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"Honoraries" or "Cliques"?

Nothing is more disgusting to a fair-minded person than "petty politics" or "favoritism." It is the essence of injustice. We find it practiced widely; it commonly occurs in business, and is a by-word among certain types of public men. We least expect to find such a practice prevalent in an honorary fraternity. However, no one can deny, not even the members themselves, that personal feelings, prejudices, and petty indifferences have played a leading part in the choice of the membership of the so-called honorary fraternities at Armour Tech.

That this fact is indisputable is witnessed by the following list. It is a list of Seniors, and their averages, constituting approximately the upper quarter of the Senior class. To illustrate our point, we have marked with an asterisk those men on the list who are members of Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering fraternity. We have chosen Tau Beta Pi for this purpose because membership in it is considered the highest honor that an engineering student can attain. Here is the list, and the asterisks:

- 1. Jacobson .....96.75 20. Zimmerman .....92.6
2. Hommes (\*) .....95.4 21. Scully .....92.4
3. Kittler (\*) .....95.3 22. Mohr .....92.4
4. Guenther (\*) .....94.9 23. Yount .....92.2
5. Golber .....94.8 24. Dozois (\*) .....92.1
6. Ewing (\*) .....94.6 25. Farrell .....92.1
7. Michelson .....93.7 26. Johnson, R. E. ....92.1
8. Jacob .....93.7 27. Juergensen (\*) .....92.1
9. Lutz (\*) .....93.6 28. Stabovitz (\*) .....92.1
10. Goranson (\*) .....93.4 29. Theede (\*) .....92.1
11. Ong (\*) .....93.2 30. Stellar (\*) .....91.8
12. Manz (\*) .....93.0 31. Setterberg .....91.6
13. Olson .....93.0 32. Smith, G. H. ....91.6
14. Christiansen (\*) .....92.9 33. Meyer (\*) .....91.5
15. Nissen (\*) .....92.8 34. McCloska .....91.1
16. Bernhard (\*) .....92.7 35. McDonald .....90.8
17. Montgomery .....92.6 36. Forss .....90.3
18. Levin .....92.6 37. Lamb .....90.3
19. Barce .....92.6 38. Rezac .....90.3

Now it is our contention that, because personal prejudice and favoritism has entered in, the Armour Chapter of Tau Beta Pi no longer serves the purpose for which it was chartered, namely to bestow honor upon engineering students who deserve to be honored, and thereby promote engineering education. The above list shows just a scattering of the leading men of the class as members. Many have been held out because of their creed. Still others, who have better scholastic standing than certain of the members, and a far better record of activities than most of the members, have, for some unaccountable reason, failed to "make" Tau Bate.

It is Tau Beta Pi's business, and no one else's, as to whom it wants for its membership. But here is a phase of the question worth consideration. To encourage high scholarship at Armour, some system should exist whereby meritorious scholarship shall be recognized and honored. If Tau Beta Pi doesn't fill the bill, then some organization or some system should be established which will.

What has been said about Tau Beta Pi at Armour applies equally to the departmental honoraries. They have subjected themselves to the same criticism, and in so doing, have likewise threatened to undermine the respect in which their keys have always been held.

In constructing this article, the writer, though himself a member of several of the societies under discussion, is endeavoring to take the viewpoint of an outsider, one who is neither a student nor a member, but a disinterested spectator who's only motive is to see justice done. —J. H.

"THE SLIPSTICK" Cleave to "The Slipstick"; let the Slapstick fly where it may.

Jes' Musin'

Guess I'm the sorta person likes ta foiler fortune's game Leastways, punchin' cows, I thought, was gettin' kinda tame. So I buckled on my fav'rite gun, an' saddled up my hoss Then flipped a coin, an' my path, I swore, would rest upon the toss.

Lady Luck said south, I reckon, so I hit for the Rio Grande. I said, 'so long' to the ol' Bar X an' rode off acrost the sand.

I wasn't ridin' fer m' health, ner seekin' yaller gold Jist went off fer the kick that comes from leavin' the common fold.

I drifted roun' from town ta town layin' drowsin' 'neath tha sun.

A takin' in the sights ta see an' havin' lots a fun. Met up with a greaser bandit—narful clumsy clod; Pulled a gun an' asked fer money; now he's layin' 'neath tha sod.

