

SIDELINES

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EDITORS of the daily press finally received their chance to hear President Roosevelt's "press policies" when they met with him last week in the capital to discuss problems of the press and the New Deal. Paul Bellamy, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, said at the opening of the society's twelfth annual convention, "this meeting should include frank and open consideration of the new problems precipitated on the press by the New Deal."

FOR SOME TIME, the freedom of the press has been termed as near termination. Because of the attitude taken by the press on some political issues, certain officials in Washington have severely criticized the stand of the press, and in some cases have even suggested the possibilities of their non-existence. As a result of these threats, American editors, the daily press became fearful of its existence and used individuals of national prominence, not politically involved, to portray the impending catastrophe and thereby question the validity of the administration.

FRANK STOCKBRIDGE, editor of the American Press, was another speaker of the press society's session. He said editors should be "realistic philosophers enough" to seek for the truth behind the news. He continued, saying, "Mr. Hoover once remarked to me when he was in the White House, apropos of a pending bill which was more humanitarian than economical: 'The trouble with this country is too much legislation by emotion.' I wonder whether one of the main troubles of journalism may not be too much reporting by emotion."

REPORTING by emotion does exist without a doubt. Its existence is to be benefited to the press and should be abolished, although a tedious process. However, regardless of this fallacy there does exist another of larger dimensions—political influence of the press. Emotional aspects will be derived from the reporter, but political bias will be accounted for through the editor. It has always been the desire of the citizen to become acquainted with real facts so that he might formulate his own opinion. Newspaper opinion influenced by politics and intermingled with a few facts of no value to the "fact-minded" citizen.

ON THE OTHER HAND, when government threatens freedom of the press it threatens something else. It shakes the very foundations upon which this nation is founded, it raises the ire of the American citizen and challenges his mentality. We venture to say that should the administrative officials continue to challenge the "freedom of the press," they would not be safe though chained to the Rock of Gibraltar. As the saying should go—breathes there a man with soul so dead, who thinks that the rest of the country is dead.

MAY 14 will mark the opening of another Junior Week. One week of college atmosphere coupled with unusual student activities. We have had the opportunity of "listening in" on the preparatory discussions of the junior marshalls, and we want to assure you that this Junior Week will be memorable in every respect. The marshalls will need the cooperation of the student body, but more important—the cooperation of the faculty. Let's all help.

Professor's Wife in Dangerous Condition

Mrs. J. S. Thompson was taken to St. Luke's Hospital for blood transfusions. As she has been ill for some time, physicians did not deem an operation advisable. Mrs. Thompson is the wife of Professor Thompson of the physics department.

'Engineer' Second in Yale Contest

The student technical publication, *The Armour Engineer*, was the recipient of the second place award in the annual competition for the Yale Cup, awarded each year by the Yale Scientific Magazine for the most outstanding undergraduate publication in the scientific field. The first award went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology publication, *The Tech*. An honorable mention was awarded to the *Cooperative Engineer* of the University of Cincinnati.

The aim of the competitive awards is to bring the college scientific publications into more intimate contact and to better the workmanship by placing the publications on a competitive basis. The competition was open to any and all college scientific publications regardless of membership or non-membership in various press associations.

In the award, the recent November and January issues of *The Armour Engineer* were considered by the judges. This was the first time that this contest had been entered by Armour.

Marshalls Appointed For Commencement

Selection of men for the posts of commencement marshalls was made and announced last week by the dean's office. This act was one of the first in the making of arrangements for the graduation activities of this year's senior class. The selection was based mainly on the scholastic standing of the men.

Fourteen men were picked for these posts: six juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen. The marshalls are: W. W. Henning, R. H. Mack, E. N. Seary, J. N. Welland, G. W. Wheaton, and D. E. Young of the junior class; C. P. Boberg, F. D. Cotterman, R. R. Johnson, J. O. Larson, Brockway McMillan, and H. P. Millerville of the sophomore class; and Norton Gerber and W. B. Graupner of the freshman class. Faculty marshalls are Professor C. A. Nash and his two assistants are Professors W. W. Covert and A. W. Seay.

