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SPRING WEATHER MAKES ATHLETES THINK BASEBALL

Coch Krafft Will Soon Send Out Call For Candidates

By CHESTER STEMPKOWSKI
Old Sol's appearance in the last few days put many a smile into our prospective baseball players' faces and gave the boys the first breeze of spring atmosphere. Aside from inspiring the players, Sol radiated on the ambitious brow of Mr. W. C. Krafft and set him whistling the ancient grade school composition, "Spring is here."

A Matter of Days

It's only a matter of days now when our mentor will sound his whoopee yell and make his call for the lovers of the great national pastime. There is no doubt but what one slip of the tongue will suffice when it concerns the call for candidates, for the chances are that Krafft will be stormed with a huge assemblage of responders.

Lots of Battery Material

There is many a slip 'twixt organizing a baseball team and organizing a GOOD baseball team. But the least of Krafft's worries are concentrated in the phase of the struggle dealing with the development of a good team. The chief worry is usually centered on the ability of the battery artists and since Krafft has 12 pitchers and a half-dozen catchers in his workshop he has no reason to offer any complaint.

The staff of moundsmen and receivers have already developed a good portion of the early season form. The boys have used the gymnasium for their winter training quarters and have found that the steam heat furnishes as good warmth as could be expected until m'sieu robin makes his appearance in the tree tops.

Topping what has already been said, another fact that might be of interest to fellow collegiates is that there are four southpaw luminaries in the cluster of hurlers. Such a collection of left hand heavies is sure to stimulate a little trouble on the sand lots when competition begins in April.

A little chat with Mr. William Berry, manager of the team, provided the information that Krafft, Berry, and Company expect to come thru with a season standing having a percentage of wins somewhere near the .800 mark. Such prophecies are not hard to consume and it is hoped that Bill Berry is a man of his word. The schedule, comprising fifteen games, will set Armour up against at least fourteen good teams, so that in order to attain that .800 mark 12 games must be won; and Armour will have to do the winning.

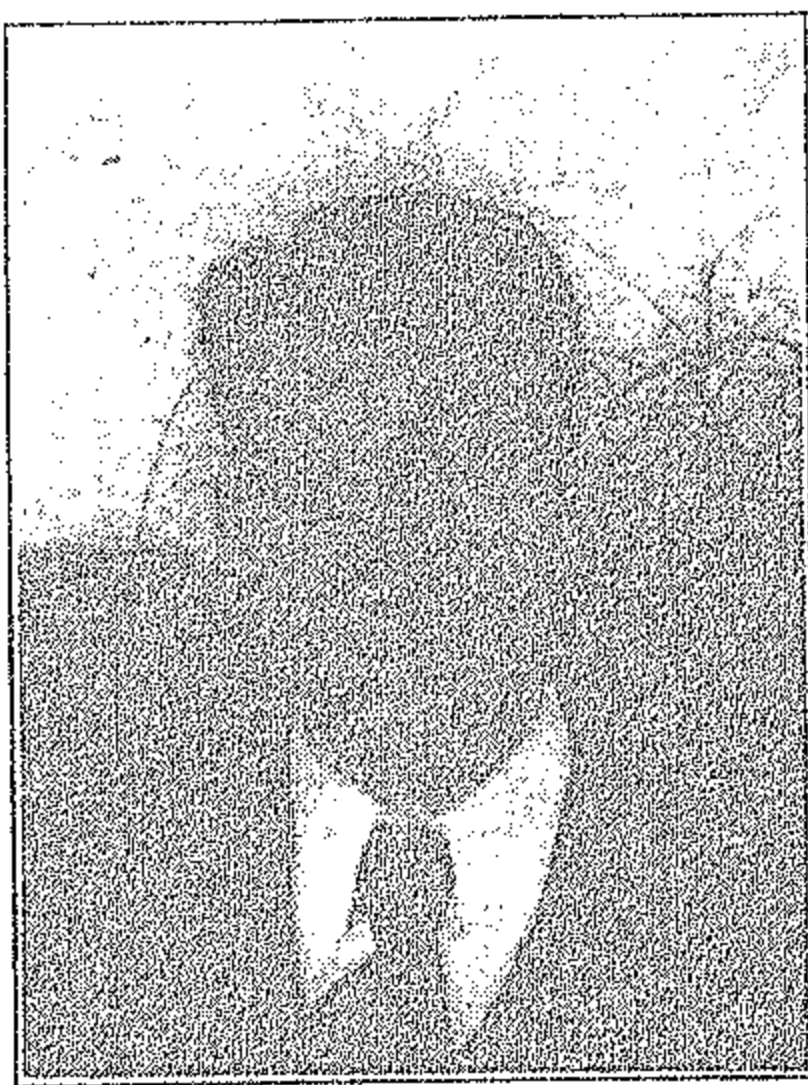
Hogan Wins D. S. C., Surprises His Wife

It may take awhile, but, as the saying goes, "It all comes out in the wash." And here is a story of a modest ex-soldier and ex-Armourite who has just been awarded a distinguished service cross by Congress for his bravery on the battle field of the late world war.

