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Sorry we put off folding this issue, but you'll have to do it now.
Can we help it if you have small pockets? ↳

SKETCH



**WHO
NEEDS**

A Pocket Guide to Procrastination ... ?

TO OBSERVE ALL THOSE MEN ARMED WITH THIS GUIDE, YOU'LL SEE HOW FAST EVERYONE'S FORCES ARE CALLING UP ON THIS EASY, EVERYDAY, STALL-FOR-TIME KICK. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT TIME! SO JOIN OUR RANKS TODAY OR FIND YOURSELVES AMONG THE GROWING NUMBER WHOSE TERM PAPERS DRAFTED LAST NIGHT WERE COMPLETE, FAILURES, YOU CAN NOW LAUGH AT THEM BECAUSE YOURS WASN'T!

"A Pocket Guide to Procrastination" has been written for two long weeks, during which time some of the fruits of labor fermented and were by necessity discarded. What's left is by no means day-old bread, but serves as mute testimony that even Procrastination can be put off.

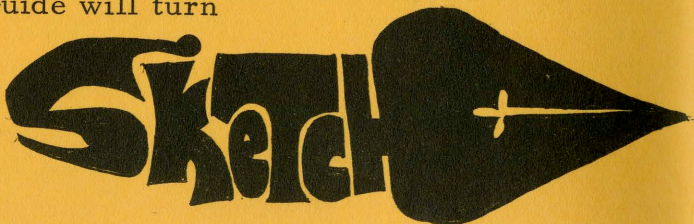
The very act of Procrastination is seemingly unexplored by today's psychologists and sociologists, and yet what other function of Civilized Man, save breathing, is so Universal?

"SEX", you ask? Well, maybe that is ONE good reason why science has been too busy putting off a comprehensive study of this act, but. . .

Getting back to the subject (We were talking about Procrastination, remember?) this guide explores Procrastination in the hopes of bettering this definition of the term, formulated on the spur of the last moment:

Procrastination is the art of putting first things last. It requires a strenuous act of self-deception, second only to that of a non-smoker saying Winston tastes good.

How to do it? Well, that's a later chapter in the Guide, but putting it briefly, successful Procrastination requires the utmost finesse and a good sense of bad timing (plus excellent nerves). Well, that's enough background material, so let's plunge deeper into the subject matter in our hopes that this Guide will turn out to be more than a rough



Ch. 1

SAY! WHY ISN'T THAT TERM PAPER OF YOURS GETTING FINISHED TODAYYYY, HMMM? (FOR THAT MATTER, WHY ISN'T IT EVEN GETTING STARTED IN ADVANCE?) Do questions like these always find you at a loss for words? Well, SKETCH probes its depths of experience and manages to come up with a handy collection of prefabricated excuses for your perusal, collectively titled

Some Common Causes for Procrastination...



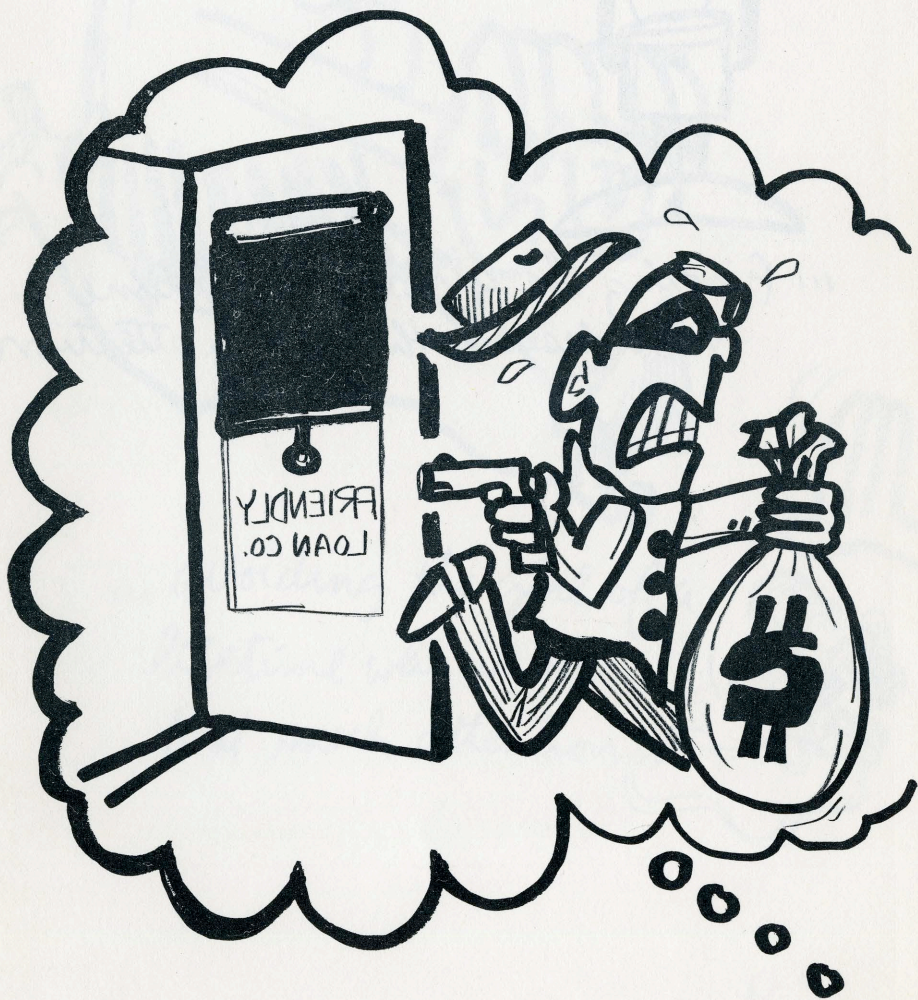
... Having to read a 20-volume set of Collier's encyclopaia overnight for Lib Studies ...



