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End-of-Term "Lag"

At this time of year an old, familiar, and seemingly unsolvable problem again makes its appearance. We refer to that "lag" which a good majority of us find has been occurring in our scholastic endeavors.

It is undoubtedly true that since the inception of this column more inches of it have been utilized (or wasted?) in discussion of this ancient problem than for any other purpose. Whether it is deserving of any more space or not, it is certainly going to get it, "toot sweet." Such expressions as "confession is good for the soul" and "get it out of your system" apply well in this situation, and should be reasons enough for comment on our part concerning the whys, hows, and wherefores of this question. We have formulated statements on other matters on considerable less provocation than this.

A most obnoxious characteristic of this "lag" to which we refer is that instead of being a constant and conventional thing it is very pronounced in its determination to become much worse each step of the way toward the end of the school year. There seems to be nothing that can be done about this particular phase of our dilemma, for once the symptoms appear this characteristic becomes the dominating one.

A consequence of the "lag" is the bad psychological effect on the person afflicted, which is followed by a loss in efficiency.

As far as we have been able to determine, the only remedy for this condition is the good old fashioned one which our predecessors used, a good stiff dose of hard work for the next fourteen days and nights.

The Raise in Tuition

The one development of the many during the past week which is probably uppermost in the minds of the Armour student is the raise in tuition beginning next fall as announced in this spring's bulletin.

The News carries in this issue an open letter from President Hotchkiss relative to this announcement. We suggest that the entire student body read this message very carefully. It contains all the answers to the questions which arise in your minds.

Obviously, one of the things that such a step at this time will cause is comment and thought on the part of the Armour students concerning the matter, which sometimes might border on the bitter. As a matter of fact, we have heard remarks that bear out the preceding statement and it seems that the attention of such persons who have been responsible for them should be drawn to some broader and deeper considerations. We must realize that the step has not been taken

"The Slipstick"

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

Hi fellas, the tide has turned, the Sophs beat the Frosh for the first time in nine years. Nice work, Sophs. But don't think the grind is over, the worst is yet to come—(psst, exams).

First: See that girl? That's my girl.
Second: Uh-huh-good looking scarf she's got on.
First: Yeah, I gave her that.
Second: She's a good-looking mama. Pretty hat.
First: Yep, I gave her that.
Second: In fact, that whole outfit she's wearing is swell elegant.
First: I gave her all that.
Second: And say—that's a cute little boy she has with her.
First: Yeah. That's her brother.

Teacher. John, what are the two genders?
John: "Masculine and feminine. The feminines are divided into frigid and torrid, and masculines into temperate and temperate."

She: Did I ever show you the place where I hurt my hip?
He: N'no—
She: Well, let's walk over there.

Ed: "You took that little blonde from the notions department home last night, didn't you?"
Don: "I'll say I did, and I kissed her good night, too."
Ed: "What did she say?"
Don: "Will that be all?"

"We're having a three-piece orchestra for the dance."
"Three-piece."
"Yes, piano, and bench."

Girls were made to love because they love to be made.

To That Gal
Here's to the frail
Who's never stable.

Here's to her eyes
And romantic sighs.

And here's to the gin
She guzzles in.

Which Is Right?
Some say it's spring when the sap begins to rise, and
some say it's spring when the saps begin to fall.

John: Have you heard the new dirty shirt song?
Fred: No, whistle the patter.
John: "I Wouldn't Change You For The World, Dear."

Achilles' mother dipped him in the river Styx until he was intolerable.

Techawk: "Gee but you have a lot of bum jokes in your paper."

R. H.: "Oh, I don't know. I just put some of them in the stove and the fire roared."

MINUTE PHILOSOPHY

A fashion expert is a person who can get more out of less material.

All the world loves a lover, except when he is driving a car in traffic.

A hick town is one where there is no place to go that you shouldn't.

Fun is like insurance—the older you get the more it costs.

Wife (reading) "It says here they have found a sheep in the Himalaya Mountains that can run 40 miles an hour."

