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So You Want to Be an Engineer

Did you ever have the ambition of piloting one of those mighty locomotives that thunders past the back fence of Armour? At the risk of breaking some freshman's heart we must admit that Armour Tech is not planning to turn him into that kind of an engineer. But now that the men of '40 have been welcomed as a class of Armour, they would do well to see just what they are stepping into.

Most of them will not end up as engineers. That surprising fact has been shown in a number of surveys; while engineering students start out by doing engineering work, the records of earlier classes reveal that increasing numbers of engineers take over executive positions. This is the reason for the general and business courses which give every curriculum some of the non-technical grounding that enables the young engineer to take his place in the world as an educated person. But there is more to school than studying and there is an opportunity for everyone at Armour to take part in sports, clubs, and the organizations and activities which show what engineering is doing at the present time.

So greetings and salutations to all new men and old "Armourites" as we again look forward

to nine months of crowded activities, absorbing work, and some play.

Freshman Elections

After a week or two of the preliminaries—registration and getting adjusted to the various classes—students will get down to the serious business of studying and electing class officers. This always throws the freshmen into a state of confusion. They are unadjusted and are not acquainted with their classmates so they accept the first method suggested to them and proceed to circulate petitions among themselves. That usually means that one whose ego is somewhat more than his classmates' goes about asking acquaintances and classmates to sign his petition.

The average new student when thus approached feels important and signs, without much thought. When election day comes along the freshman finds himself voting for someone whom he never heard of. Later on he feels dissatisfied with things and feels that something was put over on him.

To the News, therefore, it seems that it would be greatly to the benefit of the freshmen to postpone any kind of election until February or March, when they can select their leaders with eyes open, through the traditional method just mentioned or by some representative election committee.

After all, class officers hold more of an honorary position than one of real work except, perhaps, in the senior year. During the first semester of the freshman year there are no dances or parties. Officers are merely so in name until March, which is the usual time for the freshman dance. We are not attempting to "keep down" the freshmen when we suggest that they "learn the ropes" with the help of the green caps which are a big factor in uniting the class and assisting them to meet their classmates and upper classmen, and to forget elections until next semester.

Armour—1940 Version!

Already the result of the definite plans and accomplished remodeling has brought a decided physical and mental change about Armour, and what is more important this is expected to continue to improve.

Students are coming back this year after their vacations with more enthusiasm, more joviality, and more spirit than ever before. This is because they are not returning to the same old classrooms, and the same old equipment. There is something new and attractive about the school which is beginning to look more like a campus. The often too prevailing "tomorrow we will move" attitude on the part of the students, faculty, officers of the institute, and trustees has been, for the most part, replaced by an "improve Armour" frame of mind.

The News has a chance to garner students' suggestions for improvement, some of which may not have come to the attention of those in charge of maintenance. Among these are to sandblast the stone and brick of the main building and Machinery Hall, paint or whitewash Mission and Chapin Hall and the other school buildings, obtain and tear down the buildings and landscape the property on both sides of 33rd street at least to State street so as to provide a more pleasant approach to school. All of these would go far toward enriching campus activities.

The Slipstick

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

Faculty Frolics of 1940

We have great fun in giving marks
We give few A's and B's;
What most of all we love to do
Is pass out D's and E's.
(Profs and instructors, all together):

Oh its all in fun, oh, it's all in fun,
We don't care who gets 'em but we're
having lots of fun.

(Curtain)

And so ends our colossal production,
dedicated to the class of 1940.
Now you know it all, the cold stark truth.

Found on freshman's registration card (why Mr. Kelly has gray hair):
Name of parent or guardian — Mommy and Daddy.

Next week we give you E. J. Don't fail to clip each and every one of his columns to wrap your lunch in. They'll add that cheesy flavor. The trouble with E. J. is his last line. It's too far from his first.

ZAZU: (Pounding on E. J.'s head with a hammer): "Knock, knock."
e. j.: "Who is there?"
ZAZU: "Little Old Lady."
e. j.: "Little Old Lady who?"
ZAZU: "Oh! When did you learn to yodel?"

Let us drink to the thought that where'er a man roves,
He is sure to find something that's blissful and dear;
And that when he's far from the lips that he loves,
He can always make love to the lips that are near.

Thomas Moore.

