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Honor Cycles

On the front page appears an article about the award of ten honor cycles to outstanding men in the senior class. These cycles are presumably awarded on a point system by the Armour Tech Athletic Association and the Cycle staff. It is interesting to note that captains of all major sports are possessors of this coveted honor. To the ordinary observer it looks like Athletics have been given an undue significance above other activities which take up just as much of the students' time and which are just as important to college life.

The point system, of course, would remove any possibility of any personal feeling in the selection of the awards. However, a point system which favors athletic ability seems to us somewhat biased. The arrangement of awarding points has never been made public to our knowledge, and since the present system has stirred up considerable comment among the student body, we should like to request publication of this system and would suggest that the students at a general meeting or through their representatives to the new A.T.S.A. revise and pass upon a point system which is more fair in selecting outstanding men of the graduating class.

It has always been a real honor to receive a special year book. It is up to the students of Armour to see that the real satisfaction of all the students is gained in an award like the annual presentation of the honor cycles.

The American Farmer

In the desire of many of our country's zealots to restore the era of prosperity, and in their planning, they too often regard the all-important farm problem in a light similar to that used in connection with our industrial problem. That their idea is mistaken has, in the past, often proved true.

Interesting comments on the farmers' attitude toward farm life are made in a recent issue of *Antioch Notes*. During the last decade or two, the trend in farm population has been toward the city. This trend disrupts the social status of the farmer considerably.

... Adverse conditions and lack of opportunities drive vigorous and intelligent men to population centers, until the farm population threatens to become a hopeless peasantry and tenantry.

"During the industrial prosperity of the twenties, farm income was so relatively low that master farmers' sons and daughters sought better opportunities elsewhere, abandoning the farm to tenants, some of whom may have little sense of responsibility to the soil. That quiet and largely unnoticed change, resulting in part from our national policy of protecting manufacture while leaving agriculture unprotected and unorganized, has been in fact, a profound revolution in our national life. Business is subsidized by import duties and entrenched by great organizations, while farm income, as far as the staple export crops are concerned, is fixed by the foreign market. Farmers sell plant food in the form of

crops and impoverish the soil, in an attempt to maintain a standard of living comparable with that in industrial centers, and to pay tariffs and other subsidies on purchases.

"National policy must make life reasonably satisfactory for competent farmers, so that men of ability will not shun the field. We must narrow the gulf between rural and urban living for competent people, perhaps by some form of land use, to prevent excessive production, or by direct assurance of prices equivalent to a living wage.

"The tradition of good farming is the growth of generations, and once lost cannot be quickly recovered. By intelligent planning we can still save and reenforce the vitality of American farm life, and thus strengthen the foundation of social well-being.

What Editors Say—

Organized Peace

In a day when effective organization has achieved such marked results as the soldiers' bonus, which was secured by a minority of determined veterans, the recent launching of the Emergency Peace campaign is one of the most intelligent moves in the present day war on war.

The objectives of the campaign are specific and practicable. First the campaigners would strengthen the alternatives to armed conflict, a new and stronger League of Nations, perhaps. Second, they would dig down to the underlying economic and political causes of conflict, seeking to effect change where it is most essential. Third is the desire to unify all anti-war groups, the aim being, of course, to render such a combination more effective than the component parts. Finally there is the educational aim, the effective execution of which will insure the success of the campaign.

In carrying out its program education, the campaigners will be persistent and forceful, they promise. A series of 300 or more local meetings have been conducted in important communities throughout the country. A similar series will be arranged in the fall and again in January, 1937. Prominent, able speakers, it is promised, will participate.

On the one hand, the periodic reiteration of the aims of the peace movement will intensify its effectiveness. On the other hand, the will to unify disjointed peace groups representing religious, educational, labor, farmer, and youth organizations promises to make the campaign stronger and more influential than any of the scattered units previously in existence.—(*Echo Weekly*.)

