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## PROFESSOR W. C. KRATHWOHL ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION

Elected at Meeting at University of Illinois To Preside as "World's Fair" Chairman

### PROFESSOR TEACH GIVES IMPORTANT PAPER

Professor W. C. Krathwohl, head of the department of mathematics was signally honored at the annual meeting of the Illinois section of the Mathematical Association of America by being elected "World's Fair chairman". He was also elected chairman for the next succeeding year, being the only man in the organization to be honored. Professor Krathwohl in his new capacity succeeds Professor Barnard of the University of Chicago. The annual meeting of the society was held this year at the University of Illinois on May 6-7.

**Armour Professors Attend**  
Armour Institute was well represented at the meeting by Professors Krathwohl, Teach, and Blaggard.

Several important papers were presented during the course of the meeting, not least among them being one by Professor Teach, which represented much original work. It deals with the Hamilton-Jacobi theory for problems in parametric form, and outlines a method for overcoming the difficulties usually encountered in this form. The solution has evaded mathematicians for over a century.

#### Models Shown

Professor Finch of the University of Illinois gave an interesting talk on models and graphs made more illuminating by his use of actual models. The collection of mathematical models of the University of Illinois, which is the most extensive collection of its kind in any college, was exhibited to the members of the section. A paper which attracted the interest of the section was that of Professor Hartley of the University of Chicago on Permanent Configurations in the Four Body Problem.

Professor Krathwohl, in reply to the reporter's question, stated that, as yet, the Association's activities for the "World's Fair" are still in the nebulous state.



PROF. W. C. KRATHWOHL  
A. I. E. E. Picnic  
Will Be Thursday

Indiana State Dunes Park, at Thorntown, will be the scene of the A. I. E. E. picnic to be held next Thursday, May 19. Members of the senior and junior electrical classes will meet at the popular playground at 9:30 A. M.

One of the features of the day will be the baseball games between the seniors and the juniors. In view of the fact that each class has quite a few men who can play well each class will enter a first and a second team. Professor Moreton will compose the game between the "A" teams.

The winning team of each of the two baseball games to be played will be presented a baseball, the balls being donated by the A. I. E. E.

Professor Moreton has further offered his services to the extent of being cook for the "fish fry" supper which he scheduled. Incidentally, the professor is well qualified for the position, having served in this capacity a number of times in connection with school work.

The electricals are bringing along their swimming suits in hopes that the water will be warm.

### Paine Is Selected as Tech's P.L.U. Delegate

Phil Lambdin Updike, honorary chemical society, will hold a national convention in Denver, Colorado, early in September this year.

The Omaha chapter at Armour has delegated Franklin W. Paine, with Henry Fulkerson as alternate, to represent them at Denver. As the American Chemical Society is also holding its annual convention in the same city during the early part of the same week, the delegates will probably spend the entire first week in September in that city.

### Eta Kappa Nu Holds Its Inquisition Quiz

Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical fraternity, held an inquisition quiz at the Phi Kappa Sigma house last Thursday evening. The former national president of Eta Kappa Nu, E. Kelly, and the present executive secretary, L. A. Spangler, attended the meeting as well as Professors Moreton and Richardson.

Sophomore electricals who have entered the essay contest conducted by Eta Kappa Nu are urged to turn in their papers as soon as possible.

### Large Attendance at Concert; Delta Tau Delta Wins in Sing

A capacity crowd was attracted to the Annual Home Concert and Interfraternity Sing held last Wednesday evening in the Assembly Hall, starting at eight o'clock.

The program, although long, was well received by the audience, especially the fraternity songs.

Delta Tau Delta received the silver cup for winning the Interfraternity Sing. Although several groups were very harmonious, making the competition keen, the Deltas were recognized as best. This is the second consecutive year that they received the cup.

#### Honor Cycles Distributed

As is the annual custom, the ten Honor Cycles were given out to the ten seniors who were most outstanding in school life. The recipients of this honor in the order in which they received were: H. C. Housing, J. O. Cavanaugh, S. M. Lind, C. W. Schade, W. H. Biddle, H. A. Scudamore, Jr., C. J. James, P. A. Ulrich, J. J. Casey, and H. P. Richter.