DECISION

Sylvia has winsome ways;
Her smile makes Monday bright.
Low is tops, she sings and plays,
To hear her brings delight.
Martha Lee is widely read,
And clever as a quip.
Annabelle can knock them dead;
She shakes a wicked hip.
Between these girls, I'm torn apart.
I don't know which to choose.

Information for Students

Registration Days: Monday and Tuesday, September 21st and 22nd, 1936, are devoted entirely to registration, enrollment in classes, making out program cards, and such other preliminaries as are necessary in order to begin the regular work on Wednesday, September 23rd. A charge of \$1.00 is made for late registration, and a fee of \$5.00 is charged students for non-payment in full of tuition, fees and deposits.

Freshmen Assembly: Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, 9:00 A. M., Assembly Hall, Mission. Freshman Orientation Tests: Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, 10:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M., 2:00 to 4:30 P. M., 5th Floor, Main Building. Freshmen will meet Senior group leaders at 10:30 A. M., Friday, Sept. 25th, in assigned rooms. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will enroll as follows:

Mechanicals with Professors Huntly and Peebles in Strength of Materials Laboratory, basement of Main Building.
Electricals with Professors Nash and Sear in Elec. Lecture Room, second floor, Main Building.

Civils and Architects with Professors Penn, Stevens, and Spears, in Civil Drafting Room, second floor, Mission Building.
Chemicals with Professors Freud and Van Atta, in Room A, fourth floor, Main Building.

Fire Protects with Professor Finnegan, in office, 41 W. 33rd Street.
Engineering Science students with Professor Paul, in Chapin Hall.

After enrollment, students should pay their fees on the second floor, Main Building, receiving a registration receipt.

Enrollment in Classes: The registration receipt must be shown to the instructor as it entitles the student to enter classes. No student is allowed to enroll in a class without this receipt. Sophomore students will enroll for Mathematics, Physics, and Mechanics classes in the Electrical Laboratory, 2nd floor, Main Building; for all other classes with the instructors in their offices. As soon as a student has enrolled in all of his classes, he should make out a permanent program card and leave it, with his class enrollment card, at the Office of the Registrar.

Vaccination and Physical Examination: All new students must report to Dr. McNamara for physical examination. Watch bulletin board for appointment. Vaccination certificates are to be presented at time of physical examination.

Library: Students may draw books from the Library by showing their registration receipts to the Librarian.

Gymnasium: Hours for exercise and class work are to be arranged with the Instructor in Physical Training, Gymnasium, fifth floor, Main Building.

Check Room: The Check Room is located on main floor of Mission Building, West Tower entrance. Students are expected to check their hats, overcoats, and umbrellas.

Elevator: Juniors and Seniors are the only students allowed to use elevator.

Text Books: Text books and all students' supplies may be obtained in the Students' Supply Store, Mission Building.

