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Dissension, Please!

In a world of increasing unrest, faced with problems unlike any it has ever faced before, there is everywhere a tendency for youth to take a greater part in national and international affairs. On college campuses throughout the United States, forums and debating groups argue the questions of the day, while other organizations, more decided in their views, become openly partisan in the support of one side or the other.

The whole principle of democratic government is based on open discussion of important questions by the people, with the idea that airing all the ideas about a subject will serve to disclose the ultimate solution. To find young people actively interested in political and social problems, and seriously attacking them, is one of the best promises we have that our democracy will endure.

By all but the veriest reactionaries, blinded by a desire to protect their own privileges, it is agreed that changes in the political scheme must; be made to keep step with the tremendous economic and social changes that have been brought by the age of power. We hear constantly the comment that technical progress has far outstripped social progress. And in line with this theory, there is a growing belief that the engineers and scientists who have had such great success in bringing about our marvelously complex technical civilization will have to take hold of the problems that are blocking social progress; that these problems will be solved by engineers, possessing the moral integrity of their kind, and using the typically direct engineering attack.

If this is true, where but among engineering students should the greatest interest in political and social problems be found? The great work that engineers have been doing nearly blocked by a breakdown in the economic system, engineering graduates are finding themselves in a world that cries with need for their services, yet can find no way to put them to work. It seems logical then, to expect that engineering students will be in the van of those who are actively interested in politics and world affairs.

Armour students have probably seen by now the point of this editorial. There is not, on the Armour campus, a single group of any kind taking an active interest in world affairs. On the contrary, Armour students take an active disinterest in world affairs. They dismiss them in favor of the admittedly more pressing problems of calculus and heat power. We are phlegmatic, and we should not be. It can't be that there is not a student on this campus with a political belief. Someone must have some ideas, and the only healthy thing to do with ideas is to discuss them. Let's have a little dissension.

"The Slipstick"

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

We like their apartment all right but it's too near that factory.

Oh, don't let that bother you. It's a dynamite plant and may blow up any minute!!

Fortune-teller: "A red-headed man loves you, but a great obstacle stands in the way of your happiness." "I know. My husband."

Found: The Eternal Optimist A window-washer fell from a twenty-story building the other day. A stenographer sitting at a sixth story window heard him counting as he sailed past,

"Nine, eight, seven, six-I'm not dead yet."

(An excerpt from a poem by the Japanese poet, Nosmo

I love a sunshine every too Shining speedily through each trees Yet flower-beds swaying fastly too. Still winds is many sizzling breeze, Four green leaves fallen surely ever. Fine ground so frozenly yet. Since poems of Japan are not so hot, This is the next best bet.

"Those twin sisters look so much alike that when I kissed one yesterday I didn't know ---"Which one slapped you, no?"

* * * * "May I escort you home, Miss?"

"I'm sorry, but I'm married." "I'm married too and I'm sorry too." * * * * *

"How's business?"

"Rotten. Now even the people who never paid don't buy anything."

> "Where do you bathe?" "In the spring."

"I asked you where." Francois.

"How are the hard times affecting you?" "Terrible. First I lost my job and had to live with my parents, we sent the kids to an orphanage, my wife went to her mother, and I shot the dog."

"That's too bad." "And if it keeps on I'll be forced to sell my auto-

"Before I examine you, I would like to know if you've sought advice elsewhere before you came to me."

"Yes, doctor, I went to the druggist." "And don't you know that a druggist doesn't understand diseases? Some advice he must have given you, the imbecilic ass! What did he say?"

"He advised me to come to you."

Little Donald: "Mother, we get our groceries on credit, don't we?"

"Yes. dearest."

"And Christmas gifts from Santa Claus?" "Yes, my love."

"And the stork brings little babies?"

"Of course, my lamb."

"Then what do we need Daddy for?"

Life's greatest wisdom is to take Women as they really are or—not at all.

DODO AND BETTY BOOP.

Fraternity Notes

THETA XI

Alpha Gamma of Theta Xi wishes to congratulate Brothers D. C. Graham and V. J. Kropf on being pledged to Tau Beta Pi.

Last Friday our field Secretary, H. P. Davison spent a short but delightful day with the brothers. Our only regret is that we don't get to visit with Brother Davison more often. Brothers Giovan and Scharing stopped in the other day for a short visit.

TRIANGLE

Triangle announces the recent pledging of

Donald Rogge, '39.

Edward Loutzenheiser, '39. Mervin Freeman, '39.

Sunday, November 3, Armour chapter is planning to attend the formal initiation of several men at the Northwestern Chapter in Evanston.

Plans for a radio dance this Saturday evening are complete and many of our alumni are expected to at-

Stanley Lind, '32, is to be married at the end of this month.

PI KAPPA PHI

Alpha Phi of Pi Kappa Phi takes great pleasure in announcing the formal initiation of

John F. Sturgeon, Ch. E., '37 Idris Thomas, M. E., '38

The Hard Times Dance Saturday night was a huge success. About fifty couples in hard times costume of every description danced to the "hot" rhythm of Harry Cook and his Royal Harmony Kings. Prizes were given for the most original costume, one for the brothers themselves and one for their guests. At midnight a delicious buffet supper was served. The dance was given by the Chicago Alumni Senate under the direction of Brother Even for the Pi Kappa Phi alumni in the Chicago area.

