



By Albert M. Lane

WITH HIS HAND called and the show-down due, Il Duce has turned to the alternative that he sees to be the lesser of two evils—war. The success of his campaign of home press propaganda, designed to gain him support and background for his threat, has been too great to at all allow of his retreat from his assumed position of world defiance. So far out of control has grown his hand stoked fire of war enthusiasm that he must satiate the hunger of his people for expansion or suffer the loss of every ounce of his hand won renewal of prestige. To a dictator loss of acclaim is the death knell of his power and control. There can be no retreat. It is onward—ever onward—or dethronement and relegation to oblivion.

EMPLOYING THE skill of a master and the cunning of a genius, Mussolini painted for his people a portrait of English abuse, interference, restraint and transgression. It mattered not to him that the picture was founded in absurdities, misrepresentations, and sheer imagination. So disparaging were the press falsifications that numerous protests were drawn from Great Britain, the protestations being, in turn, capitalized upon for fresh fuel to add to the fire. The reaction set up in England, resulting in Great Britain calling the dictator's bluff and forming an array of hostile League members, was not quite figured into Benito's original calculations. As a matter of fact, it is that slight omission that has upset the entire program and put the dictator "on the spot."

THE WAY OUT, as Il Duce sees it, is to go on now—to try to force through the bluff and make it stand up. He labors under the notion that his popularity is equally as strong among commoners of all nations as it is at home. From this notion he has drawn the conclusion that he can readily influence the masses in foreign lands through international radio addresses and incite them to support his cause against the wills of the directors of national policies. By what quirk of brain or reason Mussolini has fallen heir to the idea that the reaction of other people toward foreign directorate will be different from that of his own is not known. But it is a mighty safe conclusion that he will attain for his trouble only a place behind the well known eight ball.

THERE ARE THOSE, and they are not few in number, who regard the step of engaging in war as the most foolish that Mussolini could have taken. It is felt that, however, far reaching in its involvements the war may become, there can accrue from it only one end for the dictator—that being humiliating defeat and disaster.

Enrollment in Chem Lab Shows Increase

Junior and senior enrollment in chemistry laboratory reached an all time high this semester. Last year there were 22 seniors and 36 juniors enrolled compared with 34 seniors and 46 juniors enrolled this year. The evening classes in chemistry have also shown a sharp increase. Professor McCormack, head of the chemistry department, believes this upward trend to be probably due to the fact that prosperity has finally turned that corner.

There has been one minor change in the chemical laboratory work for juniors and seniors. The usual nine hours of chemical engineering laboratory have been reduced to six hours, which fact ought to brighten up some chemical engineers.

Armour Players Elect 3 Officers

The Armour Players met Wednesday, October 2, at 5 o'clock in the auditorium of Mission to elect officers for the coming year. The organization will be headed by Richard Lischer, president, with Sydney Miner, stage manager, and William Emmerich, business manager, to assist him.

The club plans to present one or possibly two one-act plays before Christmas. The first play is to be selected by the officers at the next meeting with the approval of Professor Hendricks, faculty advisor. Tryouts will begin about one week after the play has been selected. All students interested in dramatics are urged to attend the next meeting since several valuable members were lost at graduation. The cast will be selected on the basis of acting ability only. Former members will have no preference over new recruits.

Election Committee Is Appointed for '39

On Wednesday, October 2, the freshman class met in the Assembly Hall for an organization meeting. Don J. Neal, president of the A.T.A.A., acted as chairman.

He appointed an election committee of five to receive petitions. A petition for any office must have twenty-five signatures. Duplicate names which appear on petitions for the same office will be stricken from each one in which they appear. The men on this committee are: Buckman, Cuneo, Reh, Sandy, and Vasilion.

A captain and manager for the freshman interclass baseball team will be elected by the players on the baseball field before the game.

John Scott, President of the Inter-Fraternity Council, spoke about the fraternity "rushing" and answered any questions that were asked.

