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"A UNIVERSITY is a community of scholars. It is not a kindergarten; it is not a club; it is not a reform school; it is not a political party; it is not an agency of propaganda. A university is a community of scholars." This introduction as used by Robert M. Hutchins, President of the University of Chicago, in his address over the National Broadcasting Company states explicitly the chief argument of the colleges against the recent accusations of ultra-conservative groups.

Learning and study goes on continually, but should the student not be advised as to the conditions existing in the world during that period when he is preparing himself to face the world's problems?

Hope for advancement, and without advancement civilization is dead, lies only in the careful consideration of the problems now confronting the world and seeking the satisfactory remedy for them. The universities of Russia, Italy, and Germany have sunk to mere shadows of their former prowess due to governmental control. Complete freedom is gone and the institutes are mere mouthpieces of the governing parties. All hope for advancement, under conditions such as these, is gone, for no longer can students be advised as to the faults of the system but only the good points can be played up.

IN THE EARLIER days of training, theology and religion were subjects which had to be treated either very carefully or not at all. Today we have outgrown these prejudices, and these subjects are treated the same as the sciences. Likewise the evasion of issues such as free speech and academic freedom must leave our present system, and be considered on a par with the modern day studies of social science and history. One of the greatest Southern historians has shown that the Civil War arose because the southern colleges and universities did not dare to say there were any arguments against slavery and secession.

THE SOLUTION to the problem does not lie immediately at hand, but it is not far distant. Neither the radical condition of which the University of Chicago has been accused, nor the complete evasion of the subject is the solution but a happy medium, whereby the student is intelligently informed of present and potential systems and the careful analysis of these seems to be the only constructive termination of the matter.

## Arx Hold Another Successful Dance

With their reserved section in the Joseph Urban room of the Congress Hotel filled, the architects recorded another success with their informal supper dance held last Friday. This Spring dance was planned along similar lines to their successful Bal Autome, and while the previous attendance of 175 couples was not reached, the affair was thought entirely successful by all who were present.

A new arrangement for Armour dances was tried and proved satisfactory to everyone; supper being served at midnight so that there were two hours of dancing and floor shows before the special dinner of chicken à la king was served. The dance then lasted until three o'clock, interspersed with acts of the floor show, which featured some unusual dance combinations.

The general ideas of the decoration of the Joseph Urban room were in accordance with those of this great designer, and it was because of the reputation of this artist who did so much in creating the Chicago Fair that the floor was chosen for the architect's dance.

## Midwest A.S.M.E. Branches Convene

Convening for their third annual conference, the midwest student branches of the A.S.M.E. are meeting today at the Allerton Hotel. The conference opened yesterday morning and will end this afternoon with inspection trips to various plants throughout the city. Junior and senior mechanical engineering classes have been excused to allow the students to attend the conference.

### Henning to Present Paper

W. W. Henning will represent Armour at this morning's session by presenting a paper on "Torsional Critical Speeds." Other schools which will be represented at the sessions are U. of Minnesota, Washington U., Michigan Tech., Michigan State College, Purdue U., U. of Illinois, Marquette U., Lewis Institute, U. of Detroit, U. of Wisconsin, U. of Iowa, Rose Polytechnic Institute, U. of Michigan, and Iowa State College.

The conference opened yesterday morning with a technical session. In the afternoon the Illinois Steel Company and the International Harvester Company were visited by the delegates. A banquet was held in the evening at which time Mr. Wm. A. Hanley of the Eli-Lilly and Company of Indianapolis, Ind., gave the address of the evening. Representatives of the various schools presented entertainment and souvenirs were distributed.

### To Award Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for the best paper presented at the conference at a luncheon at noon today. Mr. L. W. Wallace of the Association of American Railroads will deliver the address. This afternoon the members of the conference will visit the McClintic-Marshall Company and the Crane Company.

J. H. DeBoo is president of the Armour Branch of the A.S.M.E. Professor D. Roesch, the honorary chairman, said, "We have anticipated this conference for some time and expect to win several prizes. I know all those who attend the conference will long remember it for its information and pleasure."