An' then there was thet hondre tried ta carve me with a knife—

He shouldn't done thet; now he's parted from this life. Yuh see, thet's how it's allus was—cause I'm a peaceful guy

But somehow all this trouble jest couldn't pass me by. But down in ol' San Pedro came tha biggest jolt of all When a pair o' black eyes cast a look an' I simply hadda fall.

I only seen her jest thet once—dunno if she thinks o' me, But thet smile got locked up in my heart, an' I went an' lost tha key. —West-Ern-Er.

First Senior: Well, I guess I'll go to Economics today. Second Big Stiff: I'd better go with you. You'll probably need some one to identify you. —Freddie.

It was scarcely half past ten when the rather fierce-looking father of the girl entered the parlor where the timid student was holding forth. The father had his watch in his hand.

"Young man," he said brusquely, "do you know what time it is?"

"Y—yes s-s-sir." He scrambled to his feet. "I-I-I was just going to leave."

After he had made his rapid exit, the father turned to the girl in surprise and said:

"What's the matter with that fellow? My watch ran down and I wanted to know the right time."

Professor Wilcox threw his physics lecture class into a roar by intoning in the simplest way, "Once there was a mechanics prof. with an idea—"

Eternity

Here's to our profs. Long may they live! Even as long as The assignments they give. —A. J.

Just a Dirty Story

Visiting Brother: Why the black crepe on the door? Is your roommate dead? Local Brother: That's not crepe, that's his towel.

This reminds us of the time when we asked a chap if he had enjoyed his freshman period at college and he said that those were the happiest years of his life.

Acrobatic Mutton

Diner: An order of lamb chops, and have the chops lean. Waiter: Yes, sir. Which way? —F.B.A.

COLLEGE PROFESSOR: A man paid to study sleeping conditions among students.

Line Forms to the Right

Professor: Frankly, madam, your son lacks brains. Mrs. Gotbucks: Get them for him immediately and send me the bill. Nothing shall stand in the way of my son's education. —A. J.

Last Saturday night the new Cascade Tunnel was dedicated; and being a marvelous engineering feat, we had the program tuned in on the radio. Imagine our surprise when the first song on the program was "I Faw Down and Go Boom."

Try This at Home Tonight

Small Boy: Pop, I can do something you can't do. Father: Yes? What is it? Small Boy: Grow.

May we define a hypocrite as a fellow that walks into physics smiling.

First Financier: My office boy whistles when he works. Second Genius: Mine only whistles.

They tell this one on one of the new profs. He sat down in the profs' lunchroom and ordered: Bacon and eggs; the eggs not too hard and the bacon not too crisp. Buttered toast without too much butter and iced tea without too much ice.

The waitress smiled sweetly and asked "Is there any particular design that you want on the plates, sir?"

Speaking of the mythical absent-minded professors, last Thursday Prof. Colvert was taking such a joy in grading, or perhaps degrading physics reports that he forgot to meet his 8:30 class.

Ohhhh A week and three days—a week and three days. Ohhhh. —Al. Auerbach.

The Inquiring Reporter

Question: What do you think of the Armour Tech News and do you think it should be continued next semester?

Professor J. C. Peebles: By all means. I have been very well pleased with the Armour Tech News for the last semester. Good evidence of the value of a publication is whether or not it is read. Everybody reads it. Sometimes a little item on the inside page appears too insignificant to be noticed. However, the fact that they are read proves the worth of the publication.

C. J. Griffin, '30, E. E.: I think it's pretty good. They sure needed one down here.

L. Gerstel, '29, E. E.: I don't think there is enough news existing around the school for a weekly. I think the students would look forward more to reading it if it were a semi-monthly. I look forward to reading it every Thursday morning myself, but when I do read it, I don't find enough of what I call real news.

Max J. Schinke, '32, E. E.: I cannot conceive of a school with an enrollment of 800 functioning successfully without a school paper. It certainly should be continued. Without the NEWS, few students would know what their school mates were accomplishing.

E. R. Schofield, '29, E. E.: I think the Armour Tech News is a very good college newspaper. I think it should be continued.

C. R. Southwick, '30, E. E.: I think it's a fine paper. I know I learned a lot out of it that I wouldn't have known otherwise.

Senior Architects In Beaux-Arts Contest

(Continued from page 1) Mechanics, Plane and Spherical Geometry, Algebra, Analytics, Descriptive Geometry, Stereotomy, Perspective, Theory of Stresses, Construction, Freehand Drawing, Modeling, and General History, and after successfully passing these examinations, will be awarded the Paris Prize Scholarship.