Rifle Club Turnout Augurs Good Season

Hardy McDaniel, captain of the A. I. T. Rifle Team addressed the first fall meeting of the Rifle Club last Tuesday. The large turnout showed promising material for this year's rifle team. Tech riflemen practice on the range in the basement of Chapin Hall and the top scorers are potential candidates for the team.

Plans are being completed for monthly meetings with outside speakers on firearms and hunting. A small admission fee is charged which includes membership in the Illinois Rifle Association and covers the cost of a picture of the rifle team in the Cycle. Time of the next meeting will be posted on the bulletin board of the Main Building.

E. J. Kirsch Appoints A.I.E.E. Committees

The Armour branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers held its first business meeting of the year last Friday morning at 10:30 in the Electrical Lecture Room. The new president, E. J. Kirsch, presided at the meeting and appointed the program and social committees for the coming year. Professor Freeman welcomed the new members and discussed the advantages of student and associate membership in the national organization. Dues as usual are \$1.25 for the local student branch and for the national group are \$3.00 a year, which includes subscription to the monthly publication, "Electrical Engineering."

Plans were started for the smoker scheduled tentatively for Friday, Nov. 1. As yet the location and details of the event remain undecided, but in keeping with precedent, cigars, cigarettes, cider, and doughnuts will have their place.

WRESTLING MIXES WITH POETRY AT FROSH HANDSHAKE

Amsbary and Weissman Are Headliners

With most of the freshman class present at the handshake held in their honor last week, the newcomers had an excellent opportunity to meet their classmates and become acquainted with the school and its customs. Besides meeting many upperclassmen, the freshmen obtained invaluable advice from the talks of Dean Heald and Professor Schommer. Several orchestral selections by the musical clubs added to the program, and solos by B. F. Heine who played the accordion, and R. Paulsen, who entertained the assembly with several saxophone selections, were well received.

The essence of Dean Heald's talk was that the new men be receptive to all that Armour has to offer them; while fiery John Schommer chastised the student body, and in the same breath gave them words of friendly advice.

Mr. Amsbary, professor emeritus of English recited several of his many poems and ballads, including the famous and oft repeated "Captain of the Marguerite."

Going from the sublime to a wrestling match, the program ended with two bouts introduced by Coach Weissman, followed by a general challenge to any freshman weighing 165 pounds or over to wrestle. Refreshments consisting of cider and doughnuts, were then partaken of in the student union downstairs, amid general handshaking, after which the participants were at liberty to conduct the remainder of the evening in any way they saw fit.

The entire program was ably managed and directed by J. O. Larson, Senior Civil. Larson's witticisms and comments on the events and speakers paved the way for a more adequate appreciation of the program.

Math Club Will Meet on Alternate Fridays

Next Friday, October 11th, at their first meeting of the semester, the Math Club plans to organize for the year of '35-'36. Roy Kercher will preside at this meeting, to which all students are invited to attend.

Last Friday's meeting was postponed until this week to avoid conflict with the professional societies. Hereafter, the Math Club will hold its meetings on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. The meeting date and room will be announced on the bulletin board.

Tech News Solves Lofty Mystery of Ever-Rotating Wind Wiggler

By Richard Weissman

In yon rocky mead it stands; proud, stately, its face ever turned toward the careless winds; its outstretched arms describing tireless circles upon the cold, grey sky; an object of unceasing curiosity, eliciting a questioning thought from all onlookers. Whence has it come? Why? To what purpose does it revolve "Into a circle ever returning unto the self-same spot," upon its lofty tower, exposed to the bitter biting breath of icy winter and the merciless heat of the molten midsummer sun? Night and day does it toil; untiring, constantly save for momentarily brief rests snatched from unwilling winds, and why? What does it accomplish by its labor? In other words, what in the blue blazes is that windmill near the Armour for? It is a mystery preying upon the alleged minds of the M.O.B.A. (Midnight Oil Burners of Armour. If Roosevelt can alphabetize, why can't we?)