John Hogan, the man in question, has been holding out on his wife for ten years. And she probably never would have found out that her husband was a world war hero had it not been for the fact that the war department citation revealed the complete facts concerning his heroic encounter with the enemy.

On September 12, 1918, according to a statement from the war department, Private Hogan, 355th Infantry, 89th division, displayed extraordinary heroism in action near Bois de Mort Mare. The detachment which he commanded encountered an enemy machine gun crew delivering effective fire. Hogan placed his men under cover, advanced alone without orders, killed the machine-gunner and another man, and captured the gun with ten prisoners.

Chooses Assistants



J. GARTH SITZLER, Junior Marshal

PICK MARSHALS TO AID SITZLER IN JUNIOR WEEK

J. Garth Sitzler, newly elected Junior Marshal, has made public his choice of assistants for running the Annual Junior Week. The assistant marshals are:

Dean Banta, '30, Arch.
Preston E. Heath, '30, F. P. E.
Donald Paul, '30, F. P. E.
Fred Rasmussen, '30, C. E.

The dates for Junior Week have been chosen as the week of May 13 to May 18. The usual program for Open-house night, the Spring Concert of the musical clubs, the Junior Prom, the Alumni-Varsity baseball game, and the Freshman-Sophomore rush are all scheduled for this week. Elections of the rush leaders of the freshman and the sophomore classes will be held soon. Future issues of the NEWS will contain more complete accounts of the program for the week.

Salamander, F. P. E. Fraternity, Takes 3 Honorary Members

Salamander fraternity, honorary fire protection engineering, has recently announced the election to honorary membership of three men who are prominent in the promotion of fire protection engineering education. They are Mr. J. V. Parker, Mr. W. R. Townley, and Professor C. P. Holmes.

Mr. J. V. Parker, who is manager of the Western Actuarial Bureau, is chairman of the scholarship committee which chooses the twenty-five men each year who are to have their tuition paid for the four years during which they are studying Fire Protection Engineering at Armour Tech. He keeps in constant touch with the students during their four years at Armour, watching their progress, advising them when they meet with difficulty, and reprimanding them when their work falls below standard. He is, in practice, the Dean of the Fire Protection students.

Mr. Wellington R. Townley, like Mr. Parker, is also a member of the scholarship committee, representing the Underwriters' Association of North America. He is Secretary of the Underwriters' Salvage Company, and is also on the faculty of the Northwestern University School of Commerce, lecturing to the students there on "Insurance Principles and Practices."

Professor C. P. Holmes, who is also an employee of the Western Actuarial Bureau, is instructor in Schedule Rating at Armour. He teaches practical applications of the "Analytic System, a system for the measurement of relative fire hazard," which is used in fire insurance rating organizations throughout the country. He is an expert in this schedule, and has done considerable research in its correction. He is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Professor Holmes is also an instructor in Fire Insurance at Northwestern University School of Commerce.

UPPER CLASSMEN FIGURE AVERAGES BY OLD SYSTEM

Semester-Hour Credit Plan Explained For Freshmen

Only the averages of the present Freshmen will be computed on the basis of the new semester-hour credit system. This is the ruling recently announced by Mr. Ernest Kelly, Recorder.

Brings Averages Down

Sophomore, Junior, and Senior grades will be averaged as has always been done in the past, that is, to give all grades the same importance. Under the new ruling, grades in the more important engineering subjects will count for more than the grades in the lighter liberal subjects, the basis for comparison being the semester-hour valuation of the subject as catalogued. Since good grades in the heavier subjects are harder to obtain, the tendency of the new method will be to produce a lower average than heretofore.

The Deans' office is to adopt a new ruling in regard to the matter of Credits for work done at other schools. The old policy of counting a "credit" as equivalent to an "80" will again be used in all computations. However, those students who are anxious to obtain an average that will make them eligible to an honorary fraternity may, providing their Armour grades are high, be given permission to calculate the credit as an "85" or an "86."

For the Freshmen who wish to calculate their own average, an explanation of the new system of calculating averages is herewith presented: An "A" is evaluated at 97.5, a "B" at 90, and a "C" at 80 points. A "Conditions" is counted as 67.5 points and a "Failure" as 50 points. Multiply the numerical value of the grade by the semester-hour factor as given in the catalogue, add all the new figures thus obtained from the grades, and divide by the total number of semester hours represented by the subjects being averaged. The average thus obtained will better measure the amount of work done by the student during the semester, and will be a more accurate yardstick of his engineering abilities.