Collegiate Pessimism

There is no need for the pessimism that the seemingly great majority of college students express in regard to the value of their education. Reference is quite often made by those not in favor of higher education to the success of men like Chrysler, Woolworth, Edison, Rockefeller, and Carnegie who did not have the background of a college education and yet made an overwhelming success of their lives. They point to a few other men as evidence that high scholarship is not necessarily an asset.

As in all cases, there are exceptions. The men to whom they point are industrial giants of another age whose positions are even now being taken or will soon be taken by men who have been thoroughly educated. In this age of keen competition, it is indeed an oddity for men with a poor education to be selected for positions of responsibility in the world of business.

Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, has made a study of college records which indicate that students in the first third of their graduating class achieve by far the most notable success. The bottom third scholastically remains the bottom third in later success.

There will always be the pessimists who think that what a student does in college means little or nothing. University administrators know better than that. Practically all employers who come to the campus or seek letters of recommendation ask for students with good character, good grades, regular attendance, good personalities, and who have either been self-supporting, or have taken an active part in extra-curricular activities.

Regardless of the widespread unemployment of depression years, the top-notch college graduates have still found jobs. Their records helped to pave the way; it wasn't luck.—(*Kentucky Kernel*.)

On behalf of the students of Armour, the *News* wishes to express its deep sympathy with Robert D. Lenth, whose father died last week.

The Slipstick

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

*E. J. breaks stained windows
In churches he must pass,
But he will never cast a stone
Into the looking-glass.*

A magician had just completed his act which was most enthusiastically received by the audience. After an encore and five curtain calls, on coming backstage he met the manager. The manager joyfully congratulated him, "You were marvelous, Candrake, when you changed those dollar bills into thousand dollar bills, boy, you stunned them." "I'm glad I went over so well," eagerly answered the magic man, "now can I have that two buck raise?"

Similar—A debutante is like an expensive gown—tight in the best places.

Baron Applegate—They tell me that Lord Cheapside is a social failure.

Baron Slushgut—Yes, verily; he has no manors.

Prospective Student—Do you have much freedom at Armour?

Office Help—Sure, I can come here any time I want before eight and leave any time I wish to after five.

Oh for the life of a professor—that is, the professor who flunked me in physics.

Dr. Jones—Hello, Doc, this is Henry Briggs, say, how soon can you yank a tooth out?... Tomorrow? H'm... I thought if you had a minute right now... How's that?... Your gas machine is what?... Oh, never mind the gas... What say? Sure, I know, but it only takes a second and... Pshaw! Don't worry about ME. Heh, Heh... in ten minutes? That's fine, Doc, I'll bring the wife right over.

Budding Engineer—'I've added these figures ten times, sir.'

Bibb—'Fine, that's a good check.'

Frosh—(B.E.)—'and here's the ten answers, sir.'

Diary of a Physics Experiment

Preliminary Due 10/19/35
Preliminary Accepted 10/19/35
Returned for Correction ...
Accepted X
Experiment Performed 10/19/35
Report Presented 2/23/36
Returned for Correction ... 2/24/36
Accepted 5/28/38

Gal—For two pins I'd give you a long, lingering kiss.

Scotchman—Make it one and I'll talk business with you.

E. J. Is a Worm

*A horse for the Gael
And a sail for the Viking
But E. J. has found
The ground to his liking.
For he'll never fall
Who chooses to crawl.*

E. J.—Say, pard, can I borrow your pen?

Zazu—Sure thing.

E. J.—Got a sheet of writing paper I can use?

Zazu—Reckon so.

E. J.—Going past the mail box when you go out?

Zazu—Uh-huh.

E. J.—Wait a minute till I finish, will ya?

Zazu—Yep.

E. J.—Want to lend me a stamp and an envelope?

Zazu—Yeh.

E. J.—Much obliged. Say, what's your girl's address?

"Stan Healy, your jokes are as bad as the 'alleged humor' in the Slipstick."—Prof. Harris. Which proves that somebody else besides E. J. and Zazu reads the Slipstick.