In presenting the awards, Dean Penn explained that the awards were given on a basis of activities, character, and to a lesser extent, scholarship.

"The Silent Alarm," the humorous skit presented by the Armour Players was well received by the students. The play had its setting in a hotel room. The bell boy enters and,

after many polite interchanges, informs the occupants that the hotel is burning. After many formalities, the fire department arrives to help watch the building burn. The skit closed on the strains of "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

Several popular numbers played by the Stresses and Strains, under the direction of J. A. Clear, had the students humming in unison with the band. The orchestra, directed by G. L. Bonvallet, played its several numbers. Dr. Pretheroe lead the Glee Club in several spirited numbers, including the revised version of the Armour Fight Song. A solo by A. Tienau accompanied by several orchestra members and by the glee club proved to be an impressive feature.

#### Sophs Release Balloons

The sophomores attempted to get the jump on the freshies that night by filling several cute little red balloons with gas, writing offensive remarks about the first year men on them, and releasing them to hang the ceiling of the Assembly Hall during the initial part of the concert.

Because of some mysterious reason, before the concert was very far under way, the balloons began to pop and fall into the laps of the guests as souvenirs. However, before the evening was closed, two more balloons, also red, were released.

### WINFIELD PECK REMEMBERED BY TABLET IN HALL

A sorrowful episode in the history of Armour students is again brought to memory when we recall in thought upon the sad plight of Winfield Peck who would have graduated in 1912 if his sudden death had not intervened. A bronze tablet in his memory was given to Armour Institute by his family and is mounted on the south end of the main floor.

#### Peck Memorial Student

Winfield spent his early life in Wisconsin, where he showed his engineering ability by building little motor boats that one could wind up with string and they would really run. He later came to Chicago and bought an automobile, spending most of his time in studying the construction.

Before entering Armour, Winfield attended two high schools at the same time and came through with flying colors. The Armour chapter of the A. M. U. had Winfield as a member at the time. He was one of the most intelligent members of his class and it is with regret that a young man of such ability was prevented from taking his part in the engineering world.

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#### SOPHS HOLD MEETING

A sophomore class meeting was held last Thursday morning in order to plan for the coming Rush. L. Lynch, president of the class called the meeting at 10:30. Frank Keke was elected rush leader by secret ballot from a list of six nominees.

The sophomore class treasurer, R. Peterson, gave a financial report concerning the recent Soph-Fresh dance. The dance, incidentally, was one of the most successful financially and socially, ever held at the Institute.

### Red Flag Plus Frosh Equals Scrap; Theorem Is Proved on Tech Campus

Enthusiasm! That is what was portrayed when the freshmen and sophomores engaged in a sword-dance rush last Tuesday.

The ever prevailing peaceful atmosphere of Armour Tech was completely shattered at exactly 1:30 P. M., when a certain freshman, attired entirely in green (a sign of a sprouting Armourite), hauled out the dearly prized banner of the sophomore class. The entire freshman class, which had congregated shortly before, assisted in soaking the banner with Ethyl gasoline, to insure a quicker pick-up, and set fire to it. However, the bold invitation for trouble was answered by a few brave sophs, who decided that the green flag of the freshmen should be removed from the place it occupied in the atmosphere and made a successful attempt at doing so.

Having taken possession of the flag, a sophomore decided to seek

## JARL T. SORENSEN ELECTED AS NEW CHIEF OF ENGINEER BY BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

H. Kreisman Is Appointed Associate Editor; Edward Lomasney Is Elected Comptroller

### MAY ISSUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK



JARL T. SORENSEN

Jarl T. Sorenson, F. P. E., '33, has been chosen by the Board of Publications to succeed M. R. Beat as chief of the Armour Engineer for the coming year. Sorenson was promoted from his position as assistant on the staff.

The other officers elected were Herbert Kreisman, M. E., '34, associate editor, and Edward P. Lomasney, Ch. E., '33, comptroller. Kreisman succeeds M. Fagan, and Lomasney follows A. R. Viel.

