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### Free Bids

The vote taken last Friday in the freshman class meeting on the ancient practice of trading dance bids among the class social committees is perhaps the first expression of opinion on the subject ever obtained from a class as a whole. As might have been expected, the feeling was that the practice ought, at least, to be limited.

In brief, the situation is that Armour social chairmen have customarily indulged in the petty graft of arranging among themselves to trade bids to one another's dances, so that each committee member could attend all Armour class dances free of charge. Although the committee members defend this little game on the ground that they earn the free bids by their hard work, they have never been anxious to advertise the fact that it is being done, nor have they ever, up to this time, gone to the trouble of asking the students' opinion of it.

The question of just how much a social committee earns by its work could, of course, be argued forever, but are the social committees hired hands, or are they class officers serving the class voluntarily, in the amateur spirit that is supposed to typify all college activities? And if they are to be paid for what they do, then why not pay the Glee Club, the basketball team, the publication staff, and the A.T.A.A. officers?

Are the social committees afraid to stand a public discussion of this policy? Apparently the freshmen are not, but how does it happen that the senior social chairman assured a representative of the *News* a week before his dance that his committee had decided to allow one bid only to each of the other class committees, while on the following Tuesday, a few hours after the last issue of the *News* before the dance had been distributed, he and his committee began making arrangements to put the old arrangement into effect? And why didn't the social committee bring this matter up at the class meeting that same morning, when they were so anxious to pass a motion preventing bid sales at the door, to prevent overcrowding?

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

With Other Editors, Collegiate and Otherwise

From "Antioch Notes" of November 15, 1935  
Published by Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

#### Christmas

Being born in a manger has come to seem romantic, along with gifts and carols. But it was not romantic, and so those who could not face reality adorned the story with wise men and angel choirs.

Jesus lived with and for the unfortunate, the outcasts, the friendless. We may adorn his name with prestige,

### Chess Team Draws in Protracted Game

Last Wednesday saw the conclusion of an unusual chess meet between Wright Junior College and the Armour Tech chess team. The match was begun a week ago last Friday, and the score stood at Wright 3—Armour 2, with the last game incomplete at a late hour. By mutual agreement, the two contestants decided that they would conclude their game on the following Wednesday. At that time E. L. Koehler was drawn for Armour, ending the meet in a draw.

In order to complete the round robin tournament which the club members are playing, it has been decided that those who do not play at least two games a week will be dropped from the tournament, as will those who have not paid dues. The team had a meet scheduled with the Northwestern University chess team last Friday, but the results were not available at press time.

### A.T.A.A.—

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but the tentative constitution published in the handbook had omitted alumni as members. Power to give alumni and faculty voting rights is given to the Board of Control.

Another student member would be added to the board of control by the new constitution, and its student officers would be seniors and juniors, the secretary and first vice-president being juniors, and the second vice-president and president being seniors. The sophomore and freshman classes are to have one representative each as before.

#### Make Financial Report

Article XI of the by-laws reads: "A financial statement of the organization shall be published at the end of each fiscal year." According to Mr. Allison, who phrased the by-law, the term, "financial statement," will be interpreted to include the amount of surplus of the association.

The original purpose of the fund of the association was to meet the expenses of athletics, such as payment of coaches' salaries. According-

but the measure of our unity with him is the extent to which his interests are our own.

### "He Dwelt Among Them"

As E. Stanley Jones, author of *The Christ of the Indian Road*, writes, "The Jew thanks God every day that he was not born 'a woman or a leper or a gentile.' . . . Jesus emphasized the worth-whileness of all three: he came with approval that Elijah was sent unto a woman in the days of famine, Elisha was sent unto a leper, and both unfortunates were gentiles.

"His ministry from the very beginning was identified with the despised. Among three classes he constantly lived—the publicans, disowned because of occupation; the sinners, disowned because of moral condition; the gentiles, disowned because of birth. And note that he 'dwelt' among them—his was not a long-distance interest that cost little, but an every-day bearing of everything that fell upon them."

### Biology and Brotherhood

Thomas Hunt Morgan, one of the greatest of living biologists, told the writer that in his opinion good biological quality is widespread through our population, that no class or section has peculiarly superior or inferior genetic quality. This observation is supported by experience of educators.

Good and poor human quality is so intimately associated with food, living conditions, informed and educated personal care, good home traditions, and other environmental factors, that we do not know how much to ascribe to inheritance and how much to environment. Fortunate cultural tradition and training may for generations present the appearance of good native stock. Poor cultural tradition and environment may for generations appear like low human quality, or even degeneracy. The Christian principle of sharing the common lot and of giving every man a chance at a fair, normal life, will help to eliminate the inferiority due to poor environment, and is sound biology and eugenics.