*I luv its giddy gurgle,
I luv its fluent flow,
I luv to wind my mouth up,
I luv to hear it go.*

and that's
ZAZU.

Fraternity Notes

THETA XI

We take pleasure in announcing the recent initiation of the following men:

Richard Ansel—E.E. 1938.

Arthur Dreis—Ch.E. 1937.

Roy Magnuson—F.P.E. 1937.

The turnout for Interfraternity Open House Nite was exceptionally good, which seems to indicate an unusual interest for fraternities on the part of non-fraternal men. It is our hope that this interest will be increased.

With hell week and Junior Week activities closed for the present year, it seems that the remaining few weeks will be spent in concentrated school work.

We also wish to announce the officers for next term:

William Chapin—Pres.

Roy Magnuson—Sec.

Richard Ansel—Treas.

William Graf—Corres. Sec.

Arthur Dreis—Senior Elder.

Fred Anderson—Junior Elder.

Definite plans have been completed for our annual picnic to be held Sunday, May 31 at the Indiana Dunes. This will probably be our last social affair with the graduates, so it is hoped that fair weather will be on hand.

Our golf match with Triangle was scheduled to be played last Saturday at Evergreen. The results of the match will be published next week.

A match with Triangle in tennis is pending. Daily practice is being had by Norris, Christensen, and Magnuson, who will probably be three starters with alternates in Dreis and Stevens.

PI KAPPA PHI

Brother Dodge has given the house a trophy. This loving cup is one of an unusual type and provides an interesting conversational topic at many odd moments. The time of presentation depends on the completion of the contest in which the "Shovelers" are now actively engaged. Yes! You have guessed it. We have now the Shoveler's Trophy of Pi Kappa Phi.

Brother Engelschall received a cute bronze foot. He didn't lose a foot, but just gained one symbolic of fleet feet in Interclass Track. Letters in swimming were awarded to brothers Winblad and Dodge for their efforts in that sport in which one moves along like a fish. We are justly proud of them.

School is nearing to a close and with the increasing time our social committee is building up a momentous plan of action for our annual Senior Farewell Dance to be given June 6. Tennis rackets are getting a workout these days in preparation for Interfraternity Tennis Tournament.

RHO DELTA RHO

Activities of the past few weeks have centered about the sixteenth annual Rho Delta Rho Dinner Dance held last Saturday night at the Belden-Stratford Hotel. That the weeks of planning and working were well worth the time spent was very well brought out during the course of the dance. Reaching a pinnacle of success surpassing even the affairs of bygone years, Rho Deltas, actives, pledges, and alumni, were ardent in their praise for the affair. Jimmy Le Roy and his orchestra acted as the melody masters.

Special praise should go to Brothers Schulman and Taradash for arranging the affair, and to Brothers Kaplan and Nobler for the beautiful programs which they designed.

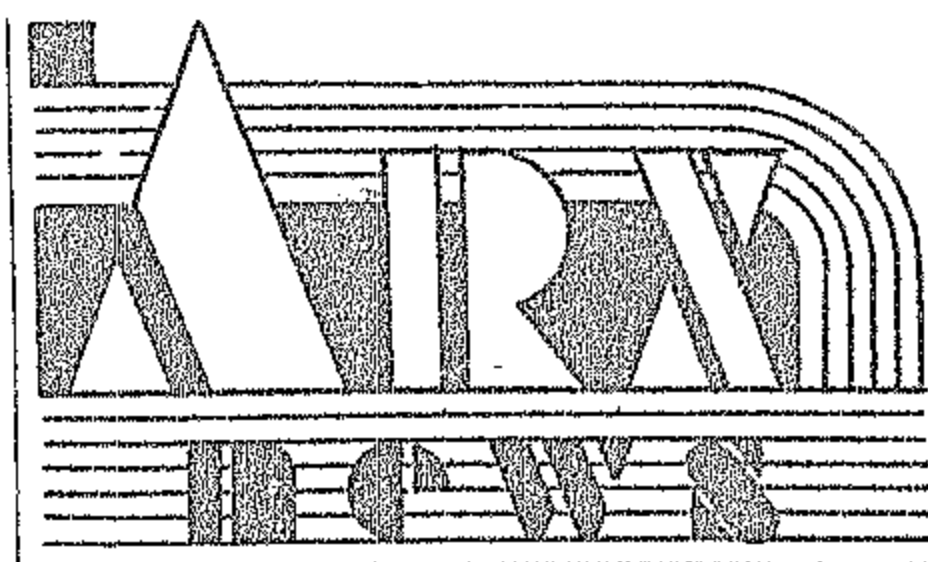
Continuing this same spirit of activity, Hell Week is being conducted at the house. The pledges are being put through tasks and routines arranged by Brother Levy.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The finals of the ping pong tournament were postponed for Junior Week, but the first match of the three was played off Thursday night.