These new officers have already taken their positions and started work. The May issue will be the first consolidated effort of the staff. The entire issue, articles, write-ups, and make up, was handled by the new editors. It will be distributed to the students in the latter part of this week.

#### Many Articles by Students

The articles in this next copy of the Engineer will mostly be by students, including two by two of the new officers. One of them will be by the editor-in-chief on "The Explosive Limits of Petroleum Vapors." The other is on "The Modern Trend in Car Design," by Herbert Kreisman.

Besides these, there will be an article on "Essentials of Weather Prognostication" written by John L. Kampwirth. Stanley M. Lind has an article on "The Solvay Process of Alkali Manufacture."

#### Of Interest to Alumni

The Engineer is not only published for the students, but is of interest to the alumni as well. Lately, it has become the official organ of the alumni, and one section of each issue is devoted to their affairs. This next number has an extra large alumnae section. It features the announcement of six newly elected members of the Board of Trustees of Armour, with brief, personal biographies and photographs of the new members of the Board.

The cover has been again handled by Spencer Cone. This conception completes a series of sketches of Century of Progress buildings.

At a meeting of the Board of Publications on last Thursday, the three new officers of the Engineer, Sorenson, Kreisman, and Lomasney, were voted upon and are now members of the Board.

### Air Port Visited By Fire Protects

Under the leadership of Prof. C. P. Holmes, the senior fire protectors will leave school on Friday afternoon, May 20, at one o'clock for an inspection trip out to "Sky Harbor", twenty-five miles northwest of Chicago.

"Sky Harbor" which was, for some time after its opening a few years ago, a commercial air port, has now been converted into a sportsman's port as a center for private flying. A restaurant and recreation rooms are located in the novel dome-like structure about which the hangars are located.

At the port Major "Shorty" Schroeder, will address the fire protectors on various phases of aviation and the protection from fires of hangars and planes. Major Schroeder is well known in aviation circles as a former holder of the world's altitude record. One particular exploit for which he is remembered is his falling some five miles from a disabled plane, his very eye balls becoming frozen during his shivery descent.

### TAU BETE SMOKER

Tau Beta Pi will give a smoker in honor of the graduating seniors on Tuesday evening, May 24, at the Phi Kappa Sigma House.

A large number of the honorary and faculty members will be present as well as the entire active chapter. Refreshments will be served, and there will be entertainment, all in the hands of the active members in the junior class.

Diploma fees are due and are payable at the office now. Seniors are advised to take notice.

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Speech of a man's self ought to be seldom and well chosen. — Bacon.

## JUNIOR WEEK

Junior Week has come again, been celebrated in its usual peppy manner, and passed into Armour's history as another week of reawakened college spirit, leaving behind it only the usual number of bruises and bumps, valuable souvenirs of a pleasant-in-remember, even if exhausting, week.

Perhaps some of the fun was carried a bit too far. Perhaps the white washed symbols on the Quadron Field became and about the Institute do not add to the natural aesthetic beauties of the surroundings. But if during that one week of the year the students relax completely, get the development out of their systems, so that they can return to their work with renewed vigor, is not the result worth the cost? The rain will quickly wash away the white-wash, but the never feeling of comradeship and brotherhood fostered by last week's activities will remain.

Armour as a technical school ranks among the best in the nation and in this fact we take considerable pride.

However, too many students are what are sometimes known as "day-dodgers." They arrive in the morning, are exposed to their studies, and leave as soon as their classes are through for the day. They enter no activities, have no interest here except for the technical training received.

It is for students like these that Junior Week has its greatest value. One who enters an event like the freshman soph rush comes out of it with a greater respect for his fellow classmate and a feeling of brotherhood in common with the rest of the school.

That the spirit at Armour is changing is evidenced by the increase in activities this year. The binding together of men with common interests is conducive to the better development of the individual. The organization of the Armour Players and its successful presentation of two productions is one example of this change in spirit. The debating society, still in a nebulous state, is another step in the right direction. The Philatelic Society and the reorganized Musical clubs all tend to the development of a well rounded individual.

Only memories remain now of last week's fun but already some of us are anticipating next year's Junior Week. Junior Week is past. Long live Junior Week.