Announce Plans for Annual Alumni Dinner

The officers of the alumni association met last Monday evening to formulate plans for the annual alumni banquet, held each spring. The meeting was called by Professor John Schommer, president of the association, and the group had dinner at the University Club.

The date of the spring banquet is yet for June 5 but the place has not yet been chosen. The banquet committee will consist of Mr. A. A. Corman '17, J. W. McCaffrey '22, and Professors D. P. Moreton and J. J. Schommer.

A committee for awarding the two alumni awards has been chosen. The winners of A. L. Eustice '07, M. W. Lee '09, and H. W. Munday '23. The first award will be to an alumnus who has won distinction in his profession. The second is a key to be awarded to the man who has been of unusual worth to the alumni association. At this banquet the alumni award to the outstanding senior will be made. It is to be based on all around activities: scholarship, sports and social.

Professor Amsbury Will Leave Hospital

Professor W. B. Amsbury will leave the hospital this week, having entered January 22 for an operation on a fractured knee sustained in an automobile accident. He was unable to leave the hospital April 1, because of an infection.

It is doubtful if he will return to the Institute this semester. Professor W. Hendricks has taken over Professor Amsbury's English classes while he is away.

FRIDAY EVENING IS DATE FOR ANNUAL FROSH-SOPH DANCE

Oriental Room of the Knickerbocker Is Site

DELL COON TO PLAY

New inserts to the bids for the Frosh-Soph Frolic will be distributed at the door because the present ones were not accepted by the two social committees as being in accordance with their specifications. A further evidence of the efforts that have been put forth to make this the most elaborate and well worth while social event of the year, is the free parking facilities that have been secured. The reduction of the price of bids to \$1.75 has been met with great enthusiasm by the student body in the fact that over two hundred couples are expected to attend.

Although the bids show originality in their design, the artistic design is missing, wherefor the jeweler has procured one which will supplant the old one. As it will be impossible to recall all of the bids the chairman of the sophomore committee, I. M. Hughes, has made arrangements to distribute the new inserts at the door. Because the dance will come off on Friday all bids must be settled for on Thursday and the last sale of bids will occur all day Friday in front of the dean's office.

Oriental Ballroom
The Oriental Room in the Knickerbocker Hotel is one of the most charming ballrooms in the Chicago area. A few of the desirable features prompting the committees in this selection are the amplifying system, the illuminated glass dance floor, the indirect lighting system, and the attractive unusual type of oriental architecture.

Dell Coon is at present one of the most popular collegiate leaders in the Chicago area, having recently participated in social functions at Northwestern University, the University of Wisconsin, and at Purdue University. He has just concluded a popular engagement at O'Henry and has received favorable comment from numerous Armour men.

The guests will be Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Allison, Dean and Mrs. H. T. Heald, Mr. W. B. Fulghum, Professor and Miss Tibbals, and Professors Hendricks, Teach, Thompson and their wives.

Pi Nu Epsilon Pledges Four Men at Smoker

Pi Nu Epsilon, honorary musical fraternity, announces the pledging of the following juniors last Thursday: J. H. DeBoo, C. P. Grakovac, L. W. Mecklenberg and K. J. Morrison.

The fraternity held a smoker on Thursday, April 19, at the Theta Xi house, which was attended by the active members and prospective pledges, and at which the latter were quizzed on their knowledge of music. Games were played and refreshments served.

Archs Hear Former Member of Faculty

With Andrew N. Rebori as guest speaker, the Armour architects held their annual smoker at the Lawson Y.M.C.A. Rebori taught at Armour during the years between 1909 and 1913. The main subject of his talk was the Chicago Auditorium, which is being rebuilt under his direction. Professors Krathwohl and Dutton of the Armour faculty were among the guests.

Each class put on a skit and the prize, a ribbed frankfurter, was won by the juniors. Refreshments were served shortly before twelve o'clock.

