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IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, the newspapers have had that sort of a sensational spree which only occurs every so often. The common subjects of Hitlerism and gangland news were forced to take back seats before the overwhelming torrent of subject matter which the editors of the daily papers call "real news." The bills under consideration in the Illinois legislature, especially the one concerning the increase in sales tax and the one which brings under that levy private and municipal utilities furnishing gas, water, electricity, telephone and telegraph service, are ones which should be of interest to everyone within the state. The 2 per cent sales tax which was levied last year, and which has proven to be a major source of revenue for the state, according to our officials is no longer sufficient and the tax must be increased in order to meet the 36 millions demanded by the federal relief bureaucracy as Illinois' share of relief expenditures.

TO CAST a shadow on the brilliancy of the legislation going on, came the recent scandal at the University of Iowa. This exposure was perhaps one of the most drastic which has taken place in college circles for many years. Many men have been expelled from schools for similar offenses, but never before has a school meted out such quick and decisive punishment to a group. The punishment at first glance appears to be extremely harsh but when given careful consideration the penalty seems no more than just. Granted that some of the men were not guilty, all of the members must have been aware of what was going on and for these members to permit the continuing of the offense makes them guilty on an equally serious charge. The responsibilities vested in a fraternity are such that the members must absolutely abolish acts such as this one or else that fraternity cannot or will not be allowed to survive.

PERHAPS THE GREATEST news, if you will call it that, also concerned colleges. It is the recent criticism of the University of Chicago for "communistic" influence. The accusations brought against the institution may be absolutely true or they may be altogether the result of a brilliant imagination. It is true that centers of education are also centers of communism for it is in these places that the radicals find the "open sores" in which to sow their germs," but after all the student cannot be made to believe those things which he knows are false. Regardless of what an instructor may teach, the student who takes the time to consider and debate the matter decides for himself, it is only the rattlebrained group which takes the teaching as fact without careful self consideration.

TRULY, this has been a wonderful week for news and headlines, but the effect behind the story is certainly of more importance.

WHAT EFFECT will these subterfuge of the news reporters have upon the life of the country and what will be the final result?

Seven Men Pledged By Literary Society

Seven men who have been outstanding in their work on the publications at Armour were pledged last night to Sphinx, honorary literary society. They are N. Balai, C. L. DuSall, G. Freund, R. H. Knabe, J. O. Larson, R. O. Patterson, and G. A. Zwissler.

The customary examination was given last Friday morning at 7 o'clock.

EVENTS OF JUNIOR WEEK ARE REVISED BY NEW MARSHALS

Tug of War and Medley Relay Replace Push Ball Contest

CLASS RUSH IS CLIMAX

At a meeting of the junior marshals last week, a tentative program for junior week was evolved which differs slightly from those which have been presented in the past. As is the custom, activities will begin with Open House and will end with the Junior Formal Dance, the site of which has not yet been ascertained. The events will include a Frosh-Soph baseball game, a pentathlon, the finals of the inter-class baseball tourney, a Senior-Faculty baseball game, inter-class and inter-frat relays, a baseball game between Elmhurst and Armour, and the inter-fraternity sing and Spring Concert.

Since there was a casualty in the Junior-Senior push ball contest last year, this event will be replaced by two new ones, a tug of war and a medley relay. Other new ideas are being considered, and there is a complete revision of events for the circus program.

The week's frivolities will wind up with the inter-fraternity pageant, distribution of awards, and the long anticipated Freshman - Sophomore Class rush.

F.P.E.S. Will Hold Its Smoker Next Week

The Fire Protection Engineering Society will hold its annual smoker at the Beta Psi fraternity house at 3337 South Michigan Avenue on Tuesday, April 23. There will be refreshments and the usual smoker activities. Mr. J. V. Parker, manager of the Western Actuarial Bureau, W. R. Townley, and Professors Finnegan and Robinson will be present.

At the smoker, Salamander, honorary Fire Protection Engineering fraternity, will present Donald N. Brissman with a fire protection handbook for having the highest scholastic average of the freshmen fire protectors last year. His average was 94.7, calculated on the basis of 97.5 for A and 90 for B.

