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The Concert

The proposal of the Armour Tech Musical Clubs to hold their annual spring concert away from the Institute has aroused so much argument that the *News* has decided to take what it considers the only fair course in a matter affecting so many of us. A poll to determine the opinion of the school on the matter will be conducted this week.

The plan of the musical clubs is to present their concert at the Goodman theatre, expenses to be paid by an admission charge, probably amounting to fifty cents. However, since the clubs have no funds of their own, it was necessary to obtain financial backing of some sort to assure the payment of all expenses. The junior class, as sponsor of junior week, was asked to assume this responsibility and did so rather readily. The officers of the musical clubs were certain, however, that the concert would be able to make its expenses.

As far as the question of site alone is concerned, the Goodman theatre probably has the edge over the assembly hall, but not such a big edge as might be supposed at first. The assembly hall seats considerably more than the Goodman theatre, and certainly never looks better than on a spring evening under the enlivening influence of lights and people.

However, besides the improvement in the surroundings, other advantages for the downtown concert are claimed by its sponsors. Added prestige for Armour would be one result of such a move they say, and the attendant publicity would be valuable. Perhaps the most important argument is that profits from the venture would be used to establish a working fund for the musical clubs, something which they need and deserve.

Objections to the downtown concert center on the fifty cent admission fee. Many are skeptical of the chance of making a profit, or even of avoiding a loss. More than two hundred men will probably take part in the concert; to admit them free would certainly cut the receipts, but to charge them admission doesn't seem feasible. Requiring them to sell a stated number of tickets in order to qualify for a free one might work and might not, no one can say.

The admission price would undoubtedly reduce the attendance, but to what extent is a question for the astrologers. However, it is pointed out that many have been in the habit, in the past, of taking their young lady friends to the concert, and the addition of an admission price for an occasion to occur two days before the Junior Formal might discourage this practice.

It becomes evident from all this that the essential question to be answered is whether the improvement to be gained by taking the concert downtown is worth the price to be added. The results of the poll will probably determine what final action is to be taken, and it is to be hoped that they will be conclusive.

"The Slipstick"

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

I'd heard so many rotten jokes
That I had heard before.
I'd stood them as long as possible,
But finally I got sore.
Somewhere there was (there had to be)
A rhyme, a phrase, a word.
A clever bit of humor of which
Nobody had heard.
So, solemnly I took an oath,
By my grandfather's beard, I swore,
I would search until I found the joke
That no one's heard before.
I read through every volume,
Till folks thought me insane,
I scoured comic magazines,
But my search was still in vain.
But suddenly when I glanced through
A medieval tome,
I found just what I'd hunted for,
A humorous new poem.
I set it down so those of you
In this locality,
May view a clever masterpiece

Of real originality:

"That ladie whom I seen ye withe,
Did cause my hearte much stryfe!"
"That was no ladie, sire," he sayeth
"Fair damsel was my wyfe."

S. Budd Sills.

Don't forget, boys, that kissing a girl good-night is a custom of long standing.

There was pawky humor—or was it ready wit?—in the remark of a boy who, coming home one Sunday afternoon with a string of trout, was suddenly confronted by the minister. There was no way to escape; but the boy rose to the occasion. "Minister," he exclaimed, "d'ye see what thae troots got for nabbin' worms on a Sunday?"
The minister went on his way rejoicing.

Modern Philosophy

Most of us have never been sculptured, but all of us have been chiseled.
Not all the squirrels on the campus climb trees or live on nuts.
Ants can lift weights which are tremendous as compared with their own, but wasps also can raise quite good sized lumps.

Little Boy: "Mother, do they have skyscrapers in heaven?"
His Mother: "No, dear; it takes engineers to build skyscrapers."

DICTIONNAIRE MODERNE

token: p. tense of take; take, tooked, token.
camera: Italian prize-fighter.
gait: hole in a fence.
raw: three make a college yell.
knots: demented;
Ex. He's knots over her.
hole: place where bad boys go.
band: to bow.
Ex. You gotta band down, sister.
valer: exclamatory remark.
Ex. Valve, I'll tal you.
tank: to think.
wan: first number; wan, tew, tree.
wary: word meaning in a great degree; wary drunk.
tapioca: a wigly dance.
vast: the part of the suit we spill the gravy on.
rein: real wet water that leaks down from the sky.
furnish: a big stove in the basement.
lava: a sweetheart.
Ex. Lava come back to me.

Sweet young thing: "Excelsior 0909? You've the wrong number but maybe you've got the right person!"