Her Hubby "Well it would take a lamb like that to follow Mary nowadays."

Steve: I always thought that mathematicians were bloodthirsty wretches, and now I know it!

Joe: Huh? How come?

Steve: Well, it says here that Cleopatra was bitten to death by an adder.

"Girls are the most biased creatures I've ever seen."
"Why so?"
"All they ever say is, 'Bias this and bias that.'"

"Have you found a coffin yet good enough for your son who died in college?"

"The thing that's worrying me right now is trying to find a sports model."

The time has come to let you know that next week will be contributors week. Your contributions will make up the column. So, let's see plenty of good humor or poems from you fellows. So long.

R. H.

without a great deal of thought on the part of the administration and that they are far more competent than we are to judge the advisability of such a move. Furthermore, if we, as loyal Armour men, believe as we should in the future of Armour, we will find it not so difficult to carry on and do our part.

THE HONORARIES

PI TAU SIGMA
Honorary Mechanical Engineering
Fraternity

Pi Tau Sigma is the national honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, founded at the University of Illinois in March, 1915, under the leadership of Professor C. R. Richards. The purpose of establishment of the fraternity was threefold: to emphasize through its membership the high ideals of the mechanical engineering profession; to stimulate student interest and coordinate departmental activities in the universities, and to promote the welfare of its members.

There are at present fifteen chapters located throughout the East and Middle West, and the chapter at Armour Institute which is Armour Delta was founded on December 22, 1924. Armour Delta at the time was the fifth chapter to be instituted and at present is the

OTHER CAMPUSES

From the Southern California Wampus we quote a dictionary of political terms:

Caucus—a spiny desert plant.

Ballot—a dance done in filmy slippers.

Fruit—a native of Poland; cotton blossom which is attacked by weasels.

Vote—a measurement of electrical current.

Candidate—a sugared tropical fruit, also, two more than six truthful people.

Presidents—what people get at Christmas.

Campaign—a lake in New York; also, sleeping in tents.

Lobby—a stroke used in tennis.

Plank—Stan Laurel's facial expression.

Code—a woman college student.

Bride—principal female participant in a wedding ceremony.

Tenure—what Bing Crosby isn't.

Graft—name of famous German zepplin.

Ticket—underbrush.

"Michigan State college is not sponsoring a course in bar-tending," was the emphatic statement of Dean B. R. Proulx after an article to that effect was published in an East Lansing, Michigan, newspaper. The course in question was a short course in hotel training.

Seven members of the Lions of Columbia eleven that swept across the continent to blatter Stanford in the mud of the Rose Bowl New Year's day are playing baseball now. They monopolize every position on the nine except the third base and pitching assignments. The seven erstwhile grid stars are Tony Matal, Al Barabas, Ed Brominski, Owen McDowell, Harry Chase, Joe Linehan and Frank King.

The Blue and Grey reports that there is a sign outside the door of the dean's office at Creighton university reading, "Get your grades here and pass out quietly."

The first airport ever built on an American university campus is under construction at Purdue.

Editors of the undergraduate newspaper at Ohio State university, in an attempt to see how many people they could get to sign a petition without reading it, obtained the names of 25 faculty members and some 300 students. The petition stated that the signers would not take a bath for two years.

Two blondes, two brunettes and two red-haired girls were selected by Hoagy Carmichael, well-known song writer, as winners of a beauty contest sponsored by the *Arbutus*, year-book of Indiana university. Pictures submitted were numbered and numbers were selected, not names.

The names of all professors who keep their classes overtime are published regularly at the University of Kansas.

Twenty-nine of a hundred University of Wyoming students, confess fear of being alone in the dark. We never knew that that many college students ever were alone in the dark!

A survey in an eastern university showed that 60 per cent of the students sleep through at least three hours of classes each week.

sole chapter located in Chicago.

Every year in the spring students are elected from the upper third of the junior class. In the fall, members of the upper half of the senior class together with those of the upper third of the junior class are eligible to become members. Pi Tau Sigma candidates are selected on the basis of scholarship, character, personality, leadership, and college activity.