F. M. Brown Tells Of Problems Met In Daily News Bldg.

"The Chicago Daily News Building" was the subject of a talk given to the student branch of the W. S. E. last Friday by Frank M. Brown, who is the consulting structural engineer for the architects Holabird and Root.

Mr. Brown described the conditions entering into the planning of the building which made it advisable to introduce a sort of dividing line thru the property because of the conditions of ownership.

The heavy loading created by the newspaper printing plant, part of which is carried over the tracks, made it necessary to use some rather heavy trusses. The tracks at this point converge in a rather complicated cross-over system which made it impossible to introduce intermediate support and also made the problem of erection somewhat complicated.

This building is the most recent addition to those already using air rights over railroad property in Chicago and because of its prominent location has attracted widespread attention.

Campus Club Smoker For Tomorrow Night

The Campus Club will hold their second smoker of the year in the club rooms tomorrow night at 7:30 P. M. New forms of entertainment as well as refreshments are promised. Eight men will be initiated at the smoker if they finish their job of cleaning the wallpaper and windows. A. J. Frost is in charge of the entertainment, while M. Vander Velde is on the refreshment end. Many alumni have signified their intention of attending.

Freshman Archs Initiated To A.A.S.

The initiation of the freshmen architects into the Armour Architectural Society started at 10 o'clock, as scheduled, Friday, March 1.

The whole freshman class was divided into seven groups, each group being led by several upper-classmen. The initiates were required to bring two paddles each, which were distributed among the upper classmen.

Start Parade

The freshmen were lined up according to their groups, Dobberman, '30, leading the procession through the Art Institute, and down Michigan Boulevard. A crowd immediately gathered, beholding the strange sight of sailor caps, canvas gloves and great green bow ties.

Lined up against the wall outside the Art Institute, the first round of paddling was begun. Many of the paddles would not stand up under the severe strain, and were soon rendered useless.

Each group was then reorganized and sent on its way to perform the antics directed by the upper class leaders.

One of the groups, led by M. Boshes, S. Cuperman, and N. Meyer, selected the Boston Store as the scene for their doings. After running up the moving stairways, which were designed for motion downward, and in other ways making themselves generally undesirable, they were ejected by the management.

Bluecoats Persistent

Many other similar escapades were carried on in all parts of the loop by the various groups. The same procedure was followed in each case. (Continued on page 3, column 3)

Subscription Reduced To 75c for Rest of Term

A reduced subscription rate of 75c for the remainder of the semester has just been announced by the circulation department of the NEWS staff. The rate is to take effect immediately. Approximately twelve more issues of the NEWS will appear between now and the end of the semester.

Subscriptions will be taken at the distribution desk today and tomorrow, and by members of the staff for the whole of next week. No back issues will be given with this subscription, however.

Chapman Has Frosh Dance Tickets Out

David Chapman, the Freshman Class Social Chairman, announces that the tickets for the Freshman Dance will be on sale starting this week.

The Frosh Dance will be held Friday, April 12, at the Opera Club, No. 18 Walton Place. The music will be furnished by the Aragon-Trianon Orchestra led by Waddy Wadsworth, an organization of proven popularity and in large demand.

Chapman and his committee are starting the ticket sales this year, so that there will be plenty of opportunity for the school social butterflies to secure dates.

Issue No. 3 of Engineer Will Be Ready By 20th

The March issue of the "Armour Engineer" is due to appear on the 20th of this month, according to a statement of M. B. Golber, Associate Editor of the magazine. An overflow of copy for the coming issue has conclusively proven to the staff that from that standpoint no trouble will be encountered when the publication is on a straight monthly schedule.

The March issue will be the third that will have appeared this school year. It is planned to issue two more, making a total of five instead of four, as has been done previously.

Students at the North Carolina College of Agriculture have declared a boycott on their laundry man. The story does not tell whether they are doing their own laundry, or have entirely dispensed with such services.

PLAN SUBMITTED TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WHEREBY NEWS WILL ABSORB A. I. T. ALUMNUS

J. Warren McCaffrey, '22, Alumni Secretary, Asks For Bid On Possible Merger of Alumni With Student Publication

If a plan now being submitted to the board of executives of the Armour Tech Alumni Association is approved, the ARMOUR TECH NEWS will absorb the "Armour Alumnus," official publication of that organization. The proposed scheme is to devote a few columns of the NEWS once every month to Alumni news, and to mail this issue to the 3000 alumni whose whereabouts are known.

