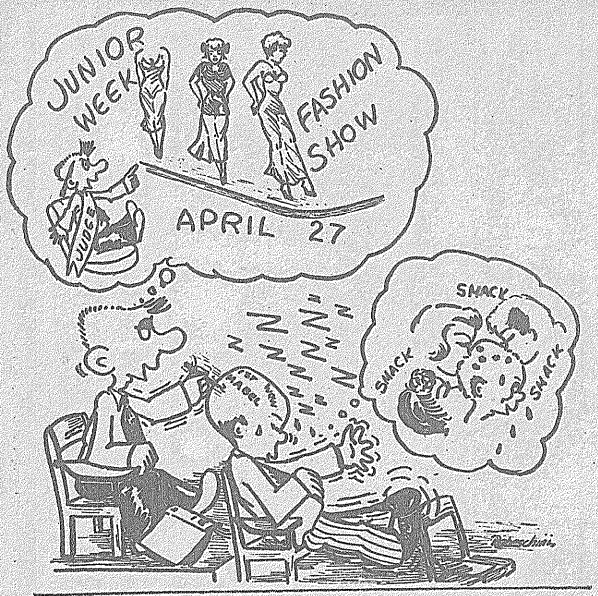

This Collegiate World

Bashful boys rate low if they don't pucker up

By J. Best and M. Miller

What does the modern miss think about an obviously subnormal bashful boy friend who doesn't kiss a girl on the first date? James J. Bender, marriage counselor or purveyor of juicy bachelors, reports in American Magazine that he questioned 100 girls and found that 88 of them held in contempt any boy friend who didn't attempt to kiss a girl on the first date. Dr. Bender's article does not reveal what type of tests were used to authenticate this data.

While on the engineer's favorite subject, let's consider the possibilities if Dr. Bender were to conduct a course in Preparation for Marriage at IIT. A simple formula for arriving at final grades might be developed, whereby the mark given would depend on the student's accomplishments. The student who was going steady by the end of the semester would obviously merit a "C", if engaged, a "B", and if he were married by final exam time, an "A" would be in order.

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Has the peak in the "high cost of living" been reached? How big a mortgage on his future must one take to prepare for it? Tuition—books—supplies—it takes a heap o' loaning to make a graduate. By the time one gets his bachelors "wings", that's about all he can afford to be.

Engineering students at other colleges are apparently as conscious of the rising cost of education as those at IIT. The Tech, student newspaper at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, recently published a comparison of leading colleges as to tuition rates both pre-war and present.

In 1939-40, MIT charged $600; in 1948-49, their tuition was $700, an increase of about 17 per cent. An increase to $800 has just been announced as effective this fall. Caltech's 1948-49 charges of $500 represents a 66 per cent increase over its $300 in 1939-40. This fall it will be upped to $600. Rensselear Polytechnic has raised its tuition from $450 to $600 during the last nine years, a 33 per cent raise. Students at Carnegie Tech paid $600 in 1948-49, a 100 per cent increase over a pre-war $300. Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N.Y., has lifted tuition only nine per cent in the period studied, going from $550 to $600 per year.

Meanwhile, IIT has marked up a rise from $300 charged by Armour in 1939-40 to the present $550 per year, an 83 per cent increase. With the costs of operation still rising and interest on endowments low, new revenues may be needed. There is, however, sure to be a point of diminishing returns along the tuition-hiking path; the bankroll in the average student's hip pocket is getting mighty thin. Is the end in sight?

Letters to the Editor

Column on popular profs asked as new feature

To The Editor:

We feel it is time that some of the outstanding teachers on campus received recognition for good teaching. We propose, therefore, that Technology News run a "Teacher of the Month" column.

Selection of teachers would be made solely by students, and after several students have recommended a teacher for this column, listing reasons for their choice, he will become eligible for write-up.

The purpose of the column will not be to pat individual instructors on their backs, but rather to point out publicly the qualities most admired by students. We believe that not only those instructors who appear in this column will benefit by it, but also those who do not appear.

With this thought in mind, we would like to recommend Mr. Leonard Shaewitz, instructor in English and Spanish as the "Teacher of the Month."

We choose him chiefly for his unfailing enthusiasm in the subjects which he teaches and his ability to enable his students to genuinely share in his enthusiasm.

