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Something to Consider

In a few more weeks, the classes will be engaged in forming their organizations for the coming year, and as the usual cries of "politics" are raised by a few dissenters, the departmental groups will be cementing their alliances and making their preparations to push into office as many from their own department as their numerical strength will allow. Protests against such proceedings have been raised for so long with no material results, that it might begin to appear that nothing is ever going to be done about them. Nevertheless, realizing what a really good class organization can do toward making the school year a pleasant and enjoyable one, it seems too bad that the officers are to be chosen amongst such dissension and with so little opportunity for the entire class to make a considered choice.

Last year, the class of '36 went to its nomination meeting knowing that a clique composed of two departments was prepared to put into office a slate chosen entirely from their own groups. But so powerful was the feeling against such a proceeding, even among the two groups themselves, that no final nominations were ever made at that meeting, the final slate being prepared later by a nominating committee.

What we need to realize is that, in the nature of things at Armour, departmental loyalty is stronger than class loyalty. It cannot be otherwise, with small departmental groups working together in what is almost isolation from the rest of the class at all times after the freshman year. To attempt to elect representative officers for the entire class from such a set up of closely knit groups is a mockery. When we really want to achieve something, we recognize this readily enough. Class committees are nearly always made representative of all the departments, and last spring, the junior class allowed each department to select an assistant junior marshal from its own roster.

After all, everyone realizes that, for the most part, the present class offices are merely honorary positions. The only ones who have anything to do are the president and the social chairman, and their work is nearly always done with the aid of a committee. Why not start with the committee? Every object that is aimed at in a class organization could be attained with an executive board composed of representatives selected by the various departments, and such a form of class government would completely eliminate the dissension and discontent that always seems to attend class elections.

"The Slipstick"

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

Greetings readers! Welcome home! etc. etc. Don't tell us, we know. With a mind clogged with fees, programs and coming quizzes you seek relief in the Slipstick, the only remedy for a sluggish system (mental).

Local Drama

One Armour freshe was a person who suffered from a vivid imagination and died a dozen deaths a day, all because of his over-nervousness about his health. One day he sought Doc McNamara's office and staggered toward a chair, into which he sank without straightening up.

"This is the end," he moaned as the doc entered the room. "Without warning it came on. One moment I was sitting up straight, the next I found I could not lift my head." Hurriedly doc made an examination and said: "You will be all right the moment you unhook the third buttonhole of your vest from the top button of your trousers."

N. Y. A. overseer: "See here buddy, that other fellow is carrying two sticks of timber when you're carrying only one. What have you got to say?"

Buddy: "That fellow's too lazy to go twice."

"Here's a fellow who just patented a contrivance for preventing girls from falling out of rumble seats. What do you think of the idea?"

"I don't like it at all. It's just another move to displace men with machinery."

THE TRUCK GARDNER'S LOVE SONG

You're the apple of my eye, my love.

A No. 1 you rate.

What a handsome pear we two would make.

When can I have a date?

You're beautiful, my sweet pea.

I think you are a peach.

One kiss from your cherry lips,

And gosh, I need a leech.

You're as graceful as the woodland nymphs,

You're as sprightly as the fairies.

You've radish cheeks that can't be beet.

I think you are the berries.

My celery is large enough

To support us both, my sweet.

'Cause two can live as cheap as one,

Provided one don't eat.

For you, my sugar-plum, I'd get

A fourteen carrot ring,

And on that fruitful day, my love,

My heart to you I'd bring.

Sometimes I call you grapefruit,

But you know the reason why.

'Cause every time I squeeze you,

You hit me in the eye.

My love for you will never die.

My love is never fickle.

I hope that for your love is the same,

Or else I'm in a pickle.

I love you, little sweet pea,

But I'm afraid we cantaloupe.

'Cause your mother is a lemon,

And your old man is a dope.

Edward J. Pleva.

Wetzel: "I think that new girl in our office has a soft spot in her heart for me. She says she's always thinking of me."

Pretzel: "Why man, a girl doesn't think with her heart. The soft spot must be in her head."

The American tourist dropped into the barber's chair and after the usual questions, conversation began.
Barber: "What do you think of the Italo-Ethiopian situation?"

Tourist: "Ho! Hum! Guess it will come all right."

Barber: "What do you think of Mussolini?"

Tourist: "Precisely what you think."

Barber: "What do you mean?"

Tourist: "Well, you've got the razor, haven't you?"

What's the Difference?

Teacher: "What is half of eight, John?"