The senior fire protectors visited the Ford assembly plant at 126th street and Torrence avenue on Friday, April 5. At this plant the steel bodies are welded, sprayed, and baked. The engines and frames are shipped from Detroit, and assembled with the bodies at the plant.

The main building covers ten acres of ground. The buildings are kept very clean, and are of incombustible construction. In the paint storage room there is an automatic carbon dioxide sprinkler system operated by heat-actuated devices on the ceiling.

Aero Club to Discuss Planes and Gliders

Selecting J. Healy to act as temporary chairman, the newly formed Aero Club conducted its second meeting in D Mission on Friday, March 12. After much discussion, a committee consisting of A. Schrieber and S. Gryglas was appointed to assist the chairman in drawing up a constitution to be presented to the members at their next meeting on Wednesday, March 17 at 12:30 in C Mission. Professor Wells has consented to act as sponsor for the group.

Because of the fact that much of this school term has passed, the organization will probably not undertake the construction of air craft until a later date, and the club will confine its meetings to lectures and discussions of the design, construction and operation of planes and gliders.

The election of permanent officers will probably take place at the next meeting at which Prof. W. T. Hendricks is expected to speak.

Form Mid-West S.P.E.E. Section

Two meetings of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, which is considering the formation of new sections, were attended by Armour representatives during the last week.

Dean Williams of Iowa State University, president of the S. P. E. E., spoke at the meeting held April 9 at Purdue, where representatives from Armour, Lewis Institute, Notre Dame, Purdue, Rose Polytechnic Institute, and the University of Illinois voted to form the new Illinois-Indiana section. The balloting for officers resulted in Professor Finnegan's being named the first president of the section while Professor Peebles was elected a representative of the new group.

A paper was presented on "Economics for the Engineering Student" by Professor Dutton of Armour at the morning meeting, while discussion subjects led by faculty members included soil mechanics by Professor Ens, English by Professor Hendricks, and model testing by Professor Stevens.

It was announced that the next meeting, which will be held in April 1936, will take place at Armour.

The session held April 12 and 13 at the University of Wisconsin was attended by Dean Heald and Professors Finnegan, Penn, and Perry. Representatives from Armour, Iowa State, Marquette and the Universities of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin considered the possibility of forming a section of the society to include schools in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

On Friday afternoon there were talks on "The Training of Engineers for Public Service," and "Training for Administrative Positions in Engineering." Round table discussions on Saturday morning considered methods of teaching, and the presentation of laboratory instruction.

Oldenburger to Talk on Tri-Linear Forms

Dr. R. Oldenburger will speak before a meeting of the American Mathematics Society at the University of Chicago next Friday, April 19. He will speak on "Characteristic Numbers of Tri-linear Forms." The frequencies of the light bands of the hydrogen spectrum offer an example of tri-linear forms; however, Dr. Oldenburger is interested in only the mathematics—not its applications.

Spring Concert Site To Be Assembly Hall

As in other years, the annual Spring Concert of the Armour Tech Musical Clubs will be held at Armour, in the assembly hall. The date has been tentatively set for Wednesday, May 15. Before that time, the clubs will have completed a full schedule of concerts away from home, but they hope to give the best one in their career for the Junior Week affair.

A poll conducted by the *Armour Tech News* last week indicated that the decision of the Musical Clubs to hold their concert in the assembly hall will be a popular one with the students. Although less than 50 per cent of them voted, the result was conclusive.

For the assembly hall 202
For a downtown theatre with a fifty-cent charge 89
For a downtown theatre with a smaller price 6

The six votes for a downtown theatre with a price less than fifty cents were a result of the provision, on the ballot, of a space for an alternative of the voter's own choosing. They were the only constructive suggestions made.

At a meeting held by the inter-fraternity council the evening before the poll, the concert site also received some consideration. The decision reached was that the concert ought to be held wherever the student body decided in the poll.