Ten Scholarships to New Students

Continuing the policy adopted last year, the freshman scholarship committee announces competitive examinations for the ten scholarships to be awarded for the school year 1934-35. The examinations are to be given to present high school seniors on May 21, and the winners will receive the education of their first year at Armour without tuition expenses.

Last Year's Plan Followed

For many years the Institute has awarded scholarships on the recommendations of high school principals, giving one scholarship to each high school in the Chicago area. Under the new plan members of this committee, namely: Dean Heald, chairman, and Professors Bibb, Segrist, Tibbals and Winston will finally select the winners on the basis of the applicant's character as well as on his rating in the examinations.

At present about thirty applicants have been interviewed by some member of the committee. Each interview lasts about half an hour but is made as pleasant as possible. In this time the interviewer records the applicant's answers to such questions as will enable the committee to obtain an idea of the applicant's character, ambitions, and capabilities. In the written examinations, the applicants have a chance to show their scholastic ability in several subjects, namely: English, mathematics, history and civics, and physics and chemistry.

Out of Town Students Enter

For the convenience of those applicants who are not living in or near Chicago, arrangements are made for an alumnus to interview them. They are also allowed to take the competitive examinations under the supervision of the principal or a teacher at their own high school.

Tickets for Play Are Moving Fast

Inasmuch as the production date of "The Romanians" is less than three weeks away, rehearsals are being held three times each week and will soon be held daily. However the actors are not the only ones who are working hard, for an entire new set scenery is being constructed by the stage hands under the direction of J. L. Brenner, the stage manager.

The ticket sale is brisk, many orders being taken, but many students are hanging back because they would rather buy tickets for a second performance which may be necessary to take care of all who wish to see the play. These should purchase their tickets now, and if it becomes necessary to give a second performance, their tickets will be exchanged.

To boost the play, the Armour Players are sponsoring a poster contest. The prize consists of two reserved seats for the individual submitting the best poster in the estimation of the judges.

The contest is open to anyone at the Institute who wishes to participate. The only restrictions are that the poster include the following information: the name of the play, "The Romanians," by Edmond Rostand; the time, 8:30 p. m., the date, May 11, 1934; the place, Armour Mission; and the price of seats, 25 cents and 35 cents. The posters must be presented to Professor Hendricks before May 3.

Engineer to Talk on Disposal of Sewage

A meeting of the Armour Branch of the Western Society of Engineers will be held next Friday morning at 10:30 in B Mission. The speaker for the hour will be Mr. H. P. Ramer, assistant chief engineer of the sanitary district of Chicago. Mr. Ramer will speak of some phases of sewage treatment and disposal.

TECH RIFLE TEAM DEFEATS COMPETITORS FOR ILLINOIS STATE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Fifty-Foot Division and Three Highest Individual Places Taken for Fourth Consecutive Year

TO MEET HUMBOLDT FOR LOCAL AWARD

Senior Group Plans For Class Reunions

Realizing the natural tendency of class friendships to disappear through lack of contact after graduation, the senior mechanicals have taken steps to counteract this danger. Accordingly the entire group met last Friday morning to make plans for the establishment of frequent reunions after they leave school.

Before Herbert Kreiman took charge of the meeting, Professor Gehard, of the mechanical department, pointed out the fact that the maintaining of those friendships begun in school would be desirable from the business standpoint of the men's being more likely to obtain work through old classmates, as well as from the social viewpoint of not losing contact.

In opening the meeting, Kreiman explained that the close unity of the senior mechanicals created a general desire in the group to remain as a whole, rather than to disintegrate as is usually the case. He pointed out the fact that a class of mechanicals at the University of Illinois continued to meet for 25 years after graduation and that this group could do the same if all were sufficiently interested.

