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## TRADITIONS AT ARMOUR

For the past decade, each year has seen the elimination of another custom or rule on the campus. Circus Day still flaunts its challenge, and the social fraternities give the men a certain amount of tradition, but in the long run the school is becoming more or less a routine system of classes.

We would not suggest that all the old rules and customs be reestablished, for many of them were antiquated and of a derogatory nature. However, there are a few that could stand a revival; and perhaps more that are beyond the memory of the present group of men.

We feel that the institution of "Civil Alley" was a privilege that meant much, but which was badly abused by one class. It seems quite probable to us that it could be reestablished with certain reservations and restrictions.

"Civil Alley" provided, and will continue to provide three very definite things. First of all, it was a common meeting place for all the upper classmen of the department; other schools respect the rights of the upperclassmen to privileged quarters. Secondly, it provided a place to smoke; which is a boon during the winter months. Lastly, it kept alive that intangible spirit of camaraderie.

We also feel that the idea of having recognition given to certain groups, such as the honorary fraternities, at school assemblies, would be an incentive to the lower classmen. In the past, it was the custom of the school to set aside a portion of the seats for these groups, and drape them accordingly. At an event like a large assembly or concert, it would give a touch of what might be termed local color to the event.

These are only two ideas, but it is our conviction that it would be an advantage to all if tradition was allowed to add its touch in making life at Armour something to remember.

A. B. A.

The cultivation of the mind is a kind of food supplied for the soul of man.

Cicero

## "The Slipstick"

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

## FOR THE CLASSICAL STUDENTS

These are the Armour Corridors;  
The indignant profs, and the students,  
Shreiking out paeans of whoopee,  
Of all homework the foemen inveterate.

Dutch says we can talk about our absent-minded professors but he wants to know if we ever heard of the absent-minded judge who dismissed the prisoner, sentenced the jury to twenty years and hit himself on the head with his gavel.

"It didn't take me long to get on my feet," said a recent graduate to his dancing partner.  
"Nor on mine," she commented sweetly.

—Jaesmackse.

### Exerpts from History Exam

"During the Ordovician epoch were developed fish and other land plants."

—Ted '34.

### UNPROFITABLE RESEARCH

Two friends who had not seen each other for some time met in the street one day. "You're looking rather down in the mouth, old man," said one to the other. "Are you feeling sick?"

"Not exactly," replied his friend, "but I'll admit that I've been worried of late. You remember that I hired a man to trace my pedigree?"

"Yes," said the other, "what's the trouble? Hasn't he been successful?"

"Successful! I should say he has!" came the reply in despairing tones. "I'm having to pay him hush money now."

"So you were in the hospital three months; must have been pretty sick!"  
"No, pretty nurse."

## CRITICAL OBSERVATIONS

According to the statistics of a well known Professor in our midst, compiled after so many painful and tiresome details the following are the facts: There are in our midst 650 students of the average intelligence, 100 little better than the average, 100 so-called mediocre mentality, and .000 who have any sparks of genius at all. The Professor predicts that some day these latter "The Intelligensia" will rule the world. If so three cheers; otherwise—

N.B. The Professor also predicted that as soon as the present graduating class leaves Armour's environments, there will be left only .000 of the Genii.

History Prof.: "Some Spaniards sailed over ten thousand miles on a galleon."  
Proud and irrepressible owner of a new Ford: "You can't believe all you hear about these foreign cars."

Telephone Operator: "Sir! Your language is uncalled for."

One of us: "So were those last three numbers."

A peculiar thing about Shakespeare was that he died on the same day he was born. We don't know of anybody else who could write so many plays in so short a time.

### Grrr-r-r! Grrr-r-r!

A man temporarily out of a job ran into a friend who owned a circus and asked him for something to do.

"Well, the gorilla recently died," said the friend, "and if you want to get into his skin, swing on the trapeze, growl a bit, and amuse the children you can have the job."

The man filled the job well until one day the rope on which he was swinging snapped and he was catapulted into the lion's cage.

The lion, seeing him, let out a lusty roar to which he offered a timid yelp. The lion roared more menacingly. The pseudo-gorilla lost his nerve and became entirely human, backed into a corner yelling, "Help! Help!"

The lion thereupon came closer and said in a hoarse whisper, "Shut up, you darn fool, you are not the only man out of a job."

"In Germany everything is forbidden that is not permitted."

