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## A Free Press

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press." Thus the makers of the constitution guaranteed a right which newspapers have jealously defended ever since in the face of every sort of onslaught, real or fancied. But in those days "freedom of the press" was much more clearly a blessing than it is today. It is possible that what modern Americans need is more freedom from the press.

It is certainly true that a democratic form of government depends for its existence on the free expression of ideas and the free dissemination of knowledge, and that autocratic dictatorships have always feared to allow a free press. But the modern American newspaper is of such a nature as to severely complicate the seemingly simple premise that every man has a right to express his views in print.

In the first place, a daily newspaper with modern big-city circulation has tremendous power and influence; it presumes to "mold" public opinion. In this respect the newspaper is almost a law-making instrument, but it is not a democratic one at all. The policies of the newspaper are, in the end, those of its owner, and he is its owner only by virtue of his having sufficient money to buy it. He is not an officer of the government, he has not been elected, the people have never expressed any desire to allow him to decide how things shall be done, but he nevertheless wields power enough to make many elected officials tremble in their boots for fear of offending him.

But in spite of all this, the newspaper undeniably furnishes a "check upon government" which no constitution has ever been able to provide. It is to be expected that the power of a newspaper will achieve some good, especially when journalists almost universally recognize a high ideal of service to their readers. But it is just as much to be expected that a great deal of bad will be done too, and such has been the case. We are faced at this very moment with the spectacle of a whole chain of newspapers using every influence to push us into an unwelcome war, a task which they no doubt undertake with considerable confidence, having succeeded in it at least once before.

Are newspapers then, something which we can't get along without but which, if we retain them, will ruin us? Perhaps not. Perhaps the solution to this paradox is even now beginning to make itself known. If we should learn not to take the press too seriously, if knowledge of its weaknesses and its prejudices should cause us to listen a little more warily to its wild harangues, perhaps its power for evil may be broken without loss of its power for good.

## "The Slipstick"

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

*The wearing of the green upon an empty bean,  
Is hardly as embarrassing  
As pants removing is harrasing.  
So be discreet, and  
Wear the green.*

Diner (examining bill of fare)—Chicken croquettes,  
eh? What part of the chicken is the croquette?  
Friend—I's the part that goes on the table last.

Lecturer—Allow me, before I close, to repeat the words  
of the immortal Webster—  
Listener—I'm goin' to get out of here if he's going to  
start in on the dictionary.

1st Collegian—I'm a little stiff from bowling.  
2nd Collegian—Where did you say you were from?

Son—Dad, what is meant by the "board of education?"  
Dad—Well, in my time, son, it was a heavy shingle.

Judge—What's the charge against this man, officer?  
Officer—Vagrancy, your honor. He was loafing around  
a street corner all afternoon.  
Judge—Ah, impersonating an officer; 30 days in jail.

Swas—I wish I could be a great doctor. I'd like to  
be a bone specialist.  
Tika—You've got a good head for it.

Doctor—After this treatment you ought to be able to  
sleep like a baby.  
Patient—Not like my baby, I hope.

Bonevizer—Is it true that your wife has brain fever?  
Mdvani—Why no, but she's got the next thing to it.  
Bonevizer—What's that?  
Mdvani—Hat fever.

## SLOW BUT SURE

*Dad went courting slow but sure  
With buggy and with horse,  
But when he hitched he hitched for sure  
And hasn't been divorced.*

A girl from the city was visiting on the farm and was  
watching with great interest a six-weeks' old calf that  
was nibbling the grass on the lawn.  
"Tell me," she said, as she turned to the farmer's wife,  
"does it pay to keep a small cow like that?"

Laura—Why don't you sue him for breach of promise?  
Lucile—I would if I had a decent photograph to give  
to the newspapers.

Neighbor—I presume that when your son went to col-  
lege, he was inoculated with the love of learning?  
Father—Yes, but it didn't take.

Little Henry—Say, Grandpa, is it true that you used  
to have hair as white as snow?  
Grandpa—Yes, and now it's gone.  
Little Henry—Who shoveled it off?

A high official at Washington was taking a trip by  
train the other day and when he handed his grip to the  
porter he said: Be extra careful of that bag; it's got a  
bottle of liniment in it and I don't want it broken.