## Tilden Tech Student Awarded Scholarship

Loran G. Anderson, a student of Tilden Tech, was awarded the Armour Civic Assembly Scholarship last Thursday at the Union League club. The winners of scholarships offered by Chicago and Northwestern Universities were also announced.

One of the features of Youth Week is the opportunity provided for outstanding high school students to win one year university scholarships, two being offered by Chicago, two by Northwestern, and one by Armour.

Two outstanding civic leaders were chosen by each high school and entered in the competition for the awards. Ninety contestants were entered. After a personal interview and consideration of the candidates' high school record, the committee, composed of representatives of the three schools, chose the five winners and alternates.

The presentation of the awards was made by Superintendent of Schools William J. Bogan at the Civic Assembly luncheon. Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, was the principal speaker at the occasion.

## A.I.E.E. Topic to Be Mercury Illumination

H. J. Braschler, a lecturer for the General Electric Vapor Lamp Co., will deliver an address on high intensity mercury vapor lighting this Friday, May 3, in the electrical lecture room. He has been engaged through the efforts of the Armour branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

The meeting, which is open to the entire student body, will include a demonstration of the subject of the talk. It is to be held at 10:30.

## JUNIOR WEEK TO INCLUDE BEAVER CONTEST FOR ALL

Junior Week, the long awaited relapse from the strenuous studies at Armour, will begin Monday, May 13, and every day of the week will be a feature day. The highlights on the program are the track and field events, interfraternity, interclass and senior-faculty baseball, the spring concert and interfraternity sing, the frosh-soph rush, and the interfraternity pageant.

A beaver (beard-growing) contest will be a new feature this year. Participants must register clean-shaven on Monday morning, April 12, in the lobby of the main building between 11:00 and 12:00 o'clock. Prizes will be awarded for the longest and shortest beards.

### To Repeat Faculty Ball Game

Among the most popular features of the week will rank the senior-faculty ball game. Last year the whole school turned out to cheer the base running of "Butch" Mangold, the stellar twirling of Sammy Bibb and the mighty larrups of John Schommer. The faculty team won, with the cooperation of the umpire.

### Concert to Be at Armour

The spring concert and interfraternity sing will be held in the assembly hall as usual this year. The date is Wednesday, May 15. All Armour students are invited to attend and to bring their relatives and friends.

There are two pentathlon contests, one for track lettermen, and one in which everybody is invited to participate. Entrance blanks may be obtained from Jess Kremer in the supply store, or from Ray Peterson, the junior marshal.

## Phi Pi Phi's Dance to Be Open to Students

An innovation will appear on the Armour social calendar this week when an open dance is presented by the Phi Pi Phi fraternity at Thorne Hall on the McKinlock campus of Northwestern University. Saturday, May 4 at 9 p. m. is the time; music will be supplied by Jack Blair and his orchestra; the price of bids is one dollar. All Armour students are invited to attend. Patrons who have been invited are President Hotchkiss and his wife, Dean Heald and Mrs. Heald, Professor and Mrs. Ens, Professor and Mrs. Freud, Professor and Mrs. Harris, Professor and Mrs. Oldenburger, Professor and Mrs. Roesch, and Professor and Mrs. Schommer.

## Prof. Davis Will Talk on Statistics Friday

Because of the assembly at which Major Reed Landis spoke, the meeting of the Math Club scheduled for Friday, April 26, was postponed to next Friday, May 3 at 10:30 a. m., Science Hall. Professor Davis will give a talk on "The Mathematics of Statistics."

Mark Dannis, a member of the group, is preparing a talk on "Various Kinds of Geometry," which will probably be presented at the following meeting on May 17.

## Seniors Win Metal Society Memberships

On Thursday, April 11, the Chicago section of the American Society for Metals held a banquet at the Medinah Athletic Club during which three Armour seniors were awarded junior memberships in the society. These men are R. Armsbury, E. Renstrom, and P. Henoch. Similar awards were also made to the University of Illinois, Lewis Institute, Northwestern University, and Valparaiso University, each of which was represented by a member of its faculty. Dean Heald was Armour's representative.

The organization was formerly known as the American Society for Heat Treating.

