



## FROSH HANDSHAKE ATTRACTS BIGGEST CROWD IN YEARS

Entertaining Program  
Features Speeches  
and Music

### REFRESHMENTS SERVED

The freshman and other new students of the Institute were informally welcomed by the upper-classmen last Wednesday evening at the Freshman Handshake. The program held in the Mission under the auspices of the Campus Club, began shortly after 7:30 and continued until all were well filled with cider and doughnuts.

The initial event of the evening was the presentation of a few rousing selections by the band, which is a new organization, under the direction of W. Hornberger, and entirely separated from the school orchestra. Following this, A. R. Viel, executive secretary of the Campus Club, addressed the assembly in a few words and introduced Professor Scherger.

#### Scherger Gives Talk

The students were complimented by Professor Scherger for their large attendance—the largest that he has ever witnessed at the Annual Frosh Handshake. He also dwelled upon the value of true friends.

Professor Amsbary, without whom no handshake would be complete, was introduced after another number from the band. He presented a number of his own poems among which were "Ze Captaine of Ze Marguerite" and "The Odyssey of a Modern Inconvenience." These recitations were most favorably received by the entire assembly.

#### Schommer Tells Story

Professor Schommer welcomed the students with a few of his well-relished, humorous stories. He also told of the wonderful spirit of loyalty to their Alma Mater, which prevails among the alumni of eastern colleges as compared with the woe of absence of it in our middle-western colleges. The need of extra-curricular activities was emphasized in order to relieve the monotony of academic work. In conclusion he wished all the students a happy and successful career at Armour.

#### Invited to Campus Club

Mr. Viel spoke of the advantages of the Campus Club, urging all those who could, to come over to their rooms and become acquainted with the members.

The evening's entertainment was concluded after a fifty-gallon keg of cider had been emptied, and fifty-five dozen doughnuts had been consumed.

## Glee Club Practices At Regular Meeting

With the signing of eight new men last Thursday, the Glee Club increased its enrollment to 54. This is the largest number of members the club has had in its history.

Dr. Protheroe gave the men a few pointers on beating time, and the members sang some of the songs used last year. Most popular among them was a "Little Close Harmony," which made a hit at the Home Concert. At the next rehearsal, practice will begin on a new group of songs.

In spite of the large size of the Glee Club, there is still room for men with musical aspirations. The enrollment is divided as follows:

- Freshman—12
- Sophomores—17
- Juniors—8
- Seniors—17

Juniors and freshmen are especially requested to turn out. The next rehearsal will be Thursday, Oct. 15 at 5:00 o'clock in the assembly hall.

## Frosh Election To Come Friday

Due to the late date of the Freshman Handshake, balloting for the various officers of the freshman class will not be held until Friday.

The class unanimously decided that the petitions for nomination should not be circulated until after the handshake. This affords the members of the class a better chance to become acquainted with each other.

It is expected that the election will be hotly contested, as a large number of petitions have already been signed and turned in. Those who have not yet completed their petitions have three days time left to obtain the needed 25 signatures, the deadline being set for 4:00 P. M. Thursday, October 15.

#### Split Into Factions

As in former years, the frosh have gone political and have split into several factions. These groups are composed of the various engineering departments. Each have nominated their own candidates and are confident of victory.

The committee to take charge of the petitions, and election is composed of one man from each department. These men were selected by chairman pro-tem Robert V. Smith. The following men are on the committee:

- R. Albans, E. E.
- J. Levy, Ch. E.
- S. Bernstein, C. E.
- H. J. Zibbe, F. P. E.
- R. Skjordahl, M. E.
- M. Grossman, Arch.

## In Which a Professor Changes Departments

Professor John Edwin Snow, A. M., M. S., E. E., our renowned Professor of Electric Power Production decided to kick over the traces last Wednesday and transfer his allegiance to the Department of Mechanical Engineering. It seems as though the learned professor was scheduled to meet a class in the Dynamo lab. But, as you all know, Professor Snow has met many classes in Dynamo lab, and perhaps is becoming fed up on these classes.