Oh horse you are a wondrous thing,
No horns to honk no bells to ring,
No license buying every year,
With plates to stick on front and rear.
No clutch to slip, no valves to stick,
You start yourself without a click.
Your spark plugs never miss or fuss,
Your engine never makes us cuss.
Your frame is good for many a mile,
Your body never changes style.
Your wants are few and easily met,
You've something on the auto yet.

After terrific struggles, the freshman finally finished his examination paper, and then, at the end wrote:
"Dear Professor: If you sell any of my answers to the funny papers, I expect you to split fifty-fifty."

Jean: "Well, you just try to kiss me and I'll fight for all I am worth."
Bob: "If that's the case, I think I had better stop then."
Jean: "Oh don't be that way, I've lost all my money and I am practically penniless."

H. O.

Fraternity Notes

DELTA TAU DELTA

Delta Tau Delta takes pleasure in announcing the formal initiation of Malcome C. Forsyth, '36. Our baseball team is practicing hard in order to prepare for the coming inter-fraternity schedule. Brother J. Bridge, vice president of our division was a visitor at the house last Tuesday evening. Our ping pong team is preparing for the final game of the inter-fraternity tournament which is to be played Wednesday night against Beta Psi. Brothers Prebensen, Gallagher, and Gragg returned from Appleton yesterday. They represented our chapter at the formal installation of the new chapter of Delta Tau Delta at Lawrence College.

BETA PSI

At this time, we wish to congratulate E. R. Johnson and M. B. Stevens, who were pledged to Salamander, honorary Fire Protection Engineering Fraternity last Wednesday.

Last Tuesday the Mothers Club held their monthly meeting at the house. Many new faces were seen as the Mothers of our recent members also came to the meeting. Refreshments were served and enjoyed and everyone had a good time.

This last week-end a number of the fellows drove down to Champaign, Ill., to witness the formal initiation of pledges into Alpha Chapter.

The finals in the ping-pong tournament will be played Wednesday.

TRIANGLE

Tonight, we will hold our annual Founder's Day Banquet in conjunction with the Chicago Alumni Association of Triangle. It will be held at the Engineers Club.

We will install the newly elected officers of the active chapter at this time.

Brother Scott has been elected president. Brother Kendall will now become vice-president and Brother Penn will retain his office of treasurer. Congratulations boys and many thanks to the men who are retiring.

RODMAN'S REVERIE

Taken from: Field Engineers Bulletin No. 8, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, December, 1934.

By R. S. Clark

When Life's last traverse is finished
And the notes are computed and checked,
When angles and levels and chainage
Are purged of the last defect,
We shall turn in the tools and the notebooks
And stamp off the ice and the snow
And take us a good long noon hour
Of a thousand years or so.

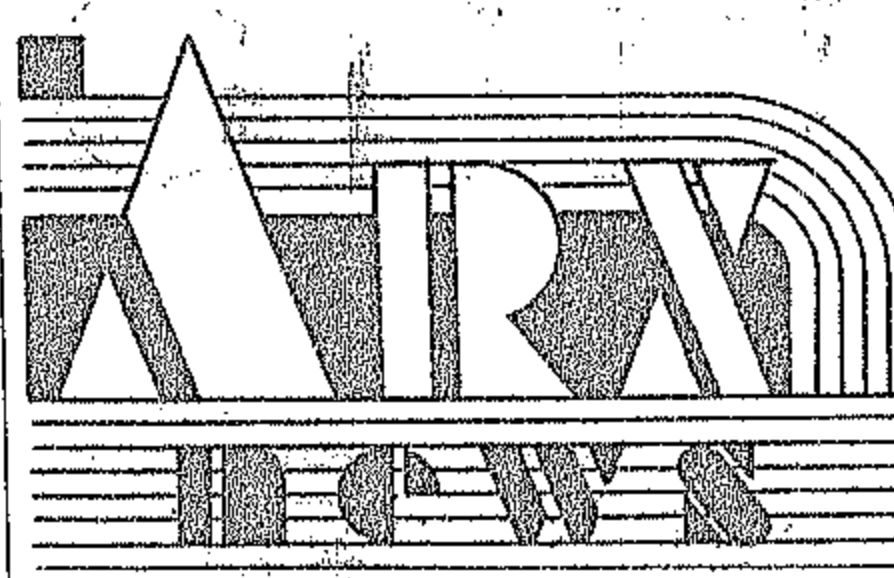
Then, when we are all quite rested,
The Chief will announce a plan
For a Galaxydetic survey job
With a trillion miles to span
Out past the far horizons,
Out past the Pleiades,
To tie in the solar system
With the neighboring galaxies.

