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Here's one from the Purdue Exponent—an excerpt from a letter written home by a frosh co-ed. “—and I'm gaining weight too, in spite of that awful dorm food they serve here. I weigh 120 stripped, only I'm not sure whether the scales in front of the drug store are right or not.”

The students at Princeton have an organization of Veterans of Future Wars. They plan to march on Washington to demand \$1,000 cash bonus discounted from 1965 to the present; so that they can enjoy spending it.

Along that same line, Vassar students have formed a Gold Star Mothers of Veterans of Future Wars. (I suppose “association” belongs in there some place.) They want to get their trips abroad now so that they can see the resting place of their sons before the country is all war-torn.

Now an old killjoy at Oklahoma says college students should not indulge in kissing, because it is a sure way to spread trench mouth. He reports that the number of cases treated at the school clinic always mounts to a high during the spring months.

Annapolis expects an increased enrollment. Legislation now pending in Congress would allow each congressman five instead of four appointments.

The heavy migration of foreign students, even Americans, to Italy has been markedly increasing in the past few years and is evidence of the progress that is being made in educational facilities there.

Here are a few tongue twisters, to remind the freshmen of the I. Q. test, from the Montana Exponent: Honorificabilitudinitatibus Inanthropomorphosability Disproportionableness Incontrophisability Histomorphologically Interdifferentiation Supersensitivenesses Hypersensitivenesses ... and don't ask us what they mean, either.

Genial Jim Farley has announced that the Liberty Bell will be the symbol of the coming Democratic convention. The Liberty Bell, to refresh your memory, is a little cracked.

The still popular expression, “Oh Yeah?” is not as inconsequential as one might think, according to a speaker at Hunter College. “This tragic in its implication,” he said, “it is as eloquent of world weariness as the bitterest cry of the disillusioned Ecclesiastes down to Dreiser and Lewis. It bristles with challenge.”

And those of us who have to listen to it...we bristle too.

A University of Washington prof was observed sitting on the steps of a building while his class sweated out an exam inside. “Won't the students cheat?” inquired a restless colleague. Said the professor: “Let them, I turned in their grades yesterday.”

Now it comes to light that the explanation that spring fever was caused by the mental effect that green grass and warm weather had on a person after passing through a cold, dreary winter, is all wet. Nowadays doctors propose the explanation that the body is geared up to produce a great deal of heat during the winter and is unable to adjust itself when warm weather comes. The excess heat causes the lackadaisical feeling known as spring fever. According to this theory, the recent winter should produce some chronic cases with resultant drastic effects.

A novel idea in the form of flunk insurance has gained its way into the University of Michigan. If the student flunks out in a regular term, the company has to see him through summer school...and if he flunks summer school they give him up as a bad risk.

Head officers at West Point barred young women instructors from the military academy's compulsory dance

ing classes, explaining that the ladies disturbed the equilibrium of the cadets learning to dance... (They do use such technical terms in the army.)

Coads of Syracuse University who are on the cheering squad are complaining of stiff backs. Strenuous practice—so they say—is the cause of their ailment.

There is no person who can give more sound advice on how to run a newspaper than the person who has never worked on one.

## KALEIDOSCOPE

LAUGHTER is a characteristic of man. Many generalities have been uttered in attempts to delineate the *homo sapiens*, but, as has been said, “No generality is true, not even this one”. Nevertheless, this definition is as true as Plato's. Plato set forth the proposition that “Man is a biped without feathers”. Diogenes presented a plucked chicken. “This is Plato's Man”, he said.

Laughter has been observed by everyone, but not even professional comedians, who make a study of the reaction of the human animal to the risible, can predict the exact effect upon the audience.

There are several distinct motives of laughter. Among them we find the physical, including tickling, hysteria, and even some kinds of acute pain. The mental causes include a feeling of power or self-complacency. Sometimes incongruities are the basis of what is laughable. Degradation of some person or interest possessing dignity is a frequent exciter of laughter. This includes the “sublime to the ridiculous”, form of humor, as in Pope:—

Here thou great Anna, whom three realms obey  
Dost sometimes counsel take, and sometimes tea.