At any rate he returned from an errand in Machinery Hall to one of the rooms in the Mission Building where he entered. Once established before the class that was seated in this classroom, he launched into a very interesting lecture on one of the topics with which he is quite familiar. Not even the blank look on the faces of the assembled seniors could deter him.

Finally a brave man reminded the professor that the class before which he stood was composed of senior mechanicals. With mumbled apologies the professor hurriedly left the room and entered the Faculty club where he indulged in some billiards. Later on his way home he couldn't quite figure out what became of his class in Dynamo lab.

## Sophomore Class to Elect Officers Soon

The sophomore class added another chapter to its turbulent political history last Friday at 10:30 when it met in the Assembly Hall to prepare for election of officers.

After much debate and wrangling, the class decided to nominate officers by petition with at least twenty-five signers required on each petition. This method, tried last year and proved this year, was adopted as being more efficient than nomination from the floor. Tuesday, October 20, was set as the final date for acceptance of petitions.

Robert Cheatham, the retiring president, presided. Other officers for last year were D. Manson, vice president, L. Lowry, secretary, R. Drum, treasurer, L. Callen, social chairman, R. Sullivan, sergeant-at-arms.

### SENIORS TO CHECK CREDITS

A list of all men rated as senior students appears on the south bulletin board in the lobby of the main building. These men should report to the Dean's office, as soon as possible to check their credits.

## IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSHES SEEN ON OUR CAMPUS

Last Friday the student body of Armour paid especial tribute to its eleven. The strong, stalwart lads were put through their paces by an unruly mob that was bent on souvenirs. It appears as though the eleven men were sought out one by one, cornered and then relieved of part of their prized possessions in an entirely illegal manner.

#### Go Into Huddle

With many big football games scheduled for last Saturday it is only right that we print the line-up of the Armour men who have been singled out by Coach Shaver to put up a strong battle in the defense department. The line-up is given below:

| Name  | Position      |
|---|---------------|
| Alexander   | Lying Down    |
| Dushoff   | Right Flat    |
| Schwab  | On the Stairs |
| White   | Locked in     |
| Koko  | In the Ring   |
| Chapman   | Underfoot     |
| Wiltrakis   | Sat on        |
| Jung  | In the Gutter |
| Goldman   | Very Low      |
| Clucas  | Uncomfortable |
| Hess  | He Knows Not  |
| The boys put up a great but losing battle. Our team was penalized fifteen yards for slugging when Chapman forgot himself and hit one man while biting a second. It seems as though White was stroking his mustache, while the opponents looked on. But ingenuity proved the order of the day when the opposition solved the problem and got to him on a fast through-the-window play. |               |

## Airports Topic at Last W. S. E. Meeting

The Western Society of Engineers held its first meeting last Friday morning in B-Mission. The principal speaker was Major Wendell S. Merick who spoke on "Airports, a Division of Transportation."

Major Merick told the members that an airport is not just an open space with a tin shack. A good one must have at least 160 acres, more if possible, and should increase in size with the size of the city.

There are many things to consider in the choice of a site for an airport. Not only must the size be adequate but the cost of preparation must be estimated. A nearly level surface is desired so that there will not be much grading; also a location must be chosen with a porous subsoil so that drainage is satisfactory.

#### Good Location Essential

Another serious consideration is accessibility, not only to customers, but to aviators. The airport must be as close to town as possible, and also near some landmark that the aviator can easily locate. For instance, the shore of a lake or river can be easily followed, even when clouds obstruct beacon lights. Airports should not be located near high wires or other obstructions such as tall buildings.

Before the speech, H. C. Rossing, president of the W. S. E. at Armour, made the announcement that new members are desired. The dues are only one dollar per year and entitle the member to attend the programs, meetings and smokers. After this meeting, which was open to one and all, no one will be permitted to attend except those possessing membership cards.