... knowing those
recurrent feelings of
inadequacy are
justifiable ...



... Planning bank robberies
so you can afford to come back
next year ...





III finding the girl of a lifetime
who deserves that much attention...

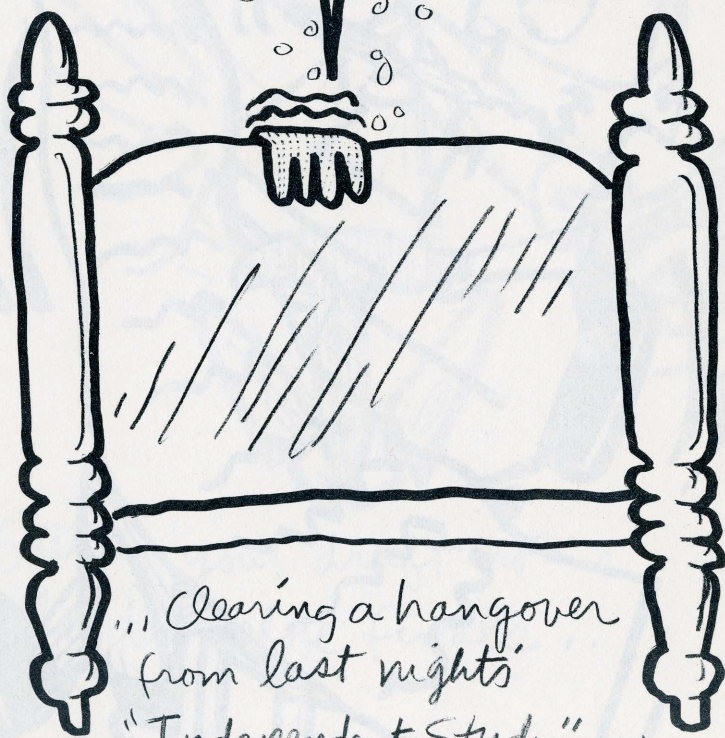


... avoiding the girl of a
lifetime who wants
that much attention



... hearing that little voice
that turns on at 4:00 AM the
day your paper's due say
you aren't gonna make it
this time, brother ...





... Clearing a hangover
from last night's
"Independent Study" ...

...thinking up advance excuses
to explain why your home-
work is constantly late...



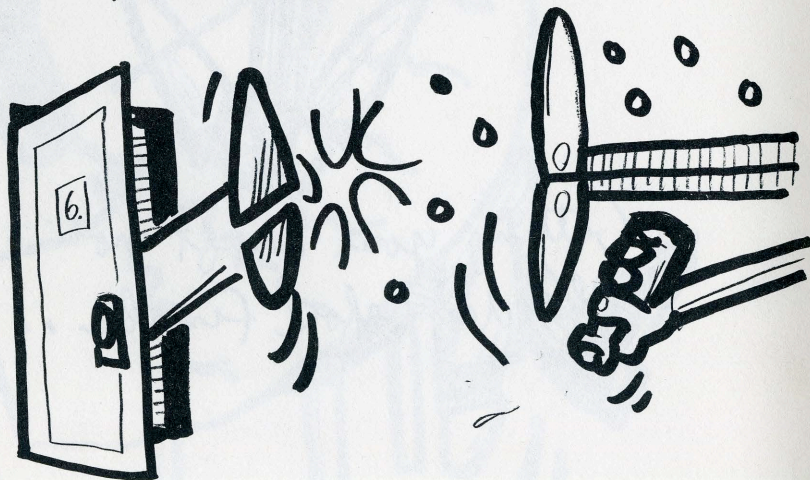


... Getting your draft notice
the day before finals ...

... Knowing both (a.) your parents
are going to drop in for a little
surprise visit tomorrow ...
and (b.) the condition your room is in...



... or (c.) the condition your
roommate is in ...



... hearing some serious joker
yell hey anyone for the Roxy
tonight...