## "The Slipstick"

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

## ME AND THE DISHES

I am just a little brother,  
Age nine years and one half.  
And I suppose when you hear my talk,  
You'll have a hearty laugh.

I don't like my mother's new friend,  
And when I tell you why,  
I know you will agree with me,  
That he's a real rotten guy.

When it's time to do the dishes,  
He calls up on the phone,  
Then while we talk, poor little me,  
Must wash them all alone.

Absent-minded Dentist (going under the hood of his car with a pair of pliers): "Now, this is going to hurt just a little."

The size of a man is not his power, but his personality.

Chem.—What compound has the formula  $A_2O_3$ ? F. P. E.—Gee, what? I have it on the tip of my tongue.

Chem.—Well, isn't it out quick—it's arsenic!

She—I don't want to see you standing with that blonde again.

He—It's my business whom I dance with.

She—Ahh! A gigolo.

## THAT'S ODD

Ma—Willie, the canary has gone!

Willie—But ma, it was there just now when I was trying to clean its cage with the vacuum-cleaner.

A determined young singer called Marimba  
Came into a florist on Mandelina,  
As she floated away,  
Her sister they say,  
Accompanied her on the piano.

—M. J.

## Happiness Is Good

She—"Anybody would think I was nothing but the charwoman!"

Her—"Especially if they saw this house!"

Her—"Especially if they saw this house!"</p

## CIRCUS DAY MAIN FEATURE OF WEEK FOR ARMOUR TECH

Annual Class Rush Won by Freshmen Class

### SENIORS WIN RELAY

And a good time was had by all. That, in general, is a synopsis of the various activities of Circus Day, which was held in connection with Junior Week on last Friday. The Soph-Fresh class rush, the interclass relay, the interfraternity relay, and the Junior Prom were all included in the events of Circus Day, thus creating a fitting climax for the routine of Junior Week.

The Relays, both interclass and interfraternity, were run off in the morning. The seniors again won the interclass relay with the juniors running a close second. Silver shoes were presented to Hirsch, Freez, Finnegan, and Fox, who composed the senior relay team.

The interfraternity relay was won by Triangle, a cup being awarded as the prize.

As a feature of the day's program, the annual class rush was staged at 1:00 P. M. A large crowd assembled to see this event which was indeed a battle-royal, being won by the freshmen class of '35. The final score was 16 to 5.

The Interfraternity Pageant served as a fitting climax to the routine of the day, the contest being won by Beta Psi fraternity. All acts presented by the various fraternities were of a humorous nature and gave the judges a good deal of trouble in selecting the winner.

In concluding the program, Dean Penn presented the various awards to the winners of all events for Thursday and Friday. In addition to the awards given for the relay events, a medal was given to Stan Lind who served as high point man for Triangle fraternity. Triangle was also presented with a cup for first place in interfraternity track.

A cup was awarded to Phi Pi Phi for its victory in interfraternity basketball earlier in the year.

The pentathlon which was held on Thursday brought medals for the following men: George Nelson, a gold medal; Henry Fox, a silver medal; and Elmer Saderman, a bronze medal.

### Bradley Defeats Tech Tracksters

The ill-fated Armour track team, which was the guest of Bradley Tech of Peoria last Saturday, was sent home with a decisive 96-32 setback. This one-sided score was due partly to the absence and injuries of five of the Tech team's highest point getters.

The most notable achievement of the meet go to two seniors, Stan Lind and Cederon, who in their last performances broke two Armour records. Lind established a new record in the half mile run by stepping it in the fast time of 2:00.9. Cederon, in the last throw of the meet, threw the javelin 157 ft. and 10 ins., to break the Armour record.

#### SUMMARIES

100-yd. dash—Won by Eddie Bradley; second, Johnson, Bradley; third, Kneller, Bradley. Time—11:42.

Mike run—Won by Long, Bradley; second, Johnson, Johnson, Bradley; third, Eddie Bradley. Time—4:58.0.

220-yd. low hurdles—Won by Eddie, Bradley; second, Marion, Bradley; third, Paul, Armstrong. Time—27.6.