All distances chained precisely
With an invar light-year chain,
All levels referred to datum
Of the true ecliptic plane
In twenty decimal places,
Or possibly twenty-one,
With never a doubtful reading,
And never a line re-run.

All angles to accurate fractions
Of a pip on the Zodiac;
Doubled and thrice redoubled;
Repeated forward and back.
Horizons exactly closing,
All pink and purple and gold,
Where instruments read to millionths
And fingers are never cold.

Then rodman will not be footman,
Pacing a weary route,
But will ride two weeks in a rocket ship
To set the front target out.
The chain gang will not inch along
With bucks and tension bars,
But will shoot by stadia just like that,
From here to the horns of Mars!

And, 'ere we have measured and plotted
The infinite boundaries of Space,
The rumbling March of the Alphabet
Shall have passed the decimal place
And each in his separate station
Shall labor as best he can
For the profit of all creation
And the good of the General Plan.



CONGRATULATIONS, Stewart S. GRANGER and Melvin M. GROSSMAN and our heartiest wishes for your success in the Ryerson Scholarship Competition! Mel and Stewie, you were chosen to represent ARMOUR for the twelve hundred dollar prize because you are the TOPS. It's a big responsibility and a lot of work; but we know you have it in you from your past records to rank with the best of them, so let's see you give it EVERYTHING.

Our apologies to Milt BEJECK for having omitted his name from the list of juniors who rated mentions on the "Kindergarten" projects. We would like to see him and the rest of his class come through with mentions at least on their current project, "A Park Bridge," which is a test of engineering skill as well as design.

Do you happen to know what a tea caddy is? Well, frankly not many of the junior modellers did until Ted HOFFMEISTER came along and gave them just that thing to model in clay. We'd rather not insult your intelligence by telling you what it is.

When a feller needs a friend is when he's hungry. And that's when you can depend on Irv ADDIS to share his lunch with you. Boy, what a spot-hitter a corned-beef sandwich and a good juicy pickle can be!

An open letter to today's jury on the senior "Research Hospitals":

Dear Jury: Please be good, kind, generous, and humane in your judgment of these projects, for you have no idea, or perhaps you have, what

Millionaires Created at A. I. E. E. Smoker

A "Monte Carlo" interlude was the evening's feature at the smoker of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers held last Thursday evening at the Phi Pi Phi fraternity house. "Gambling" of all sorts—dice, roulette, black-jack, and wagers on the path of a billiard ball—caused those present to either lose or run up fantastic sums. "Jake" Bard, by increasing his holdings from an initial fifty dollars to a final seven thousand, easily led the field.

a little thing like a mention would do to appease the mental agony of those who would like to graduate.
Signed: A friend of the senior class.

Hal SLAVITT mentioned to us the other day that he had gone through a few weeks of torturous "mental duress." Just why or how such a condition should have existed we are not qualified to say; but, nevertheless, we are glad to see him back to NORMAL again.

One of our engineer friends tried to crash the life class last week to get a peek at the model; and it was quite a treat, indeed, to see Prof. KREHBIEL usher him to the door, GENTLY but ever so firmly. At least that's one place in the school where the junior and senior ARX reign supreme and ENJOY a complete monopoly.

Two mysterious questions presented themselves almost simultaneously the other evening: Where was Mic WANDMAYER coming from when he boarded a north-bound "L" long past his bed-time? (If we told you the station, it wouldn't look so good for Wandy). Question 2: Was the red stain on Wally SOBEL'S overcoat really lip rouge? Now don't get us wrong, because so far as we know Wandy doesn't use the stuff.... YET. EAGLE EYE.

...says Tokyo

Translating the symbols, the Tokyo telephone operator says, "The connection is made—go ahead, please." Meaning that now you can talk to Japan from any telephone in the Bell System.

Interestingly, Japanese was the first foreign language ever transmitted by telephone—when in the winter of 1876-77 three Japanese students at Harvard visited Alexander Graham Bell in Boston. These men have lived to see the day when they can talk with Boston from their homeland!

Seeking to put the whole world on such easy speaking terms, Bell System service now enables you to reach more than 93% of the world's 33,000,000 telephones.

Why not drop in at home tonight—by telephone? For a lot of pleasure at bargain rates call by number after 8:30 P. M.

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