

It Makes Sense

"What good will it do me?" is an oft chanted question. This feeling, to a greater or lesser extent, is the predominant spirit of most voluntary elections—where voters are not dragged to the polls.

In Illinois Tech's recent election a greater percentage of the student body voted than ever before, yet more than half of the students on the campus evidently felt, "I don't particularly care who gets elected."

Now we're not idealists, and if it is actually useless to vote or if the results cannot possibly affect the voter—why then we say DON'T VOTE!

On many college campuses student government officers are mere figure-heads; but this is certainly not true on the IIT campus. All five of the class presidents, four of whom were elected in the last election, are also members of the board of control of the Illinois Tech Student Association.

The student representatives should be men and women who can think clearly. They must not be easy prey to pressure groups which abound on any campus. THESE REPRESENTATIVES HANDLE APPROXIMATELY \$22,000 OF STUDENT MONEY EVERY YEAR.

Each student, when paying tuition, contributes \$6 to these funds, which are allotted to various campus projects and activities throughout the year.

Student recreational facilities are controlled by ITSAs through the Student Union board of control, one of its standing committees.

Cafeteria service, health insurance, use of the union facilities for private enterprises, and other points of vital interest have been the subject of investigation by ITSAs, acting as agent of the student body.

The student that neglected to cast his vote lost an opportunity to take part in these matters. Voting makes sense at IIT.

In Sympathetic Motion

It's going to be a tough grind for the incoming freshies to make the transition from the old buildings to the new.

Right now they're just in time to have the pleasure of taking technical drawing in the Main building. Just as they get used to drawing a line in sympathetic motion with the vibrations of a passing train they'll be moved to a new location and their plates will look like the product of a patient in Dunning's DT ward.

They'll solve that mouse and cheese puzzle known as Chapin hall only to be shocked by the realization that the buildings will be torn down and their efforts at deciphering the conglomeration of stairs, halls, and blind alleys, in order to find their class rooms, will be all in vain.

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Letters To The Editor

Senior Social Chairman Defends Actions Of 'Minority', Blasts Student Lethargy

Send up a rocket! Three cheers for Mr. Schyman. In his letter published in a recent issue of *Technology News*, he presents a well founded complaint received by grieving IIT class officers. The question of whether or not an "insidious minority" is controlling the school is basically a question of... Where is student interest in student social and class activities?

The meeting of the class of June, 1948, to which Mr. Schyman referred, was announced very efficiently. An article was placed in *Technology News* the week preceding, and postal cards giving all details of the subject, time and place were sent to every member of the class. The meeting being held during a free hour, it was assumed that every person concerned could and would attend.

Because experience has shown the improbability of a large turnout, it was also assumed that a majority of those interested enough to attend would be sufficient to come to decisions. This is not at all an unreasonable practice, as Mr. Schyman suggests, in view of the above consideration. As a matter of fact, the 52 to 38 vote in favor of having the Senior Farewell dance next June formal is probably a very conclusive majority because the same experience has shown that those people who attend class meetings are for the most part those who

Information For Free

Aroused Inmates Find Clues To Shanty Riddle

By "Wild" Bill Furlong
Heated debate raging over the picturesque structure at 33rd and Federal streets revolves around two pivots: (1) wot the devil is it and (2) is it an eyesore?

The shanty irritates the aesthetic sense of some inmates who claim it is not consonant with the "rustic" surrounding. But there are those who wonder sourly if anything can be an eyesore in such surroundings. Whether it is a blight or not is debatable, but it is significant that the architecture department isn't bragging about designing it.

Guesses about what it is have ranged from a new gymnasium to a pillbox capable of maintaining discipline during registration. Some have argued that the wide expanse of window space smacks reminiscently of the washrooms in the Chemistry building, while others hint that it may be a telephone booth, a hot dog stand, or a March of Dimes station. Actually, however, it is for the police so they may keep an eagle eye out to see that nobody makes off with a squad car.

attend social affairs. Although class activities are just a part of Illinois Tech, extensive interest in those activities, and a willingness to actively participate in them, are what constitutes real school spirit.

What do the missing 200 prospective June graduates have to say?