## Cycle Receives All Honor Rating

The 1931 Cycle has received the All American Honor Rating of The National Scholastic Press Association. The book was graded superior and received 915 grade points out of a possible thousand. This is the highest of four grades and represents quite an achievement, since the Cycle was judged along with the yearbooks of non-technical schools from all over the United States.

The judging took place at the University of Minnesota and the books were very critically marked on organization, subject matter, cover design, and various other points which contribute to a successful edition. The certificate of award will soon be on display in the lobby of the main building.

Only once before has the Cycle received an All American Honor Rating. This was in 1929. The 1930 annual was classed as excellent and awarded a First Class Honor Rating.

That the 1932 Cycle will have some really new and interesting features was promised by Glenn W. Schodde, the editor-in-chief of the Armour Tech Annual, to a group of new volunteer workers who assembled in the Cycle room last Wednesday at 5:00. Of the eleven new men, nine will put forth their efforts in the different editorial departments, and two will help Otto Staib, the business manager.

Schodde hopes to be able to announce at some early date the details of a contest pertaining to the Cycle, which will interest all students. Watch the News for details.

The photography editor, William W. Lange, asked for snapshots, whether they be of various phases of school life or of an informal nature taken at other scenes. Snapshots obtained on inspection trips or field work are especially desired.

## Rifle Club Hopes to Develop Second Team

A lecture class in rifle shooting was held in Science Hall last Friday at 5 o'clock to help the new men to become more proficient. Patla, one of the mainstays of the team did the talking, and Al Helmick illustrated the various positions, as well as the ways of adjusting the sling.

Since last year's team won the state championship by a wide margin, it is hoped that this year a second team can be entered in matches. Several men who shot last year but were not regulars will make a nucleus for a good second team. There is prospective material apparent in several new men who have had experience shooting on high school teams.

### CALENDAR

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Tuesday, October 13</b>   |  |
| 12:20 P. M.                  | Swimming, first meeting, Physics Lecture Room. |
| 4:30 P. M.                   | Basketball practice, Seniors.                  |
| 5:00 P. M.                   | Deadline for Sophomore petitions.              |
| 5:00 P. M.                   | Orchestra Practice, Assembly Hall, Mission.    |
| <b>Wednesday, October 14</b> |  |
| 4:30 P. M.                   | Basketball practice, Juniors.                  |
| <b>Thursday, October 15</b>  |  |
| 5:00 P. M.                   | Glee Club Rehearsal, Assembly Hall, Mission.   |
| 4:30 P. M.                   | Basketball Practice, Sophomores.               |
| <b>Friday, October 16</b>    |  |
| 9:00-3:00 P. M.              | Sophomore election, Science Hall.              |
| 4:30 P. M.                   | Basketball practice, Freshmen.                 |
| 5:00 P. M.                   | Band practice, Assembly Hall.                  |
| <b>Monday, October 19</b>    |  |
| 4:30                         | Basketball, Seniors vs. Juniors.               |

## JUNIORS AND SENIORS ELECT OFFICERS; CASEY IS SOCIAL CHAIRMAN FOR SECOND TIME

Wilbur H. Rudolf and Joseph Fernbach Will  
Head Their Classes  
This Year

JOHN O. CAVANAUGH AGAIN HOLDS OFFICE

## Class of '06 Paints Its Alma Mater Red

A laudable effort was recently made to secure interest in alumni reunions and as part of this plan, a reunion of the class of '06 was called at the close of the last semester. Although this event took place several months ago, due to the fact that the last issue of the previous semester's News came out before the event, most of the student body may be unaware that a virile and highly active group of alumni were making things hum around the old Alma Mater.

#### Band Plays Friday

The doings began on Friday and were inaugurated with a band serenade on the staircase in the main lobby, the numbers evidently being selected from the repertoire of Louie's Hungry Five.

At this stage of the proceedings a phenomenon took place which will forever remain a mystery to the undergraduates who were present at the time. Apparently several organized and coherent cheers for Armour issued from a large group in the middle of the lobby.