"In England everything is permitted that is not forbidden."

"In France everything is permitted that is forbidden."

"Vive La France."

Prof: "Young man, haven't you any ambition? Wouldn't you like to do something big, something that would create a great commotion in the world?"

Stude: "Yes, sir, I'd like to throw a bushel of eggs into an electric fan."

D. B. C.

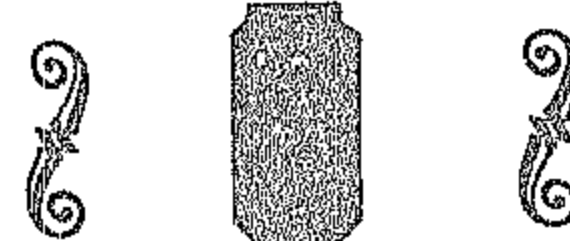
Stage Hand (to manager): "Shall I lower the curtain, sir? One of the living statues has the hiccups."

Well, who cares?

—Phil J.

## SCARAB

Professional Architectural  
Fraternity



Scarab Fraternity, national professional architectural fraternity, was founded at the University of Illinois during the year of 1909. The founding of the fraternity was not a result of any high scholastic ideals or aspirations, but as a result of an architectural urge to celebrate a "charette"—the same urge that causes students now to hibernate for a few days after a rendu.

It was thought, among a certain congenial group, that an organization of some sort would be a fitting and convenient way to bind the group together and give it prestige and recognition. After a few meetings, officers were chosen and each member was to submit a name and explain the significance to the president. The name Scarab that was finally chosen was suggested by George Ramey, now an architect in Champaign, Ill. He had been reading about the Egyptian scarab and how it figured in the decoration of the country and the idea struck him that such a symbol would make an excellent name and pin for the new organization. Any significance that it has now has been given it since its founding.

The first members of Scarab were principally Juniors and Sophomores in the school. They had no idea at the time that their new society would ever become a national fraternity. Their idea was merely to celebrate the events in the curriculum that caused them such worry. In 1914 Washington University was allowed to establish a temple of the fraternity and later other temples were admitted.

The chartering of Edfou Temple at Armour Institute of Technology was not the beginning of the fraternal organization in the architectural department. It was more a step in advance from the organization which existed at that time.

An architectural fraternity known as Alpha Delta Tau was started about 1900, and continued in existence up to the time of the institution of Scarab, which grew out of it. The members of Alpha Delta Tau, among whom are Messrs. Barber, Beaudry, Farrar, Faulkner, Freedman, Sexmith, Sincere, and Zook affiliated in 1915 with Scarab and became charter members of Edfou Temple.

There are now thirteen temples in the national organization. A national convention is held every year to provide a means of unity amongst the chapters.

Scarab Fraternity provides a means for attaining a broader knowledge of Architecture and the Allied Arts, secures through association the advantages of a more refined culture, stimulates a greater interest in expression through the Graphic Arts, promotes friendly competition among the students and schools of Architecture and creates a lasting spirit of fellowship and co-operation within the fraternity.

Election to membership is based on many things, such as scholarship, character and sociability. Scarab has always kept its membership very small and ranks among the honorary fraternities in scholastic standing at Armour.

Membership rolls at Edfou contain such names as Earl H. Reed, Jr., W. Lindsay Suter, Ralph W. Hammett, W. F. McCaughey, Jr., William H. Lautz, Emil R. Zettler, J. Edwin Peterson, etc. Members of national prominence such as Louis Sullivan, Harry Sternfeld and Harry K. Bieg, Paris prize winners; Rexford Newcomb, Louis Skidmore, Charles Morgan, etc.

Scarab endeavors to promote activity among students of architecture and to this end the national organization provides an annual award of \$50 for the best Class "B" project done in Beaux Art work. Edfou Temple awards two medals for the outstanding sophomore projects of each year.

## FRATERNITY NOTES

### PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Phi Kappa Sigma wishes to announce the Formal Initiation of Pledges Frederick S. Beale '32, Guy Burnett, Jr. '33 and Henry A. Larsen '33, on Friday, November 14.

A number of the fellows from the House attended a House Dance at Alpha Pi, November 15.

### DELTA TAU DELTA

Almost the entire active chapter and the whole pledge group attended Doc Wieland's Annual Freshman Banquet Saturday, November 3.

Charles McCurdy has returned to school after recovering from an attack of chicken pox.