## ALUMNI ATTENTION

The Annual Spring Alumni Banquet will be held on Tuesday night, June 4 at 6:30 p. m. at the Medinah Athletic Club. Watch future issues of the News.

## Armour Men May Get Flying Course

Fourteen Armour students were interviewed last Wednesday by Lieutenants Butterfield and Johansen of the Great Lakes Naval Reserve station as candidates for the Naval Reserve flight training course. The candidate for the flight course must be a graduate of an accredited college, preferably in engineering, and have completed college physics, and mathematics through trigonometry. The accepted candidates are enlisted in the Navy as second class seamen and go to Great Lakes for elementary flight training, which lasts about a month. Upon completion of training at Great Lakes, the student flyer is ordered to Pensacola for a complete flight training course, lasting about a year. He is then designated as an Aviation Cadet and has clothing, food, quarters, and insurance given him. In addition, the cadet receives \$75 per month pay.

After finishing the course at Pensacola, the cadet is ordered to some naval station or ship for a period of three years. His pay is meanwhile raised to \$125 per month.

When his three years of service are up, the cadet receives a gratuity of \$1,500 and is commissioned as a U. S. Naval Reserve officer. Although released from active duty, the officer is expected to maintain his efficiency by repeating short flight training courses.

The seniors who were interviewed are Bernstein, Dushek, Friede, Grakavac, B. Jones, T. Jones, Lester, Meyer, Nelson, O'Connor, Palo, Radvillas, Thomson, and West. Ray Pflum, a last year's graduate, is expected to start training at Great Lakes the first of June. The other men, if accepted, will be eligible in July.

## Armour Alumni Rank High in Arx Contest

Out of two thousand drawings submitted in a recent General Electric Competition, eleven former Armour students or graduates of the Department of Architecture either qualified for prizes or received honorable mentions.

The men who received awards are: A. H. Bacci, I. Bowman, M. Bowman, G. D. Conner, G. Kauffmann, G. W. McKenna Jr., C. P. Pope, J. H. Raftery, R. J. Schwab, P. Schweikher, and R. B. Tague.

Monroe and Irving Bowman are the well-known architects who conceived the idea of a prefabricated house.

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 30 to Monday, May 6

Tuesday  
A.S.M.E. Convention; Allerton hotel.

Wednesday  
Baseball; Wheaton College at Armour; 4 p. m.  
Sr. Chemicals Inspect. Trip; Atlas Cement Co.; 3 p. m.  
Air Conditioning Show; Commonwealth Edison Bldg.  
Fencing meet; Edgewater at Armour; 8 p. m.

Thursday  
General Assembly; Assem. Hall; 11:30 a. m.  
Fencing meet; Northwestern at Armour; 3:30 p. m.

Friday  
Math Club Meeting; Science Hall; Main Bldg.  
A. I. E. E. meeting; Electrical lecture room; 10:30 a. m.

Saturday  
Spring Dance; Thorne Hall, McKinlock Campus, 9 p. m.  
Tennis; George Williams at Armour.

## PLAN ASSEMBLY THURSDAY TO HONOR 35 WINNERS OF ARMOUR ATHLETIC AWARDS

Letters and Sweaters to Be Given Members of Three Teams; Honor A Keys to Be Presented

HEALD AND SCHOMMER TO SPEAK

## 'Red Robe' Is to Be Acted May 10 and 11

For their annual spring production, the Armour Players will present "The Red Robe," a four act play by Brieux which will be given Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, at 8:15 P. M., in the Mission auditorium.

Several of the six women who play the feminine roles are members of the Hull House Actor's Guild; scenery and properties will be in charge of members of the cast. This play will be the largest ever attempted by the Players, having a cast consisting of the six feminine players and eighteen members of Armour's dramatists.

Students, who are invited to bring their parents and friends, may purchase reserved seat tickets from any member of the dramatic society for thirty-five cents.

## Tau Beta Pi Initiates Seven New Members

Honoring six juniors and one senior, Beta Chapter of Illinois, the Armour chapter of Tau Beta Pi, held its spring initiation ceremonies last Tuesday. The initiates are W. W. Henning, a senior, and F. D. Cotterman, R. R. Johnson, H. P. Millerville, H. S. Nachman, R. M. Paulson, and R. A. Peterson, juniors.