Emblem of Fraternity

The emblem of the fraternity is a watch key of gold and black having the form of a Carnot Cycle. The upper part bears a steel H-section and the lower portion a flaming torch. The pledge button is also in the form of a Carnot Cycle and bears the colors of the fraternity, murrey and azure. The button is worn at a forty-five degree angle. "The Condenser" is published by the fraternity annually.

The fraternity sponsors an annual convention in the fall of the year, and last fall Armour Delta was host while next year's convention will be held at Madison, Wisconsin.

Have Acquired New Rooms

The chapter has this year acquired two rooms which have been completely furnished and which will greatly aid in the expansion of its activities. Delta chapter's membership in the Inter-honorary Fraternity Council entitles it to take part in the annual banquet and dance.

During the first semester of the college year the chapter awards a Kent's "Mechanical Engineering Handbook" to the highest ranking junior, scholastically.

Present Membership

Since Delta chapter's inception, ninety-eight Armour men have become members of the fraternity. Honorary membership has been conferred upon Professors G. F. Gebhardt, P. C. Huntly, E. S. Libby, J. C. Peebles, R. V. Perry, D. Roesch and upon Mr. E. E. Hartford. Professor A. W. Sear is a faculty member. The active members of Armour Delta chapter are E. W. Goswiler, president; R. W. Suman, vice-president; P. P. Polko, corresponding secretary; C. E. Hillman, recording secretary; F. E. Hendon, treasurer; L. J. McDonald, cataloguer; and J. Birdsong, A. F. Christoph, C. E. Dahlgreen, J. H. DeBoo, M. J. Potter, W. W. Henning, W. A. Hensel, C. R. Johnson, I. A. Kolbe, J. B. Luksey, R. J. Maci, J. F. Manly, B. L. Messenger, J. R. Pinkus, R. W. Stahl, and E. R. Wood.

Pi Tau Sigma is active in sponsoring the functions of the A. S. M. E.

What Other Editors Say:

Back To Their Jobs

Speaking of the members of the "brain trust," H. L. Mencken, author and critic extraordinary, recently advised them to "go back to teaching sophomores to be ashamed of their teachers." Thus the former editor of the *American Mercury* delivered a broadside against college teachers in general.

Institutions of higher learning now can claim the rather doubtful distinction of being the object of Mencken's attacks along with the institutions of marriage, love, service clubs and a wide variety of "commonplace" things.

It is entirely within the province of Mr. Mencken to disagree with the policies of the members of the "brain trust" since he makes a practice of agreeing with practically nothing, but it is surprising to have this patron saint of so many followers of the so-called "new thought" to point his guns at higher education.

Energetic students interested in research undoubtedly will find themselves chasing rainbows trying to discover the fellow classmate who has been made to feel ashamed of his parentage because of his teaching in college. The charge is doubly surprising since it comes from one who heretofore has derided the too democratic attitude of the college professor.—*Indiana Daily Student*.

Offer Reduced Rail Rates to Students

In a spirit of cooperation with students, parents and school authorities, the Railroads of the United States and Canada are again extending the convenience and economy of "College Special" round-trips for the school year 1934-1935 between home stations as a point of origin and the school stations that serve educational institutions. The "College Special" fare is one and one-third of one-way first-class fare for the round-trip and liberal stop-overs going and returning have been arranged with the only restriction that each single trip shall not take more than ten days.

There is a definite obligation upon all but a few school and college students and staffs to keep down expenses by taking advantage of the transportation offered which from every standpoint is the most dependable, efficient and satisfactory.

An Invitation for You To Travel by Railroad

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assuring you comfort with speed,
your convenience with safety

At "College Special" Fares

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Going and Return dates—

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Round-trip tickets may be purchased at Home Stations during any one of the periods named below:		Return portion of ticket may be used to Home Station during any one of the periods named below:			
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Aug. 25-Oct. 5, 1934		Dec. 10-25	Mar. 9-Apr. 15	May 15-June 30	1935
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