

the more things change . . .

From *The Tech*, May 1, 1934:

Technology men have long complained of the great distance between almost any two given points around the Institute, but for the first time an investigation by a reporter of *The Tech* has revealed that there is a basis for the complaint.

The average distance traveled by a Technology student during class hours was found to be about five miles. This measurement was determined by a reporter who carried a pedometer in his pocket for several weeks.

In rainy weather the person who wants to go from the end of Building 1 to the end of Building 2 without exposing himself to the elements must travel almost three-quarters of a mile, the pedometer revealed. This was the longest distance measured.

The second longest distance was from the dormitories [Senior House] to the Coop, almost half a mile. This is about an eighth of a mile farther than from the dormitories to the Kendall Square subway station.

The dormitory resident who wishes to stop at the information office, Room 10-100, must travel three-eighths of a mile to reach his destination, while it is a trifle

farther from the Central Library [now Barker Engineering Library] to Walker Library [then located in the Francis Amasa Walker Memorial Building], not counting the elevator trip.

Following the reporter's meanderings from Walker to the track house [located where Room 26-100 is today] reveals this distance to be a quarter of a mile. It was also discovered that participants in the Technique Rush will have to travel but one-quarter of a mile to reach the infirmary [now Green Hall]. From the entrance at 69 Massachusetts Avenue [Building 5] to the Building 6 entrance was also a quarter of a mile.

The freshmen, it was found, travel the greatest distance. This was due mainly to drill, when three times a week the lower classmen march about a mile and a half each drill period. One day several weeks ago, a picture of the R.O.T.C. was taken on the steps of Walker, and that day the freshmen marched and marched for a total distance of two and a half miles.

From *The Tech*, May 5, 1934:

Opening its doors to the general public for the eleventh time in its history, Technology will hold

Open House today from 2 p.m. until 10, under the auspices of the Combined Professional Societies.

Exhibits ranging from \$25 traps for catching mice to a model of a generator which may with its 10,000,000 volts smash the atom will engage the attention of the spectators today. The latest in streamlined trains, homing pigeons, and other items of scientific or Technological interest will greet the guests . . .

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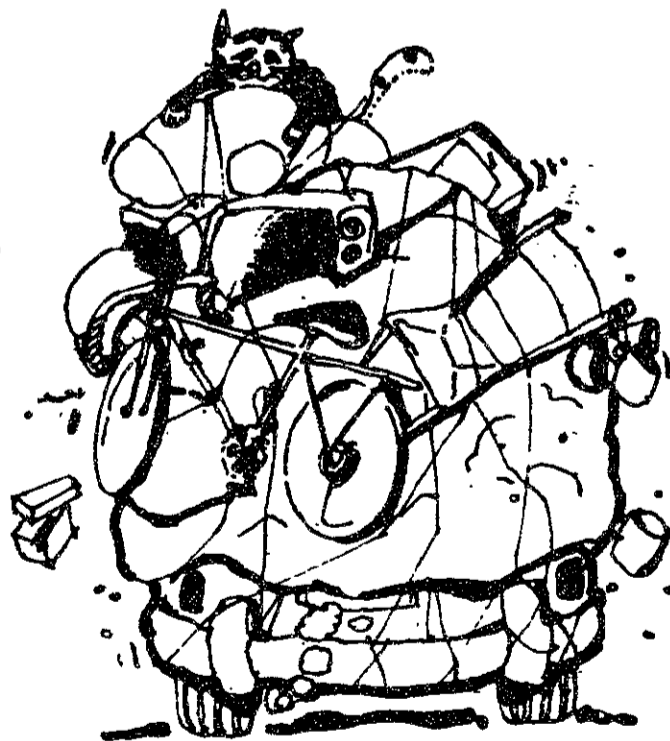
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