### TRIANGLE

Triangle announces the pledging of Vernon C. Alexander '33.

The annual migration to Champaign took place Saturday, October 8, when a caravan of fifteen members from the Armour chapter attended the Fireman's Ball, given by the Illinois Chapter.

A Father and Son Banquet was successfully handled by the social chairman, Art Oberbeck. The fathers all look forward to and enjoy these banquets very much.

### PHI PI PHI

Friday, November 14, Gamma Chapter held a formal Initiation of Pledges, G. Seiferth '32 and W. Hartbauer '32.

Saturday night the alumni of the chapter held an Alumni Dance at the House. The active chapter was invited. Music was furnished by Grundy's Chicagoans, "Hot and Sweet."

Of the 163,335 miles of pipe lines now in existence, 60,000 miles are used for piping natural gas, 102,000 miles for oil and 335 miles for gasoline. At least 9000 miles of trunk line will be built this year. Fuel engineers see in this enormous network more than a transportation system for the three fuels now being piped through it. They see a permanent system for the transportation for all types of piped fuel. They even see the day when coal will be transformed into gas at the mines and piped through the underground system to consuming points. One eastern utility has gone so far as to experiment with transporting coal by pipe line, first reducing it to powder, mixing it with water, then piping it to destination, where it is dried and again becomes powdered coal.

"Reading for An Education" was the subject of Mr. Carl H. Milan's talk given at the November meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, held on Tuesday evening, November 11.

Mr. Milan referred to a system now in use at the University of Chicago, Harvard and other institutions in which students carry their courses by outside reading. Here the only semblance of a restrictive classroom form of education is a meeting that is held at intervals with the professor for discussion of the topics that have been read.

In this manner, while under a certain form of guidance, the student feels a freedom which is an incentive to apply himself to the studies under consideration. The student must have, however, the character and the willpower to make good.

This method of education, though not suited for technical training, shows a great step forward in cultural education and which may be the basis on which the architects' technical training may be built.

Mr. Kenneth K. Stowell, the next speaker, carried on this theme in his talk, "The Educational Policy of the Architectural Magazine." Mr. Stowell was formerly on the faculty of Georgia Tech and is now with the Architectural Forum.

He explained that the ambition of the architectural magazines is to present material that will help the architects, principally the students, to appreciate the material problems that they will have to face upon their entering active practice. He advocated reading of magazine articles because many of them would never be reprinted in book form and missing them would be a loss to the individual.

Mr. Louis LeBeaume followed with a talk, "The Institute and Architectural Education," in which he told of the activities of the Institute in furthering education of the younger members of the profession.

E. C. K.

Next Thursday afternoon, November 20th, Dr. G. L. Scherger will address the Junior Friends of Art at the Beldon-Stratford Hotel. Dr. Scherger has chosen for the subject of his address, "Vienna: Her Culture and Art." The head of the Junior Friends of Art is Miss L. Olga Menn. This organization has a membership list that compares with a list of the society women of Chicago.

## VERSE OR WORSE

F. F. STRASSENBURG

### With Round Corners

Old Chris once said the world was round  
When he set foot on Indian ground.  
But I am not so sure just what  
It is; for I have heard a lot  
Of people saying this and that  
So I don't know just where I'm at.

The man who's always treated fair  
Says he knows the world is square.  
The pleasure bound, who can't sit pat  
Grimly say the world is flat.  
And then those fellows, hanging crape,  
Groan that the orb's in a "helluva" shape.

But all in all, I think it's sound  
To say it's pretty good all 'round.

F. F. S.

### Ode to a Non-Union Electrician

'Twas farad in condenser, not an ampere was in sight,  
The watt and henry fuse board, while the flux all day that night  
And the rain discharged like arc,  
While the snow, it was corroded,  
And inductance was potential,  
Since the volts they had exploded.

All on a summer's meter, the load was equalized,  
But the gosh-darned-fool old circuit could not be neutralized.  
And the dynamo it granted  
As the starting box was shunted  
And the relay trip was hunted  
When the circuit breaker punted.

But impedance, traction, contacts; power, storage cell,  
Resistance, series armature; Galvani type of bell.  
Now the panel, motors, and pow'r are dead,  
And the plant's shut down so tight,  
And transmission ceased, and the lights are out,  
'Cause the author's gone outa his head.  
With apologies to the originator—The Engineer.