... trying to discover
why the X key on your
typewriter decided to
break during tonight's
all-nighter ...



!!! Figuring out just how
you're going to tell the folks
that you've just failed a
course they've never
heard about !!!



!!! Searching for a polite way to tell
them you've never heard much
about it either. !!!

!!! pondering why your I.S. advisor
went into hysterics when you told
him what your 50-page paper
was all about ...





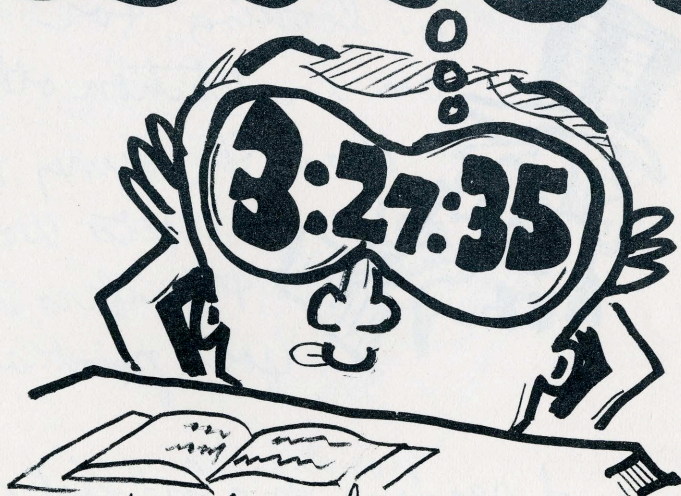
... being
among the
first to hear
The Shack
may soon be
purchased by
the college...

... Coming up with a good alibi
for not turning in your linen
for 8 consecutive weeks ...



... holding your nose while practicing
your alibi with a straight face ...

... wondering what the assignment
was 3 weeks ago when you
left for Jamaica ...



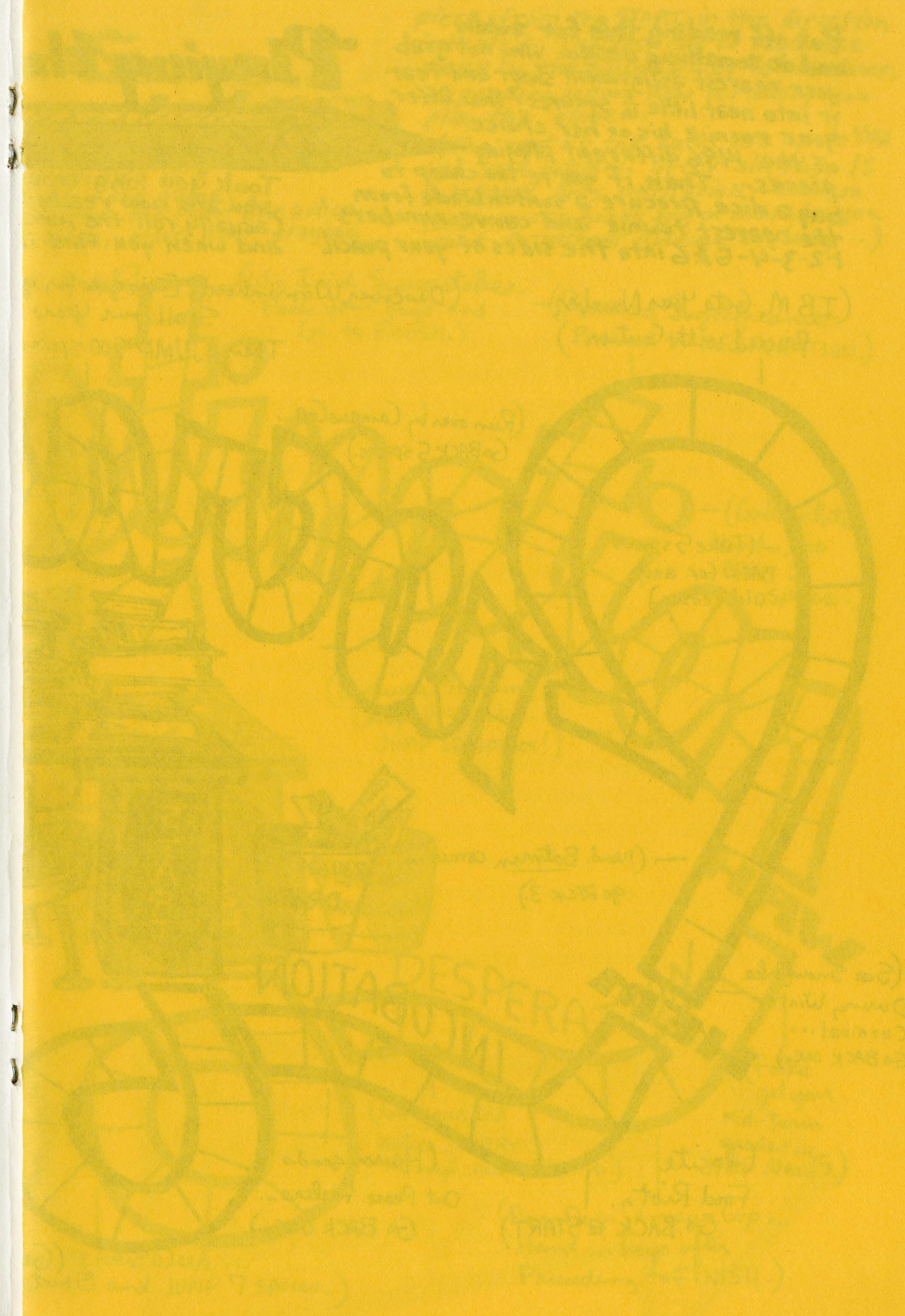
... knowing that the weekend is
only 53 hours, 27 minutes, and 35
seconds away ...