The Paris Prize Scholar will be sent abroad for two and a half years to pursue his architectural studies both in the "First Class" at the Ecole Nationale des Beaux-Arts in Paris, and in travel. He will be required to sail from this country on or about September 15, 1929, and to remain continuously abroad until April, 1932, and during this period will receive a purse of \$3,600 for his transportation and maintenance. During the period of his scholarship he will be required to render at least ten regular projects in the "First Class" of this Institution. On the termination of his scholarship and return to this country, the Paris Prize scholar will be required to hold at the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design Building, a public exhibition of his work presented at the Ecole Nationale des Beaux-Arts and sketches executed during his travels.

The five final sets of drawings of the 21st Paris Prize Competition that of last year, will be exhibited at the Art Institute March 1 to March 7, 1929. These drawings are being held on exhibition throughout the United States and Canada.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 17: Call for Indoor Track. Registration at Night School, 6:30 P. M. Rifle Club Match with Crane Tech. Varsity Basketball, DeKalb Normal at Armour. Friday, Jan. 18: Junior Dance at New Bismarek Hotel. Senior Class Meeting, 10:30 A. M. Registration at Night School, 6:30 P. M. Saturday, Jan. 19: Varsity Basketball, Armour at Y-College. Monday, Jan. 21: A. I. E. E. Meeting, 11:30 A.M. Interfraternity Basketball, 5:00 P. M. Tuesday, Jan. 22: Physics Lab closes for semester. Theatre Party at Goodman Theatre, 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, Jan. 23: Inter-Honorary Smoker at T. X. House. Interfraternity Basketball, Semi Finals.

LETTER-BOX

Letterbox:

I am employed nights in the Long Lines Dept. of the A. T. & T. Co. to measure telephone circuits to determine if they are commercially suitable for use. Recently ran across the following, which you might want to put in proper form for the News.

Edward Esiler, M. E., '31, left Armour last spring and went into the employ of the A. T. & T. Co. He started in the Chicago Testroom, later attended the training course given by the company at Waukegan, and is now working from 12 to 7 A. M. at Danville, Ill. He says "Howdy" to the gang at A. I. T.

Frank J. Pischke, E. E., '28, has

been in the Chicago Testroom for about three months. He worked days until about a week ago and is now working from 7 P. M. to 12 midnight. He is regularly employed to measure some of the New York cables and to line them up suitable for commercial use.

M. J. A. Sweeney, and C. P. Scoggin, both E. E., '30, who left school last June, have been testing cables for the Ill. Bell Telephone Co. On Dec. 17 they started working in the Chicago Testroom for the A. T. & T. Co. They are, at present, trouble clerks, but will be advanced within a few weeks to more responsible positions in connection with the testing and lining up of long lines telephone circuits.

B. Dudley, E. E., '20.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS - FIRST SEMESTER 1928-1929

Saturday, January 26

Table with columns: Time, Course, Instructors, Place. Includes Mechanics of Materials & Graphics, Applied Mechanics (Arch.), Electrical Measurements (Soph.E.E.), Stresses in Framed Structures, Precision of Measurements, Physics Laboratory, Descriptive Geometry.

Monday, January 28

Table with columns: Time, Course, Instructors, Place. Includes College Algebra, Review Algebra, Organic Chemistry (F.P.E. & Ch.E.), Thermodynamics (Jr. E.E.), Practical Astronomy, Chem. Engineering (Juniors only), Specifications & Estimates, Calculus I, Calculus II, Analytical Geometry, A. C. Machinery, Applied Electro-Chemistry, Aerodynamics, Heat Power Engineering (Sen.M.E.), Plane Trigonometry, Applications of Trigonometry, General Construction, Economics of Engin'ring (Sen.E.E.), Strength of Materials (C.E.), Machine Design (Junior E.E.), Electricity (Senior F.P.E.), Physical Chemistry, Engineering Mechanics I & II, Electric Power Plants.

Tuesday, January 29

Table with columns: Time, Course, Instructors, Place. Includes Experimental Engineering, Qualitative Chemistry, General Chemistry, Quantitative Chem. (Soph. Ch.E.), Higher Surveying, Physics I & II, Physics (Arch).

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