Race N. Witt
Social Chairman,
class of June, '48

Slipstick

We were finally coerced into divulging the origin of our material the other day. The editor, after taking advantage of his privilege to censor our gags, questioned our source. Resenting this, we barked back, "At the barbecue joint down the street. They're always good for a few ribs."

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Model: Do you remember the dress I wore last night? It was a little French creation called "The Sinking Neck-line."
College Joe: Hmmm—well then, this one must be called "Torpedoed."

IIT
Daffinitions
Pessimist: One who builds dungeons in the air.
Girdle: A garment that prevents a lot of loose walk.
Elephant: An animal that works for peanuts.
Shoulder Straps: A piece of ribbon worn to keep an attraction from becoming a sensation.

IIT
Household Hint
The best way to protect a wedding ring is to dip it in dishwasher three times a day.

IIT
Cook: You're not eating your fish; is there anything wrong with it?
Diner: Yeah, long time no seal!

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Prospective Employer: I can use a man with your personality, strength and leadership. I'd like to have you on my team.
IIT Grad: Thank you, str. What kind of business are you in?
P.E.: Borax business—I have a twenty mule team.

IIT
We hope you don't feel like the drunk in the phone booth, who, when asked for his number, said, "Number, #%%—&, I want my peanuts."

as I see IT

Sherwood Benson
Editor-in-Chief

THERE ARE BIG THINGS doing on the Illinois Tech campus today. More than 174,000 square feet of floor area have been added to the space available for instructional purposes.

The 920 students that voted in the last election is the largest student show at the polls in 65 years.

Twenty-three candidates running for junior offices represented the largest number of students that ever drew political swords under one class banner in the history of IIT. This issue is the BIGGEST *Technology News* that has ever gone to press.

In contrast to all these big things—this is the first time I am writing; this column.

WHEN A NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF is appointed most people believe that it is a signal for the fortunate man to swing back in his seat, put feet up on desk, and break out a big black cigar. But if this man has had any experience on *Technology News* and he can see through the smoke he will know, as I know, that the real backbone of the paper is not the Editor-in-chief.

A college newspaper depends not upon any single person, but upon a group for its strength. The reporters, photographers, cartoonists, assistant editors and editors, all 70 of them compose the backbone of your campus paper. See "Cross Section—*Technology News*" on page three, column one.

IT IS INTERESTING to note from the results of our last election the similarity between politics on the national level and politics on the college level.—Independent candidates don't have a chance.

One candidate even followed the lead of Governor Earl C. Warren of California and placed himself on two opposing tickets: he was elected.

SINCE EIGHTH TERM STUDENTS were not eligible to vote in the last election 83 percent of the eligible student body actually took part in the voting.

An election committee, composed of Warren Brockmeier, Dave Pasik, and Ken Thompson worked all day and long into the night acting as judges and also tabulating the votes. Although it would require a much larger committee, many more Techawks could vote if the elections were held on two days.

BECAUSE *TECHNOLOGY NEWS* is the only newspaper on the campus I do not feel that we should back one particular candidate. However, it is our intention to publish a careful account of the voting record of each student member of the ITSAs—voters will have a clearer picture of exactly what kind of candidate they have elected.

Collegiate World

Barber Frustrated; He Can't Clip Prof.

By Don Goldsmith
The latest absent-minded professor tale comes from Furman university. It involves a math professor named Bowen. This yarn alleges that Dr. Bowen made one of his infrequent visits to the barber shop and seated himself comfortably in the barber chair with bothering to remove his battered fedora from his formal-filled head. "Hair-cut," he commanded the barber. "Certainly," the curt barber replied. "Would you mind taking off your hat?" "Oh, I'm sorry," stammered the befuddled prof., "I didn't realize there were ladies present."

The *Bucknellian*, Bucknell University's paper, carried a story entitled, "Education seekers: Saying Good-bye 103." The article featured three pictures surreptitiously taken with an infra-red camera (the type that takes pictures in the dark.) The subjects of these photos were couples saying their Saturday evening "Good-nights."

According to the captions under the pictures, goodbye saying is divided into three steps: (1) "Tohe first date, or the formative period which usually ends with I had a lovely time but I really must be going in". (2) The second step or the intermediate stage is an advance, but not a very highly developed one; it comes at the time when the male things, "What have I to lose?". (3) Then there's the third step...

