



By Paul Schultz

The question which has been pre-eminent in the minds of the American people for the last four or five years still holds its place. "Is prosperity just around the corner? Are we on the road to recovery?" Every person in every position of life has his own private opinion. Some industries have almost recovered their former standings and naturally the people connected with these firms can earnestly say that we are on the road back. In contrast, there are those industries which have not come back, but which seem to sink lower and lower. Applying the same question to their workers evokes a negative answer.

As in all disputes, both sides are partially correct. We are on the road to recovery, but the climb is hard and gradual. Inventories in all lines are low, year end statements reveal, and the demand for new merchandise will necessitate increased production. Distribution, both retail and wholesale, continued to show a 10 per cent to 15 per cent increase over last year. It has been estimated that total retail sales in 1934 reached the highest figure since the 1931 figure of about 29 billions, as compared to 25 billions in 1933. The South and the Southwest took the lead in sales increase, followed closely by the middle western states, where farmers' bonus payments and increased commodity prices were a big help.

The automobile industry has reached a new peak. The demand for new cars cannot be met readily, and the lower priced cars are being rushed out at top speed. This is naturally the time of the year for increased activity along this line, but the pick-up this year is greater than usual. Moreover, steel production has been expanding steadily for the last few months. The rate of output has increased materially over the value of this time last year. The banks are in shape to finance whatever expansion of business may be ahead. Their excess reserves rose to the highest level on record in the middle of January. Notwithstanding this, they are still cautious in making loans. The negative side has a reply to this answer by saying that the price of goods has gone

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Math Club to Hear Mark Dannis Friday

Various types of non-Euclidean geometry will be discussed by Mark Dannis at the Math Club meeting to be held at 10:30 Friday in Science Hall. There are several systems which are built on other axioms than those used in the system with which we are familiar. They all use the same type of reasoning, but lead to different results due to the differences in the fundamental assumptions.

The last meeting was addressed by Professor W. M. Davis on the subject of statistics. The talk was so well received that some of the fellows expressed a desire to take the course in mathematics of statistics next year.

Delta Tau Delta Has New Rooms

Delta Tau Delta fraternity has moved from its home on Michigan avenue into a new suite of rooms in the building just east of Mission on 33rd street, and is now busy decorating and furnishing these quarters.

The move was made under the auspices of the committee on fraternity affairs, of which Professor D. P. Moreton is the chairman. This committee is trying to work out a plan whereby all or most of the social fraternities can be accommodated in this building. If the plan materializes, the

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Plan Revision of Armour Engineer

The reorganization of the Armour Engineer to interest alumni as well as students is the subject being considered by a committee formed at the last staff meeting of the publication.

Involves Large Circulation Increase
Professors Moreton and Schommer are representing the alumni in this plan which is hoped to bring the magazine's circulation to 3000 by distribution to alumni of Armour. Also on the committee are Mr. Allison and Professors Heald and Hendricks in behalf of the Institute, while the student body is represented by H. P. Milleville and H. S. Nachman of the Engineer staff.

The subject matter of the Engineer would include articles by prominent alumni and news of the achievements of the men of Armour. It has been pointed out that graduates of the Institute have succeeded not only in engineering but also in such diverse fields as astronomy and play writing.

May Change Form
The present form of the magazine is also under consideration, since a larger sized page has some desirable features such as allowing more pictures to be used.

Although free distribution of the magazine is being considered to interest the alumni in making it more their magazine, the financial side of the program is being balanced by the increased possibilities of advertising, thus making the publication partially self supporting.

The forthcoming edition of the Engineer, to be issued during Junior Week, is not being planned for such wide distribution, but is featuring interesting student articles.

Sophomores Choose Junior Week Leaders

In order that the class of '37 may function more efficiently and effectively during Junior Week, the sophomore class held a meeting on Friday, May 3. After a short discussion of the plans and schedule of the events for Junior Week by R. A. Peterson, junior marshal, elections of captains and leaders for the week were held.

E. Bodenmann was elected to captain the soph baseball team, while J. Hevrdejs, and K. Carroll were elected co-captain of the track team.

Amid great secrecy and hubbub, the rush leader was elected for the crowning event of Junior Week, the Frosh-Soph Rush. Under the able leadership of the men elected, the sophomore class expects to sweep through Junior Week with a victorious slate.

After the election of leaders, Oreste Tomei, social chairman, discussed the plan for a dance to be held either on the night of the final exams, June 10, or the next day, June 11. It is planned to have the dance sponsored jointly by the freshman and sophomore classes.

Plan Refreshments for Annual Concert

This year, the Faculty Women's Club will act as sponsor for the annual Spring Concert presented by the Musical Clubs, and the Fraternity Sing. An important departure from past years will be made in that, after the concert, light refreshments will be served in the faculty grill and student union. This is intended to be a general social affair where students and their friends may meet faculty members and their wives. Mrs. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Heald, and Mrs. Leigh of the Faculty Women's Club, will be hostesses for the evening.

