



PROFESSORS GIVE THEIR OPINIONS OF SCHOOL PAPER

Five years ago this week the first issue of the *Armour Tech News* was published. Since then it has grown until now it is a vital part of the Institute. The present importance of the *News* is shown by the following testimonials given by the professors and others around the school.

Dean Penn thinks, "The *Armour Tech News* has been of highest value in putting before the students and faculty the announcements of the Dean's office. It has answered a real need at the Armour Institute of Technology. During the five years of its excellent service it has justified the aims of the founders. I congratulate the staff on its fourth birthday, and trust that it will continue with unabated excellence."

The same ardor shown by Dean Penn is expressed by Professor Snow thus, "I think the *Armour Tech News* is a most excellent publication. It has been of great value to the student body and to the Institute in presenting the student activities and the general activities of the school. I am proud of all of our publications, and in particular the *Armour Tech News*."

Mr. G. S. Allison, when interviewed, said, "Four years ago the *Armour Tech News* was started as an experiment. Through diligent and capable management by the student staff it is now one of the outstanding activities of college. I look forward to each issue for interesting news that could be obtained only through a student publication."

Professor Wilcox states, "I think it has well informed the people of what is going on."

The "exceptionally good character of the reviews and editorials" has been noticed by Professor Haggard.

According to Coach Kraft, "It is a wonderful medium through which to promote school spirit. I compliment the staff on the way the *News* is handled."

Mr. Kelly in the Dean's office says, "The paper and news has been much improved. The editors and business managers are to be congratulated."

Miss Steele, the librarian gives, "Congratulations, *Armour Tech News*, on your fourth anniversary. You have improved with each year. The librarians have enjoyed the opportunities to occasionally work with the members of the staff, and appreciate the space given to the library notes."

Last but not least, Stan Livingstone remarks, "It was a good idea to start a newspaper. *Armour Tech* needed one. I'm a regular and steady reader."

A. S. M. E. Hears Two Practical Speeches

Professor P. C. Huntley discussed patent law and some of its phases at a recent meeting of the A. S. M. E. Mr. R. R. Leonard, midwest representative of the A. S. M. E. was also present and gave a short talk.

Professor Huntley laid particular stress on the necessity for making explicit statements. To be effective, a patent must leave no legal loophole for infringement.

Mr. Leonard stressed the importance of student branches at the A. S. M. E. and urged fuller participation by the member.

FAILING NOTICES

Failing notices will be given out either Thursday or Friday of this week. They were turned in yesterday morning by the professors, but they have not been filed and written out as yet.

Students may get them at the Office of the Deans. If this is not attended to promptly, the notice will be sent to the parents.

Anniversary Issue

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BERRY, MARSHAL ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR JUNIOR WEEK

Open House, Junior Prom,
Class Rush, Are Week's
Features

MANY NEW AWARDS

Plans for Junior Week have been in preparation for the past few weeks and are rapidly nearing completion under the direction of William H. Berry, who was recently elected by the Junior Class to act as Marshal. The dates have been definitely decided upon as May 14 to May 19, the latter day, Saturday, being Circus Day.

Berry has chosen his assistant marshals to help him conduct the scheduled events in proper order. The five men who will serve in this capacity are Geidman, Manz, Peterson, Brown, and Williams, while Charles Lamb, the Junior Class President, will be an honorary member of the committee.

A tentative schedule has been drawn up, and in all likelihood very elaborate details of the program have not as yet been ironed out. The plan calls for an Open House on the evening of the first day.

Above is a front page facsimile of the first issue of the *Armour Tech News*. Volume one, number one, made its appearance before the student body on April 9, 1928, a five-column, sixteen inch paper carrying the announcement that future issues would probably appear at two

GREETINGS TO "THE ARMOUR NEWS"

The establishment of this student newspaper is just another significant illustration of the spirit of progress at Armour. It is my earnest wish that its standards will be in keeping with that of our other publications, of which we are so proud. Whether or not there are enough happenings of note to furnish material for a weekly newspaper is the problem before us, and if the supply justifies the effort of publication, then all honor to the Board of Editors who have the success of this venture at heart.