The porter smiled in a knowing way and answered:  
"Yes, sah, Ah'll look out for it—only most gentlemen  
calls it cough medicine, sah!"

## DICTIONARY

Affidavit—scriptural phrase — (Goliath started affi-  
davit.)

Omelet—a good egg in Shakespeare's works.

Negligence—dressing gown (female).

Zeus—liquid in fruits.

Vinegar—five on each hand—(e. g., "Stop sucking  
your vinegar!")

Deceit—to remove chair from behind unwary indi-  
vidual.

Maneuver—fertilizer—(She was only the horseman's  
daughter, etc., etc.).

Dentist: "Which tooth is it that hurts you, Sam?"

Pullman Porter: "Lower five, sah."

## AWAA—

"Hello!—Hello! Mrs. De Snute? I want to tell you  
that the mistress will not be home tonight. You had  
promised to call and I'm very, very sorry."

Voice from the other end of the wire: "Could I speak  
with the mistress for a moment?"

"She isn't home."

"Then who is this telephoning?"

"This is-eh-uh—this is my maid."

"Your wife needs a change," said the doctor. "Salt air  
will cure her."

The next time the physician called he found the  
Scotchman sitting by the bedside, fanning his wife with  
a herring.

"What do you do when in doubt about kissing a girl?"  
"Give her the benefit of the doubt."

Frosh asks the professor a very profound question.  
Professor—"Mr. W., a fool can ask a question that  
ten wise men could not answer."

Frosh—"Then I suppose that's why so many of us  
lunk."

W. G.

## Fraternity Notes

### PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The Spring Alumni Smoker, which took place last Thursday evening, was well attended. Twenty-seven of the alumni were present besides the whole active chapter. The evening was spent in cards and talking over old times. The refreshments served were greatly enjoyed.

Our baseball team held a practice game with the Delts on the same day. We are anxiously awaiting the opening game in the interfraternity series which will probably be held next Monday afternoon with Theta Xi at Armour Square.

### BETA PSI

April 15 an election of officers was made for the next school year. The following men were elected: President, Cyril DuSelle; Vice President, Edgar Johnson; Secretary, William Hemlin; Treasurer, Harry Perlet; and Sergeant at arms, Thomas Watts. Myron Stevens was appointed social chairman, and Orville Hampton our sing leader.

Baseball practice is gaining headway under the management of Brother Bristol. We were defeated in the hard fought finals of the ping pong tournament by Delta Tau Delta.

Congratulations are in order for Brother Stevens, who was pledged to Pi Nu Epsilon, honorary musical fraternity. We are glad to hear that Brother Hahn is convalescing after his appendicitis operation a few weeks ago.

### TRIANGLE

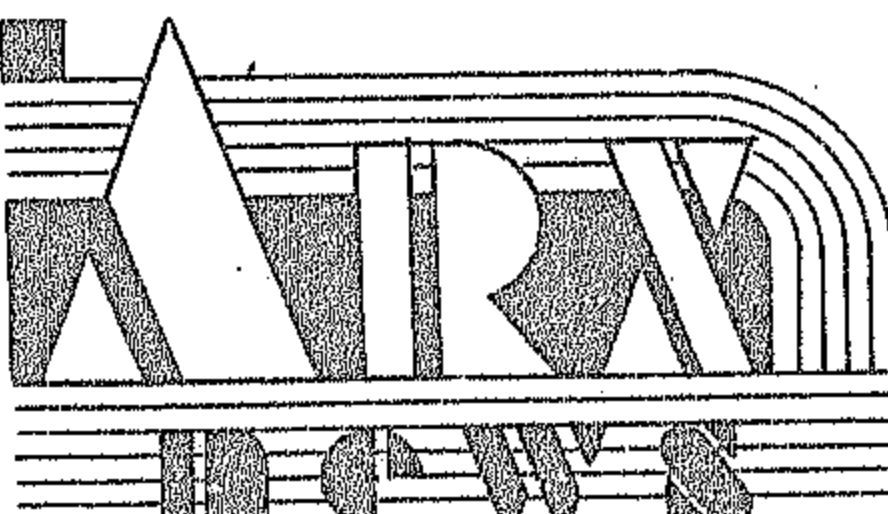
Brothers Lyford and Scott were the Armour chapter delegates at the National Convention of Triangle, which was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We all had a good time at the dance which was held in the balcony of the Marine Dining room, Friday night.