A.S.M.E. President to Give Talk Here

To Stress Importance of Engineer

Dr. Ralph E. Flanders, president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, will address the student body at a general assembly tomorrow at 10:30, conducted under the auspices of the A.S.M.E. He will speak on the subject, "The Engineer and our Social Well-Being," and will discuss the importance of the engineer in our present social structure.

"Dr. Flanders is an expert on basic industrial and economical problems," said J. M. De Boo, president of the Armour branch of the A. S. M. E., "and is widely known as an engineer and economist." He has served on the Industrial Advisory Board of the N. R. A., and also as a member of the Bureau Advisory and Planning Council. At the present time he is president of the Jones and Lamson Machine Company and the Bryant Chucking Grinder Company. On April 17 he will speak at an evening meeting of the Chicago Section of the A.S.M.E. at the Hamilton Club.

Radio Club Preparing Open House Exhibits

After making its headquarters immaculately clean, the Armour Tech Radio Club has concentrated its energies on the completion of its very powerful short-wave transmitter. Construction work has been going on steadily since the beginning of this semester, and present indications are that the club will be able to participate in the open house activities.

Mr. Ray Colin has donated envelopes and letterheads for the club's use and has also designed posters which are to be hung in the lobby, in the book-store, and in the electrical laboratory. Professor Moreton has given various electrical meters to the club and heartily welcomes any new members. Application blanks may be obtained from him at the Electrical Engineering office.

Form Committee to Revise Rushing Rules

A number of important decisions were made at the Wednesday meeting of the Inter-fraternity Council. At that time a committee consisting of R. Lyford of Triangle, S. Bernstein of Sigma Alpha Mu, and F. Gallagher of Delta Tau Delta was appointed for the purpose of revising the rules for fraternity "rushing."

Also, during the course of the meeting, schedules were drawn up for inter-fraternity baseball, tennis, and golf. In addition, a plan of procedure was formulated for the next fraternity sing, and it was decided that the fraternity stunts would be held before the freshman-sophomore rush during the next Junior Week.

Hansen to Lecture Before Senior Class

"The Engineer in Economic Investigation" is the topic of a talk to be given before the Senior Class in Public Policy Tuesday, April 16. Mr. Arthur S. Hansen, an Armour graduate, a consultant in economics and actuarial investigations and now an instructor in the social science department at the institute, will be the speaker.

H. O. Snediker Moved to Actuarial Bureau

H. O. Snediker, '27, F.P.E., has been assigned to the Western Actuarial Bureau office. He was formerly employed by the General Inspection Bureau of Minneapolis, which covers the three states, Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

There will be a meeting for the editorial and business staffs of the *Armour Engineer* on Tuesday, April 23, at 12:30, in the News office. It is necessary that all members of the staff be present.

Because of the Easter holidays, there will be no issue of the *Armour Tech News* next Tuesday.

Inter-Honorary Dance Will Be Held April 27

A special effort is being made this year to have as many alumni members of the honorary fraternities as possible attend the inter-honorary dance on Saturday evening, April 27.

The dance will be held at the Allerton Hotel, 700 North Michigan Avenue. At the present time the orchestra which will play at the dance has not been selected.

Math Meeting Talk to Be on Statistics

Professor Davis will give a talk on the subject, "Mathematics of Statistics" at the next meeting of the Math Club, Friday, April 26 at 10:30, in Science Hall.

The subject of statistics is an important one in business and engineering work, and is rapidly coming to the fore in both fields. Professor Davis, in addition to being thoroughly acquainted with statistics and their manipulation, is conducting a class on this subject for seniors at the present time, and is therefore well qualified to present the talk.

Plans for the remainder of the semester for the math club include two more talks, the subjects of which will be announced later.

Fencers Choose New Pilots for Next Year

Last Friday, the officers of the Fencing Club and team were elected for the following year. K. Trzyna, G. Quadee, J. Beatty, and J. Damiani were elevated to the positions of president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively. E. J. Krok, ex-president, will be the only man lost from the ranks by graduation. K. Trzyna and G. Quadee, high point men, will function as co-captains, while W. K. Emmerich remains as manager.