The forgoing are causes of laughter. All our emotions, our reactions, our actions, have a definite purpose. The physical reasons for laughter have not been mentioned. A very logical explanation is that given by Crile, in his *Origin and Nature of the Emotions*. In brief, the summation of his theory as we remember it after several years, is as follows: When a state of emotional tension is built up, various internal secretions appear in the body, similar to those which are secreted under the stimulus of fear. Normally, these secretions spur the body to exceptional activity, and it is a known fact that under the stimulus of some strong emotion as fear and anger, it will accomplish otherwise impossible feats. However, when the state of emotional stress does not culminate in action, as in the cases which induce laughter, the secretions produce harmful effects on the system unless consumed. Hence we laugh, and in the strenuous exercise which follows, (laughter sometimes even produces exhaustion) we utilize these glandular products, thus preventing the mentioned ill effects.

This theory can be extended to cover nearly all cases of laughter, but it is only an attempt at explanation. Laughter, in spite of all efforts to pin it down, remains an elusive, intangible, will o' the wisp. It is far too delicate a thing to submit to rigid laws. We can merely guess.

### VAMPIRE

Oh Daughter of Satan, get thee hence!  
I like not thy sinister smile, thy  
Ebon looks, thy evil glance.  
Avaunt, Circe, foul witch!  
I fear thy very sight.

Scarlet lips, but pitch black heart  
thou hast.  
Fair to look upon, still not so fair  
When all thy wiles are known.

## Fundamentals That Win Baseball Games Told by Krafft at Meeting

With the first game of the season only three weeks away, Tech's baseball squad met for another headwork session last Thursday with Coach Krafft. Speaking before a turnout of over fifty men, Krafft advised the aspirants on ball playing and answered their queries about rules and tight situations.

Starting with the defense, some general rules were laid down for keeping a step ahead of the opponents. If the score is close, with no men out and a man on first base, there is almost a surety of a bunt. When this situation is present the first and third basemen run in on every pitch to get the bunt while the second baseman covers first and the shortstop covers second. “Play to get the batter” is the rule here. If there are none out and a player is on second base, the third baseman must hold back to guard his bag and only goes in for the ball if it is hit toward him, while the pitcher and first baseman come in on each pitch. If the catcher plays a bunt he is to use his judgment as to the man to get.

### Hitting Wins a Game

Continuing, Mr. Krafft spoke about the double-play. If men are on first and second, or first, and third, and the game is still young, it is best to play back and get in a double-play; but if the game is in its last innings where every run counts the defense should play up as close as possible to get the man at home and save the score. Always in a double-play the man fielding the ball has to toss it from the position he is in when he

gets it, for time is valuable; but the toss to the base must be straight and true and the speed, with which it is thrown depends on how far it is to the base.