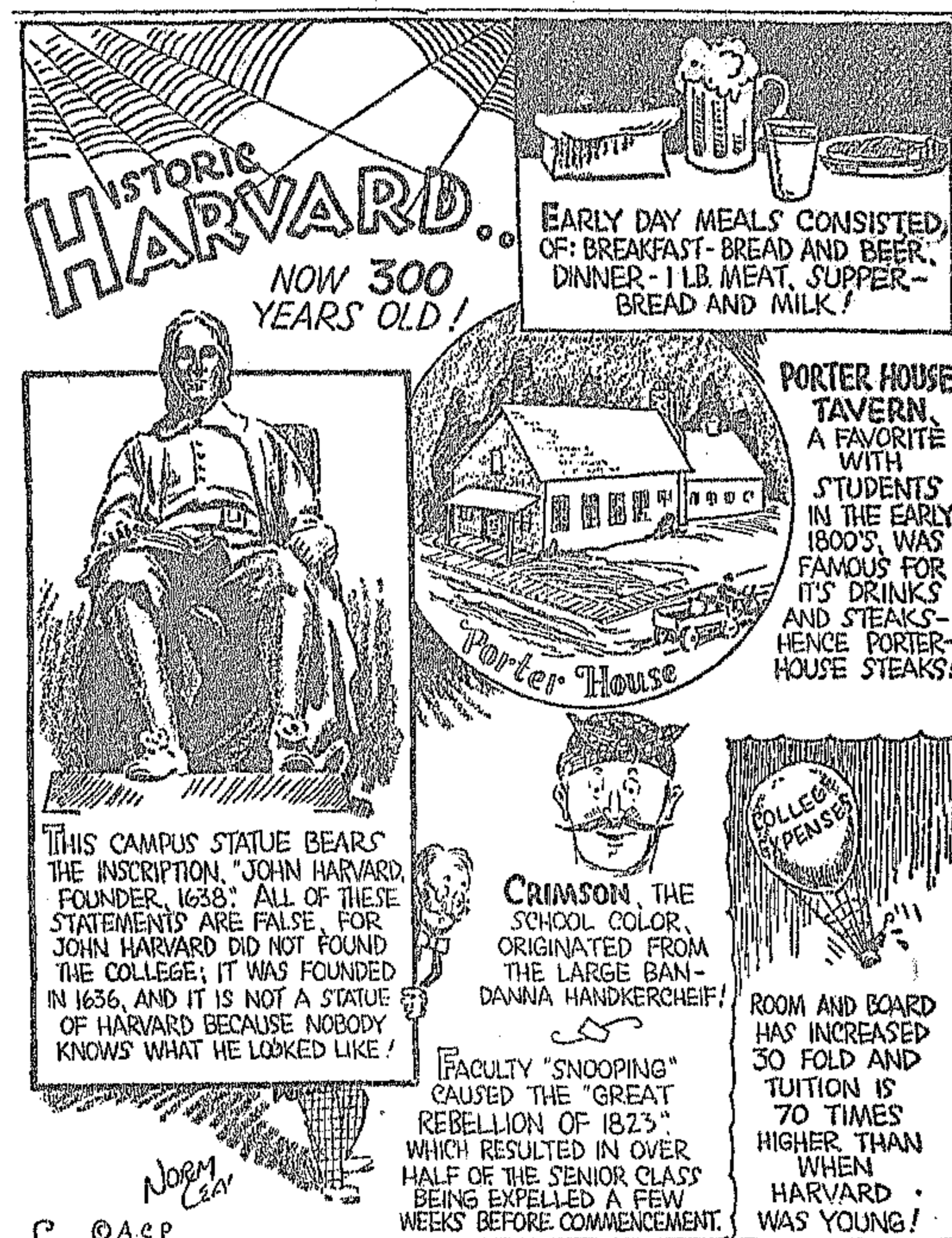
Board and Room: Information in regard to board and room may be obtained in the Office of the Registrar.

Fountain Lunchroom (and Student Union) is located in the basement of the Mission Building, and will be open from 9:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M.

Telephone: Public telephones for local and long distance calls are located on the first floor of Main Building.

Cashier's Office: After September 23rd, all fees and deposits for lockers, keys, tools, laboratories, drawing boards, etc. are to be paid in the Cashier's Office, northwest corner, second floor, Main Building, from 8:30 A. M. to 2 P. M.

CAMPUS CAMERA



Which of these shall have my heart?
Why, all! How can I lose? R. W.

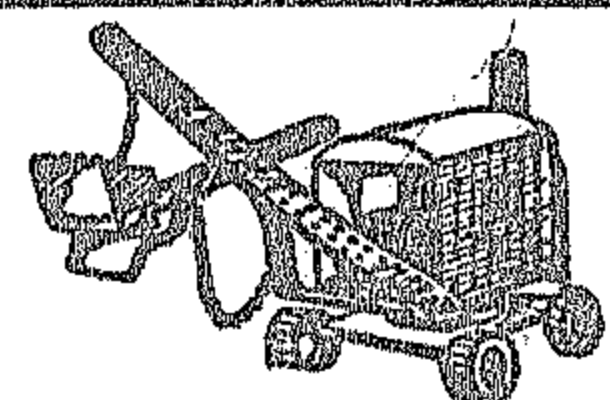
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Hi-Li-ing among the Freshmen will not be tolerated in the Main Lobby. A special play-room will be provided for such purposes in Chapin Hall.

Hendricks: "What author is noted for his vocabulary?"
Chelgren: "Webster!"

Oh freshmen, hark to my advice
There's one guy here who's very nice
He's smart, he's cute, in fact, he's swell.
His name I really hate to tell.
But that's ZAZU.