... Trying not to sound
too smug when writing
Dean Cropp to tell
him this year
the computer billed you
\$ 53 for Room and Board, Tuition,
Lab and Linen Service fees, plus
\$ 2,650 for Chapel Cuts in ex-
cess of the 18 permitted...



... looking for
an institution other
than the Army that
accepts Wooster
transfers with
your point average...

... and reading this fool list again.



Put off reading this for awhile and do something easy... Why not grab your nearest assignment sheet and tear it into neat little $\frac{1}{16}$ " squares? Now, Offer your roomie his or her choice of the 1496 different playing pieces... Then, if you're too cheap to buy a dice, procure a switchblade from the nearest townie and carve numbers 1-2-3-4-5&6 into the sides of your pencil.

Playing the Game...



Took you long enough, didn't it?
You are now ready to play the game:
Casually roll the pencil across the floor like a dice,
and when you find it again, move your playing

piece from the START in the direction indicated. The last one to reach the FINISH is the WINNER - or a real loser, depending upon how seriously you play the game...

(The rest of the rules are up to YOU and YOUR ROOMIE: after all, this IS a LIBERAL arts institution - and you KNOW you can break any of the rules you want to without kidding anybody...)

(I.B.M. Get a Your Number...
Proceed with Caution.)

(Discover Womanhood. [This goes for you, too, gals.]
Stall four years.
Then, JUMP 200 spaces.)

(Win Irish Sweepstakes...
Pack your bags and
Go to FINISH.)

(Pursued Significance;
Proceed to DESPERATION.)

(Run over by Campus Cop...
Go BACK 5 spaces.)

(Take 5 spaces
BACK for any
old reason.)

(Contemplate
Navel... Go
BACK 2
spaces.)

(Deliver Scathing
Chapel Speech...
JUMP 16 spaces!)

(read Batman comic...
go BACK 3.)

(See Snowflake
During Winter
Carnival...
Go BACK ONE.)

(Incite
Food Riot...
Go BACK to START.)

