



N. S. P. A. GIVES EXCELLENT HONOR RATING TO NEWS

Fine Mark in Editorial and Entertaining Matter

NEWS IS IMPROVING

The *Armour Tech News* received the First Class Honor rating in the recent survey of the National Scholastic Press Association. This is the first year that the *News* has been rated.

Five ratings are given by the N. S. P. A., first, the All-American second, the First Class, third, the Second Class, fourth, the Third Class, and last, the Fourth Class. The All-American rating is given only to distinctly superior papers.

The ratings are not in the nature of a competition but rather a grouping of papers according to quality. It is planned to enter the *News* in the rating service annually.

An especially fine grade was received on the editorials and entertaining material. The largest score deducted was for poor headlines and makeup. The criticisms are being studied in order to remedy the faults.

Purpose of Paper

According to the National Scholastic Press Association, the primary service which a school newspaper should seek to render is to provide an organ of information that will present all the news desired by those who are actively interested in the school—the students, the faculty the parents, the administration, and, to some extent, the former graduates. It should also provide an organ for the expression of student thought; it should promote and encourage worthy school activities, true sportsmanship, and scholarship, and it should create a wholesome school spirit, supporting the best traditions of the school.

In order that the staff of the *Armour Tech News* may learn of the newest ideas in scholastic journalism, they have subscribed to "The Scholastic Editor," which is the official organ of the National Scholastic Press Association. By utilizing this service, and constantly striving to improve the paper in every way, it is hoped that the *News* will be awarded the All-American Honor Rating next year.

F.P.E.'s Hear Talk; Smoker Planned

The fire protects were fortunate last Friday in having Mr. Wellington A. Townley, a noted authority in the insurance business, address them at a meeting of their society in D Mission at 10:00 a. m. His topic was "Salvage Operations", and as the former president of the Underwriter's Salvage Company, he was particularly interested in dealing with the relationship between the fire insurance patrols and the particular field of which he is head.

Townley on Committee

Mr. Townley is heartily interested in the fire protection engineering course at Armour for he is a member of the scholarship committee which passes on candidates for the course and is an honorary member of Salamander, the honorary fraternity of the fire protects. He also serves in the capacity of Professor of Insurance at Northwestern University.

Definite plans have been made for the annual smoker of the F. P. E. S. It is to be held on Monday evening, May 16 at the Theta Xi house. All members of the department are urged to attend. E. A. Scanlan, president of the society and in charge of arrangements assures an evening of fun for all.

"Junior Week" Is Presented by Class of 1933

A holiday atmosphere will replace the usual routine this week as the 1932 Junior Week events are staged. The class rush, the Circus Day pageant, the Junior Prom, the annual concert, and the various athletic events are the highlights of the week.

Things will start popping tomorrow with the pentathlon at 9:30 in the morning, the Armour-Lake Forest baseball game in the afternoon and the interfraternity sing and annual musical concert at eight o'clock in the evening. The Dramatic Club's presentation of "The Silent Alarm" will be a feature of the evening's program.

Fraternity Meet Thursday

Interfraternity track will be the focus of attention Thursday morning at nine, when the various houses meet once again to demonstrate who can run the fastest, jump the highest, etc. The rivalry which normally is rather subdued has been fanned into heat by the recent interfraternity competition in indoor baseball, tennis, and golf, so that a snappy track meet is expected.

Another ball game, a non-conference tilt with Michigan State Normal will complete Thursday's program.