To print a worthy and interesting news sheet commensurate with the standards to which we are accustomed is a responsible undertaking, and I wish here to assure the members of the staff that they shall have the heartiest cooperation of the authorities of the Institute in this new but justifiable student enterprise.

I shall keep a copy of this issue in the archives of the Institute along with our prized first editions of Institute publications. My best wishes to "The *Armour News*." May it have the loyal support of the student body and be as good as the best.

HOWARD M. RAYMOND,
President of the Armour Institute of Technology.

NEW PUBLICATION AT ARMOUR TECH MAKES ITS DEBUT

"News" to Become a
Weekly Next
Semester

PROF. HENDRICKS ADVISER

This issue of the *ARMOUR NEWS* represents the climax of a long series of plans and attempts to found a newspaper at the Armour Institute of Technology. The present sheet is the first of five which are to be presented to the student body this semester as an experiment to demonstrate, both to the executive council and faculty, and to the students of the Institute, that a newspaper is not only a desirable, but also a possible feature of the student life at this college.

The first definite action taken on this project was at the beginning of this semester, when a committee, headed by Spink and composed of Walter J. Zander, Fred Payne, and Elmer H. Kaplan, roughed out from various sources the plan for the proposed paper. The committee then drew up a schedule upon which new publications would be made.

JUNIORS TO RUN BOILER TEST

Today the Junior Electricals will do their overall and proceed to find the overall efficiency of the new Luster boiler installed at the Institute. Every pound of coal that is fed into the boiler must be weighed, as well as the water and ash. Gauges, thermometers, scale readings, draft indicators, and the flow gas analysis all contribute to the score of the test.

Faculty Members Enthusiastic Over New Publication

The establishment of this newspaper at Armour seems to have met with satisfaction and approval on the part of the faculty. If the opinions of a few of these leaders can be taken as a basis, the student body will find the paper a most valuable addition to the campus.

week intervals for the remainder of the semester. After four years' existence, the paper has developed into a six column, eighteen inch weekly. Many experiments have been undertaken to improve the style of makeup as well as to improve the paper and type used for printing.

The paper has established itself as a vital part of the student activity as is shown by the statements that appear elsewhere in this issue. Unanimous vote of the student body to place subscriptions in with the student activity funds has definitely assured the future of the *News*.

Tech Rifle Club Sponsors Shoot

Victory of a comparative novice over the club champion may be expected in the handicap match at the Armour Rifle Club which was started last week and is to be finished the latter part of this week.

The distinctive feature at the match is the basis for establishing the various handicaps. The best mark of the season, 386 out of a possible 400 points, established by W. G. Hollmann '33, is taken as the ideal. All other club members compute their best score of the season, subtract it from 386, and add the result to their points in the handicap match. To be logical, a person who has not fired this season, should receive a handicap at 386 and win first place easily.

Plenty of Dark Horses

Because of the liberal handicaps given, there is no topheavy favorite to win the shoot. Although "Dark Horse" Jones expects to win, some other novice may beat him out. The entries are being kept by K. L. Hackley '33. The entry fee consists of five rifle shells and the entire take will be divided among the winners as prizes. The first award will consist of one half of all the shells received, the second, one-third, and the third prize, one-sixth of the shells.

The match will consist of ten shots per target, and one target for each at the prone, sitting, standing, and kneeling positions. The final date for the target-peppering is next Friday, April 15. Results will be announced in the *News* of next week.

Electrical Honorary Pledges Three Men

Eta Kappa Nu announces the pledging of W. T. Dumser, W. W. Lange, and D. G. Wilson, all members of the junior class.