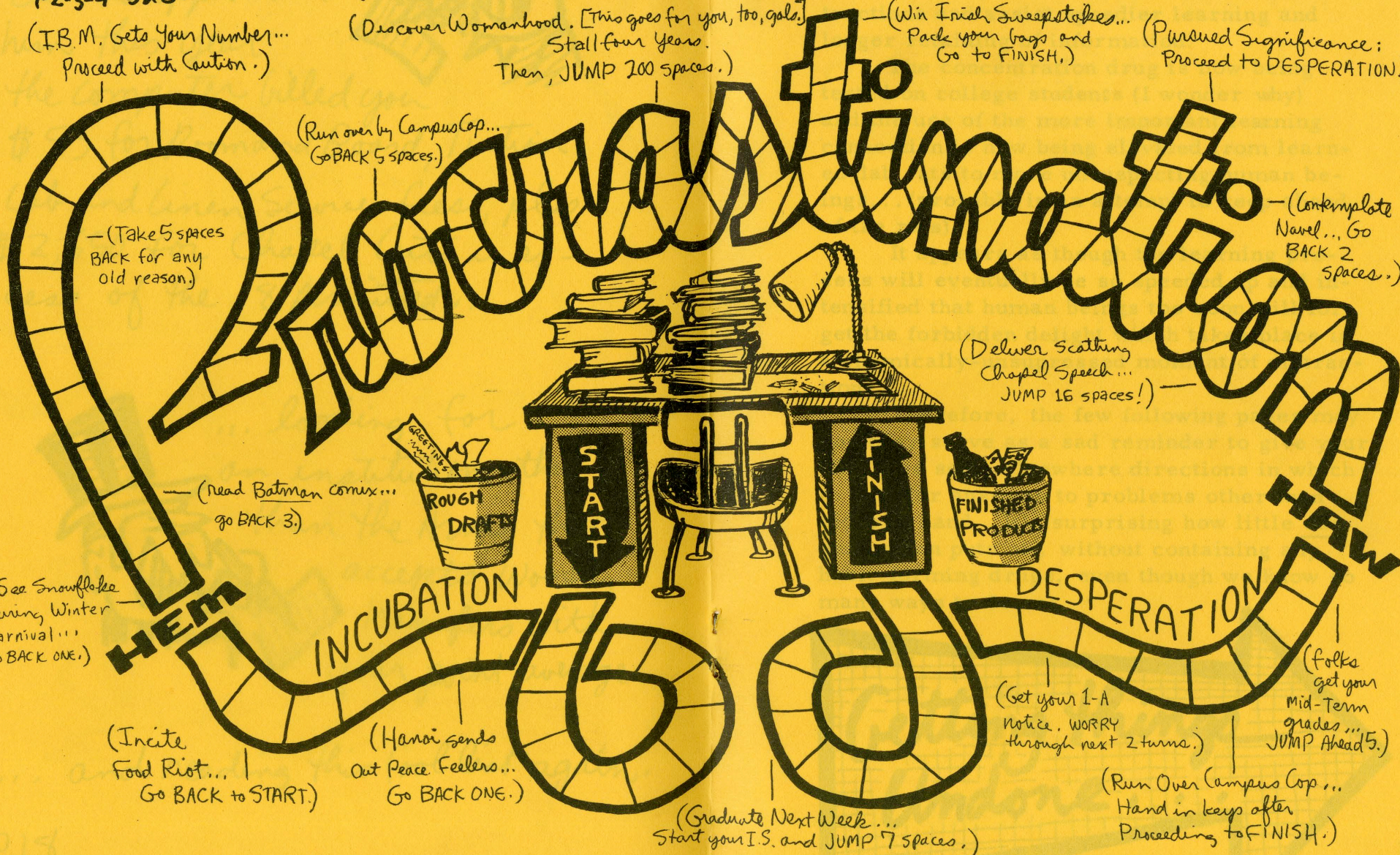
(Hanoi sends
Out Peace Feelers...
Go BACK ONE.)

(Graduate Next Week...
Start your I.S. and JUMP 7 spaces.)

(Get your I-A
notice. WORRY
through next 2 turns.)

(folks
get your
Mid-Term
grades...
JUMP Ahead 5.)

(Run Over Campus Cop...
Hand in keys after
Proceeding to FINISH.)



Eureka? PHOOEY!

Science has now perfected substances which enable you to concentrate without distractions and assist speedier learning and longer retaining of information.

The concentration drug is now being tested on college students (I wonder why) and the use of the more important learning concoction is now being elevated from learned lab rats to more unsuspecting human beings... (probably in an attempt to keep ahead of the rats).

It appears as though the learning process will eventually be so speeded up and intensified that human beings too soon will forget the forbidden delight which takes place in a chemically-unsuppressed moment of distraction.

Therefore, the few following pages may someday serve as a sad reminder to give your IBM kids some elsewhere directions in which to look for answers to problems other than those at hand. It's surprising how little our generation puts off, without containing any habit-forming drugs, even though we know so many ways to do so!



-Ch.2-

HOW TO SUCCEED IN PROCRASTINATING WITHOUT REALLY TRYING.



1. Pick the right roommate!!!

2. Don't mind your own business.
Keep your nose out of it!
Butt in on a few conversations.



Soon you'll spend all your time
trying to find somebody to talk to.

3. Take up smoking.

This not only kills time
but shortens the amount of
time you have to kill!!!



4. Join an SGA committee
on Food Service.

They seldom get anything
done, no matter how hard
they work on it.

(But is it always their fault?)



5. Take your clock apart
if it's too accurate.

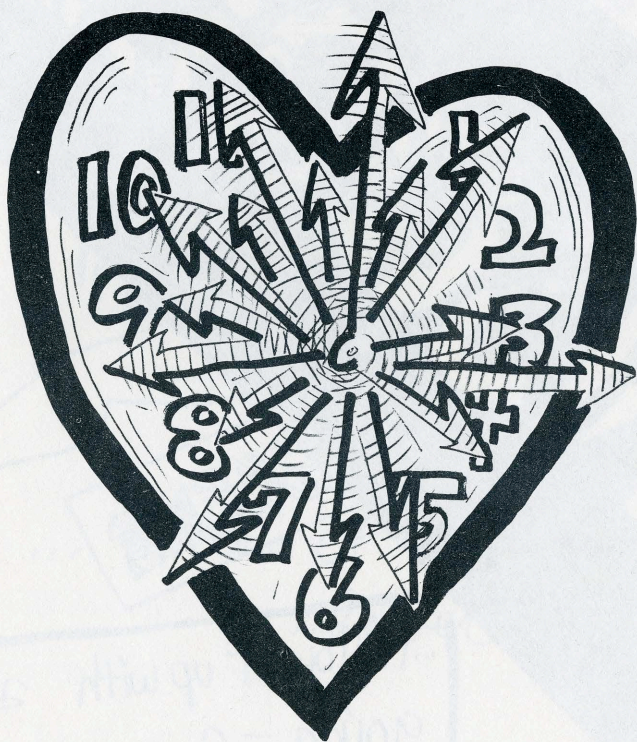
(Things like this can best be
remedied by proper and timely
application of monkeywrenches.)