Guesses have been flung (flung, flung, yeah I guess it's all right) right and left, but the *Armour Tech News* comes out at last with the inside dope behind that

Eta Kappa Nu to Coach Electricals

By offering coaching in subjects taken by sophomore and junior electricals, Eta Kappa Nu, national honorary electrical engineering society, introduces a new and noteworthy field for honorary fraternities at Armour.

A schedule, of the periods at which coaching will be given, will be posted on the doors of the fraternity rooms in Chapin Hall, first entrance, second floor.

Plans were made last year to help students on probation only. Contacts were made, but the plans were not completed.

Among the activities which will be held soon are: a quiz on October 25, pledging at the A.I.E.E. smoker on November 1, an inquisition on November 22, and the initiation on December 3.

The officers for the coming year are: V. J. Kropf, president; N. J. Cooper, vice-president; D. H. Fleig, recording secretary; W. J. Fleig, corresponding secretary; and D. C. Graham, treasurer.

W.S.E. Makes Plans for Coming Season

Last Friday's meeting of the Armour branch of the W.S.E. was concerned primarily with arranging plans for the coming year. T. S. Ramotowski presented a talk showing the advantages of belonging to the W.S.E. The many services offered by the W.S.E. are of interest to all engineers, and not only civil engineers as some of the Armour students believe. The object of the society is the advancement of the service of engineering and the promotion of the best interests of the profession. Membership in the W.S.E. is of two kinds. Active members are those who belong to and take part in the downtown meetings of the senior branch. Participating members are student members of the Armour branch of the Western Society of Engineers.

It is planned this year to have student talks at the regular meetings upon topics which the students themselves will choose. In addition, outside speakers will be secured to present information to the student engineer.

Professor Penn is the faculty advisor for the local group. The officers are: T. S. Ramotowski, President; G. A. Zwissler, Vice-President; J. Galandak, Secretary; J. S. Styrs, Assistant Secretary; H. V. Tallitsch, Treasurer; and G. H. Bergquist, member of board of managers.

R. A. PETERSON IS SENIOR PRESIDENT; J. F. KAHLES ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT

H. R. Dollenmaier, V. J. Kropf, R. M. Paulsen, W. D. Concolino Elected to Other Offices; 165 Seniors Vote

NOMINATE AND ELECT OFFICERS IN THREE DAYS

A meeting of Honor A will be held in the Electrical Lecture Room at 10:30 Friday. All members please be present.

A meeting of all News reporters will be held Tuesday at 12:30 in the News office.

Drive for Members Started by A.S.M.E.

Robert O. Patterson was elected last Friday at a meeting of the Armour branch of the A.S.M.E. to fill the office of treasurer in that organization. The post was left vacant by the absence of Abe Mandelowitz, who has not returned to school.

A membership drive embracing all senior, junior, and sophomore mechanicals was also begun at this meeting with addresses by several members of the faculty and by the president of the Armour branch, A. M. Lane. A committee composed of the following men was named to participate in the drive: for the senior class, E. P. Auler and F. D. Cotterman; for the junior class, H. L. Appel, F. L. Leason, and S. M. Miner; and for the sophomore class, W. J. Chelgren, W. P. O'Brien, C. H. Priesmeyer, D. B. Rodkin, A. Schrieber, I. Seidenberg, and I. Thomas.

Members of student branches of the A.S.M.E. are accorded the use of the Engineering Societies Library, student loan fund, Engineering Societies Employment Service, and many of the other privileges given to senior and junior engineers in the organization. They also receive the magazine, "Mechanical Engineering," monthly during the school year. Further information is contained in a booklet which can be obtained from anyone on the membership committee.