The arrangement of the program will be similar to that of last year. A group of songs and pieces by the Glee Club and Orchestra, an intermission during which the fraternities will hold their sing, and honor cycles will be awarded, after which the second group of numbers will be given. The reception will be held after the concert.

FORMAL DANCE TO END JUNIOR WEEK SOCIAL FESTIVITIES

Knickerbocker Hotel Is Chosen As Site for Affair

CARL SANDS TO PLAY

Armour's foremost social event of the year, the annual Junior Formal, will be held this spring at the Oriental Ballroom of the Knickerbocker Hotel, Walton place, just east of Michigan boulevard. The date of this affair, which is always the climax of Junior Week festivities, is May 17, and because of its success at the Junior informal dance held earlier in the year, the same orchestra has been engaged.

Ballroom Is Unusual
The Oriental Ballroom, where the dance will take place, is one of the most unusual in Chicago. Among its unique features is a center dance panel of glass which is illuminated from beneath by subdued lighting. An artificial cooling system will provide a comfortable atmosphere in the event of warm weather.

Dancing will begin at 9:30, and at 10:00 p. m. a special eight-course dinner, prepared by the Knickerbocker's well known chef, will be served. The rhythm for the occasion will be furnished by an eleven-piece orchestra under the direction of Carl Sands, who was pianist at the time when the organization was led by Stan Norris.

Bids this year will cost \$4.00. Those desiring to obtain a formal outfit should see George Ormsby, who is distributing cards which will entitle the holder to rent a complete outfit, excluding shoes, for \$2.50.

The committee of the Junior class, which has completed the details of the dance, consists of Don Graham, chairman, D. Howell, I. M. Hughes, G. Ormsby, R. Paulsen, F. L. Smith, and E. Wolniak.

Heald and Dutton Talk Before Schools

Dean Heald and Professor Dutton are to talk at each of the three city junior colleges this coming week. Dean Heald will speak on "Vocational Opportunities in Engineering," and Professor Dutton will talk on "Technology Progress and Its Implications."

The talks will be given before the social science classes of the schools.

Junior Week Will Afford Variety of Sports Activities and Other Events

This year's junior week will have the greatest sports program ever brought together. Besides the regular baseball games, the pentathlon and the interclass relays, there will be added a novelty junior-senior farce race to bring the week of sports to a climax just before the annual frosh-soph scrap.

Awards for Baseball
Ray Peterson, junior marshal, has announced that this year there will be awards given to the winning team of the interclass baseball games. As yet it has not been determined whether there will be a ruling against fast pitching; some classes prefer it while others do not. A meeting of the assistant marshals will be held tomorrow with the baseball captains in the Tau Beta rooms and a vote taken to determine the preference. The winning team will be awarded medals to commemorate their victory.

Another big feature of the week will be the pentathlon, which will be divided into two groups to give non-trackmen a better chance. The events included will be the 100-yard high hurdles, 100-yard dash, half-mile, broad jump, and the shot put. These five items offer the best variety to test man's all-around ability. Gold and silver awards will be given to the winners in each division. Those

Beta Psi Merges with Pi Kappa Phi

With the merging of Pi Kappa Phi and Beta Psi national fraternities on April 20 and the chapter installation and initiation of 26 members of Beta chapter of Beta Psi into Alpha Phi chapter of Pi Kappa Phi last Saturday and Sunday, Pi Kappa Phi, national social fraternity is now represented on the Armour campus. Pi Kappa Phi, founded at Charleston, South Carolina, in 1904, now has a roll of forty chapters.

Merge After Year's Work
The merger at this time is the culmination of over a years work by the officers of both organizations and comes only after careful and comprehensive investigation on the part of each fraternity. The satisfactory completion of the merger is evidence of the strong position of the Armour chapter.

National Officer Present
Albert W. Meisel, national president of Pi Kappa Phi, who, prior to his resignation last November served four years as vice-chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference, was present at the initiation ceremonies Sunday morning and the initiation banquet Sunday noon. Howard D. Leake, executive secretary of Pi Kappa Phi, who has represented that organization in the negotiations, was also present. Ten undergraduate members of Omega chapter at Purdue University performed the ritualistic work.

Clear Practice Range for Armour Archers

The newly formed Archery Club will soon practice on a range of its own which is now under the process of construction a short distance to the north of the auto laboratory. The club is now composed of ten members, six of whom are old hands at the game.

A short business meeting is to be held tomorrow in the assembly hall, and all who are interested are invited. The only restriction on membership is that prospective members must furnish their own equipment.

