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Surprise!

From a recent issue of a Chicago daily paper we learn that there is active in our midst a branch of the National Student League, which, as we are further informed through the same source, is a collegiate offshoot of the Young Communists' League. Viewing with alarm, the paper "exposes" similar activity in nearly every college or university of reputation throughout the country—in some cases giving the number of members in each institution.

The article which contains this information also lists twelve points, constituting the platform of the national organization. Among these are vigorous opposition to militaristic war; abolition of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and opposition to the use of public funds or institutional resources for materialistic purposes. Still another purpose of the organization is to bring off "disruptive demonstrations"—presumably for the purpose of lending importance, if not authority to its political tenets.

It is evident that this report at least furnishes an opportunity for an opinion along each of two definite channels of thought. If it is untrue, we can find comfort in the thought that the *Armour Tech News* is not the only news "sheet" in the world which once in a while garbles the facts. If it is true—and more than likely it is—the indications are not alarming. For certainly if no mistake has been made in this report, our brethren of the "Left" have been modest in the vigor of their opposition and are deserving of rebuke from national headquarters for downright failure in the business of being disruptively demonstrative. Indeed, this seems to be likely, since it would be strange if a body of close to a thousand students broadly representative of a variegated urban population did not include some members of the communistic party.

The very fact that a chapter of such an organization may have existed here for months and may be in existence yet without any general knowledge of its presence is indication enough that its members, whatever may be their orders from the home office, are conducting themselves as far as we are concerned in a quiet, decent way, minding their own business and creating no disturbances. Thus, the man who occupies the next seat to yours in a mathematics class may be a communist. So may he be also a republican, a dog-fancier, or a Seventh Day Adventist. As long as he does his work and lets you do yours, his political affiliations are no more your concern than are his views on theosophy or Swiss bell ringers.

If this or any other topic of national and international scope interests any students, the *News* will be glad to print any comments concerning them in the Letter Box. Merely address your communications to the *Armour Tech News* and drop them in the *News* box near the elevator.

"The Slipstick"

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

On with the column
On with the fun
On with the Slipstick
The students do hum.

Our laughter prolong
They shout very strong
Enjoyment we crave
For we're Slipstick slaves.

In response they do find
One with humor in mind
Has taken the column
Making laughter in common.

ADVANCED GEOMETRY

Theorem: If you love your girl, your girl loves you.
Given: You love your girl.
To prove: Your girl loves you.

1. All the world loves a lover.—Shakespeare.
2. Your girl is the world to you.—Evident.
3. Hence your girl equals the world.—Axiom 1.
4. Therefore your girl loves a lover.—Axiom 2.
5. You are a lover.—Evident.
6. Therefore your girl loves you. The Mechanical Dynamo.

Senior arch to freshman looking at the lions on the art institute step.

"How often, son, do they feed those two big lions?"
"When ever they roar, if you please," was the instantaneous reply.

Define a Nut and Bolt

Here's what she wrote: "A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal, such as iron, with a square bunch on one end and a lot of scratching wound around the other end. A nut is something to the bolt only just the opposite, being a hole in a chunk of iron sawed off short with wrinkles around the inside of the hole."

Teacher: "Who can tell me what the former ruler of Russia was called?"
Class (in unison): "Tsar."
Teacher: "Correct, and what was his wife called?"
Class: "Tsarina."
Teacher: "What were the children called?"
There was a pause and then a timid voice in the rear piped up: "Tsardines!"

Women are Jews to marry, but what else can the men marry!

Professor: "And furthermore, a man who cannot express himself so that he may be understood is an idiot. Do you understand me?"
Student: "No, sir."

An oyster met an oyster
And they were oysters two.
Two oysters met two oysters
And they were oysters, too.
Four oysters met a pint of milk
And they were oyster stew.

Financialist: "What this country needs is more elastic money."
Maybe our rubber checks will be good at last.

The actress stood before her mirror, in doublet and hose, and regarded her thin legs anxiously.
"I'm not exactly a poem," said she, "but I may pass for heroic verse."

Buyer: "How much was those collars?"
Salesman: "Two for a quarter."
Buyer: "How much for vum?"
Salesman: "Fifteen cents."
Buyer: "Giff me de odder vun."

Too long escaped from the junk heap
Are wash bowls, all whose edges slope
At angles graceful, but so steep
They simply will not hold the soap.

Don: "Have you forgotten you owe me five dollars?"
Ed: "No, not yet. Give me time, and I will."

Civilization
France says it is art.
England says it is conquest.
Italy says it is song.
Japan says it is H-I!

Dad: "You are always behind in your studies."
Son: "Well, you see it gives me a chance to put up them."