John: "Which way, Teacher?"

Teacher: "What do you mean, which way?"

John: "On top or sideways?"

Teacher: "What difference does it make?"

John: "Well, half of the top of eight is zero. But half of eight sideways is three."

"Bredren," said the colored preacher, "you have come to pray for rain. Bredren, de foundation of religion ain't faith. Whar is yo' faith? You comes to pray foh rain and not one of yo' brings his umbrella."

She: "Now that we are engaged we must begin to economize. So you must promise me that you will not do anything you can't afford."

He: "If I make that promise then I will have to break off our engagement."

Fortune teller: "I see great trouble ahead of you. For 3 years you will suffer and then ———."

Freshie: "And then?"

Fortune teller: "And then you will be so used to it that you won't notice it."

Keezer: "What's that man on the corner doing with that camera? He's been standing there all day."

Geezer: "He's an inspector from Washington watching a chance to take a moving picture of those relief workers at work."

J. G.

Fraternity Notes

THETA XI

All of the members of Alpha Gamma chapter of Theta Xi have returned to school this fall with one exception. We regret very much that brother Glos E.E. '36 is unable to continue his course this semester. The brothers after a combination of working and vacationing are thinking of high scholastic attainments and winning the new interfraternity scholastic award for their efforts.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma is prepared to welcome the incoming Freshmen. An attractive rushing program has been arranged to acquaint the Freshmen with the house and its members.

Brother Koehler and Pledge Brother Donnelly have transferred to the University of Illinois and are well established in the Chapter house there. The three graduating seniors of last year are all working at their respective bureaus. Brother Beiger at the Chicago Board, Brother Wheaton in Cleveland, and Brother Marow in Rockford. We regret to announce that Brothers Stehman, Skeppstrom, and Thornton will not return to Armour in the fall. Brothers Skeppstrom and Stehman are working in the city, and Brother Thornton is working in Milwaukee. Brother Stehman is going to night school, however, and hopes to return in February.

Brother Tops of the Rho Chapter spent the night at the house last Wednesday while travelling through the city.

RHO DELTA RHO

For many years the Rho Deltas have been a close second in scholarship ranking among the social frats. Now we are pleased to learn we have stepped out in front; thus winning the interfraternity scholastic award.

With but one exception all the active members are returning back to school. Abe Mandelowitz, M. E. is at present working. We hope he will soon be back with us. After their long summer lay off, the brothers are eager to get back to school and continue the good work.

AVERAGES—

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Eta Kappa Nu	2.47
Chi Epsilon	2.41
Salamander	2.40
Pi Tau Sigma	2.29
Pi Nu Epsilon	1.80
Honor Society—	
Sphinx	2.23
Professional Fraternities—	
Scarab	1.73
Alpha Chi Sigma	2.28
Social Fraternities—	
Rho Delta Rho	2.03
Pi Kappa Phi	2.01
Theta Xi	1.89
Sigma Alpha Mu	1.76
Delta Tau Delta	1.70
Kappa Delta Epsilon	1.63
Triangle	1.58
Phi Kappa Sigma	1.49
Phi Pi	1.41