Following the initiation, which was attended by a large number of alumni and faculty members, a banquet was held in the faculty grill, from which the group adjourned to the Harris theatre to see "Three Men on a Horse."

Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering fraternity, was established in 1885 at Lehigh University and now has 67 active chapters throughout the United States.

## Alumni to Be Active in Promoting Armour

The faculty publicity committee, which recently sent a form letter to alumni working within 500 miles of Armour, reports that in the three days since mailing a large number of replies, many by air mail, have been received requesting literature and information.

A booklet, "Engineering, a Career—A Culture", is now being distributed to prospective students at Armour and other schools throughout the country. The Engineers' Council for Professional Development, which publishes this pamphlet, is also attempting to organize the various professional groups, so that prospective students may talk to engineers in their vicinity and obtain a correct and true view of their profession.

## Orchestra and Glee Club Present Recital

Last Friday about 100 people witnessed a concert by the Armour Tech Glee Club and Orchestra for the Pestalozzi Froebel Teachers College. The presidents of both Armour and the teachers college were honored guests. After a successful concert, a dance was given for the members of the two Armour musical clubs by the college.

At the home concert during Junior Week the Glee Club and Orchestra will present some new numbers that have not previously been heard by the student body.

A general assembly, dedicated to the athletes representing Armour Tech, will be held Thursday, May 2, at 11:30. Dean Heald, Professor Schommer, and several of the Tech coaches are on the list of speakers, and the necessary musical background will be furnished by the orchestra.

### First of Its Kind at Armour

An awards assembly is an innovation at Armour and it is hoped that Thursday's meeting will initiate an important annual event. Thirty-five men will be honored as members of the basketball, swimming, and wrestling teams, or as pledges to Honor A. The jacket, a newcomer in the Tech award system, will be presented to four graduating lettermen. They are: Lauchiskis, basketball; Ahern and Bernstein, swimming; and Hella, wrestling.

Other major award winners include: Christoph, Dollenmaier, Heike, Levy, Merz, and Warner, basketball; Knause, and Moore, swimming; and Kreml, Sumner, Schmidt, and Peterson, wrestling. Managers Humiston of the basketball squad, Wheaton of the wrestlers, and W. B. Ahern of the swimming team will also receive their letters at the meeting.

### Present Minor Awards Also

Minor awards will be made to Doane and O'Brien in basketball; Duerrstein, Lyford, Rueckberg, Stehman, and Tallafuss, in swimming; and Bergquist, Dunne, Kercher, Marslek, and Patterson in wrestling. Finally, Honor A, honorary athletic society, will present keys to the twelve men who were pledged last month. They are Bartusek, Biegler, Carroll, Concolino, Esbensen, Heike, Hella, Merz, Moore, Neal, Schmidt, and Sumner.

## Landis Speaks on Aviation Progress

Major Reed Landis, expert flyer and World War ace, spoke at a W. S. E. meeting last Friday, April 26, on the subject "Aviation Puts on Long Pants." After an introduction by President Hotchkiss, Major Landis began with a discussion of the development of aviation from the first balloon to the time the Wright Brothers built the first truly controllable aircraft.

### Many Problems Still Unsolved

The principal problem in present day aviation as brought out by Major Reed Landis is the perfection of the airplane engine, along with the problem of increased speed and greater safety.

Aviation did not put on its "long pants" until the time when commercial air transportation companies operated on dependable schedules. Automatic piloting is further expected to advance aviation, making it more dependable and an important cog in the field of transportation.

Has Much Flying Experience  
Major Landis entered the British Army as an American officer. When America entered the war, he transferred to the 25th air squadron of the A.E.F. and was promoted to the rank of major. He has received decorations from three nations for his distinguished services.

Major Landis has also received recognition in civilian life. He has served as a Deputy Coroner of Aviation for this district and was the Chairman of the Aeronautic Division of the Department of Commerce. Major Landis is the foremost proponent of the plan for a lake front airport in Chicago, which he conceived.