#### Students Forgot Cheers

As you all know, it is a matter of record that practically none of the current undergraduates know one or more of the Armour cheers and only a small fraction of that number are familiar with the words of the school songs; hence, we must conclude that our training has lapsed somewhat along the lines of school spirit and enthusiasm.

However, to get back to the reunion of '06, after the men had exchanged greetings and visited all the old haunts, a dinner banquet was held in the school lunchroom where the members of the faculty were the guests of the visitors.

#### See Cubs Play

Many of the men had come all the way from New York and California; and so the reunion extended over into Saturday and a meeting was called at Wrigley field where the Cubs provided a good afternoon's entertainment.

The official wind-up occurred at the Palmer House where another dinner banquet was the order of the day. After the banquet it was agreed that all had had a pleasant and highly enjoyable time.

Credit is due to Professor Moreton, through whose efforts the reunion took place and all the necessary arrangements for entertainment were made. Incidentally, plans are now under way to make class reunions a permanent event on the Armour calendar and it is hoped that the co-operation and help of all the old graduates will be forthcoming.

## Frank Oster Suffers From Nasal Illness

Frank Oster, the custodian of the Institute, is convalescing from a hemorrhage of the nose, sustained last week on Wednesday.

He was stricken about 10:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, and was taken to Mercy Hospital under the care of Dr. J. F. McNamara, the school's medical adviser. By Thursday afternoon Mr. Oster's condition was improved to such an extent he was discharged from the hospital and allowed to return home.

Wilbur H. Rudolf was elected president of the senior class at the election held last Wednesday in Science Hall. He received 82 votes, against his opponent's 53, defeating Stanley M. Lind.

Precedent was broken when James J. Casey was elected Social Chairman of his class the second successive time. His popularity is no doubt due to the splendid fashion in which he handled the Junior Formal and Junior class dance. The seniors are looking forward to a splendid social season. Casey won over his opponent, Stanley Grundstrom, by the vote of 105 to 30.

#### Jungels Is Vice-President

The office of Vice-President was more closely contested. Alton J. Jungels was elected by a vote of 56. He was followed by Frank Ustrycki with 42 votes and Thomas A. McGill with 37 votes.

The secretary is John O. Cavanaugh who was elected with 86 votes over Glenn W. Schodde's 49. Alexander Bogot will handle the money. He was elected treasurer, defeating Charles J. Jens 71 to 64.

The class of '32 has started their last year well. With Rudolf at the helm and a man of Casey's experience in social activities, the future is very bright.

#### Junior Competition Keen

The junior class also held their election Wednesday. The competition was very keen for the majority of offices. This was especially so in the case of the office of treasurer. William Davies winning over David Pearson by the slender margin of one vote; 71 to 70. The officers have a great responsibility because of the important part the junior class plays in the activities of the school year. The results of the election are:

#### JUNIOR CLASS

##### President

Joseph Fernbach—76.  
William Lange—61.

##### Vice-President

George Beemsterboer—86.  
Carrol Simons—58.

##### Secretary

Walter Larson—74.  
Norman Penfold—68.

##### Treasurer

William Davies—71.  
David Pearson—70.

##### Social Chairman

Harold Bannasch—58.  
Harold Bodinson—85.

## Chemical Engineers To Meet Next Friday

Activities for students in the department of chemical engineering will begin when the Armour branch of the A. I. Ch. E. holds its first meeting Friday, Oct. 16, at 10:30 in the physics lecture room.

This will be a business meeting, in which the selection of speakers for the various meetings, the collection of dues, and other plans for the coming semester will be discussed.

"Crushing and Sampling" will be the subject of a future lecture to be given by a representative of the Raymond Brothers Impact Pulverizing Company.

An attempt is being made to secure R. B. Harper of the Peoples Gas Company to talk on the various phases of Chicago's World's Fair Exposition to be held in 1933.

Meetings of the A. I. Ch. E. are held every other Friday and all are invited to attend them.