120-yd. high hurdles—Won by Eddie, Bradley; second, Marion, Bradley; third, Robert, Armstrong. Time—13.4.

220-yd. dash—Won by Johnson, Bradley; second, Krenzien, Armstrong; third, Amerson, Bradley. Time—11.3.

440-yd. dash—Won by Koehler, Bradley; second, Fox, Armstrong; third, Hinck, Armstrong. Time—57.7.

880-yd. run—Won by Lind, Armstrong; second, Mardi, Bradley; third, Willie, Bradley. Time—2:00.9 (new Armour record).

2 mile run—Won by Richter, Armstrong; second, Thomas, Armstrong; third, Long, Bradley. Time—11:16.

High jump—Won by Eddie, Bradley; second, Gibbs, Bradley; third, Stevens, Bradley. Height—5'10".

Broad jump—Won by Eddie, Bradley; second, Gibbs, Bradley; third, Roberts, Armstrong. Distance—24'4" (new Bradley record).

Shot put—Won by Peterson, Bradley; second, Davis, Bradley; third, Fratzke, Armstrong. Distance—40'4.3".

Discus throw—Won by Whockey, Bradley; second, Lester, Bradley; third, Warren, Bradley. Distance—111'11".

Javelin throw—Won by Cordon, Armstrong; second, Roberts, Armstrong; third, Eddie, Bradley. Distance—157'10" (new Armour record).

Pole vault—Won by Gibbs, Bradley; second, Eddie, Bradley; third, Fratchy, Bradley. Height—10'.

### Frosh and Sophs Show Great Class Rivalry In Rush Demonstrations

More spirit was shown by the freshmen and sophomore classes during Junior Week this year than has been shown at Armour for many years. All the whitewashing, collins, balloons, flags, effigies, etc. were a great surprise to those in charge. Action started Monday morning when the class of '35 hung a green banner from the roof of Main, and kept going strong until the fresh beat the sophos in the class rush on Friday.

After the freshmen fired this first gun, the sophomores decided they would retaliate with a big shot. So they lynched an effigy of a freshman from the west tower of Mission at about 2:30 p. m. This insult could not be endured so Zimmerman got a gang of the freshmen from Quantitative chemistry lab, and went after it.

A green flag appeared on the flagpole just outside of the electric chemistry lab, a little later in the afternoon. Again the sophomores came to the front with poles to knock it down, and everything. Imagine their surprise when they reached the top of the stairs to find a loyal group of fresh, equipped with a large size fire extinguisher, ready to defend their flag. What happened was tragic. There was a beautiful spray well lubricated with fire extinguisher juice.

The next morning there was a lot of fun over a red effigy hung from Chapel hall.

At noon the second large fire, probably avoidable started when the freshmen held a picnic and mounted several green banners. One of the features of this get together was the depositing of some of the '31 men.

A leakage of water from the upper bushes of Main books up the next bowl which was fought over the proportionate, "Should the freshmen be allowed to wear green shirts and hats?" Because of the water, the question wasn't decided then and there.

At the concert in the evening the sophos pulled a new trick. They filled red balloons with hydrogen and let them rise to the ceiling.

where everybody present could see them. This had the men of '35 worried till one of them went home and got a BB gun. He was a wonderful shot.

The most spectacular trick of the week must have been pulled that night also, for bright and early Thursday morning it became evident that the school had been whitewashed, mostly to the tune of '35's. They were spread all over the fence and the buildings surrounding Ogden field.

Although there were rumors that there would be some kidnapping on Thursday, nothing of the sort happened. The two classes got together to have some fun on Michigan Avenue and they raised more fun than has been raised in years. At about 9:30 the group gathered and made the rounds of the fraternity houses to pick up more men.

First a snake dance was held on Michigan which tied up traffic and caused the blowing of many horns. Then everyone spread out to gather wood for a bonfire. A great pile of beams and a thirty gallon drum of oil were gathered in the next fifteen or twenty minutes.

A huge crowd gathered around the huge fire that was built on an empty plot in the street from the Triangle fraternity house. Even the police and fire departments came to see the fun. About four or five trucks turned out to sprawl water on the burning wood.