Brothers Brennen and Munt, of South Dakota came in Monday. They stayed with us until Thursday, when they moved down to the hotel. Brother Onenbeck, of West Point, formerly of our chapter, was awarded a three month cruise with the navy.

### PHI PI PHI

Several of the brothers, who hadn't seen each other for quite some time, enjoyed the last meeting of the alumni which was held at the house last week.

Brother Gregerson is organizing his champion baseball team with



We predicted in this space several weeks ago that Johnny KOSSUTH would be one of Coach KRAFFT'S regular twirlers. And gosh darn if he didn't get out there and really make the grade as a first stringer. The odds were against him as he went in to pitch for the Techawks last week, but just watch his smoke as the season warms up. Another of our beloved ARX, Harold HAWLEY, is also on the pitching staff, but was laid up last week when a line drive to the ankle proved more than he could TAKE.

Speaking of baseball we must mention the modest confession that Mel GROSSMAN made when he said that he was in the pink for the season. His first time at bat yielded no less than a home-run; and his work on the pitching mound was spectacular, when after striking out the first two men only eight runs were scored. Such performance is really COLOUSY.

Don't be misled by what has been said into thinking that all the ARX are doing these days is playing the national pastime, because the boys

hopes of repeating the victory of last year. Luck to you, Don!

The house golf team is taking shape under the guidance of Brother Dunbar, and they hope to capture the cup that was just missed last year.

Don't forget the Phi Pi Spring Dance to be held Saturday at Thorne Hall on McKinlock Campus. Bids are only one dollar, so come one, come all.

### DELTA TAU DELTA

We wish to congratulate our ping pong team for winning the interfraternity ping pong tournament by defeating the Beta Psi team. Members of the team are, L. Davidson, J. Davis, F. Engelhalter, and W. Laise.

Preparations are being made for the annual May 10th Founders' Day banquet of our chapter. It will be held at the Architects Club. Brothers Jim McAlear was in to visit us at our new Shelter. The new Shelter is very satisfactory and with the

are right in there hitting the ball in their academic work as well. For instance, there are a number of things such as projects in design and modelling, archeos, and the like on the fire; and any of the ARX will tell you that all play and no work won't get them done.

Mal FORSYTH claims that luncheon dates are very economical and proves this by stating that the fairer sex consumed exactly 42 cents (tax included) worth of food in two such engagements. Do you suppose the girls were light eaters, or is it just another of those traditional Scotchman yarns?

Lowell Lammers is an excellent spinner of yarns as will be verified by Prof. Seegrist's class in Mech. Equip. of Bldgs. Lowell gave his second annual dissertation on the mechanical equipment and automatic operation of elevators. He was limited at first to speak only twenty minutes, but his fellow architects enjoyed the lecture so much that repeated ercores kept him talking for the full hour. And, we might add, his talk wasn't half bad!

To prove his versatility Lowell continued the day's activities by winning his team's match in great style. And not to be outdone, Bob Esbensen likewise won his match to prove his ability as a racketeer and thereby adding new laurels to the achievements of the ARX.

EAGLE EYE.

Architects working on plans for modernization, the Shelter will prove to be the most attractive on the Campus. The track and baseball teams have started practice and we would like to arrange practice meets and games.

### RHO DELTA RHO

We take great pleasure in announcing the pledgship of Louis Siegal '36 to the honorary chemical fraternity, Phi Lambda Upsilon.

The following men were formally initiated at the last fraternity meeting:

Rubin Horwitz, M.E., '36.

Sydney Miner, M.E., '37.

Leonard Sorkin, Ch.E., '37.

The new men as well as the fraternity proper are working their hardest to make the coming affair, the annual spring dinner dance a success. Both site and orchestra have been tentatively decided upon and are expected to meet the approval of both the active and alumni chapter.



TUNE IN—Luckies are on the air Saturdays, with THE HIT PARADE, over NBC Network 8 to 9 p. m. E. D. S. T.