

NEWS IN SHORTS

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NEW GRADE SYSTEM—As a stimulant to scholastic zeal among students at IIT, a new grade point system is to be installed. Based on the highly successful psychology of the pinball machine, the new plan awards one million points for an "A," while "B," "C," and "D" are worth 750,000, 500,000, and 250,000 points, respectively. A mammoth new IBM score calculator is being specially constructed for the purpose. During registration, each student is given a key bearing his code markings. When this key is inserted in the new machine, a large scoreboard lights up with the point-average achieved. "Dean's List" students receive a brass check good for five free trips through the registration process. Students on probation hear a mournful dirge as the machine

flashes that dreaded word: TILT.

MEDICAL SERVICE—A broadened policy of campus medical service was announced today. More convenient office hours are scheduled for the doctor and nurse on duty and a greater supply of placebos is on hand. Added features include a quota system for illnesses, under which students expecting illnesses may apply for permits to be sick. Should students die before medical attention is given, an official declaration of death must be issued so that deceased students will not have final grades of "E" recorded by the registrar. Dr. Bandade McNamara further stated that no student carrying less than eight class hours daily will be permitted illness. Less than eight hours sleep, he explained, is detrimental to health and well-being.

New building to facilitate indoor sports

In a fast administrative move to boost dwindling enrollments and combat the inflationary spiral in tuition rates, plans were announced today for immediate construction of a new unit in the Technology Center building program. The new structure, to be known as "Gaming Hall," will provide space for a collegiate Monte Carlo, returns from which will finance all instructional activities.

"Money" Weissman, custodian of chips in Gaming Hall, revealed that all campus recreational activities, including crap games, card games, handbooks, and slot machines, will be transferred to the new building. "We're out to get our ten percent," Weissman bel-

lowed, "so those guys will have to use the new place for their games or else we'll make 'em go to class."

Handbooks will be located on the ground floor, to permit ready access by White Collar girls during their brief 90-minute coffee passes. Games of Hooligan and 26 will be operated on the second floor. Sound-proofed quarters on the third floor will provide for Tec-hawk bridge and pinochle players, who have heretofore suffered unbearably from the noise of students preparing lab reports.

To afford adequate protection to innocent bystanders, participants in the vicious, galloping game of chess will be segregated on the fourth floor. The remaining three floors will be devoted to slot-machines, roulette wheels, and meeting halls for bingo and pyramid clubs. The United Charity drive will maintain a booth at the main entrance.

Although Gaming Hall is expected to pay for itself

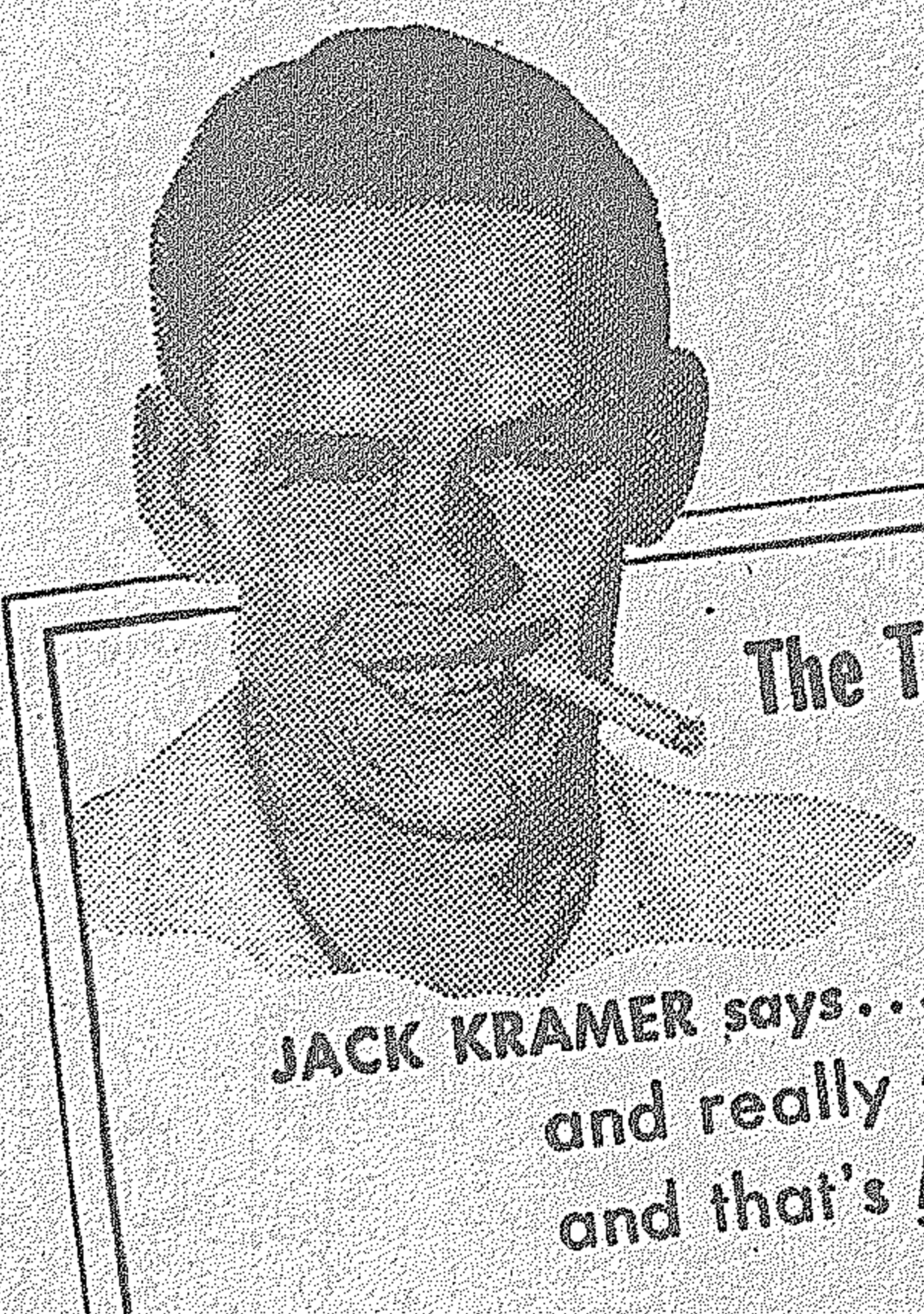
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