



By Leroy Beckman

SINCE THE DEFEAT of Tammany's candidate for mayor in the last New York election, so little is heard of Tammany Hall that it has been hinted it would fold up its wigwam in short order. Because of the influence on political issues where the democratic party is involved, interest in the activities of the society have become nationalized to the extent that the next move is a public question.

THAT THE ORIGINAL organization was not intended to be of a political nature is hard to believe in view of its present attitude. The Tammany society was founded in New York on May 12, 1789, by William Mooney, an American of Irish descent. Mooney intended that the society be maintained as a patriotic order, but at the time of its incorporation in 1805 the charter was made to indicate purpose along the lines of a charitable institution for claims of destitute patriots, their widows or orphans, and public interests in general. Contact with the organization's constitution has been restricted to the membership alone so that exact purpose for its existence can only be derived from activity. Although William Mooney was the first grand sachem of Tammany and an active partisan all his life, he maintained a thriving upholstery business which he later gave up in favor of position as keeper of a municipal poorhouse.

THERE CAN BE no doubt but what political interests had a great deal to do with the origin of the Tammany society. At the time, two kinds of patriotism prevailed. One kind was called federalism and was sustained by men like Alexander Hamilton, who believed in applying as much of the framework of the British form of government as was possible to the American colonies. The other party, whose politics was known as republicanism, approved rather of conducting affairs by voice of the people and opposed the intended senate as an aristocratic body. It is rather evident then that with the political and caste divisions prevailing, the organization of Tammany would be influenced.

ALTHOUGH William Mooney practically organized the society, no less a personage than Aaron Burr thought out the idea upon which it was based. Burr was an aristocrat by birth but his activities labeled him a natural democrat. With far-sighted political vision, he formed out the political elements then existing in the society, which, not withstanding patriots and charitable intentions and acts, was destined to be political.

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Seniors Are to Hold First Class Meeting

Next Friday, October 5, the senior class will hold its first meeting of the year. The affair will be conducted in science hall at 10:30.

The object of the meeting is five-fold. First, to elect a captain for the baseball team. This is essential, for interclass baseball is an event in the limelight. Second, a discussion of the coming class election will be undertaken. Decisions are to be made as to the method of conducting the election, and a time will be set for the election of officers. Third, a discussion will be held concerning the jewelry of the class. No jewelry committee will be needed. Fourth, the question of the purchase, design and character of senior jackets will be weighed carefully. Fifth, there will be an attempt made to obtain the ideas of the class on the subject of intramural touch-football.

Every question is of vital importance to the members of the senior class, and everyone is expected to attend the meeting.

Formulate Plans For 1935 Annual

Under the guidance of the new "Board of Publications," the plans for a 1935 Cycle are getting under way. Members of the staff of next year's annual are as follows: George W. Wheaton, editor-in-chief; Roy S. Kercher, business manager; John B. Davis, associate editor; Louis W. Biegler, assistant editor; I. Murrey Hughes, organization editor; Jacob M. Bard, photographer; William H. Fogle, athletics editor; and Frank Gallagher, fraternity editor. Further appointments will be announced in the near future.

George Wheaton, editor, asks the co-operation of all those interested in its publication. Freshmen and sophomores who wish to hold important positions in their senior years are urged to meet with Wheaton on Wednesday, October 3, at 12:20 p. m. for a few minutes in Science Hall, 3rd floor of the main building.

The editor also requests those who have snapshots from last spring, from the Civil summer camp, or from other interesting summer trips to please leave them in the Cycle box, located near the drinking fountain in the main foyer.

Hotchkiss, Heald Address Freshmen

Tuesday, September 24, saw the new freshman class officially welcomed to Armour by a program starting at 10:30 in the morning in the assembly hall.

An interesting discourse by President Hotchkiss opened the assembly. The freshman class was told of the position of the engineer in the midst of a changing world in which the conditions of industry are constantly being revised.

Advised by President

Dr. Hotchkiss continued by advising the future engineers not to become narrow minded and think only from a technical point of view. He then cited figures from a survey in which it was proved that a larger per cent of engineers out of college over 15 years was engaged in pursuits which were administrative than the per cent engaged in purely technical lines.

In these times of great competition, the class was told, a person must really be good to succeed. There are, of course, exceptions, but the man who excels in school has a better chance than one who "just gets through."

Heald Also Speaker

Following the talk by President Hotchkiss, another was given by Dean Heald. He gave information for more immediate use. The freshmen were told to enter extra-curricular activities as much as possible. They were also informed of the freedom of restrictions at Armour and told that their conduct depends upon themselves.

At the close of the assembly, the class went to the meetings presided over by juniors and seniors where questions about Armour were asked and answered.

Armour Chess Club to Elect Officers

The first meeting of the Armour Chess Club will be held in Chapin hall, first entrance, on the fourth floor, October 3 from 12:30 to 1 o'clock. All fellows who are interested in chess are welcome, especially the incoming freshmen. Bring your lunch.