The meet with Wright Junior College, which was scheduled for Friday, was postponed until Wednesday, April 17. The match will be held at the Wright gym at 3:30.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 16 to Monday, April 22

Wednesday
General Assembly; 10:30 A. M.
Chemicals' Inspection Trip; 2 P. M.
Fencing Meet; Wright Jr. College; 3:30 P. M.
Baseball Game; Northwestern University; 3:30 P. M.
American Mathematical Society meeting; University of Chicago.

Thursday
Men's Mathematics Club; Central Y. M. C. A.; 6:15 P. M.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Easter Holidays.
Tuesday, April 23 to Monday, April 30

Tuesday
F.P.E.S. Smoker; Beta Psi House; 7 P. M.
Baseball Game; at U. of C.; 3 P. M.

Thursday
Tennis; at N. Cent.; 3 P. M.

Friday
Math Club; Sci. Hall; 10:30 A. M.
Golf; South Side College; Southmoor; 3 P. M.
Arx Dance; Congress Hotel.

Saturday
Baseball; at N. Cent. Track; at De Kalb.
Interhonorary Dance; Allerton Hotel; 9 P. M.

ARX DANCE TO BE HELD APRIL 23 IN CONGRESS HOTEL

Committee Cuts Price of Artistic Bids to Minimum

TABLES AVAILABLE

Because of the success of their Bal Autome, the Armour Architectural Society is holding an informal supper dance for all students at the Congress Hotel on Friday, April 26. The place selected is the famous Joseph Urban room, while the music is to be supplied by George Devron and his broadcasting orchestra.

Six or Eight Parties at Each Table
The committee of R. G. Edmunds, massier, C. H. Schreiber, sou-massier aided by M. J. Bejeck, R. P. Lischer, and A. H. Schreiber have settled upon a simple and artistic bid since the price is being set at a minimum for the unusual setting of the dance. The bids at \$2.50 may be had of any one on the committee, or at any junior architect.

Parties of six or eight at one table may be arranged with the dance committee. All arrangements and tickets must be procured by Thursday, April 25, in order that reservations may be secured.

The attendance of 350 people at the autumn dance given by the architects makes them feel sure that they can provide a similar group for the Joseph Urban room, the most unusual and distinctive ballroom in the city. Everyone who visited the Century of Progress Exposition will remember the famous Avenue of Flags, one of the last masterpieces of this artist of design and unusual color effects. The room bearing his name in the Congress Hotel is widely known for the subdued and constantly changing lights which form the decorative design of the walls. An automatic device using glow tubes provides this color organ effect.

Joseph Urban Influential Designer
Upon the recent death of Joseph Urban, one of the architectural journals devoted an entire number to his work and showed that the last few years have definitely placed this artist as one of the foremost designers. Before his work at the Chicago Fair, he executed many stage settings for the Ziegfeld Follies, although this did not deter him from also working with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, and the Boston Opera Company.

Some of the prize-winning works of this artist include the New School for Social Research, projects for the Soviet Palace International Competition, the Metropolitan Opera House and its decorations, and many fashionable interiors for restaurants, shops and apartments.

It was the reputation of Joseph Urban as a designer that led to the selection of this room as the scene of this, the most ambitious project of the architects, and they feel sure that the opinion of the engineers will bear them out in the value of this unusual dance being given at cost.

Prof. Krathwohl to Talk on Lens Design

On Thursday, April 18, at 6:15 p. m., Professor W. C. Krathwohl will present a talk before the members of the Men's Mathematics Club on the subject: "Mathematics Used in the Designing of Lenses in Optical Systems." Two of the topics to be discussed are "The Three Commandments," which every lens computer obeys, and formulas which any high school student of trigonometry can use in tracing the path traversed by a ray of light through a lens.

Armour students are invited to come to both the meeting and the dinner which precedes it. The latter costs one dollar, and reservations should be made with Professor Bibb on or before Wednesday morning, April 17. The meeting will be held at the Central Y. M. C. A. auditorium, 19 S. LaSalle Street.