Last Sunday the fellows enjoyed dinner at the house with their dates, after which several bridge games were continued until the evening.

Sunday, May 24th, is the annual picnic at Trout park. A canoe trip up the river from noon till supper is the main event of the day.



Gather 'round boys and we'll let you in on a big secret; summer is here! How do we know? Well somebody told whosis, who told so-and-so, who told us that the big drooping mustache that once adorned the upper lip on the face of SHOLTO M. SPEARS is now gone. And that can only mean one thing—that it is too warm for the appendage which might also be mistaken for a crop of alfalfa. Or perhaps you would like to knock our pet theories out of line and say that Sholto's unsuspecting mustache was removed by a group of playful students, which is also likely.

While the juniors were attending a lecture at the Lighting Institute, as an inspection trip of Mr. SEEGRIST'S class, the report came in of the judgment of the recent project "A Small Library" in New York. This time the top honors go to Bill CONCOLINO and Charles PFEFFER, who each were awarded a First Mention. Nice going boys! That finishes the juniors for this semester, except those who have been caught and are "niggering" for the seniors now working on their last project which is a remodeling job and will be presented in the form of working drawings.

The freshmen just haven't got a chance for they either enter the rush Junior Week and get knocked around by the sophomores or they stay out and suffer the consequences at the hands of the rest of the frosh. At least the freshmen Arx, led by CUNEO, had great intentions of cleaning up on the few who had not entered the rush. We shall have to give them some credit for they got one man, SCHAEFFER, for, to take their word for it, he was neatly "sunked". However all those who have been missed will be taken care of, along with the others, at their initiation to the Arx Society next Friday which will be followed by a banquet, where they will note the splendor with which the upper-classmen dine (once every year). Let's make it a great success and have everyone plan to attend both the banquet and the initiation.

Just happened to see some pictures taken at the Junior Formal which, we understand, was a huge success and a great time was had by all. They must have had a swell time, at least Hank LOHMILLER did, for he is still bragging about those swell whiskey-sours he had there. But not so Bob BECKER for judging from the photograph he was hypnotized as usual. Charlie SALETTA must have felt very conspicuous going home in a tax for he changed his clothes in the car. We're quite sure he would feel more conspicuous while changing in the car, for we know Charlie, and look, he's blushing right now!

With the last few weeks of school drawing to a close Professor KREHBIEL will have a special attraction to induce his students to come to life. "Kreh" has had many requests for a certain model, we will not mention her name, and at last, since there is special need, he has consented. Don't flock to the class, boys!

TOM TAX.

DELTA TAU DELTA

All the actives and pledges came down last Saturday to help entertain the men who took the freshman scholarship examination. The men enjoyed the dinner and many are enthusiastic about coming to Armour whether they get a scholarship or not.

Our ping-pong team has lost one match to the Phi Kaps, but we haven't given up hope yet. That cup may repose on our mantel soon.

Plans are being made for a formal senior farewell party to be given June the twelfth. There is much interest in the party, and it promises to be a great affair.

Ideas have been presented for summer entertainments, but nothing definite has been planned.