An election of vice-president, secretary, and treasurer will take place. The president of the club was elected last spring. The dues for the coming term will be discussed, and the board positions of old members and new members will be planned. The club is expecting to renew its membership in the Illinois Chess Association with some good chess matches in view for the near future.

STUDENT AVERAGES ARE COMPILED BY OFFICE OF DEANS

Same Men Lead Senior, Junior and Soph Classes

FRATERNITIES HIGHER

Statistics compiled by the Office of the Deans give the scholastic standing of the members of the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes of the College of Engineering and Architecture, who were in attendance during the second semester of the school year, 1933-1934. In this computation the grades in physical training were omitted.

The average of the entire student body, a total of 786 students, is 85.7%.

Senior Class Leads

The average of the various classes are as follows:

The Senior Class	87.5%
The Junior Class	86.8%
The Sophomore Class	85.6%
The Freshman Class	83.7%

Walter E. Gunderson led the senior class with an average of 96.0%; Raymond J. Maci led the juniors with 96.7%; Russell R. Johnson led the sophomores with 97.3%; and Norton Gerber led the freshmen with 97.0%.

The averages of the departments are as follows:

Mechanical Engineering	86.4%
Electrical Engineering	85.7%
Civil Engineering	85.5%
Chemical Engineering	86.0%
Fire Protection Engineering	87.6%
Architecture	83.0%
Science	88.7%

Salamander Heads Honoraries

The averages of the honorary fraternities (scholastic) which are arranged according to the seniority of their establishment at Armour Institute of Technology are as follows:

Tau Beta Pi	92.9%
Pi Tau Sigma	91.2%
Eta Kappa Nu	91.9%
Chi Epsilon	91.2%
Phi Lambda Upsilon	91.8%
Salamander	93.4%

The scholastic average of Pi Nu Epsilon honorary musical society is 87.4%, and of Sphinx honorary literary is 90.2%.

Averages of the professional fraternities are as follows:

Scarab	87.0%
Alpha Chi Sigma	90.4%

Social fraternities have the following averages:

Phi Kappa Sigma	81.4%
Delta Tau Delta	84.8%
Theta Xi	85.6%
Phi Pi Phi	83.1%
Rho Delta Rho	87.6%
Sigma Alpha Mu	85.1%
Triangle	83.8%
Beta Psi	88.6%
Kappa Delta Epsilon	84.4%

The average of all students belonging to the Phi Kappa Sigma, (Continued on page 4)

Little Green Cap and Little Red Motorcycle Confuse News Hound

By R. R. Johnson

Question—Would a course in broncho busting be of any value to the freshman class?

Or maybe we should start this like an engineering report:

Purpose: to discover whether a knowledge of broncho busting would tend to save the lives of any harried Chicago pedestrians, or in particular, one chubby Armour freshman.

Procedure: take one freshman, one motorcycle, and one bumpy street, mix thoroughly.

Or wait, would the motorcycle and the street tend to mix the freshman? Anyhow our data seems to show that he was plenty stirred up.

But this doesn't appear to be getting anywhere, let's try poetry:

A freshman upon a red cycle
Hit a hole in the street that's not
quite full,

In the course of events,
He passed through a fence,

Publication Board Scope Increased

In order to do away with needless red-tape, the old Armour Board of Publications has been dissolved and replaced by a new board. This new board is made up of six faculty members: Professor Walter Hendricks, chairman, Professor W. W. Colvert, treasurer, Professor J. F. Mangold, secretary, and Professors J. B. Finnegan, C. E. Paul, and J. C. Peebles. There are no student members. Its scope has been increased to include the Cycle, the student yearbook.

The new board is to exercise administrative supervision over all three Armour publications, the News, the Engineer, and the Cycle. The supervision is to include approval of budgets, staff selections, and general editorial policy. It is to work in co-operation with the respective student staffs and independent of any divisional interests.

Under the old board, student members representing each of the two publications covered were required to be present to pass upon routine problems of either publication. Now, this troublesome feature is eliminated.

A.S.M.E. to Hear Talks by Faculty

Students from all classes in the department of mechanical engineering are urged to attend a meeting of the Armour branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, to be held Friday, October 5, at 10:30. Professors Huntly, Libby, Nachman, Peebles, and Roesch will be present to give short talks concerning the activities of the organization.

Members, who are from the senior and junior classes only, will be asked to attempt to gather material for written papers on various topics concerning mechanical engineering. These papers will be presented at future meetings. At the present time there are prizes amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars, known as the Charles T. Main award, which will be given for the best paper on "Coordinated Transportation." Particulars pertaining to this award will be given at the meeting.

Discussion will also be held concerning membership in the national organization.

Choose Delegate for Tau Bete Convention

Richard D. Armsbury, president of the Illinois Beta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, was elected delegate to the thirty-third convention which is to be held at New York city on October 11, 12, and 13. The hosts of the convention are New York university, Columbia university, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute of New York, and Stevens Institute of New Jersey.

The election of new members to the chapter was also discussed in the meeting held last Friday.

