

As I see Ill. Tech

By ED MICHELIC

STUDENT CHEATING has just been examined by the faculty council, which recently discussed a report presented by its own committee on discipline. Though no space is available to present it verbatim, I believe a comment is in order.

As if doubtful of any widespread cheating, the faculty wants to study the problem more exactly. They may even study their educational philosophy, aims, purposes, and methods for possibilities of change.

This will take years—why not some definite action now? For the facts we need to proceed, I suggest the formation, through ITSA, of a joint survey committee of faculty and students, since the problem involves both groups in the Tech "family." They should design and conduct an opinion survey of students, exploring examination conditions and attitudes on both sides contributing to cheating. Contributions of the faculty on the committee would lend to the acceptability of the survey results. Opportunities might even be included for students to name particular departments, courses, and faculty members with whom a high frequency of cheating occurs.

THE BEST LAID PLANS "aft gang agley," as the Scot Burns observed. This was brought forcibly before Tech students recently.

One of our most active professional groups, the student chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, sought to boost its revenues and membership with a dance that would have undoubtedly attracted many students. Thinking to observe a mere formality, they submitted a date for approval after having already contracted with a hotel for the affair.

A conflict arose with the Junior Prom

and ITSA refused the AIEE date, even after AIEE appeared at a board meeting to appeal the refusal. Both groups risked something in the issue; AIEE the loss of its contract payment and ITSA, the loss of popular support—both came out "winners" in the end.

AIEE's executives accepted ITSA's final decision gracefully. This was an act of responsible citizenship, and increased my already high esteem for the group as a progressive, mature body.

ITSA has benefited in that it has been further established as a student government in fact; its decisions will gain wider acceptance and respect; the challenge has also been thrown to the ITSA board to improve the handling of their responsibilities; to the students has come the greater realization that candidates for class office should be selected from among those students who have demonstrated genuine competency for the job.

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Snowed juniors seek let-up

The recent furor over the high percentage of students on probation has brought to our attention three questions about the teaching practices at Illinois Tech.

1. Does a "rough course" mean that students learn more about the material covered than if the same course were made "easy?"

2. Do quizzes with a class average of below 50 out of a possible 100 signify that the class, on the whole, has learned only 50 per cent of what should be learned of that material.

3. When the failure rate in a course is 20 per cent or more, is that an indication that the instructor does not possess the proper teaching techniques,

that the material presented is too far above the students' ability and comprehension, or that the student was not academically prepared for the course?

This may sound like treason, but we think it would be to everyone's advantage if some of the instructors eased up a bit. The results of this action would be increased student morale. Because of this increased morale, students, generally, would do better in all their courses, instead of chewing their nails and worrying about that "rough one;" there would be more participation in extra-curricular activities; there would be fewer dropouts; and more new students would enter if they thought there was a chance of getting through.

"Frustrated, tired juniors"

Slipstick

First civil—And what are you doing now?

Second civil—Buying old wells, sawing them up, and selling them for post holes.

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She—But, darling, if I marry you I'll lose my job.

He—But can't we keep the marriage a secret?

She—But suppose we have a baby?

He—Oh, we'll tell the baby, of course.

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Larry—This is a tobacco plant in full flower.

Jeanne—And how long will it be before the cigarettes are ripe?

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Golfer—I'll report you to the cad-diemaster as soon as we get back!

Caddie—Huh! I needn't start worrying for hours yet.

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Prof—I'll give you just three days in which to get your homework turned in.

Student—O.K., I'll pick the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

He—What charming eyes you have!

She—I'm so glad you like them. They were a birthday present.

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The young bride was asked what she thought of married life. "Oh, there's not much difference. I used to wait up half the night for Bill to go, and now I wait up half the night for him to come home."

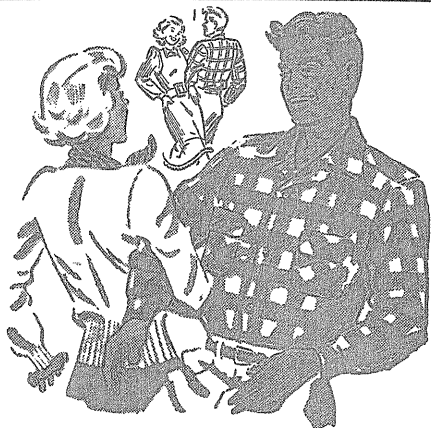
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She told the census-taker her children were named J. C., M. C., and D. C. "We can't accept initials," said the census-taker, "You must give me their full names." The woman replied: "J. C. stands for Just Curious, M. C. for Misplaced Confidence, and D. C. is for Damned Carelessness."

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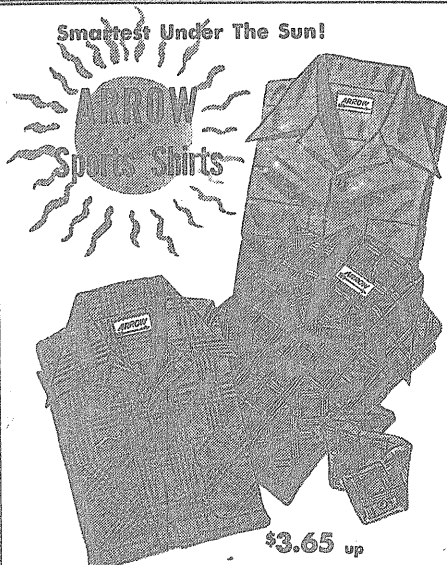
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tech timetable

Items appearing in Tech Timetable are those which have been scheduled with the Dean of Students' office.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14
Eta Kappa Nu, 5 p.m., IHC room
Alpha Lambda Pi, 7 p.m., 302M

MONDAY, APRIL 17
Eta Kappa Nu, 5 p.m., IHC room
IPC, 5 p.m., Exec. conf. rm.
Sigma Iota Epsilon, 5 p.m., 103MC

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
AIEE, 1 p.m., 115CB
ASME, 1 p.m., 302M
Freshman engineering orientation meeting, 1 p.m., 115CB
ISA, 1 p.m., AH conf. room
Food Technology club, 4 p.m., 115CB and 131MC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
Junior Week meeting, 5 p.m., NU aud.
Newman club, 5 p.m., 302M

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
ACS, 1 p.m., 115CB
Co-op club, 1 p.m., 108MC
IRE, 1 p.m., 101MC
Record concert, 1 p.m., 131MC
Food Technology club, 4 p.m., Exec. conf. room

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
McKinley House play, 8 p.m., NU aud.

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