Class Rush Friday

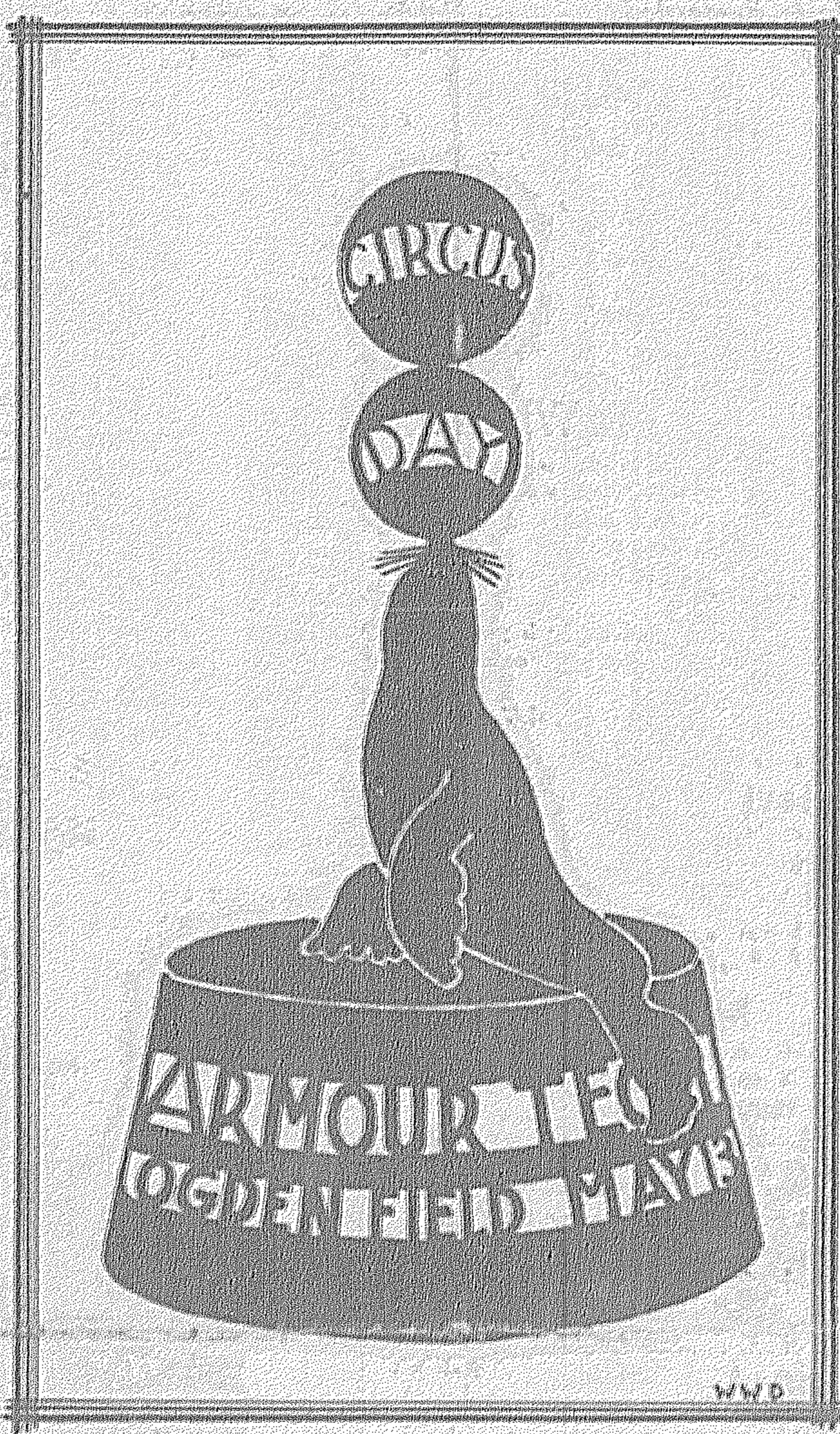
All events are merely the beginning of the climax of the week's—or year's—activities, which take place Friday. The Soph-Fresh class rush, the Circus Day antics, the letter class relay, the interfraternity relay, and the Junior Prom are all to occur within that short span of twenty-four hours, known commonly as Friday.

The two relays are scheduled for Friday morning at 10:30 A. M., and 11:30 A. M., the class rush at 1:00 P. M., the interfraternity stands at 2:00 P. M., and the Prom in the evening.

The event of the year which holds most interest for the two lower classes is the annual Fresh-Soph rush to be held Friday at 1:00 P. M. In the past it has been customary for the two classes to line up at each end of Ogden Field, the sophes attired in red shirts and the frosh in green. At a signal from the Fresh-Juniors, each line surges forward toward the sticks of straw and sand piled in the center of the field and endeavor to drag the sticks back to their respective goals. At the end of ten minutes, a halt is called and the sticks counted, the sand sacks scoring five points and the straw sacks one point.

Junior Conduct Activities

As the name implies, Junior Week activities are supervised mainly by members of the Junior class. Junior Marshal L. C. Johnson and his committee of assistants will be much in evidence, seeing that the events are run off in an orderly manner (excepting the class rush activities which are exceedingly informal). The members of the supervising committee are, L. C. Johnson, M. J. Brisman, R. W. Carlstrom, E. J. DeFoor, and O. T. Harwell.