### A Disturber

Jesus was a rebel. He repeatedly took issue with prevailing society. He denounced those who exploited their fellow men. He pointed out that the prophets who stood for personal righteousness and social justice had been put to death. He associated with the unfortunate. He was accused of arousing the masses.

This outstanding figure of all history was not a conservative or a conformist. He wanted to make great changes in personal lives and in the social structure. He wanted loyalty to himself to be measured, not by cathedrals and ceremonies, but by ministering to the unfortunate and by sharing the common lot of men. "When saw we thee sick or in prison and came unto thee?" "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Samuel Butler remarked that he would be condemned if he should either deny the doctrines of Christianity or practice its precepts. That state of affairs originated long before his day and still exists.

Jesus believed that there exists in men undiscovered possibilities of dignity, of beauty, and of fineness. He believed that the way to bring these qualities to realization was not by theorizing, but by living with men who lacked them, by sharing the common lot, by infecting men with good will through living a life of good will, by helping every man to a fair chance at life, and by stimulating a desire for refinement of life.

In a nation which calls itself Christian it is therefore not appropriate that criticism of the present social and economic order should be looked upon as improper; that to point out great and arbitrary inequalities of opportunity should be considered sinister; or that a call for a more general sharing of the common burdens of life should be held as evil.

Christmas celebrates the birth of the most disturbing and revolutionary personality the world has known. He asked, not that we should say of him "Lord, Lord," but that we should follow the example of his life.

A. E. M.

### STUDENT OPINION

#### Liquor Ads in the Cycle?

Scotch or Rye? What will you have? The *Cycle* wants to know.

In its constant endeavor to reduce *Cycle* cost to the student an opportunity has arisen. Liquor ads are available. Are we broad minded enough to accept these ads? The advertising department would very much appreciate an expression of the opinion of the student body on this matter.

Sincerely,

W. F. Schreiber,  
Advertising Manager, *Cycle* of 1936.

ly the constitution committee has discussed this point and has added a new article which states that the Board of Control of the A. T. A. A. shall have the power to hire coaches and directors.

#### Suggestions Made by Committee

These suggestions were made by a committee for the revision of the constitution which was presented in the student handbook. It is composed of: R. R. Johnson, J. O. Larson, H. P. Milleville, S. Miner, D. J. Neal, R. M. Paulsen, R. A. Peterson, and F. X. Popper.

A meeting of this committee and the A. T. A. A. Board of Control was held last Wednesday to discuss the proposed changes. It was decided to submit the new constitution to the classes for criticism and vote.

Last Friday the freshman class learned of the proposed changes from their representative, Willard Kruse, who explained the reasons for the changes. The freshmen approved of the new constitution, except they thought a social committee should be authorized to arrange the dates for the class social functions.

### The Slipstick

Cleave to the slipstick; let the slapstick fly where it may.

Work, for work is mankind's boon.  
Labor makes the world go 'round.  
In labor alone you will find your joy,  
Nowhere else can it be found.  
You strive so very hard to please,  
You work till your face is blue.  
And then the remuneration that you get,  
"This work will never do."

What matters it if people won't  
Appreciate your work?  
Work, if only for work's sake.  
Do not your labors shirk.  
No consolation I can offer you  
And hold on to it fast.  
You're not the first one in this fix,  
Nor will you be the last.

\* \* \*

The famous criminal lawyer had just won another case by his versatile bag of legal tricks and the disgruntled district attorney was taking it out in no uncertain terms.

"Does there exist a case so degenerate, so low, so miserable, so utterly disgraceful that you would refuse to defend it?"

"I don't know. What did you commit?"

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Two pick-pockets were trailing a promising-looking gentleman when suddenly he turned into a lawyer's office.

"Now what?" said the first pick-pocket, fuming at the disappearance of their quarry.

"We'll wait for the lawyer."

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"Darling, will you be my wife?"  
"No John. I can never marry you, but I'll always admire your good taste."

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City slicker: I'm sorry I ran over that hen. Will a dollar settle it?

Farmer: Better make it two. The rooster is that way about her and maybe the shock will kill him too.

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The professor of natural history, typically absent-minded and forgetful, was lecturing on amphibians. "Gentlemen, I have here this afternoon as fine an example of a toad as you can ever hope to find."

And the professor carefully brought out from a pocket an object tidily wrapped up in wax paper. He studiously unwrapped the package and brought forth—a sandwich! Whereupon he frowned, scratched his bald head and mused aloud, "How strange! I could have sworn that I ate that sandwich."

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"Am I the first girl you ever kissed?"

"Why, y-yes. Of course."