Judges have now been appointed for the essay contest conducted by the fraternity. The awarding committee will consist of M. Fagen, T. A. McGill, M. J. Schinke, and G. L. Bonvallet. This contest is open to all sophomores in the electrical engineering department, and papers must be turned in to the judges before May 20.

The Delta Chapter is preparing to attend the A. I. E. E. banquet to be held in the near future at the Medinah Athletic Club.

Professors Speak At High Schools

In conjunction with the Armour Development Plan, various professors are visiting the Chicago high schools to acquaint the graduating seniors with the work and qualifications necessary in the field of engineering. At the present time, eleven high schools have been visited and six more engagements are scheduled for April.

The program is closely related to the Development Plan in that it furnishes the opportunity to impress the prospective engineer with the necessity of being in the upper third of his class, thus raising the standards of scholarship when he attends Armour in the future. A warning is also given to those who are not fit for engineering so that they waste no time in foolishly pursuing the course.

The various engineering courses are described in detail by the professors, and the importance of possessing an interest in mathematics and physical science is stressed. The opportunities of engineering and architecture are also pointed out with intentions of furthering interest in these fields.

Each professor, in concluding his talk, extends an invitation to all those interested in engineering to visit the Institute on the evening of the Annual Open House night.

The work is under the supervision of Professor Paul, who is establishing contact with the high school teachers in order that they may assist in carrying out these plans.

Announcements Now Ready for Seniors

Two types of graduation announcements are now on display in the case in the first floor hall, Main building. Seniors are asked to select the type they wish and to place their orders with the announcement committee, headed by J. B. Dirkers.

The two types of announcements are contrasting in appearance but similar in design. Each is in booklet form. One has a black leather cover fastened with a leather strap while the other is of white parchment fastened with ribbon.

The committee consists of J. B. Dirkers, F. P. E., chairman; G. L. Bonvallet, E. E., J. S. McCall, M. E., H. C. Rossing, C. E., and J. R. Jackson Jr., F. P. E. It is urged that all orders be placed in the next two weeks.

Chemicals Inspect Illinois Steel Co.

Senior chemical students visited the South works at the Illinois Steel Company yesterday in connection with the course in metallurgy. The plant at 3426 East 89th Street was visited under the leadership of Professor A. H. Carpenter.

Warren Brown, Sports Editor, Speaks at the Sphinx Smoker

Last Wednesday evening, many students and several members of the faculty affiliated with school publications, were present at the Sphinx smoker held in the Delta Tau Delta house. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Warren Brown, sports editor for the *Herald-Examiner*, left little untold as he related his many experiences in the newspaper world. His talk was as interesting as it was educational, and had he had more time to spare, no doubt would have been showered with questions.

Articles Held Interest

Articles are written and printed for just one purpose, and that is to increase the circulation. As the sport season opens, the papers play up the sports with headlines and lengthy discussions, until it becomes apparent that this news is growing stale, and then they have to turn to something that is newer and of more interest to the public. "These," said Mr. Brown, "are circumstances that cause over-em-

FROSH-SOPH DANCE WILL BE FIRST COLLABORATIVE DANCE IN HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

Dance Receives Approval and Support of
Lower Classes, Juniors and
Seniors

SALE OF BIDS IN LARGE EXCESS OF LAST YEAR

Armour Debating Club Organizes

Eighteen enthusiastic men turned out for the first meeting of the future Armour Debating Club which was held Wednesday, April 6, in the Electrical Laboratory.

The meeting was a thoroughly business-like affair. A committee was elected to draw up a constitution. Victor Rimsha was elected temporary chairman, and Howard Bolton temporary secretary. Permanent officers will be elected at the second meeting.

Everyone interested in debating and public speaking is invited to attend the next meeting, which will be held tomorrow at five o'clock in the physics lecture room. William Malloy and Newton Snashall have volunteered to give brief talks on "The Causes of the Depression." Following these talks there will be an orderly general discussion of the points brought out, in which everyone will be given a chance to express himself.