Fraternity stands, which give Friday its title of Circus Day, are in process of final polishing and will be ready for the judges' decision.

Competition on Circus Day

The judging of the stands is on the basis of originality, execution, and reaction of the spectators. Close competition in this field is seen by the fact that three different fraternities have won the contest in the last three circus day meets. The winners at the Class Day Skills in the last three years have been Theta Xi, Sigma Kappa Delta, and Phi Kappa Sigma.

The Armour yearbook, the *Cyclist*, is to be distributed sometime Friday. About eight hundred student copies will be given out.

Junior Prom Friday Evening

As a final polish to be added to

Junior Week activities, the Junior Prom of Friday evening in the Gold Room of the Drake Hotel is offered to socially inclined Armour students.

Although Open House is usually held on Monday of Junior Week, this year it has been postponed until Friday, May 27.

Junior Week is being held a little earlier this year than formerly, causing a conflict with the schedule of night school classes and necessitating the change of the date for the annual Open House. On this day Armour's doors are thrown open to the public and an "inverse inspection trip" will be held.

May Concert Held Tomorrow

Special rehearsals of the musical clubs and the dramatic club have been held in order to make tomorrow evening's program of as high caliber as the talents of the participants will permit. The dramatic production,

"The Silent Alarm," is a response to the demand created by the play given at the Christmas Concert.

During the evening the ten Honor Cycles will be given out, as has been the custom for several years. Ten members of the graduating class have been selected on a basis of scholarship, and general extra-curricular activity.

Fraternities Sing for Cup

The Interfraternity Sing competition will also be held during the evening. The various social fraternities have been busy of late, turning up their voices in preparation for this event. The close ranking of the various houses in this event may be demonstrated by the fact that in the last three years, three different houses won the silver cup which is offered. The harmonious groups are Delta Tau Delta, Phi Pi Phi, and Triangle.

Fresh-Soph Test Strength

All signs point to another fresh victory in the class rush over the weakened ranks of the second year men. Apparently an added year of engineering studies does not compensate for the decrease in class numbers suffered as a result of these studies. At any rate, the frosh have been victorious in the past three years.

The formal conflict on the field, strenuous as it is, is but incidental to the terrible deeds which usually take place on the Thursday night and Friday morning preceding.

Class Leaders Kidnaped

Three years ago, both class leaders were kidnaped before the rush. The soph leader found his way back in time to see his men be defeated, but the fresh leader arrived a half hour after the decision was made.

Two years ago, Michigan Boulevard was the scene of several fraternity raids and promiscuous mixups as the two classes fought to fight it out beforehand.

A year ago, the frosh were hounded outside machinery hall with a hailstorm of ancient eggs.

This year, precautions are being taken by both classes to guard against the kidnapping of class leaders, but as several scraps have already demonstrated, feeling is running high. The forcible ejection of sophes from the recent freshman class meeting shows the spirit of the first year men.

Juniors Have Upper Hand

Although the rush is a frosh-soph affair, the juniors will be much in evidence. If any undergraduate strikes about during the rush wearing a yellow sweater and wielding a paddle handily, the person in question may be safely assumed to be a junior and is to be respected. This advice was forthcoming from one who apparently had had previous experience.

Armour Grad Speaks To A.S.M.E. Meeting

The Armour Branch of the A. S. M. E. met Friday, May 6, 1932 wherein Mr. F. A. Manke, a development engineer with the U. S. Gypsum Co., spoke on "Development and Promotional Engineering." Mr. Manke graduated from Armour in 1922.

His speech dealt with the business end of engineering. He stressed the fact that in the organization of a new business, products, processes, and equipment must be chosen correctly. The market for the article must also be studied in regard to competition, field and use. It must also be considered whether the processes can be improved. With equipment comes the factor of costs and patents.

SPHINX PLEDGES

Sphinx, honorary literary society, wishes to announce the pledging of M. A. Collick, W. W. Lange, and H. M. Kreisman.

Chess Fans Meet For Competition Tomorrow Final Day

Enthusiasts in the coming Armour Tech Chess tournament now have something bigger and better to look forward to. The new idea involves an active and permanent chess club. Although there are not yet any definite plans, the new club is entirely possible and very probable. Professor Ensz has approved the idea and has expressed his willingness to be the faculty member if the club is formed.

The game seems to be much more popular this year than previously. This fact is evidenced by the interest being shown in the tournament. Quite a few students have signed the bulletin board for a chance to play and are now in midst of thoughtful practice.