Names Withheld

as I see IT

By DAVE PASIK
Editor-in-Chief

I HAD A NICE FEELING this week, lying on my back with the flu, as **Technology News** went to the presses for the first time without the aid of its editor-in-chief.

I have attempted since last Fall to set the paper up as a going concern, guided by the "chief" in all procedures and policies, but not dependent upon him for the run-of-the-mill decision. And it sure paid off—in peace of mind.

LISTENING TO THE RADIO while catching up on my penicillin quota, I was certainly amazed at some of the junk that gets out over the airwaves these days. If you need a few laughs, try Henry J. Taylor's **Your Land and Mine**, sponsored by General Motors on Sundays or **From Tomorrow's Tribune**, a nightly WGN farce on which you'll be entertained by a couple of the Colonel's clowns.

WHILE TALKING OVER the Chicago printing situation with the composing room foreman last night, I got a picture of the union fight that you certainly can't get through the usual propaganda sources.

This foreman paid over $650 union dues last year, and is proud of every cent of it. Fabulous sums such as this are supporting the striking locals, because the Chicago printers, as a group, know it is their fight too.

They're in love with their union—in the last 40 years the ITU has come to be a powerful instrument of self-protection and improvement. The wage increases now being fought for by the major newspaper shops have been granted long ago throughout the industry. The fight has been going on for well over a year now, and I'd say from the conversation last night, that ITU will win; they're prepared to do it.

Attacks pillars

To the Editor:

Ever since my freshman days at IIT I have been besieged by many active campus members because I consistently refused to take an interest in any of the various after-hour activities. Last week I had a change of heart and decided to attend the Illinois Tech-Chicago Teachers basketball game.

So what happened?

I have to park right behind one of those beautiful pillars that adorn our "massive" gymnasium.

Like I say, I never saw a Tech team perform before, and this night was no exception. Those pillars sure do an effective job; I felt like a blind mah in a coal mine.

Does the administration expect some of the fans to get periscopes? I'd like to meet the brilliant engineering graduate that dreamt up this masterful seating arrangement.

Bill Doty

Technology News awards a carton of Chesterfield cigarettes to the writer of each letter published. The letters must be submitted before 4 p.m. Tuesdays, and must be signed, although the names will be withheld if requested.

Blowing the Gaff

This might make cents

I've been having an awful time getting to all my classes this semester and it wasn't until this week that I discovered why.

Being a very eager beaver, I followed the registration directions exactly and look what it got me. I took my hints from the sample registration card in the back of the book of class listings and now I have two 9 o'clock classes on Tuesday.

No doubt if I go to the registrar's office and try to have these classes changed, it will cost me five dollars for each class, but I have an idea by which the school can make a lot of extra money.

With an enrollment the size we have, there must be well over 3,000 students with no conflicts in their programs. Since they did not follow instructions, they can be justly fined. Now, with a fee of five dollars per student, I deduce the product to be over 15,000 dollars. This is a very tidy sum.

I will let the school use the idea for $10,010 (The ten dollars will pay for my conflict.) In this way the school is richer, I am richer, my classes are straightened out and those who so flagrantly violated instructions and have no conflicts are fined five dollars each to pay for the trouble I am now causing the registrar. Everybody happy?

Jim Gaffney

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Slipstick

A fellow seated at a bar watched a nice looking girl come in and drink four highballs with no apparent effect. His curiosity getting the better of him, he leaned over and asked, "Would five make you dizzy?" She replied, "The price is right, but the name is Daisy!"

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Thelma: What's your occupation?
Howie: I'm a robber.
Thelma: That's kind of dangerous isn't it?
Howie: Nope, I'm a safe robber.

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The mother of triplets was being congratulated by a friend. "Isn't it wonderful," said the mother, "it only happens in one out of 16,872 times!"

"That certainly is remarkable," said her friend, "but tell me, when do you get time to do your housework?"

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Old maids are born—not made.

A dashing young fellow named Spice,
Devoted a lifetime to vice,
He ruined the morals
Of thousands of gorals
With never a thought as to price.

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Nancy: "If you kiss me, I'll scream."
Marv: "But there's no one within hearing distance."
Nancy: "Then what are you scared of?"

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There is a story of a certain lawyer who stayed up all night trying to break a widow's will, but we can't print it here.

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"Darling, am I the first man you ever loved?"

"Yes, honey. All the rest were fraternity boys."

Carbolic Gus