Professor Hendricks and Professor Fulghum have expressed an interest in the organization, which is headed by Harold Meyer, who is experienced both at target shooting and in hunting with the bow. He has killed a deer and other game.

The first meet will not occur until next semester; thus the team has ample time to get in excellent condition.

men wishing to enter must have their applications in to Jess Kremer or Ray Peterson by Monday, May 13, as the events will be run off on the day following at 1:00 in the afternoon.

On Wednesday and Thursday of the week the interclass track and interfraternity relays will be held. Each team will be made up of four men who will go once around the track. As awards, the winning interclass team will be given sterling silver shoes, while the best fraternity team will be privileged to hold the traveling cup until next year.

New Feature to Add Humor
To climax the week a brand new event has been added to the calendar. It is dubbed the junior-senior medley race and will have five parts: a sprint, a distance run, a three-legged race, a wheelbarrow push and a potato-sack race, all run off in the form of a relay, after which a huge tug-o-war will be held.

And to finish the week there will be the annual class rush, in which the sophomores and freshmen kill off their grudges by removing each others' articles of clothing under the mask of a contest. All the events have been planned to make this one week in the year the best ever, and one that will be remembered long after the others.

ARMOUR PLAYERS TO ACT BRIEUX'S 'THE RED ROBE' ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Armour Group Will be Assisted by Six Guest Actresses, Most of Whom Are From Hull House Players

LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS REMAIN

There will be a meeting of all reporters and members of the editorial staff of the Armour Tech News today, Tuesday, May 7, at 12:20 in the publications office.

There will be a meeting of Tau Beta Pi in the Tau Beta Pi rooms tomorrow at 12:20 p. m. All active members of the chapter are urged to be present.

Realizing their ambition of producing a full length play with a mixed cast, the Armour Players are presenting "The Red Robe" this Friday and Saturday evening at 8:15 p. m. in the Mission auditorium. Six guest actresses are taking the feminine roles. They with all the members of the drama group have been working diligently for the past several weeks to make this annual spring production a success.

Play Highly Commended

The director of the Armour Players, Professor Hendricks, said, "The student body has received the work of our group so favorably this semester that we have been encouraged to attempt larger and better productions. I know that all those who will attend our playbill this week-end will agree that the organization has succeeded in its efforts." The "Red Robe," a four-act play by Eugene Brieux, has been crowned with the highest honors by the French Academy of Art. Its plot deals with problems of the French court and is highly dramatic with intrigue and excitement.

All seats are reserved and tickets may be obtained in the lobby of the main building for thirty-five cents. According to William Emmerich, the business manager, there is only a limited number of seats left and all those intending to see the play are urged to purchase tickets immediately.

Guests and members of the Players who are in the cast are as follows:

Persons of the Play

Mouzon	Sydney Miner
Vagret	John Styrsky
Etchepare	Michael Pantone
Mondoubleau	Herman Ross
LaBouzele	Sidney Kreiman
Bunerat	Albert Schriber
Attorney-General	Orville Hampton
President of the Assizes	Al Kulpak
Delorme	Stanley Bernstein
Ardeuil	Raymond Kliphart
Bridet	Tom Jones
Clerk	Richard Weissman
Placet	Francis Popper
Yanetta	Mary Russo
Etchepare's Mother	Gladys Rorem
Madame Vagret	Helene Iarussi
Madame Bunerat	Beatrice Palucci
Bertha	Marie Lubas
Catalena	Camille Iarussi

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Pi Tau Sigma Elects Five for Membership

Five juniors were initiated last Thursday by the Armour Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity. The men who were chosen for their outstanding work in the department are E. P. Auler, D. E. Howell, A. M. Lane, A. H. Rice, and F. L. Smith.

A banquet, attended by faculty and active members of the fraternity, was held in the Faculty Grill before the initiation, which was held in the Pi Tau Sigma rooms.

Trustees to Discuss New Site for School

With the question of a new site for the school expected to be the principal topic of discussion, the Armour Board of Trustees will hold its regular spring meeting next Monday, May 13.

A brochure detailing the possibilities of the property at Erie street and Lake Shore Drive, which is now partially under option to the Institute, has been prepared by Dr. Hotchkiss and is now in the press. It is hoped that it will be ready in time for the meeting.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, May 7, to Monday, May 13

Tuesday
Track: Armour at Loyola; Afternoon.

Wednesday
Archery Club; Assembly Hall; 12:30 p. m. Baseball: N. Central at Armour; 3:30 p. m.

Thursday
Chicago W. S. E.; Engineering Bldg.; 7:30 p. m.

Friday
Math Club; Science Hall; 10:30 a. m. Society Meetings; 10:30 a. m.

Saturday
Baseball; Armour at Wheaton; 2:30 p. m. Track; Wheaton at Armour; 1:30 p. m.

Monday
OPEN HOUSE NIGHT!