Those who were present at the last meeting are to bring in two topics each. These are to be used for debates held at a later date. After the debaters get well organized they hope to meet other schools in competition.

According to the general feeling shown at the last meeting in the discussion of the purposes and scope of the club, the fellows are not only interested in developing crack debating teams, but also in giving each man who comes out a chance to learn to express himself. He can do this by getting up and speaking before the rest of the group at the meetings. In this way the club will be a great benefit to those who have not studied or practiced public speaking before.

SCARAB INITIATES JUNIOR

Spencer B. Cone '33 was initiated into the Scarab Architectural Fraternity at a special meeting of the fraternity at the Art Institute, Wednesday, April 6th. The event of the initiation was celebrated at the members' semi-monthly luncheon at the Men's Grill of Marshall Field and Company.

For the first time in the history of the Institute, a collaborative dance will take place. Held under the auspices of the freshman and sophomores, it is backed by the enthusiasm of the lower classes and the approval and support of the juniors and seniors. Both Headen, sophomore social chairman, and Wheaton, freshman chairman, say the sale of bids to date is far in excess of the number of bids sold either for either of the previous dances held this year.

A variety of reasons is given for the popularity of the event. The Congress Hotel Gold Room has been the scene of previous Armour dances and is remembered for a balcony from which the large floor may be conveniently viewed. The Congress is at Michigan and Congress, easily reached by both north and south-siders.

Music by Jack Chapman

It is probably due to the combined resources of the two classes that Jack Chapman's orchestra has been secured for the evening. Chapman is a "big time" musicmaster and his name is synonymous with good dance music.

One of the big factors in the success of this dance was beyond the control of the committee. This is the fact that it occurs at the most favorable time of the year. Everyone who braved the icy blasts to attend the junior and senior dances will appreciate spring weather and the facility with which they may reach the Congress. Every mode of transportation will be in service ranging from buses to rumble seats.

Novel Programs Planned

The versatility of the combined committees, who have "wrought wondrous well" in arranging the dance, has been evidenced in many ways. Their poster contest resulted in better placards than usually advertise Armour's social gatherings. Clever doggers made their appearance as well as bids which were a pleasing departure from the usual run of dance tickets. Now the committee promises programs which are also different and sure to please. It is small wonder that enthusiasm runs high and a large crowd is expected this Friday night.

Fraternities Discuss Circus Day Stunts

Every fraternity on the campus was represented at a meeting of the Interfraternity council which took place last Wednesday, April 6, in the Tau Beta Pi rooms.

Perhaps the most important ruling made at this time was the one regarding the judging of the Circus Day students. This, because of misunderstandings in the past, has been made more specific, and ambiguities have been avoided. Originality of the stunt and the erection of it will each count 40 per cent, while the reaction of the crowd will count 20 per cent.

The reports of the various committees were given by their chairmen, and the meeting was adjourned.

PI TAU SIGMA PLEDGES

Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, pledged the following juniors at a pledging smoker held at the Sigma Kappa Delta house last Tuesday evening: P. A. Carlstone, R. J. Dufour, H. Monger, J. Moravec, and N. C. Penfold.

Professors P. C. Huntley, D. Roesch, J. C. Peebles, and some alumni were also present.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 12

4:00 P. M.—Armour vs. Crane at Ogden Field—Baseball.

5:00 P. M.—Orchestra Practice in Assembly Hall.

Wednesday, April 13

5:00 P. M.—Stress and Strain Practice in Assembly Hall.

Thursday, April 14

5:00 P. M.—Glee Club Rehearsal at the Assembly Hall.

Friday, April 15

9:00 P. M.—Frosh-Soph Dance at Gold Ballroom, Congress Hotel.

Saturday, April 16

1:00 P. M.—Armour vs. Alumni in Golf Meet at Evergreen course.

2:30 P. M.—Armour vs. North Central College at Naperville—Baseball.