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"There are many things that in themselves have nothing that is truly delightful; on the contrary, they have a good deal of bitterness in them; and yet by our perverse appetites after forbidden objects, are not only ranked among the pleasures, but are made even the greatest designs of life."  
Sir Thomas More.  
Born February 7, 1478.

## REGISTRATION

For several years it has been believed quite generally that the registration day tangle should be and could be obviated in some manner. In September, 1925, the single registration day that had been in use was supplanted by two days, one for freshmen and one for upper-classmen. The single day given over to the purpose at midyear, however, was allowed to remain unchanged. Last September, another improvement was made when a third office for the collection of tuition was opened in addition to the two already serving the students. This undoubtedly shortened the time required for the entire enrollment and to some extent decreased the waiting done by any one student.

Recently, the office of the Deans announced a new plan for student registration and enrollment. This plan, an innovation at Armour, provides for six days on which students may register and enroll in place of the one day previously reserved for these operations. Tomorrow is the first day thus set aside. The school officers have instituted this plan in the hope that it may reduce or entirely do away with the rush and confusion which has always accompanied the beginning of a semester.

The description of the new system has been extensively advertised throughout the school. It has been printed in the Armour Tech News, has been posted on the bulletin board, and has been sent by mail to the homes of the individual students. In this way the Office of the Deans and the Armour Tech News have made it possible for every student to familiarize himself with the new plan. It now remains only for each student to avail himself of this opportunity to avoid the delay and confusion always heretofore associated with registration day.

Of the six days provided for registration, payment of tuition and enrollment in classes, the first three are days during which the school will function as usual. Each student may register and pay his tuition at any time during these days that he finds convenient and may enroll in next semester's classes as soon thereafter as he wishes. The only restriction placed upon the students by school officers is that no "cutting" of classes shall be done in order to register. It is expected that this regulation will overcome any tendency toward a rush on the first day.

Undoubtedly, the new plan has considerable merit. With proper co-operation from the student body, the unpleasant alternate waiting and confused haste may be overcome.  
W. H. R.

# "The Slipstick"

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

## THE SUN

The sun, you glorious orb of day,  
Ninety-four million miles away,  
Will keep revolving in its orbit  
Till heat and motion reabsorb it.

J. D.

## Appropriate

"What sort of tablet shall be erected over your grave when you are gone?" they asked of the man who had long suffered from stomach trouble.

"Well," said the cheerful patient, "I think a dyspepsia tablet would be as appropriate as any."

Dollar Bill.

## COURTESY

"Are you ill, Mike?"

"Nope."

"Why do you close your eyes?"

"I hate to see the ladies standing in this street car."

Mack G.

The Co-ed realized, after viewing the marks the other day, that naughts are only circles around nothing.

Rembrandt took a five dollar sheet of canvas, put a picture on it and made it worth \$50,000.

That's art.

Tennyson took a five cent sheet of paper, put a poem on it and made it worth \$50,000.

That's literature.

Andy Mellon took a fifty cent pile of silver, put a government stamp on it and made it worth \$1.

That's money.

Stanley took penny stickers, put them in his showcase and sold them two for a nickel.

That's business.

John D. took a piece of paper, put his name on it and made it worth \$5,000,000.

That's capital.

I took a check, put my signature on it and it wasn't worth a plugged nickel.

That's heck.

"K."

## Define a Nut and Bolt

Here's what she wrote: "A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal, such as iron, with a square bunch at one end and a lot of scratching wound around the other. A nut is similar to the bolt only just the opposite being a hole in a chunk of iron sawed off short with wrinkles around the inside of the hole." "Pop"

Prof (to student holding up his head): "What are you holding, Smith?"  
Smith: "Nothing, sir."  
Prof: "I thought so."

## Don't Be a Goose

A teacher asked her class to write an essay on "Geese." This paper was turned in by an eight year old miss:

"Geese is a low, heavy-set bird which is almost all meat and feathers. His head sits on one end and he sits on the other. He ain't got no 'between-his-toes' and he's got a balloon in his stomach to keep him from sinking. Some geese when they get big have curls on their tails and is called 'Ganders.' Ganders don't haff to sit and hatch but just eat an' loaf and go swimming. If I were a goose I'd rather be a gander."  
Won Wo.

## MATH SHARKS PLEASE NOTE

If a man can swim across a river containing H<sub>2</sub>O (density-.999998) at the rate of 4.97 miles per hour, and the banks are lined with green trees at an angle of 45 degrees, how fast will the man grow in 5.6 years? What will be C's age? If so, what will be the velocity of the stream, provided the wind is blowing at an angle of X degrees with the sail? Give answer in radians.  
Jaesmackse.