After the answering of questions and a general discussion in which the assemblage voted that a committee should be formed to make arrangements for a meeting sometime next fall, Kreiman was unanimously elected as chief organizer. His first appointment in this capacity was Edwin Schneckhaug for temporary secretary. Shortly after this and further (Continued on page 3)

Music Clubs to Give Concert at the Fair

The orchestra is looking for the best drum major in the school to serve in connection with the home concert to be given next month. Two drummers are also desired. Anyone interested in either of those positions and who has had any experience in those lines is asked to see Mr. Erickson on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at five o'clock.

The orchestra and glee club are rehearsing diligently in preparation for the spring concert next month. The clubs will give a concert at the World's Fair sometime during the first few weeks of its 1934 showing.

Pledge Two Juniors to Civil Fraternity

Pledging ceremonies of Chi Epsilon, honorary civil engineering fraternity, were held Monday night, April 16, at the Phi Pi Phi fraternity house. The men thus honored were Barclay Jones and Joseph O'Connor, both junior civil engineering students. The evening's entertainment was completed with the serving of refreshments.

Design of Keys for Seniors Is Changed

The design of the official Armour graduating key has been slightly changed. The stem is made longer and the background is omitted. The keys thus were ordered may be altered without additional cost. Archie Anders is willing to show the new style key to any one interested.

The jewelers, the Sins Brothers, indicate no change in the price of the new keys; the sterling key, \$3.50; the gold key, \$5.50. At the jewelry is guaranteed against breakage and loss of stones.

For the fourth consecutive year the Armour Tech Rifle Club has won the championship of the State of Illinois in the fifty-foot division. Also for the fourth consecutive year Armour team members have won the three medals for the three highest individual scores. The scores of the four highest shooters were: Des Plaines Rifle Club 5515
Hyde Park Rifle Club 5223
Milan Rifle Club, Milan, Ill. 5067

The margin of victory this year was 106 points, as compared with a lead of 760 points in last year's match, a margin of 200 in the 1932 match, and one of 320 points in the 1931 match. The contest was fired by five men each week for six consecutive weeks, so that the victory amounts to an average lead of 3 points per man for each of the six sets of targets.

Armour Men Take Awards

The men who will receive the gold, silver and bronze medals for the three highest individual scores with the state rifle team, respectively: W. Hollmann 1114
E. Renstrom 1109
C. Sachs 1108
These scores compare favorably with those of other years. Last year Hollmann placed second with a score of 1125 points. In 1931 Carl Sachs took third place, being ranked only by Stanley Patla and Don Wilson. In 1932 the battle was a close one, Helmich crowding out Patla with a single point and Hollmann running a close third. Last year Wilson won, with Walt Hollmann a close second and Lew Hackley third. It is of interest to note that Don Wilson took fourth this year with a score of 1104 while shooting for Hyde Park.

Whole Squad Receives Medals

Each of the seven men who fired in the match with the Armour Tech Rifle Team will receive a silver medal as a token of his achievement. Their scores follow:

W. Hollmann 1114
E. Renstrom 1109
C. Sachs 1108
W. Henning 1099
D. Moore 1085
C. Harwood 1081
A. Marow 1035

The match was run this year in the same manner as in other years. Six sets of targets were selected each week by the seven men, one set each week. The sets consisted of ten shots in the prone position each week, ten in the kneeling position on the first, third and fifth weeks, and ten shots in the free style position on the second, fourth and sixth weeks. A team of five men was selected each week by the captain, Renstrom, from the seven men entered in the match, to shoot the set of targets for that week.

Meet Humboldt Park Club
Next Thursday the Armour Tech Rifle team meets the Humboldt Park Rifle Club in a battle for this year's cup, given to the winner of this competition.

Last Thursday the club elected its officers for the coming year. Those who will have duties to perform are: President, M. J. Potter; Sec.-Treas., J. H. DeBoo; Manager, E. Renstrom; and Captain, W. W. Henning.

Wounds Prove Fatal to Alumnus in Holdup

Louis W. Chatterbox, '26, a graduate student of civil engineering, was shot and killed in an alleyway in a holdup last night last week. He had just obtained employment follow in a long period of idleness. He was shot while returning from his garage.