"Then why did you take the cigars out of your vest pocket?"

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P. S.—It seems you fellows are not aware of the seriousness of the Fur-Lined Bathing Contest, or else are not very punctual in the Saturday night ritual. Send in all the antique gags, vintage 1908 or under, and see if you can't win this boon to boisterous bathers!

E. J.

### Junior Ch. E's. Visit City Sewage Plants

Chicago's Sanitary District sewage disposal plants were inspected recently by the junior class of chemical engineers. The north-side plant was visited first, and was found to have the most complete treatment for sewage. Its method is essentially that of activated sludge and subsequent aeration. The biological oxygen demand of the effluent water is reduced to five per cent of that required by the influent water so that the water is safe for the use of communities farther down the river, such as St. Louis and New Orleans.

The west side plant operates on the same principle, but uses Imhoff tanks instead of the aeration process. This plant is only 60 percent as efficient in purifying the sewage as the north side plant, but improvements are now under way to raise the efficiency to the level now required by the sanitary district. The total area drained by these two plants is about 178 square miles, or a population equivalent of about 2,000,000 people.

### Nine Men Pledged by Chemical Fraternity

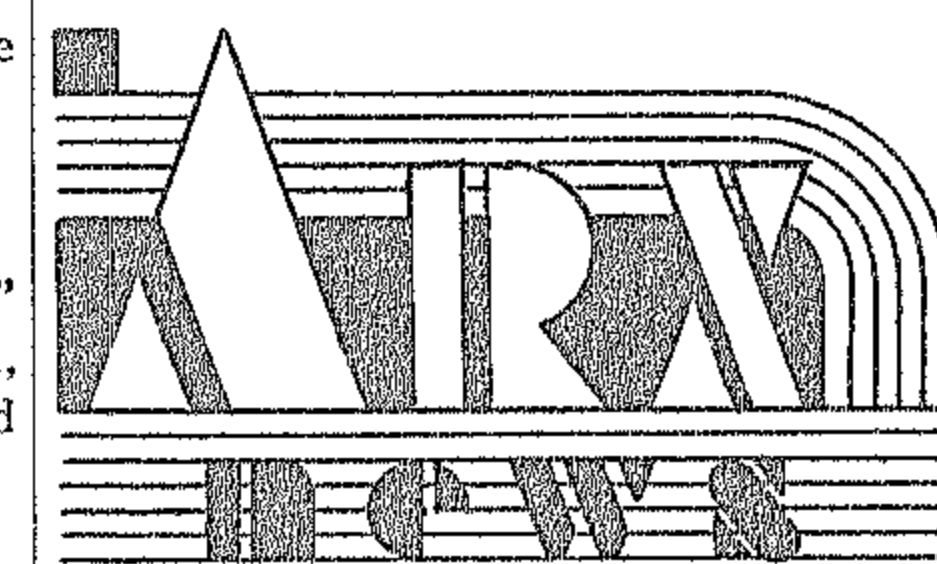
Nine men were pledged to Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical fraternity, in the fraternity rooms last Wednesday. They are H. J. Bodnar and R. T. Smith, sophomores; A. J. Allegretti, R. A. Clarke, F. Hackman, F. D. Hoffert, L. F. Kacel, and W. Waite, juniors; and G. F. Hagenauer, senior. A pledging smoker to which these men were invited was held a week ago Wednesday at the Pi Kappa Phi house on Michigan boulevard.

Alpha Chi Sigma is planning an active year with the appointment of faculty advisor and an alumni control board. An extensive program of expansion is also planned.

### Truss Club Active in Rehabilitating House

After moving to new quarters this fall, the members of Truss Club are giving the house a general rehabilitation. The president of the club which is now located at 3124 South Michigan Avenue, is L. L. Knittle.

Several weeks ago, the alumni meeting and smoker was held at the house, where entertainment and refreshments were offered. At a meeting last week, Mr. T. Ladd, a civil engineer for the Sanitary Department of Chicago spoke on the new Calumet sewage disposal station.



There ought to be a law against irony. It is bad enough that circumstances become so badly involved that sacrifices have to be made, but when irony laughs right in your face . . . For instance during the scheduled Christmas vacation, the entire department will be functioning, each class either on a "charrette" or preparing for one. Although the boys have enough interest not to complain, it is most ironical!

Some day Ted HOFMEESTER will come five minutes earlier to his modeling class and Bob BECKER will not be there. You see, Bob actually times Ted's arrival and manages to slip in just before he does. In fact the class can tell exactly when Ted will come in now, but if he comes earlier, will Bob's face be red, to say nothing of the others in the class.