"I'm going to be married."  
"To whom?"  
"A student."  
"Oh, dear me, I'm disappointed."  
"So am I; but, then, a poor girl has to start somewhere."

## CHECKING UP

One morning a negro sauntered into the office of a white friend.

"Good mawnin', Mr. Winthrow. Kin I use yo' phone a minute?" he asked.

"Why, certainly, Sam."

Sam called his number, and after a few minutes' wait, said, "Is dis Mrs. Whiteside? Weel, I seen in de papeh where you-all wanted a good cullidman. Is you still wantin' one? Then the man youse got is puff-dectly satisfactory, and you don't connemplate makin' no change soon? All right, ma'am. Good-bye."

Mr. Winthrow called to Sam as he left the phone.

"Now that's too bad, Sam, that the place is filled."  
"Oh, dat's all right, Mr. Withrow. I'se de nigga what's got de job, but I's jest a wantin' to check up."

Big dooin's in the gym next week, folks, don't miss the show.  
Phil J.

## PI TAU SIGMA

National Honorary Mechanical



The founding of Pi Tau Sigma, national honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, took place March 16, 1915 at the University of Illinois. Its purpose is three-fold: to emphasize through its membership the high ideals of the mechanical engineering profession, to stimulate student interest in co-ordinate departmental activities in the universities and to promote the welfare of its members.

The group of men who organized the fraternity had in mind that these ideals are best developed and preserved through fraternal association. The absence of such an association in the mechanical engineering department with the same ideals, which considers recognition of scholastic achievement or professional promise in the election of men, led the founders of Pi Tau Sigma to hope that the organization would become national in scope.

The first realization of this hope was felt when a chapter of Pi Tau Sigma was established at the University of Wisconsin, March 12, 1916. An association whose purposes and aims were of a like character had been established there under the name of Pi Delta Phi. Because of this likeness the change of name and coalition was effected, and since the two were founded at practically the same time both are Alpha chapters.

Since that time eight more chap-

ters have been established at various institutions. In order of their installation are Purdue University, University of Minnesota, Armour Institute of Technology, University of Missouri, University of Cincinnati, Lehigh University, Penn State College, and Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Active members are chosen on a basis of sound engineering ability, scholarship and personality, and are selected from the junior and senior classes of the department of mechanical engineering. Those men who would have been eligible had Pi Tau Sigma been established earlier in the institutions now having chapters may also be initiated.

The emblem of the fraternity is a watch key having the form of a carnot cycle. The upper part supports a steel H-section and the lower portion a flaming torch. The pledge button is also in the form of a carnot cycle bearing the colors of the fraternity, murrey and azure. The flower is the white rose. A publication is issued by the fraternity "The Condenser" by name and appears once a year.

Armour Delta of Pi Tau Sigma was installed December 22, 1924. Since then sixty-two Armour men have become members of the fraternity. Honorary membership has been conferred upon Professors G. F. Gebhardt, P. C. Huntley, E. S. Libby, J. C. Peebles, R. V. Perry and D. Roesch and upon Mr. E. E. Hartford. Professor A. W. Sear is a faculty member.

Men now active in Pi Tau Sigma are: A. N. Cannon '32, H. R. Davis '32, H. L. Fox '31, A. S. Hartanov '31, R. M. Krause '31, M. J. Lamka '31, C. T. Link '31, F. T. Munch '31, R. H. Stevenson '31 and F. F. Strasensburg '31.

Members of Pi Tau Sigma are especially active in the student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

## Inquiring Reporter

The Question: What do you think of the new plan whereby registration is spread over several days?

Vernon Sandberg, M. E. '32.—I'm in favor of this plan because I believe that most of the students can usually predict whether they will pass a certain subject or not and hence should be able to have their program pretty well lined up.

Harry C. Rowe, E. E. '33.—It looks like a step in the right direction and should relieve the congestion and seemingly endless standing in line which has been associated with this duty in the past.

Joseph W. Zronecik, M. E. '33.—Everybody knows where he is weak and if a student is in doubt about some subject, he can register in those that he is sure of, and let the doubtful ones hang fire until he gets the grades. Last year's registration emphasized the crying need for some redistribution of the registration and enrollment.

Prof. Haggard.—It is an excellent idea for it enables the instructor to have a more individual supervision of the program, thereby benefiting both student and teacher. A more intimate contact will be achieved, and with the advice of the instructor the program will be made out to their advantage.

Joseph Fernbach, E. E. '33.—It wasn't so bad last time. I came down rather early and was through in short order. Conditions could be improved, however, by some rearrangement such as the one proposed and pending.

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