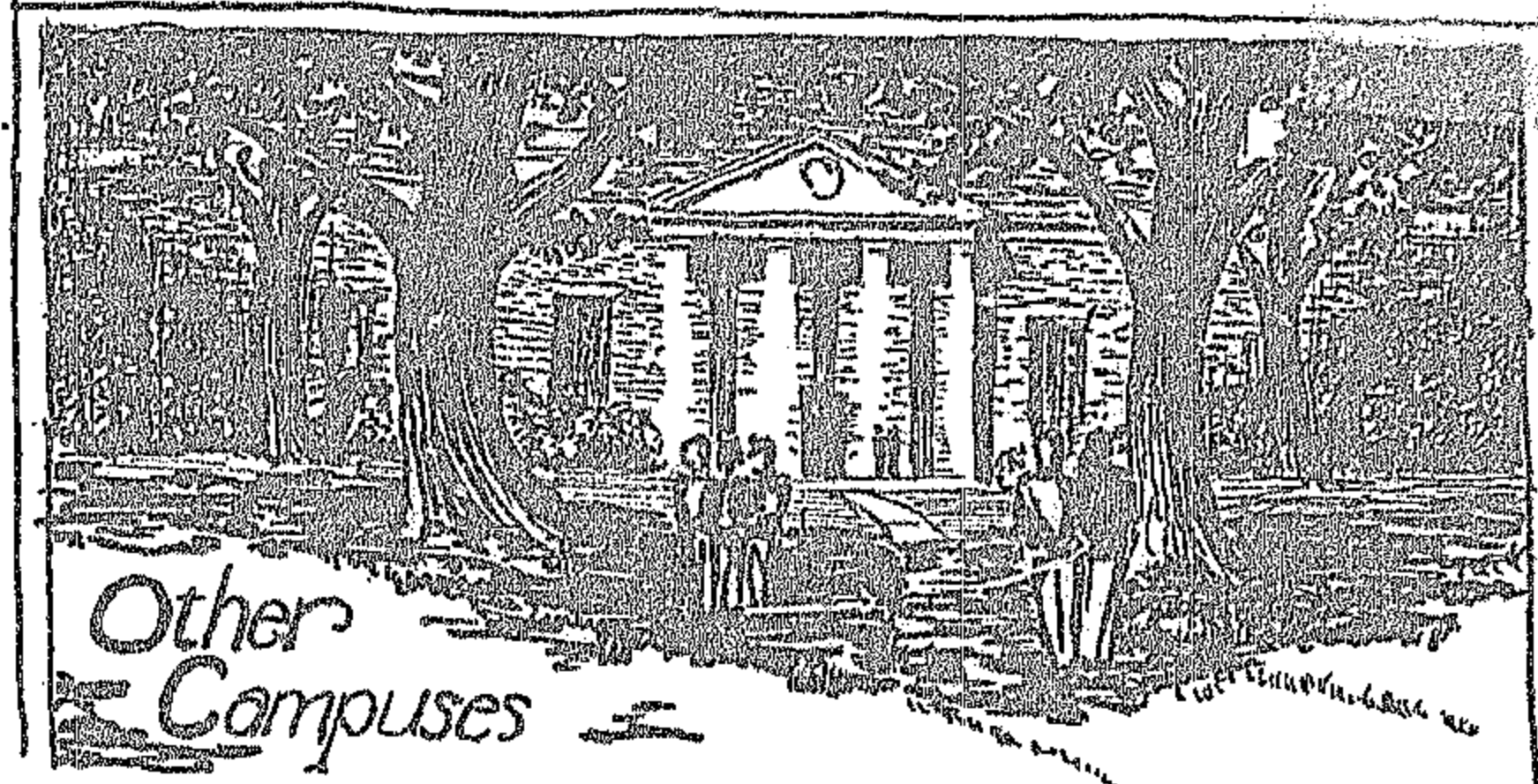
The average of all students belonging to Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, Theta Xi, Phi Pi Phi, Triangle, and Phi Kappa Sigma (fraternities that own or rent their chapter houses) is 1.69; while the scholastic average for the school as a whole is 1.65.

In computing scholastic averages, an A is 3 grade points, B-2, C-1, D-0, and E-0. The number of grade points is multiplied by the credit hours of the course. The sum of the products is then divided by the total credit hours.

A credit for work at other institutions was considered equivalent to 1 grade point if the students scholastic standing for work at other institutions was below 2 grade points, to 1.5 if equal to a more than 2, and to 2 if equal to or greater than 2.5.

Junior Is Appointed New Handbook Agent

Succeeding Algird Rulis, Warren F. Schreiber Jr., has been appointed as the Armour representative of the Chemical Rubber Company. Schreiber, a junior chemical engineer, sells the "Handbook of Physics and Chemistry," two editions of the mathematical tables published in the handbook, and other accessories.



Thomas H. Watts

Ninety-eight percent of the Vassar College students are opposed to military training.

This drew a yelp of delight at a luncheon at the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis) recently when a professor described the difference between a university and an insane asylum.

"You have to show improvement to get out of the asylum," said the afore-mentioned prof.

Only 25 percent of the men who have applied to the student date bureau at the University of Toronto Canada have a preference for blondes.

A five-day school week with no Saturday classes is being petitioned by University of Georgia undergraduates.

The Newcomb college debating club [in New Orleans] debated the question: "Resolved that Santa Claus should wear a green suit instead of red." They failed to propose a new costume for Cupid for the winter season. ("Esquire" fashion notes please copy.)

At St. Thomas College, Minnesota, the students insure themselves against being called on in class for the small fee of 25 cents.

A survey (what, again?) at Harvard revealed that the average student carries 22 cents.

A champion liar of the University of California is a theology student.