Note the interesting way the
little wheel goes back and
forth, back and forth, tick-

tick - tick - tick - tick
tick - tick - tick - tick
tick - tick - tick - tick
tick - tick - tick - tick
tick - tick - tick - tick
tick - tick - tick. NOW

you know why it's called
an escapement mechanism...

6. If number 5 has you
ticked off, try Falling in Love.
Falling in love is the best
way yet devised for losing
your temper.



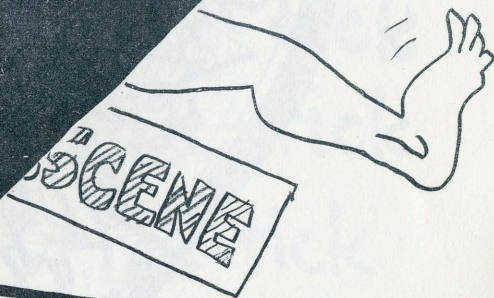
7. Have an orgy.



VERBO



REINSCORED



SCENE

...follow it up with a
going-away party

8. Have a going-away party.



... follow it up with
a shower.

9. Try getting a Webster rule changed.
"These things take time," you'll hear.

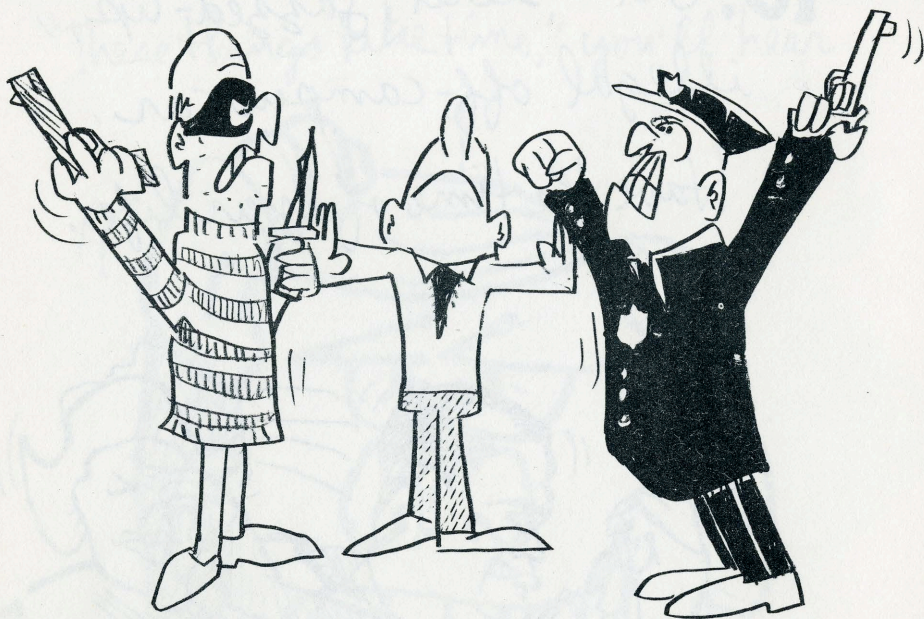


Isn't that music to your ears?
It's nice to know you're not the
only one who wants to put
things off ...

10. Get a secret, jazzed-up,
illegal off-campus car.
Have the time of your life.



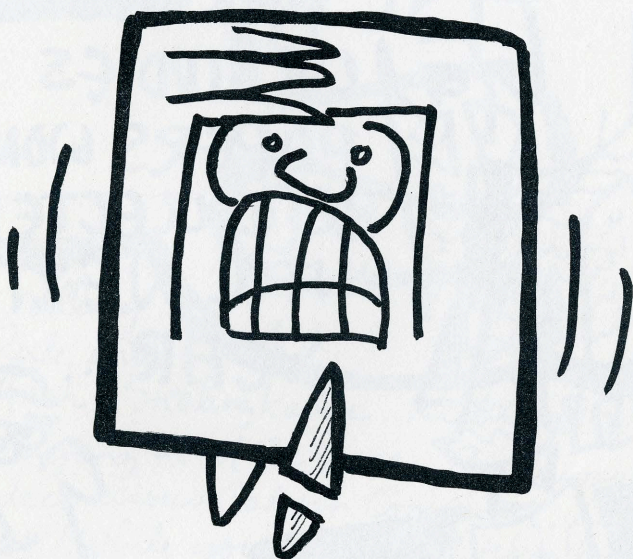
11. Become an interested citizen...