"Heaven will protect the working girl," but who will protect the guy she's working?

And so, fond readers, all comments and contris are welcome until the next issue.

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The Honoraries

TAU BETA PI

Honorary Engineering Fraternity

Tau Beta Pi is an honorary association which was founded at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., in June, 1886 under the leadership of Professor Edward H. Williams, Jr., who only recently died—November 2, 1933. Its purpose is to confer distinction upon those students who have maintained a high grade of scholarship and to foster a spirit of liberal culture in engineering students.

There are now sixty-six chapters in engineering colleges throughout the country, and there are numerous active alumni associations in the larger cities. The chapter at Armour Institute, Illinois Beta, was founded May 22, 1906 under the leadership of several members of the senior class. Beta chapter of Illinois was the fourteenth chapter to be established and is the only chapter in Chicago.

Method of Election

Students are elected to Tau Beta Pi from the highest one-eighth of the junior class, scholastically, in the spring, and in the fall those men who are in the upper quarter of the senior class together with three juniors from the upper eighth of their class become eligible. The worthiness of a candidate for Tau Beta Pi is determined by the qualities of character, loyalty, personality, leadership, and college activity.

The badge of the fraternity is a watch-key of gold, shaped like the bent of a trestle, as shown in the illustration. The pledge pin is a three-eighths inch square divided diagonally and one of the parts so formed is enameled in blue and the other white. The button is worn with the brown section on the upper side.

The association publishes a quarterly magazine called "The Bent." Each member, when initiated, is given a four year subscription to the magazine and a complete directory of all members of the association.

Fellowships

Fellowships maintained by the association are available to active members. There are several awarded each year (usually five or six) for the purpose of enabling members to pursue graduate work. Few rules have been established as to how they shall be used. This was done purposely, because most existing fellowships are designated for some specific purpose and a student with original ideas will seldom find one available which will suit his needs.

Has Annual Convention

The fraternity each year in the fall has a national convention to which delegates from all the chapters are sent. Last fall Illinois Beta was host to the convention, while next year's convention will be held in New York. Meetings of the Armour chapter are held regularly and the program of activities includes several smokers, during the year. The local chapter is a member of the Inter-honorary Fraternity Council and participates in the functions sponsored by that organization.

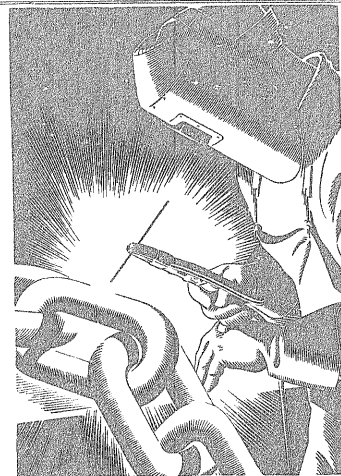
Each fall the chapter awards a subscription to an engineering magazine to the highest ranking freshman, scholastically, in order to erect fraternity stands. The choice of the magazine is left to the recipient of the award.

Membership

The list of honorary members of the association includes President-emeritus H. M. Raymond, and Professors C. F. Cobbart, R. McCormack, J. B. Finnegan, and C. E. Paul. In addition, the *Cycle* lists the names of twenty members of our faculty as members.

The active members of the Illinois Beta chapter are N. E. Colburn, Jr., president; C. Huettner, vice-president; E. W. Gossweiler, recording secretary; J. E. Schreiner, corresponding secretary; L. A. Kuhn, C. L. Shermer, R. W. Sumner, J. J. Ahern, R. D. Armsbury, R. A. Fleissner, H. Kreisman, N. H. Kuehn, S. G. Lehmann, E. G. Lundin, L. J. McDonald, and R. J. Pfum.

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles concerning the honorary fraternities at Armour.



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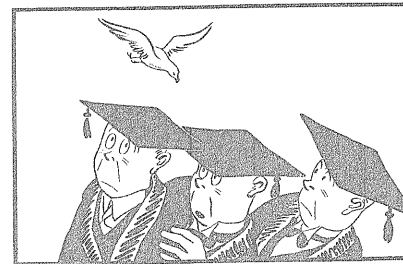
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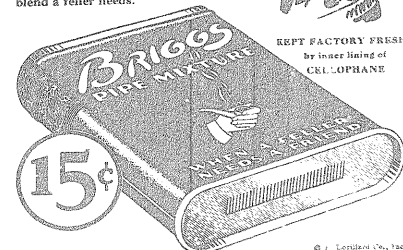


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— INVERSE THE CHARGES IF YOUR WORKS AGREE.

"WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND"



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