HUGE SUMS LOST BY FIRE PROTECS IN GAMBLING DEN

The Delt House became a veritable gambling den last Thursday evening when the Fire Protecs assembled for their annual smoker. Fifty dollars in stage money was issued to each person present; every fellow also had an unlimited checking account, in the event that he lost all that had been issued him at first. Before the evening was far advanced several poker games had started and the players were betting recklessly, caring little whether they won or lost. For those who didn't play poker there were a couple of "crap games" and a roulette wheel.

"Mike" Landes, mechanic in the hydraulic department of the Underwriters' Laboratory, where the junior and senior Fire Protecs spend one afternoon each week, got into one of the crap games about five minutes before time was called and just simply "cleaned up" and copped the prize, a handsome cigarette lighter, for being the best gambler. Sometimes, even though we lose and lose and lose, we win out in the end; D. C. Baldwin, '30, received a carton of cigarettes for having drawn more money from the bank than anyone else.

Every year at the annual smoker Salamander gives a "Crosby, Fiske & Forrester Handbook" to the sophomore F. P. E. who made the highest average during his freshman year. This year P. E. Seideleman and A. F. Wilde tied for first honors with an average of 94.8 percent, both of whom received a handbook.

Salamander also announced the election to honorary membership of the following men: Mr. J. V. Parker, Mr. W. H. Townley, and Assistant Professor C. P. Holmes.

Seniors Enjoy Visit To Hawthorne Plant Of Western Electric

About 100 senior Electricals, Mechanicals, and Civils visited the Hawthorne Works of the Western Electric Company last Tuesday. The trip started at 9:30 A. M. and continued until 4:00 P. M.

The rubber plant was the first one visited. The crude rubber as it comes from Ceylon and Sumatra goes through the successive processes of Mixing, Ageing, Warning, Sheetting, and Blanking. The forms that are made from the blanking process are vulcanized into the crude shape of an earphone, etc. These parts are then treated and machinized. Diamond pointed tools accurately shape the parts, which are then ground, polished. (Continued on page 3, column 4)

Will Hear Talk On C. M. and St. P. Elec.

The A. I. E. E. will present next Monday, March 11, at 10:30, a talk on "Operating Experiences On the Mountain Division," by the chief electrical engineer of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. The division of the railroad referred to is the 600 mile electrified line across the Rocky Mountains.

His work on this line, the longest electrified railway in the United States, fits him to tell in great detail the problems confronting both construction and operation of this modern railroad.

More Frequent Appearance

Under the present arrangement, the "Armour Alumnus," edited by J. Warren McCaffrey, '22, executive secretary and manager of industrial relations of the Alumni Association, is published six times yearly. It is a three column, four page sheet, and contains exclusively news of the alumni.

The proposal made by the NEWS, at the request of Mr. McCaffrey, will annually give the alumni eight issues of the NEWS having a section devoted to the alumni doings and events. These eight issues will be financed, should the plan be adopted, for the same appropriation that is now required by the "Alumnus."

"Engineer" Also Bids

A bid for the same service is being prepared by the staff of the "Armour Engineer" for submission to the Association's board, for purposes of comparison.

Mr. McCaffrey Will Retire

The contemplated merger of the alumni publication with one of the student publications is in line with plans of Mr. McCaffrey to reduce the expenditures of the Alumni Office. Most of the remainder of his work, besides preparing the "Alumnus," consists of maintaining an employment agency for the graduates, and ex-students, managing the regular meetings and weekly luncheons of the association, locating lost alumni, and raising money among the graduates for the maintenance fund for the Institute.

Now that this work is organized, according to Mr. McCaffrey, it is possible for it to be carried on by the efforts of possibly a stenographer alone, with one of the student publications taking over the "Alumnus," and one of the faculty members devoting a few hours per week to the matter of employment for the graduates.

In a few months the catalogue of alumni which he has been preparing will soon be ready for the press. It will be the first thing of its kind ever to be published for Armour Alumni. In the fall Mr. McCaffrey will retire from the position of executive secretary of the association to take up the practice of corporation law, which he has been studying at the Kent School for the past three years.

Alderman Wins Prize In Arch. Sketch Prob.

W. N. Alderman received the prize consisting of a one year subscription to the "American Architect" magazine in the recent Junior Architectural Sketch Problem.

This is the first time this year that a prize was given to the best executed design. The problem required the design of the plan of "A Recreation Center" which was to be finished in eight consecutive hours.

The following is a list of the places won in the judgment:

Place	Name
1st Place	Alderman
2nd Place	Goldenberg
3rd Place	Pohto
4th Place	Carter
5th Place	Levy
6th Place	Banta
Mention	Dobberman
Mention	

Students in the Ohio State College of Electrical Engineering who have honor grades are given permission to do work for essential parts of solutions in their course, etc.