12. Grow a beard. If you're a girl, this may take quite some time...

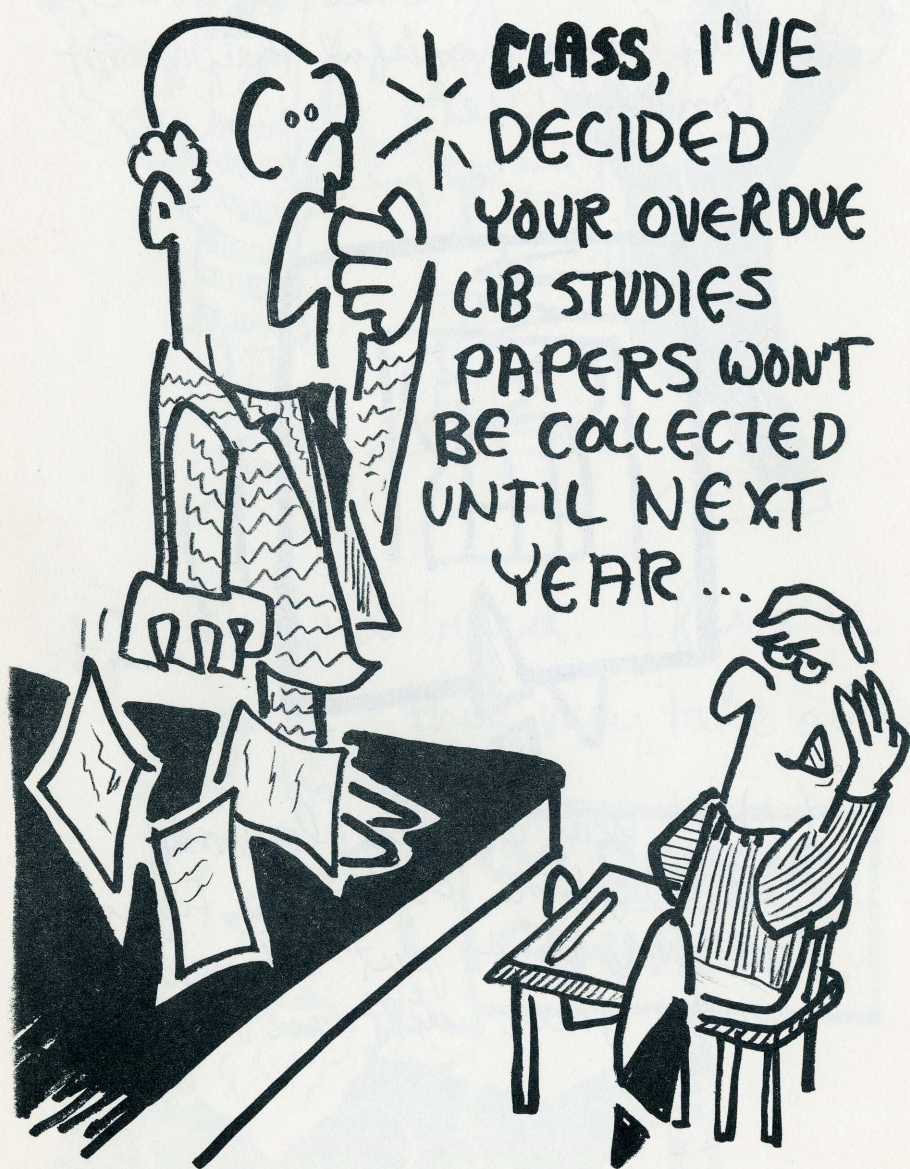


13. Go to the new dorms and measure the size of the average room. You'll spend the rest of your day being thankful they aren't completed yet.



