a book is it anyhow? There are not good roads all over the country. What kind of dream world is this fellow living in? He must be living in the 15th century. Who ever heard of women riding while men walked. There ought to be a law protecting students from him."

The "Red Face of the Week" is worn by A/S DeWitt Pickens. At the dance in Rockford last week, Dee met a nice girl who tried to impress him with her hunger by mentioning the fact several times during the course of the evening. Pick, thoroughly impressed, sought out one of the cheaper looking restaurants and proceeded to order himself a dinner. The red face appeared when his date ordered a glass of orange juice. Her hunger was the result of a diet she had been on for a couple of weeks.

Hoping to have offended no one by omitting his nefarious deeds from the sweeping arm of the shovel, I shall close up said shovel for the week.

The Spear

Class Elections

The coming elections at IIT bid fair to be the most active since pre-war days. An early tabulation of the number of petitions last week showed over two dozen turned in. Several freshman petitions have also been submitted, an event that heretofore has been conspicuous by its absence in previous elections.

It is possible that the long-dead school spirit is slowly being revived. If this is so—and the actual number of votes cast in the coming election can prove that it is—much credit is due to the few active men on the campus who have struggled valiantly to keep student activities functioning.

The present junior class, which has shown much spirit all through its career, again is the scene of the most hotly contested battle of the election. Every open office has at least two contesting candidates. Much of this competition is from the new NROTC men from Case, who have a strong bloc set up.

In the past, elections have been hampered by lack of interest by the student body. Assemblies called to introduce candidates to the student body have never been well attended. As this is being written, the assembly for this term is to be held tomorrow. The turnout will indicate how active the school actually is.

But regardless of the spirit shown this term, the return to the regular two semester a year basis and the increased enrollment of civilians should get IIT's extracurricular activity on the upswing. It's still up to the individual man—he can make or break the spirit; and the best place to show an interest in the activities is to vote for class officers.

How About a Junior Week?

One of the most popular activities on campus in previous years was the Junior Week held during the spring term. Back issues of the *Integral* and *Technology News* show how the entire school was captivated by the entertainment planned for this week.

During Junior Week fraternities presented skits, inter-class competitions of many types were held, pie-eating and most-beautiful-leg contests and many other competitions were run off. The week was topped off by the junior all-school dance. The entire program was directed by the junior class, each succeeding class trying to outdo the previous one.

Because of the accelerated schedule last year time could not be allotted for such peace time pleasures and Junior Week was dropped. However, this should not interfere with a Junior Week next spring. There should be a Junior Week—seniors who remember the hilarious fun had at that time will all agree it took away from the humdrum existence of an engineering school.

It is not too early to begin making plans for next term now. Many details will have to be attended to. It is hoped that next spring will see the revival of this old tradition.

Man Of The Week

Mickey Gilden, Senior EE, Leads in Campus Activities

Bowing in the spotlight this week is that fellow with the pleasing personality, Meyer Gilden, the "Man of the Week." Gilden, who is an 8th term EE, hails from Chicago's south side. He received his high school training at Bowen, graduating from there in January, 1942, among the first five in his class. While at Bowen, he was a member of the National Honor Society and an officer in the R.O.T.C.



After graduation he attended Wilson Junior College. He came to Illinois Tech in November, 1943, after serving in the armed forces. "Mickey," as he is known to his friends, is active in most organizations of the EE Department. At present, he is president of Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical fraternity. He holds membership in the AIEE and the IRE. Gilden, who has a fancy for electronics, is presently engaged as an instructor in an electronics lab.

Gilden is president of the Sigma Alpha Mu, social fraternity. His zealous efforts in the past as rushing chairman and secretary brought him to the position of Prior; under his guidance the fraternity has prospered and has remained one of the leaders on the campus, as evidenced by its participation in all school affairs. Mickey attributes his development of good character to the fraternity.

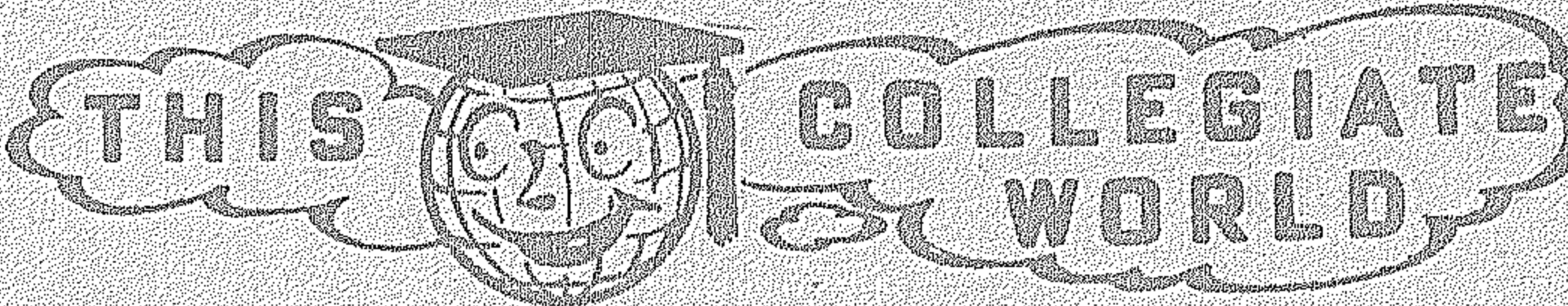
Gilden has been a reporter for the *Technology News* and a member of the rifle team. With all the activities he still has been able to maintain a 2.8 scholastic average.

For relaxation from school work, Mickey plays tennis or enjoys a game of chess. He is eager to take on most anyone at any time in this game. Dancing is one of his favorite pastimes.

Gilden has a comment to make on school policy. He believes that more provision should be made for acquiring a liberal education. "The tendency here has been to produce only engineers," comments Gilden.

In reply to the question of girls on the campus, Mickey says that he is happy to see them here and hopes that their being here will build up the school's reputation.

Mickey intends to remain here for graduate work in electronics and then put his knowledge to good use in industry.



If the Trojans do not score a victory at their next game, it will not be the fault of their able dietician and chef. The trainees of the varsity obtain their proper quota of proteins, and carbohydrates at the Town and Gown dining hall. The following is usually the source of calories: bean soup, lettuce salad with Russian dressing, fresh green peas, mashed potatoes with gravy, Salisbury steak, bread and butter, and fresh milk as the beverage.

A campaign to build a \$250,000 Student Memorial Center on the Ohio Wesleyan campus will be launched in the near future. The structure will be in honor of the 2,628 men and women from Ohio Wesleyan who fought in the war. Seventy-five of these lost their lives.

In the archives of the University of Wisconsin by-laws, heresay has it, is a rule that could cause 1945 co-eds much trouble. Written during the Victorian era of the last century, it forbids girls who wear night gowns to room with girls who wear pajamas. A poll taken among Cardinal female staff workers showed that 100 per cent of them sleep in men's pajamas. Apparently grandmother's night gown is on its way out as a part of the wardrobe of the 1945 co-ed.

College building programs are getting to be the fad. Indiana University has a 25 million dollar program to look forward to. The "Indiana Daily Student" reports, "It means our campus will be one of the most outstanding in the country—its geographical location is perfect, its standards tip-top."