Professor Finnegan to Address Kiwanis

During this week J. B. Finnegan, Professor of Fire Protection Engineering will be principal speaker at several Kiwanis Club functions. Today, he will address the Roseland Club at a noon luncheon. Next Friday noon, he will address the Ravenswood Club. Last Friday he was the principal speaker at a meeting of the South Side Community Club of Maywood.

This week, from October 6th through October 12th, is known nationally as Fire Prevention Week; and in the Chicago area many organizations have arranged special programs in the interest of fire safety.

Fowle Lists Qualities for Successful Men

The five most important characteristics which distinguish a successful man in any profession are, in order of their importance; character, personality, energy, aptitude, and knowledge; so Frank F. Fowle, president of the W. S. E., believes.

In his talk of October 3 before the Junior Engineers he emphasized this point very forcefully, stressing the fact that the completion of a college course is only the beginning of a thorough education. He advised the active pursuit of a hobby related to the particular field in which a man is interested.

The Senior Class outdid itself last week when it held a meeting, read the nominating committee's report, held a nominating election, and a final election all within three short days. The officers elected in the short but vigorous election are as follows: president, R. A. Peterson; vice-president, J. F. Kahles; treasurer, H. R. Dollenmaier; secretary, V. J. Kropf; social chairman, R. M. Paulsen; and sergeant-at-arms, W. D. Concolino.

The final results as tabulated Thursday, October 3 by the election committee are as follows:

President—	
R. A. Peterson	115
D. C. Graham	50
Treasurer—	
H. R. Dollenmaier	108
G. A. Zwissler	56
Vice-President—	
J. F. Kahles	106
R. R. Johnson	53
Secretary—	
V. J. Kropf	118
G. W. Ormsby	46
Social Chairman—	
R. M. Paulsen	101
D. E. Howell	64
Sergeant-at-Arms—	
W. D. Concolino	84
G. A. Quandee	80

Nineteen in Committee

The Nominating Committee, composed of three men from each department, was as follows: D. C. Graham, P. L. Slugg, R. Knaus, R. M. Paulsen, L. W. Robbie, O. E. Norris, A. M. Lane, W. G. Rundell, V. B. Woodworth, G. A. Zwissler, T. S. Ramotowski, J. Galandak, G. A. Quandee, E. R. Johnson, M. T. Horn, W. D. Concolino, L. Van Scoyoc, M. J. Bejcek, and W. Alt, chairman.

Candidates from All Departments
Four men were selected for each office by the nominating committee and the slate was presented to the class at the meeting on Tuesday, October 1 at 11:30. It was accepted by the class as drawn by the committee, the candidates being:

For president—D. C. Graham, H. P. Milleville, R. A. Peterson, F. L. Smith; vice-president—E. R. Johnson, R. R. Johnson, J. F. Kahles, W. S. Wiegand; treasurer—F. D. Cotterman, H. R. Dollenmaier, D. J. Neal, G. A. Zwissler; secretary—V. J. Kropf, J. E. Linden, G. W. Ormsby, L. Van Scoyoc; social chairman—D. E. Howell, I. M. Hughes, E. W. Olson, R. M. Paulsen; sergeant-at-arms—G. H. Bergquist, W. D. Concolino, G. E. Norris, and G. A. Quandee.

Setterberg to Interview Seniors

W. Alt, as chairman of the meeting, told the seniors that they would be divided into alphabetical groups for the purpose of arranging interviews with W. N. Setterberg, placement officer of the Institute. All seniors must have a conference with Mr. Setterberg by January 30.

H. P. Milleville addressed the seniors at their meeting and asked that a larger hall be provided for the Graduation Exercises. The class agreed that some action should be taken so that more friends and relations may attend that event.

T. J. Westerberg '33 Marries Austin Girl

Mr. T. J. Westerberg, an Armour alumnus, was married to Miss Lillian Dahl of Austin last summer.

Mr. Westerberg received his B.S. in civil engineering from Armour in 1933 and his M.S. degree a year later. While in school he was a member of the band, orchestra, and the Western Society of Engineers.