A butler at the Lambda Chi Alpha house at the University of Alabama has named three of his off-

Testing Lab is Kept Busy During Summer

More activity than has been seen in the past five years was experienced in Armour's materials testing laboratory during the past summer, according to Professor Huntly, head of the mechanical engineering department.

Most of the work done was in the usual line of testing the strength of bolts, ropes, belting, and other products. One investigation was made to check the fitness for service of a wrought iron boiler in use for 43 years, while another report concerned itself with the strength of band saw blades and the forces operating in the cutting of various woods.

The latest problem which the departmental testing service is investigating is the wearing of clutch facings. A machine designed for this test is planned to wear out the facing at high speed in a few minutes as compared to the months an automobile service test would take.

Howard Milleville to Fill Publicity Position

Endeavoring to continue and expand the publicity work of last year, Howard P. Milleville, '36, has been appointed as student publicity director to succeed Leroy J. Beckman. Milleville will be assisted in his work by Alexander P. Schreiber of the junior class.

The work of last year, which will be continued, consisted mainly of writing up important events at Armour—scholarships, dances, and athletic events—and having them printed in the daily newspapers and local publications in the city and suburbs. Such articles help to keep the name Armour before the public.

Milleville requests that heads of honorary fraternities, professional organizations, clubs and athletic teams cooperate with him fully. This will facilitate the release of news items.

spring Lambda Chi, and Alpha. But what if he had worked for the Tri-Delt house? I dunno, you guess.

Petting at the University of Texas has reached a new high. The students now spend their evenings in the university park, which is well guarded by special police—who do not disturb the petters. (Yes, but did you ever see a gal that wasn't nutty about a uniform?)

The professors at the University of Michigan got busy and formulated 15 plans to keep the students. Wonder if they thought of growing a moustache.

A small tin cup in the office of the school of agriculture at the University of Minnesota has printed on it: "For Aspirin. Headaches deposit money here to buy headache tablets for struggling fellow students."

Sparks College at Sparks, Georgia, was destroyed by a spark in 1927.

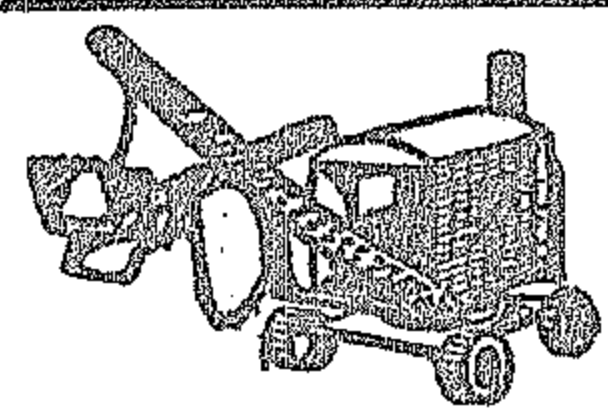
University of Santa Tomas (Manila, P. I.) is the oldest university under the United States flag. It celebrated the 200th anniversary of its founding on December 6, 1834.

Tulane University College of Arts and Sciences has dropped the honor system after it has been in force for 50 years.

Reynolds Will Give a Recital on October 2

Kenneth E. Reynolds, assistant in the physics laboratory, has announced his forthcoming recital, which is to be held on Wednesday, October 2, at 8:30 p. m. in the Englewood Y. M. C. A. Reynolds is a member of the Chicago Comic Opera Company and appeared in the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Ruddigore" last year. Reynolds is also a member of the Chicago Lyric Singers octette, which is directed by Mr. Maurice Ivins, who has given Reynolds a scholarship to study voice for as long a period as he wishes. Admission to the recital will be free of charge.

THE STEAM SHOVEL



Ahoy! mates and welcome Freshies. If you don't know and can't guess, the name Steamshovel implies "digs up the dirt." So spare not the pen (or pencil) when a friend or enemy is implicated in some "activities" which make Steamshovel material. (Hand in contrihs to box near elevator).

Such is the irony of fate. Howie M. Bolton who physically, verbally or mentally defended his mustache for four long years, finally fell victim to the butchers (or barbers—same difference) upon completing his last hour of work at camp.

Bucky O'Connor would certainly be grateful if somebody invented a better grade of "transit glue." "I just pick it up and the top popped off," he said.

JOHN KAHLES had an experience with a skunk during the summertime. With the proverb "fight fire with fire," in his mind, he quickly removed his shoes and saved the day!

We hear that AL RAGAN didn't find the Sears truck drivers very polite listeners to his humor. "O mine Esser," says Al.