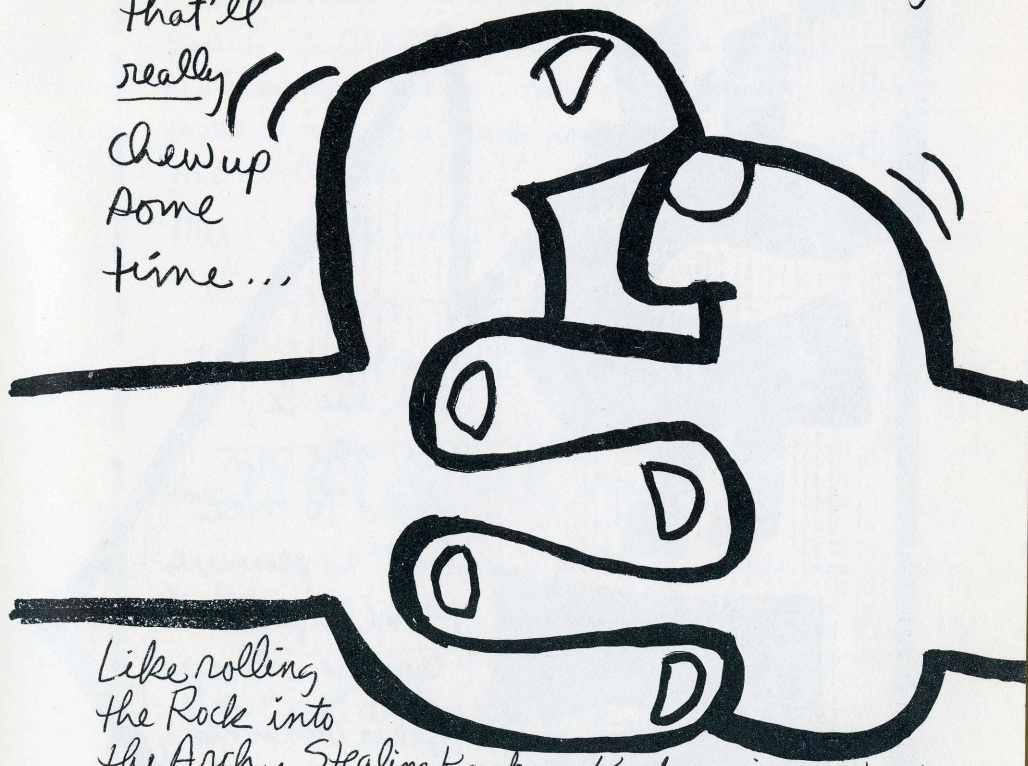
(Next year you can blow all sorts of time trying to figure out a way to put things under your built-in bunk.)

14. Learn Ventriloquism.



15. Pulla hose...

not just any hose, but something
that'll
really
Chew up
some
time...



Like rolling
the Rock into
the Arch. Stealing Kauke. Kidnapping Howie.
Garbaging Food Service. Brainwashing the
gradeconscious Galpin Computer. Like...

SAY! While you're wasting time turning
these pages, why not jot down what you think
would be the Five Most Impossible Wooster Hoses,
on the Unofficial Entry Blank on the following page,
and send them to the SKETCH, 809 Beall Ave.,
via campus courier. When our team of highly-
trained procrastinators gets around to
judging 'em we'll send a \$5 to the person
submitting the 5 best. Sooner or later, we'll print
as many as possible - with names or aliases of
originators in our **HOSER'S HANDBOOK**,
soon to bounce off the newstands!

\$5

With luck,
now you can
afford to take
that expensive
19th Chapel Art
you've always
been dreaming
about...

UNOFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

(If your roommate hoses this one, use the back of his I. S. paper or rip a couple sheets from his take home exam... you may also use notebook paper if he has already hoses these as well as the entry blank.)

My favorite Wooster hose would be ^{1.} _____

but instead, if we got caught, we'd ^{2.} _____

Should this plot fail, try ^{3.} _____

or ^{4.} _____

If we got away with it, ^{5.} _____

would really put Wooster on the map.
signed, _____

1. like Wooster ☒ ^Y ☐ ^N 3. need money (Circle One)
2. like money ☐ ☐ a. desperately
b. immediately
c. bad enough

Send the money to _____

to kill for it...*
[see note on back of blank]

at _____

(My real name is actually _____)

but all my friends call me _____.

* **Note** Student extortion notes

are paid only as often as necessary, to those who could not obtain an education without such help, and who, because of their good all-around physical fitness, are worthy of assistance.*

Application of these notes, which are based upon financial greed and general qualifications of the student (eg: marksmanship) must be supported by Parents' Confounded Financial Statements, and must be received at the Office of the FBI on or before March 15.

* These payments vary in amount from two bits to a pittance.

The Living End

So ends another SKETCH and--groan-- another begins to take its place. . . (There will be a short intermission to get in a little studying and I. S.). I hope this issue was worth waiting for, but if it wasn't up to expectations, let us know. We need a few irate Letters to the Editor to make this thing look more like a PUBLIC-ation while keeping the Editor on his toes and off his pedestal. . .

My usual thanks and apologies to the usual people (as usual) and we unusually welcome New Arrival (and Late) Bob McKnight to our vast force of moneycluthcers. It's guys like Bob who're making the Editor's trip across the border possible, and we certainly appreciate your help, to say the least (as usual)!

I sincerely hope that the enthusiasm generated by the Pursuit of Significance Essay will carry over to our little extravaganza, though admittedly our dwindling monetary rewards will never bulge anybody's Poverty Pockets.

In our contest we at least offer you a little edge on your chances for publication, and, with the good possibility that your Hoses are not totally Impossible, your name might even get in the local papers right next to the Supreme Pursuer of Significance. HOW CAN YOU PASS UP AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS ONE?

Admittedly, "It's a snap!" But \$5 is the only gimmick we could think of at the last minute, so we'll REALLY appreciate anything you come up with under all this financial pressure. . . (In all honesty, our contest is simply a "Pursuit of Happiness"). And J. Paul Getty, today a VERY significant man, once said Money can't buy Happiness.

See you next issue,
Stan Good