Some time ago we stated that if any one stayed too long in one class he could hear some really crazy conversation. While there is no difficulty keeping the boys interested during life, conversation of the aforementioned type is exceedingly predominant. Just the other day as Tom Taw walked in he heard the model complaining because of holes in the screen. As he was walking out Tom heard Mr. Krehbiel say, "Sounds like old times to hear Chiappe shooting off his buzzer." However the only thing crazy about that is that Chiappe is always "shooting off his buzzer".

From the "Archeo" factory comes the report that Chick SCHREIBER, REIM and SUMNER each received a First Mention on their projects. The subject was "An Etruscan Gateway".

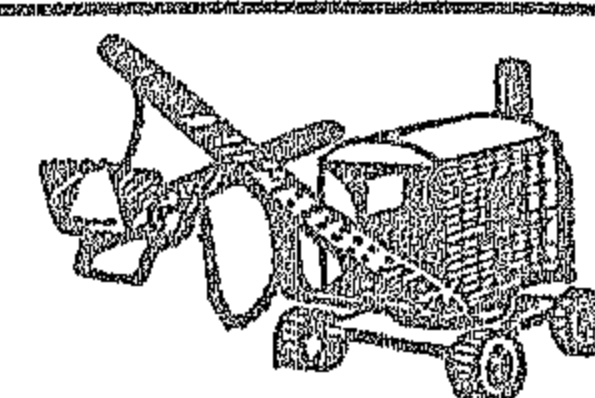
Ericson and Scheel have the distinction of being custodians of REED's carbon pencil. Mr. REED is their new "crit" and is only making sure that the means of giving a criticism is always on hand, that is, whenever such occasion arises.

We have often wondered why Lorry JOHANSON always went to lunch at the exact same time and place and so we followed him. Now that the truth is out it is a wonder that we did not guess it. Yes, that's right, two girls and Lorry says they are the most pleasant luncheon companions.

"Bugs" BAGNUOLO has a very excellent method of placing himself within the good graces of the profs. He dares not, anymore, come to HOFMEESTER's lecture without a supply of cough drops. However, KICHAVEN . . .

TOM TAX.

### THE STEAM SHOVEL



What happens when a non-smoking youngster like Bill Bill smokes a seegar? You're right!!! And when he was asked what he saw as a fellow held up a pencil before him, he answered, "A picket fence."

One guy now going to Armour was kicked out of a medical school for cheating during a physiology exam. They caught him counting his ribs. (How would this apply to a fellow kicked out of a quiz on water supply?)

Have you noticed the bruise on Bill Setterberg's knob? He claims that he hit a door, but take the senior dance, a glamorous brunette, and a moonlit sky, put them together and . . .

#### Some Nifties

Gus Bergquist: "It's the original virgin of the 'Three Musketeers'."  
Herb Tallitsch: "And there's less clerical work, which reduces office expenses."

ASK BOB DUFFY, CHUCK MORSOHN and RUS KOTAK how they perform their feat of turning out triplicate blackboard copies.

#### Overhead on the "L"

F. L. L.: "Holding a brief case out your lap certainly takes the crease out of your pants."

J. Owen L.: "Yeah, and holding another kind of a bag in your lap also does the same thing."

If you see the "Galloping Greek" walking again, it's because he left his pony in a quiz book.

PROF. HENDRICKS claims that he took the homeless dog to give his children, but it is also rumored that he went around trying to borrow a meat grinder.

### A.I.E.E. Visits Plant at Lockport, Illinois

Taking advantage of the opportunity secured through E. J. Kirsch, the Armour branch of the A.I.E.E. presented almost a 100 percent attendance at Lockport on its inspection trip last Wednesday. The 75 senior, junior and sophomore electricals inspected the twenty foot vertical generators, the new type switch board, and the recently installed horizontal generators with a professional and a critical eye.

### SIDELINES—

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dition be classified as an event original in nature. The impending collapse was staved off in 1921 by the advent of domesticated radio. Nor was the "World War" less timely from the view point of economic salvation. The year 1914, at its outset, promised to establish an all time record for unemployment and social misery, the war intervening and temporarily terminating a long period of decline in business activity. So, too, with the prior years of the century goes the record of peril and rescue. The crash that has come is only the result of an old, untempered evil.

OURS IS THE problem of rectifying the mistakes of the ages before us. The matter is of such order as to require analytical investigation with full application of the scientific method of treatment. A study must be made—not alone of the factors that were contributed by events of the last ten years, but of every element that might have brought to bear even the slightest influence at any time back, through centuries. All of the data must be collected, weighed, evaluated, and correlated. The time is too critical for experimentation. The study must go sufficiently deep so as to allow of more than reasonable substantiation for evolved theory. The theory must be correct—it must be the law.

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