

Campus cleanup

We're glad to hear that the newly appointed Election committee has promised to clean up politics on the campus.

Last May's class elections created a not too favorable impression of IIT campaigns. Although specifically forbidden by ITSAs, personal campaigning by office candidates and their agents took place not only within 20 feet of the ballot box, but practically on top of it.

Voters were unable to cast their ballots without having other students peer over their shoulders.

Apart from these aspects of the campaign, which may have been due partly to crowded conditions, many voters found themselves voting for men of whom they did not approve, but who got their vote because that particular office was uncontested.

These, then, are some of the conditions which the new Election committee has set out to improve.

The committee aims, not to stop election-day campaigning, but to prevent it in front of the voting booth.

It proposes to give the voter a chance to ponder his ballot in peace.

Through campus publicity, the committee hopes to put an end to uncontested candidacies.

During the past few semesters, the number of voters has steadily increased. There is no reason to suppose that the trend will change next spring. In all probability, the election will poll the largest turnout in the school's history, and handling the votes smoothly will present the Election committee a difficult task.

They say it can be done—let's hope it will be.

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Slipstick

A farmer had just hired a new man and sent him out to do the milking. After a while the farmer went to the barn to see how the new man was getting along. When he got there he found the new man had finished milking and was letting the cow drink the milk from the pail.

"Why are you doing that?" said the farmer.

"Well, you see," said the man, "the cow put her foot in the pail so I thought I'd better run the milk through again."

Tourist: I clearly had the right-or-way when this man ran into me, and yet you say that I was to blame.

Local cop: You certainly were.

Tourist: I don't get it. Why?

Local cop: Because his father is mayor, his brother is chief-of-police, and I go with his sister.

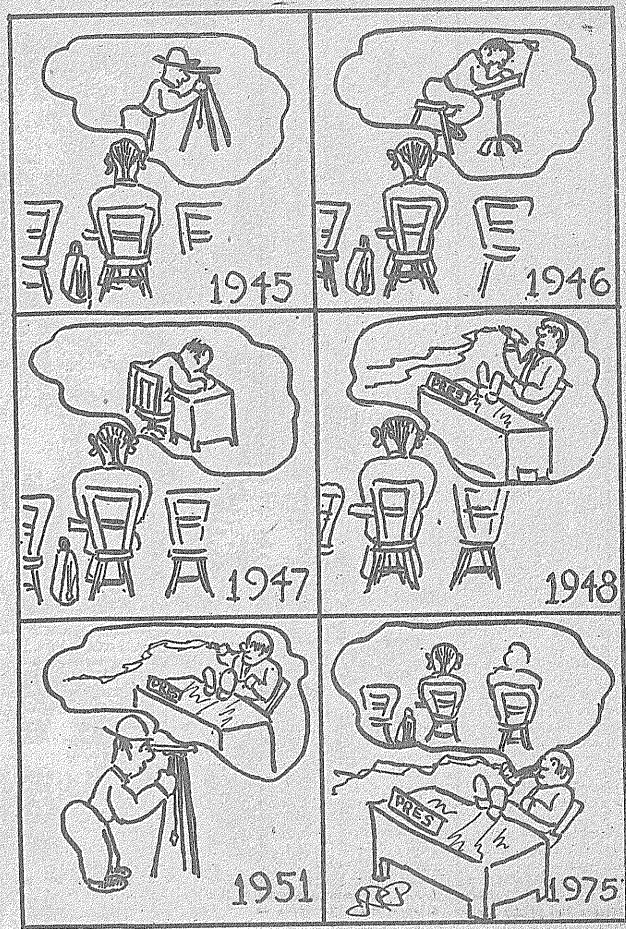
Pants are made for men and not for women. Women are made for men and not for pants. When a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man, they are a pair of pants. Such pants do not always last and then they are called breeches of promise. This often turns into a suit. When two couples are mixed up in the suit, all panting, it is a suit with two pair of pants.

Cub Reporter: I've got a perfect news story.

Editor: What? Man bites dog?