Those students or instructors who are interested either in having the game or in forming the proposed club should see White, Viel, or Lomasney as soon as possible.

ARMOUR FORMAL ENDS JUNIOR WEEK

FRIDAY EVENING

Maitland's Orchestra Will Play at the Drake Hotel

EXPECT LARGE CROWD

The grand finale which will complete the various activities of Junior Week, will be the annual Junior Formal Dinner Dance, which will be held this Friday evening, May 13, at the Gold Ballroom of the Drake Hotel. This affair will be the last social event of the year for Armour and the last to be attended by the present senior class.

Today is the final day for the making of reservations, and the latest reports indicate that a large number will attend. A considerable reduction in the price of the bids over that of previous years insures a large attendance.

Dance from 9 to 2

Syncopeation will be provided from 9 till 2 by Johnny Maitland and his orchestra, whose seductive strains will agree closely with the colorful atmosphere of the Ballroom.

Patrons and patronesses selected for the occasion are: Professor and Mrs. H. T. Hoald, and Professor and Mrs. J. J. Schommer.

Chefs of the Drake hotel have an enviable reputation for preparing fine food which will undoubtedly be the best obtainable. The following menu will be served, starting at ten-thirty:

- Fruit Cocktail
- Cream of Broccoli
- Celery and Mixed Relishes
- Toast Melba
- Beef Tenderloin Steak
- New Green Peas, au Buorre
- Potatoes, Long Branch
- Frappe aux Rose
- Drake Salad
- Lorenze Dressing
- Toasted Wafers
- Chocolate Noluako
- Petit Four
- Deaf Tasse

Each table will be set for two couples.

Committee Makes Plans

Arrangements for this formal event were carried out by the committee composed of Harold Bodinson, chairman, Norman Penfold, Blaise Guettler, Jack Peckman, and William Lange.

As a tradition at Armour the Junior Formal Dinner Dance every year is the big occasion, climaxes Junior Week, and the entire social season of Armour. The Junior social chairman and his committee have spent much time and effort in preparing this gala occasion, and have as a goal, the assurance that the dinner and dance will be the finest that ever has been held.

Fraternity Sing, Musical Clubs, Armour Players Feature Concert

The Annual May Concert will be presented Wednesday evening of this week, May 11, at 8 o'clock in the Assembly Hall.

Featured in the evening's entertainment, are the musical clubs, and the dramatic club, all participating with the one desire of making the concert a successful summary of their year of activities. The Glee Club, with Dr. D. E. Protheroe directing, will present several interesting and entertaining numbers.

Orchestral numbers, popular airs by Stresses and Strains, and an interesting humorous skit, "The Silent Alarm," are all lending individuality to the program. Also the fraternity sing will be presented by the social fraternities of the campus.

Announcement of the honor cycle awards to the class of '32 will also be made during the evening. There are ten of these honor cycles given out yearly.

The complete program follows:

- ORCHESTRA
1. Victor Herbert's Favorites Herbert
 2. Spanish Dance Rehfeld
 - Violin solo by E. H. Lousche
- GLEE CLUB
1. Armour Fight Song Whitfield
 2. The Gay Troubadour Wellesley
 3. Alexander Ewener
 4. Hoodah Day (Yale Glee Club Classic) Bartholomew
 5. Landslighting Grieg
 - Solo by A. Tiemann
- STRESSES AND STRAINS
1. Wabash Blues Meinken
 2. Medley—Can't We Talk It Over Petkere
 - Starlight Young
 - Shadows in the Window Young
 3. Medley—Somebody Loves You De Rose
 - By the Fireside Noble
 4. Saw solo—By James Kittie King
 5. The Waltz You Saved for Me Marks
 6. You're the One Marks
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For Announcements

The time limit for commencement announcements has been extended through today and tomorrow so as to include those who like to place their orders in the last minute.

The first installment will be obtained from the printers in about three weeks.

Jerome B. Dirkers headed the committee on announcements and was assisted by H. C. Rossing, J. S. McCall, G. L. Bonvallet and J. R. Jackson.

PUBLICATIONS BOARD

The board of publications will meet in the Tau Beta Pi rooms at 10:30 a. m., Friday of this week. Revision and acceptance of the constitution will require most of the period. At this meeting the decision on a point of misunderstanding will be given by Mr. Adleman, secretary of the development committee.