THE STEAM SHOVEL



When Louie Jacobs and Bob Homman poured twenty c.c. of alcohol into George Prehler's orangeade, George was certainly brought to life. He turned in one of his best analyses that day. It just goes to show what "tiger tea" can do for you. Maybe if we took some we'd get out a better column.

Some of the practical jokers went around spreading alum over wash-bottle mouthpieces in chem. Another prank was substituting solid glass rods in place of the mouthpieces. Of course John Masin and Carl Deuter wouldn't know anything about it.

During a recent inspection trip through the Institute, the visitors were shown through the chem. labs. The blow-off came when a young blonde pointed at "Butch" Kubik and then asked the guide, "What kind of an experiment is that?"

One of the laziest men (?) at school is B. W. Gamson. It is reported that during the summer chem. courses, "Red" set aside a liter beaker. It wasn't used for any chemistry experiment either. It is suggested that Red save this beaker as it will be a useful mascot in "P"-Chemistry.

To make sure that they had the same soap samples, Art Wildermuth and Roy Petro decided to make a test by washing themselves with the soap. After they tossed up to see who would wash, Petro started lathering his face. It is quite evident that Pete lost the toss.

Down at civil camp Burdette Peterson was taught the art of snipe-hunting. Peterson was given a large bag and sent out into the night to catch a few snipe. "Pete" sat rigid in the same spot for about six hours, bag in hand waiting for a bird to run into it. Then came the dawn.

This column would be very interesting in knowing what happened to Will Kruse seven times during a late season baseball trip.

After drinking up Zazu's croton oil, Deuter, Berger and Ryan could be found loitering in the vicinity of the fifth floor. Zazu told them it was peanut oil, the villain. However, he was rewarded with a bucket of hot water.

Just as soon as Eng's platinum crucibles were reported missing, Howie (Prof.) Milleville asked "Duke" Evanoff to return them. "Duke" had to take time out from his hydraulic warfare games with Stober and Kahle and try to rustle them up.

KALEIDOSCOPE

TO THE NEW students, we wish to introduce the Kaleidoscope. This column is intended to air your ideas concerning poetry, books, authors, plays, humor, philosophy (petty or otherwise) and any other article that might come under the general heading of literature. We would like especially to receive original compositions of anything from abracadabra to zanyisms. If the compositions are not original but only pieces you have enjoyed, send them in anyway.

A YOUNG LADY who is now concealing her candle under the bushel of a small town in Iowa, has written a number of clever verses. It has never been our pleasure to meet this brilliant person, but we were able to secure a few of her verses from a friend of hers with whom we are acquainted. Here are a few of her witty observations. They are incisive and slightly tinged with cynicism.

If you only spend
When you have the money
You may eat bread
But never honey.

If you only start
When you know the way,

You'll never stir
'Til judgment day.

If your heart's in love
With tradition only
You'll be respected
But very lonely.

B. A. Fox.

TO A PRETTY LADY

She hated bleak and wintry things
alone.
All that was warm and quick she
loved too well,
A light, a flame, a heart held tight
against her own.
Will it be bitter cold for her ... in
hell?

B. A. F.

FROM Richard Henry Little's column, "A Line O' Type Or Two", we offer this selection. It is one of a series called "News of The Literary World," written by Dorothy Kissling, and published several months ago.

MR. CARL SANDBURG WEARIES OF HIS MUSE

Get out of here, girl.
Get out, I say,
Before I throw you out.
Every time I look around I see your
smiling face
Smeared from forehead to chin with
the moldiest words in the language.

I'm tired of it. Tired of it. TIRED,
I said.

... Yes, I remember all that,
But that was before I saw those pink
water lilies
Blossoming in the Jackson Park lagoon.

I wonder if Keats had the right idea
after all ...
Anyway, I'm done with you and don't
you forget it.

I tell you the past is a bucket of
ashes ...
You go crawl into it—see?

IN A LITTLE book of verses
which we own, we were amused to
find this following the title page:

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Turn the pages and see

ILLUSTRATIONS

Close your eyes and think of the
Past, the Present, and anticipate the
future.

"To those who passed me on the
highway and gave greeting, and
whom I shall never meet again;
to the possible friends who came my
way, and whose eyes lingered as
they fell on mine,—may they ever
be eager with youth and strong with
fellowship; may they ever miss a
welcome nor want a comrade."

ANNA STRUNSKY.
R. W.