PHI PI PHI

Gamma chapter of Phi Pi Phi social calendar. takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of

A. Kubicka, Arch. '39.

R. Monson, C. '38. W. Velvel, Ch.E. '38.

Under the leadership of Pledge C. | tions to Syd. Trzyna, plans for the pledge dance are being completed. November 2 is pledge, Edwin Schulman, M.E. '38. the date and everyone is looking for-

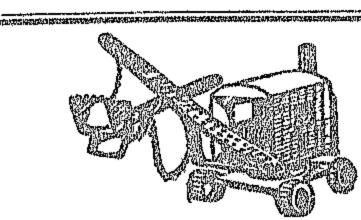
ward to a good time. Several of the brothers are getting

The chapter wishes pledge Oswald | rooms. great success in his newly assumed office of freshman class president.

DELTA TAU DELTA

We take great pleasure in an-

THE STEAM SHOVEL



The new series of report covers are now one half as heavy-Why not four for a nickel, Stan?

To whom it may concern: Let it be known that henceforth WILLARD KRUSE will be PURE. The answer to this statement will come from KRUSE.

It seems as if BILLY GOETZ is afraid that he will give out some information in class.

W. J. Bolz had a date last Thursday night. He then asked her for a date for Saturday, whereupon she replied that she has to attend a wedher own wedding.

M. FREEMAN is a sissy. He plays with girls.

With most of the seniors bickering about awards, a suggestion which has received unanimous approval, was to give a medal to the senior who can go thru Social Science without a squawk.

class. Several members from the Delt chapter at Wisconsin who were here for the Wisconsin- Chicago country then not a free one, where football game stayed at the house every man may act according to his last Saturday night. Many actives, alumni, pledges, and friends, as well, not impose upon the rest of society? as the actives from Wisconsin, were Why then must we, upright citizens present at the dance at the house of these United States suffer the inlast Saturday night. This dance famies imposed upon us by these marked a successful start to a series! razor-mad fanatics? of fall dances mapped out on our! It is truly heartrending, as I can

RHO DELTA RHO

brother Sydney M. Miner who has shall be dealt this butchering "combeen pledged to Pi Tau Sigma, the mittee", and they shall be caused to Bro. Friede, '35, is now at the honorary mechanical engineering so-forever cease their vandalous out-Great Lakes learning aviation. The ciety. Here's hoping that we have bursts. chapter wishes him the best of luck. more occasion to offer congratula-

And congratulations to our newest

SIGMA ALPHA MU

Plans are under way for a parinto shape for the coming basketball ent's party on some Sunday in Noseason. Plans for a house ping-pong vember at which time the Mothers commission. They have chosen a and pool championship are now being and Fathers of the members and pledges will be entertained in our

> Our basketball team has been organized by fra Irv. Addis and great | been almost wholly neglected in the hopes are held for a bright future in | management of student affairs, due the coming interfraternity games.

nouncing the addition of Ralph E. pledge Mel Schuman who has been either en masse or by representation. Dixon Jr. F.P.E. '39 to our pledge elected treasurer of the class of '38.

Letter Box

JUNIOR POLITICS

The widespread political bickering which has been prominent in the junfor mechanical class is particularly obnoxious in view of the conscientious effort of the class as a whole toward the climination of unscrupulous class politics. However, some alibi might be offered by the fact that the class as a whole rates so very low in almost all school affairs. Yet it seems rather absurd that they do not turn their energies toward the betterment of their activity and scholastic records rather than showing their pettiness by insignificant political squabbles, frowned upon by Mookey Taradash has recently be- even the lowest of politicians. Percome afflicted with Alabamajitis. It haps these few words will serve to interferes tremendously with his snap their minds back to the reality studies, but still-she's pretty damn of things so they may see the instability of their position.

A Mechanical.

MUSTACHES

The uncivilized practice of the unceremonious removal of hirsute adornment as practiced by the socalled "committee" here at Armour ding. She forgot to say that it was is an everlasting source of shame and sorrow to those of us who rely on these facial adornments to lend individuality to our appearance. A recent victim of these vandals, I feel that in speaking as I do now, through the medium of this column, I am voicing the general opinion of that group of students who lend maturity to this institution of learning.

> We believe whole heartedly in the "wearing of the mustach." Are we not entitled to our beliefs, and to the practice of them? Is our own principles, so long as he does

bitterly attest, to watch weeks and weeks of arduous toil and effort so quickly destroyed. I live with the Our sincere congratulation to fervent hope that some day justice

A Victim of the Committee.

INFORM THE ARX

The architects, as an integral part of the student body, would like to have specific information as to the dates of meetings of the new junior representative and through him want to establish more definite relations with the rest of the school.

In the past, the architects have to conflicts in programs; but if ad-It is our pleasure to congratulate | vised they can arrange to attend Junior Architect.