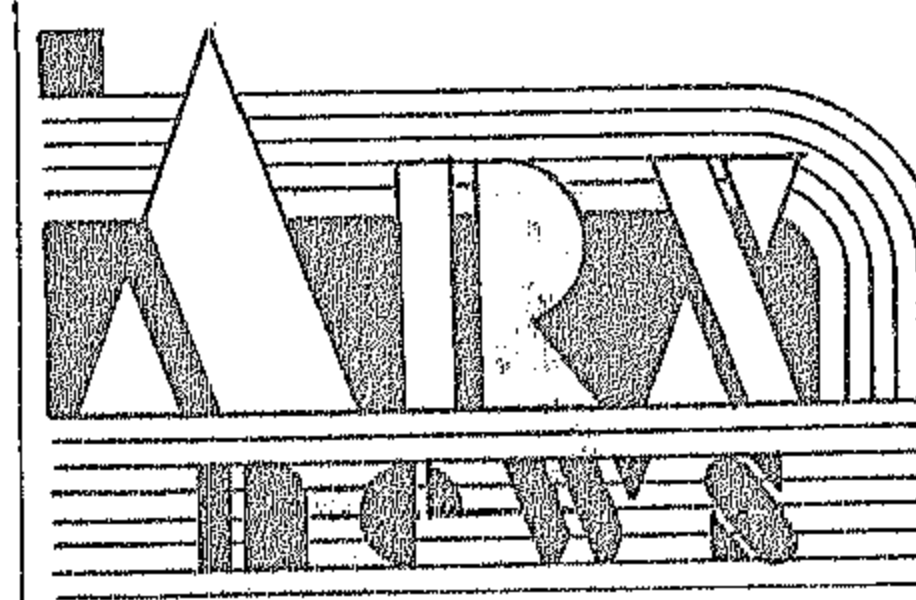
However, you “can't win a game without base hits” the men were told. The best defense team in any league can be beaten if they have no hitters to make themselves a score. The lead-off man should not strike at the first ball but should let the pitcher display his stuff and do all the work. However, if he is a good hitter he should take the second good ball, having let a strike go by him, but if a little weak he should try to work the pitcher into a three and two count. Any succeeding batter should take a healthy cut at the first good ball when a man is on base and try to get him around.

### Base-running Is Discussed

When the base coach signals a bunt-and-run play the man on base streaks away on the pitch and the batter has to bunt. The hit-and-run play is similar: upon receiving the signal the runner starts on the pitch while the batter strikes at whatever is served up to him and lays it along the ground. On the sacrifice play the batter is the bait and gets the team on the field to put him out while advancing his teammate another base.

To conclude his lecture the coach talked on balking, as when the pitcher tries to pick a man off first or the catcher tries to get a man on one base by pretending to throw it to some other base. He again stressed the ten rules to pitchers and catchers on the various balls to serve up to the batter.

Last Friday a practice was again held in the fifth floor gym, and if the weather turns warm enough, this week may see an outdoor session for the team.



“Calling all cars, calling all cars, . . .”. Such is the cryptic message that is polluting the air waves these days in an attempt, by his parents, to locate that unknown quantity TOM TAX. The whole mess started when said scribbler failed to return home after an evening of celebration with several of the Junior Arx. He just couldn't take it.

Away, thou Jinn born cat!  
Thou meanest naught to me.

And yet, thou needst not fly so soon,  
Thy charm is void, I know thy guile.  
Thou canst not work me harm.  
But an thou stayest, temptress queen,  
Cast not thine eyes on mine,  
But look another way.

Thy slender form yields to the touch.  
Thou canst no evil do!  
Come closer still, oh heaven's light!  
Oh white hot fiery molten lips!  
Thy spell is cast, I'm lost!

E. E. '33.

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## FRESHMEN—

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contrast to the usual procedure, places outside activities as the important element of school life. Since the freshman-sophomore rush is the most important feature as far as freshmen are concerned, Martin described the procedure of this event. It is held in Ogden Field and lasts ten minutes during which time the two groups attempt to place as many as possible of the bags lined up in the middle of the field before the start of the rush, into their respective goals. He suggested that rush leaders be elected soon, so that plans for the rush could advance as rapidly as possible.

He mentioned other features of Junior Week, namely, inter-class baseball and track, inter-fraternity athletics, and inter-departmental games, to be held on various days during the week; open house night to be held on Monday; concert which will feature the Glee Club, orchestra, and inter-fraternity sing; and on Friday which will be circus day, the class rush, the inter-fraternity pageant, and in the evening, the Junior Formal.

In closing, he advised the fellows against rough tactics at the wrong time during this week. Following this he answered several questions asked of him by members of the group.