Just to amuse themselves though, the freshmen sprang chemicals on the charred timbers so the boys wouldn't be tempted to play with fire again. This act necessitated the gathering of more wood for the next night. All in all, the fire department had to turn out four times. The last fire was built on the southeast corner of Ogden and Webster.

Shortly after the third fire alarm, a fire call was turned in and four or five fire squads were dousing down the flames.

Early the next morning the sophomore kindled a cabin containing the remains of the class of '31 out into the middle of Ogden Field.

### Fraternity Notes

#### PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Now that Junior week is over and it's "all quiet on the western front" again we settle down for a short while to make up a little back work, but not for long because of a number of important chapter activities on the calendar.

Next Friday night, May 20, our brothers who make up the alumni roster will turn out en masse for the spring alumni smoker. Brother Schommer will be present at the festivities and will act as toastmaster.

On the following Sunday, May 22, the active chapter and a number of alumni will journey out to the Indiana State Dunes Park for the annual chapter picnic. A good time is looked forward to by all.

#### TRIANGLE

Junior week was the week of the year for Triangle as it is for all the fraternities. An alumni smoker was held Wednesday following the interfraternity sing. Track events were profitable for Triangle. Brother Stan Lind was high point man and helped to put the second leg on the track cup. The boys also put the first leg on a new Interfraternity relay cup. Next we will try

for the third leg of the Tennis cup. Fourteen fellows from the house attended the Junior Prom last Friday at the Drake Hotel. May 23 will be the annual Senior Farewell Dance for seven graduating Seniors.

#### THETA XI

Brother Selsam, the travelling secretary of the fraternity, paid us a visit last week. He enjoyed Junior week greatly. Brother Wetzler, from Mu chapter at Iowa State college was also here last week. He was with a party of Senior Civil engineering inspection trip to the Chicago area.

#### DELTA TAU DELTA

The annual Founder's Day banquet was held at the shelter on Tuesday, May 16. Principally through the efforts of Brothers Bradley and Peterson, the largest number of alumni ever experienced by the chapter were in attendance. Among

### ARMOUR HOST TO LINDBLOM

This year Armour will again be host to Lindblom High on open house night. As in previous years, there will be many interesting devices in operation, and it is hoped that many high school students will take advantage of this opportunity to familiarize themselves with an engineering school.

These were two charter members, Brother Harbeck and Brother Robins.

Brother Hills featured the evening with an informal talk on the Armour Development plan.

The organization of the Delta Mothers club was brought about on May 8 on which date a party was given at the shelter for the mothers.

Mrs. Cone was elected president of the club. Since the mothers are taking a great interest in the club, the brothers know that the organization will be an asset to the fraternity.

The chapter feels that their effort and practice for the Interfraternity sing was well rewarded by the winning of the cup for the second consecutive year.

The house tennis and golf teams have reached the semi-final rounds in the Interfraternity competition.

#### RHO DELTA RHO

An election of officers for the coming year was held at a regular meeting last Friday evening. The men elected to office are as follows:

President—Herman Meyer.

Vice President—Ted Cahan.

Treasurer—Charles Handler.

Recording Secretary—Alfred Rosen.

Corresponding Secretary—Harold Feldman.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Louie D'Alba.

### Davies Talks to Frosh on Gears

A talk on the subject of "Gears" replaced the usual shop practice of the freshmen fire protects last Tuesday afternoon. The speaker, Mr. Davies, was a representative of Brown and Sharpe Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Davies has been a representative of Brown and Sharpe for about forty years, twenty of which were spent in the British Isles, principally in Glasgow.

The theoretical features of gears and the ways in which they are cut were treated in the discussion. The story of the development of these features was also touched upon.

The development of gears runs apace with the development of the auto. Mr. Davies was in Glasgow when he saw his first horseless carriage.

He described it in some detail and traced the development of gears and gear cutting from that time up to now.

#### A. I. Ch. E. MEETS FRIDAY

The Armour Branch of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will hold an important meeting at 10:30 on Friday, May 20. It is desired that all members be present because at this meeting will be held the election of officers for the coming semester. The electrical lecture room has been selected as the meeting place.

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