Cub: No, bull throws professor!

From bad to worse?



Collegiate world

Detroit editor eats humble pie at Wayne cafeteria

By Johnnie Best

A good way to get ulcers on your ulcers, they say, is to edit a student newspaper. The editor of The Detroit Collegian, student journal at Wayne university, is probably on a diet of crackers and milk these days, if he is eating at all. Earlier this month he was eating humble pie.

It seems that there was a strike of cafeteria employees at Wayne, with picket lines, jurisdictional questions, et al. The Collegian editor rushed into print with such words as "goon squads," "gangsters," and "thugs."

Ears burned, faces flushed, and conferences were held.

Came the dawn of a better day, and the Collegian editor sat down to his typewriter, squared his shoulders, and wrote his apology. "Intelligent and fair-minded leaders of labor . . . tremendously outnumber their opposite numbers in the movement." As for his previous harsh words: "It will not happen again."

Male students are not allowed to wear "polo" or "T" shirts at any time anywhere on the campus of New Orleans' Loyola university. Obligatory wearing of the traditional coats and ties will be enforced beginning November 1 on that campus.

Other rules announced in a recent issue of The Loyola Maroon include a restriction on eating—lunches may be eaten only in the school cafeteria. They must have a very large cafeteria there.

Resisting the current drop in veteran enrollment, which generally amounts to 10% or more in most colleges throughout the country, Loyola university of New Orleans also reports a loss of only 2% in ex-GIs.

However, many former servicemen studying on that campus shifted from full-time day study to part-time night school attendance, the Loyola veterans office observed.

Attributing the shifts to individual budget troubles, the office announced the availability of veterans for part-time employment. The Baby Sitters club, organized by a group of veterans some terms ago, has been reactivated under the leadership of one Charles Sturruap, and is seeking bookings, it was said.

as I see IT

By DAVE PASIK
Editor-in-Chief

TUESDAY'S ATHLETIC assembly brought to light quite a number of things that have been bothering organization officers and student leaders for a long time.

A lot of effort was put into the event in planning, preparation, and publicity; Arnie Harrison, president of Honor I and master of ceremonies, was seen steaming around the campus since before registration week, hoping to give the school's athletic spirit a shot in the arm.

It turned out to be another one of those all-school assemblies at which the student body is spread all over the campus—at other meetings or eating lunch; the dean of students' office had authorized five student meetings in addition to this assembly during the free hour.

At one of these meetings, the AIEE assembled 350 members, about double the number at the assembly. Why was this meeting allowed to be held in conflict with an all-school assembly? How does AIEE know so much more about publicity procedure than most student organizations?

One of the chief functions of the new ITSAs committee on student activities will be to co-ordinate meeting times to avoid as many conflicts as possible. The dean of students, who is represented on this committee, will be expected to cooperate fully in this procedure.

This, however, will obviously not guarantee healthy attendances—experience in publicity work is one of the most elusive quantities on the campus, and yet one of the most vital in attracting students into the extracurricular world. It wasn't only the free cokes and doughnuts that brought out 350 electrical engineers; that crowd assembled because of the well-balanced public relations program of AIEE.

It has been recognized by only a few students that there is a definite need for some medium in which neophyte organizations can obtain help in these and other problems common to all student groups.

DO YOU MIND our bragging about Pigs-kinn Prophets? This little feature of Technology News has grown from a back-room brainchild to a gigantic undertaking in just one year.

In the issue of October 8, 1947, a very small headline on page four indicated that prizes would be offered by Technology News to students doping out the week's college football results most accurately. Inducements were four cartons of Chesterfields.

The response was really terrific; the more than 300 entries demanded an increase in the prizes offered. Since then, it's been a snowball effect—the number of entries and the prizes offered have grown steadily until the competition is really cut-throat. It's no wonder, when you consider what we're offering. The Chesterfield cigarettes, which once headed the prize list, are now at the very bottom.

To alleviate the shortage of papers that occurs every Friday, we are doing something really new—jumping our circulation from four to five thousand copies.

We're still amazed.