## Soft Ball Tourney To Be Launched Soon

With the advent of spring, the third Tech soft ball tourney will be underway. This tourney, although only recently inaugurated, has proven one of the most popular of intramural events. Intramural manager Ruppert will have complete charge in making rules, schedules and equipment. Teams may enter from each department of each class. Since the freshmen are not divided into departments, they may enter four teams of ten men each. Entries are to be in by March 27. They must include the names of the players, the captain, and when the team can play. The finals will be run off during Junior Week.

The tournament was won last year by the junior chemicals who will again put a strong team into the field. After nosing out the seniors 8-5, they went ahead and defeated the frosh team 6-3 for an exciting finish.

## Armour Wrestlers Enter A.A.U. Meet

With the wrestling season now a thing of the past, the team's fine showing prompted Coach Weissman to enter six of his men in the Central A. A. U. tournament. First, second, and third place winners in this meet are eligible to try for places on the Olympic wrestling team which is to compete in Germany this summer. Dunne, Kreml, Popper, Patterson, Sumner, and Tullgren were entered and in spite of the fact that some of these men will be forced to give weight advantages due to the rearrangement of the classes, it is believed that several have a chance of coming out on top. Schmidt was not entered because he was not able to fight in his weight class.

Mac, our pal (?), finally remembered the Junior Class long enough to include in his personal effects one small red notebook from which said Juniors were able to get the telephone number of that certain young artists' model with the two bull dogs.

A certain member of the female species is hereby being warned that a sinking excursion is in the offing if she fails to abide by that age-old rule concerning the Life Class. Also, where is the green cap?

Too much night-life, or charette, (the same difference), finally caught up with Sophomore Lader. At the height of Mr. Shaw's Thursday afternoon lecture, it took Prof. Suter

## Swimmers Lose To South Siders

After winning four events in a row the swimming team suffered its most heartbreaking defeat of the season when South Side Junior College won the last race to take the meet, 38-36. South Side's first man in the 160 yard relay opened up a short lead and the rest of the team held it to give the victors first blood. In the breast stroke, however, Knaus and Svagdis came through to cop first and second and send Armour into an early lead.

### Relay Decides Meet

This win was nullified, however, when the visitors' sprinters took the next race, the 40 yard free style. The Techawks then set about whittling away South Side's lead. Duerrstein, Dodge, and Winblad, in the order named, won the 100 yard back stroke, the 220 yard free style, and the 100 yard free style, respectively, to bring Armour to within one point of the visitors' total.

Manke did a beautiful job of fancy diving to win the event and give Armour a one point lead. In the medley relay, however, the combination of Van Alstyne, Shervis, and Andalman was too fast for the Techawks and South Side nosed out Armour for the victory.

### Summaries

160 yard relay—Won by South Side (Van Alstyne, O'Connell, Zukaus, Edgcomb). Time—1:23.7.  
100 yard breast stroke—Won by Knaus (A). Svagdis (A) second; Pietrasak (S.S.) third. Time—1:17.4.  
40 yard free style—Won by Zukaus (S.S.). Andalman (S.S. second); Ruckberg (A) third. Time—20.7.  
100 yard back stroke—Won by Duerrstein (A). Raschke (S.S.) second; Wolf (S.S.) third. Time—1:20.1.  
220 yard free style—Won by Dodge (A). Tudytilles (S.S.) second; Zukaus (S.S.) third. Time—2:50.4.  
100 yard free style—Won by Winblad (A). Edgcomb (S.S.) second; Ignowski (S.S.) third. Time—1:02.0.  
Fancy Diving—Won by Manke (A).  
180 yard medley relay—Won by South Side (Van Alstyne, Shervis, Andalman). Time—1:58.2.

no little time and effort to recover said Arx from the ever alluring arms of Morpheus.

Judgments in the past week netted the following outstanding results. CONCOLINO and HRACHOVSKY received a first mention apiece on their Church Problem. And to top things off ROSEN, that illustrious P. G., received a mention in New York on his Rome Collaborative Prize project.

In the absence (mental) of Tom Tax, this, the last outpost of civilization, was written by the “Three Charetteers,” more commonly known as,

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