ANNUAL FRESHMAN HANDSHAKE WILL OPEN TECHAWK SOCIAL SEASON TOMORROW EVENING

Dean Heald, Professors Schommer and Amsbary, Coaches Krafft, Weissman, and Stagg to Speak

SINGING AND REFRESHMENTS ON PROGRAM

There will be a meeting for all freshmen in the Assembly Hall this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Members of the senior class are requested to attend a meeting to be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Science Hall.

The junior class will meet Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Assembly hall.

Tomorrow night at 7 o'clock the traditional Freshman Handshake which is held annually at the school will take place. The freshmen with their green toppers are invited to attend and get acquainted with their classmates as well as the upper classmen and faculty members. This year a committee will again sponsor the program since that method proved successful last year. They are sure that the necessary candle power for illumination will be furnished by the electric lights and not the antiquated gas jets.

Identification Cards for All

An informal get acquainted program beginning about 7 o'clock and lasting for about a half hour is being introduced. Identification cards to facilitate the introduction of new men will be obtained at the entrance on which every school member, freshman or upper classman, will print his name, class, and course.

Professor John Schommer, who is well known for his stories and jokes, will act as master of ceremonies for the occasion. He is certain that his jokes will include some of the newer types just as good as the one about George Nelson rounding up the sheep and the jack-rabbits.

Dean Heald will give a short welcome address to the freshmen. Professor Amsbary will read some of his poems including the indispensable "Captain of the Marguerite". Other professors and coaches including Krafft, Stagg, and Weissman will be introduced to the new class.

Added Entertainment

A well rounded musical program is being planned. Group singing to introduce the Armour "Alma Mater" and "Fight Song" to the incoming class will be sponsored by the musical directors. A new feature will be put on by the committee: a few rounds of boxing and a couple of bouts of wrestling including all the grunts and groans by the grapplers will be sponsored by the Armour Tech wrestling and boxing teams.

After the last few jokes by Professor John and the singing of the Armour "Alma Mater," the student assembly will be served the ever famous combination of doughnuts and sweet cider. Awards will not be distributed to those who will drink the most cider, but enough will be on hand to make everybody happy. Statistics compiled from previous years of the gastronomic ability of Armour men are in the hands of the committee; second helpings, and more, may be had by all.

This Freshman Handshake is being conducted by a group of upper-classmen consisting of F. J. Meyer, chairman, J. J. Ahern, W. B. Ahern, L. J. Beckman, A. Lauchiskis, R. J. Maci, J. M. O'Connor, E. N. Searl, and G. W. Wheaton.

Dramatists Ask New Men to Join Group

The first meeting of the Armour Players will be held October 4 at 5 p. m. in the assembly hall. All men who are interested in either acting or backstage activities are urged to attend the meeting.

The club will get started at once on Eugene O'Neill's "Within the Zone." Professor Hendricks, the club's sponsor, has outlined a very busy season for the members. The first play, "Within the Zone," will be given in the middle of November. A suitable Christmas play will be chosen at the next two or three meetings.

This year's program will include short one-act plays which will be given at assemblies. The plays and dates will be decided upon later.

Hotchkiss Active in Capital Duties

Directs Survey of Soft Coal Industry for N.R.A.

Linking up with past activities in the field of industry, President Hotchkiss was called to Washington soon after Commencement to direct a study of wage differentials existing between the various fields of the bituminous coal mining industry. This study has been authorized under the Bituminous Coal Code for the purpose of aiding the National Recovery Administration, the coal operators and the United States Mine Workers in reaching an equitable adjustment of wages and differentials as between different bituminous coal fields.

Studies Wage Differentials

Wage differentials, especially those between the North and the South, have for many years presented a difficult problem to industry and none have been more vexatious than those in bituminous coal mining. The study which President Hotchkiss is directing is based on a comprehensive historical survey of existing differentials brought up to date by statistical analysis of current facts. These facts include financial records, records of production, distribution, earnings, and employment now being collected from the mines in all of the different fields by the bituminous coal unit of NRA in cooperation with members of the industry.

Served Every Administration

Shortly after Dr. Hotchkiss went to Washington he was also called into council to develop policy and procedure under the Retail Solid Fuel Code, and was later made chairman of the General Code Authority by which the Retail Solid Fuel Code is now being administered.

The stories carried in the press early in July to the effect that President Hotchkiss had been appointed permanent chairman of the Impartial Labor Board for the Rubber Industry were premature. While the appointment had been tendered as reported Dr. Hotchkiss did not accept the position.

The president appears to take a considerable pride in the fact that his government service this summer rounds out his record of having served under every national administration, Democratic and Republican alike, since that of Theodore Roosevelt.

President Hotchkiss is back at Armour for the opening of school and expects to bring his present government work to an early conclusion with only occasional trips to Washington.

Honorary Chemicals Elect New Officials

At a meeting last June of Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical engineering fraternity, officers for the coming year were elected. Albert E. Lauchiskis was elected president, and Charles H. Riesz vice-president. The new secretary is Russell C. Miller and Jack N. Weiland is treasurer.