



LAWSON 'Y' IS MECCA FOR SOPHS TOMORROW NIGHT

Schommer and Swimming To Feature Evening

Tomorrow night the sophomore class will meet at Lawson "Y" to hold their second annual smoker and splash party. This makes it twice that the sophomores have done what no other undergraduate group has ever before accomplished—that is held strictly class affairs.

B. G. Anderson Arranges Smoker

The arrangement of the smoker is being handled by Bolton G. Anderson, sophomore social chairman, whose idea it was and who also promoted last year's successful affair. From all indications this smoker will equal or even surpass last year's smoker.

John Schommer to Speak

Of course the feature of the evening will be John Schommer's always inspiring speech. John has not as yet divulged the nature of his talk, but if advance information has it, it will be a "corker".

The Lawson pool is considered one of the best in the city, and will probably be one of the most popular of the various diversions offered at the smoker. Last year the bitter cold weather put a damper on the swimming, but probably this obstacle will not be present tomorrow night. Locker facilities will be provided for the swimmers.

To Have Use of Game Rooms

The game room facilities will be at the disposal of the sophomores. Ping pong tables for those who bat the little ball around, shuffle board for those who lean in that direction, chairs and tables for bull sessions, and all the rest have been provided.

Although the sale of tickets will officially close at 6 p. m. tomorrow, late deciders will probably be able to purchase them at the door. The tickets may be purchased at present from B. G. Anderson, H. S. Anthony, I. Footlik, R. I. Jaffee, W. Kruse, E. C. Mitchell, R. Starmann, W. Steward, and R. R. Tullgren.

Juniors to Hold Winter Formal

Following a suggestion by social chairman, Stanley E. Healy, the Junior class at the end of last Thursday afternoon passed a motion that the celebrated Junior Formal affair be held sometime during the winter months instead of the usual time at the end of Junior Week.

To Disregard Tradition

With the hope that an informal dance replacing the Formal at the end of Junior Week would be more popular, it was decided to disregard tradition. Just an informal dance it was said, would enable a greater number of students to participate in a fitting climax to the week's activities.

The universal opinion favored the colder weather as an ideal time for the event. Thus, Armour follows the example of most colleges and universities. The social committee will be open to suggestions from any class member in regards to a date and will attempt to select one which will avoid all conflicts.

Urges Support of Dad's Night

C. W. Dunbar spoke on the importance of securing one hundred per cent support for a successful Dad's Night program. Every class member was urged to speak to his dad concerning the event. Outlining the duties of ticket salesmen, it was stated that every man in every department was to be contacted. W. J. Chelgren is in charge of ticket sales for the class. A further appeal for concentrated support for the athletic team was made.

The financial difficulties encountered last year in preparing the Cycle were discussed by W. Laise, after which it was decided that the class pay \$100 toward its share of the next year-book, instead of the usual \$75, provided the other three classes do likewise.

Treasurer's Report Read

The newly elected class president, W. J. Chelgren, officially presided over a most orderly meeting. A long-awaited treasurer's report by I. Seidenberg, the class treasurer, showed the class treasury to be in a satisfactory condition.

PLANS FOR 'DAD'S NIGHT' BANQUET NOW COMPLETED

Having completed final arrangements for the evening's entertainment, the "Dad's Night" committee is now concentrating on the sale of tickets for the event. The tickets are of two types; the black tickets are for dads and are priced at \$1.30 while the yellow tickets are for students and cost \$0.90.

The program will commence at 7:00 o'clock, immediately after the dinner, when Coach G. N. Stenger of the basketball team will introduce this year's team. Following the introduction of the team, Harold E. Little will render a few selections on the piano. Dean Heald and Professor P. C. Huntly will then deliver short addresses followed by talks from several of the dads. At 8:00, the group will walk over to the Fieldhouse to watch the Armour-University of Chicago basketball game. C. W. Dunbar, vice-president of the A.T.S.A., will serve as master of ceremonies.

The banquet will be held at Hutchinson Commons, located at 57th street and University avenue. Two lounge rooms adjoining the banquet room will serve as an informal gathering place. The fieldhouse is only one block away.

A.S.M.E. to Inspect American Steel Co.

A special meeting of the A.S.M.E. will be held next Tuesday at 11:30 in Science Hall for the purpose of presenting a preview of an inspection trip to the American Steel Foundries at Indiana Harbor, Indiana. Mr. W. E. George, a representative of the company, will enumerate the outstanding features to be seen on the trip.

Students going on this inspection trip will be divided into three groups. Regular senior A.S.M.E. members should be at the plant this afternoon at 2 p. m. Regular and associate junior members should be at the plant tomorrow morning at 9:30 a. m. Sophomore members will take the trip at 1:00 p. m. tomorrow afternoon.

The annual fall smoker of the A.S.M.E. will be held Wednesday evening, December 2, in the Students' Union; activities will begin at 7:30 p. m. Dr. T. C. Poulter is to present an illustrated talk on his experiences in the Antarctic, and Professor Winston will give one of his inimitable talks. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, coffee, cake, and ice cream will be served. Tickets for this event are being sold by members of the social committee, namely: I. Thomas, chairman, W. J. Chelgren, E. Menke, and R. W. Winblad.

Library Given Fifty Engineering Volumes

Last week the library received fifty volumes of U. S. Geological and Coast and Geodetic survey bulletins and reports. These volumes are extremely valuable since both are out of print and difficult to acquire.

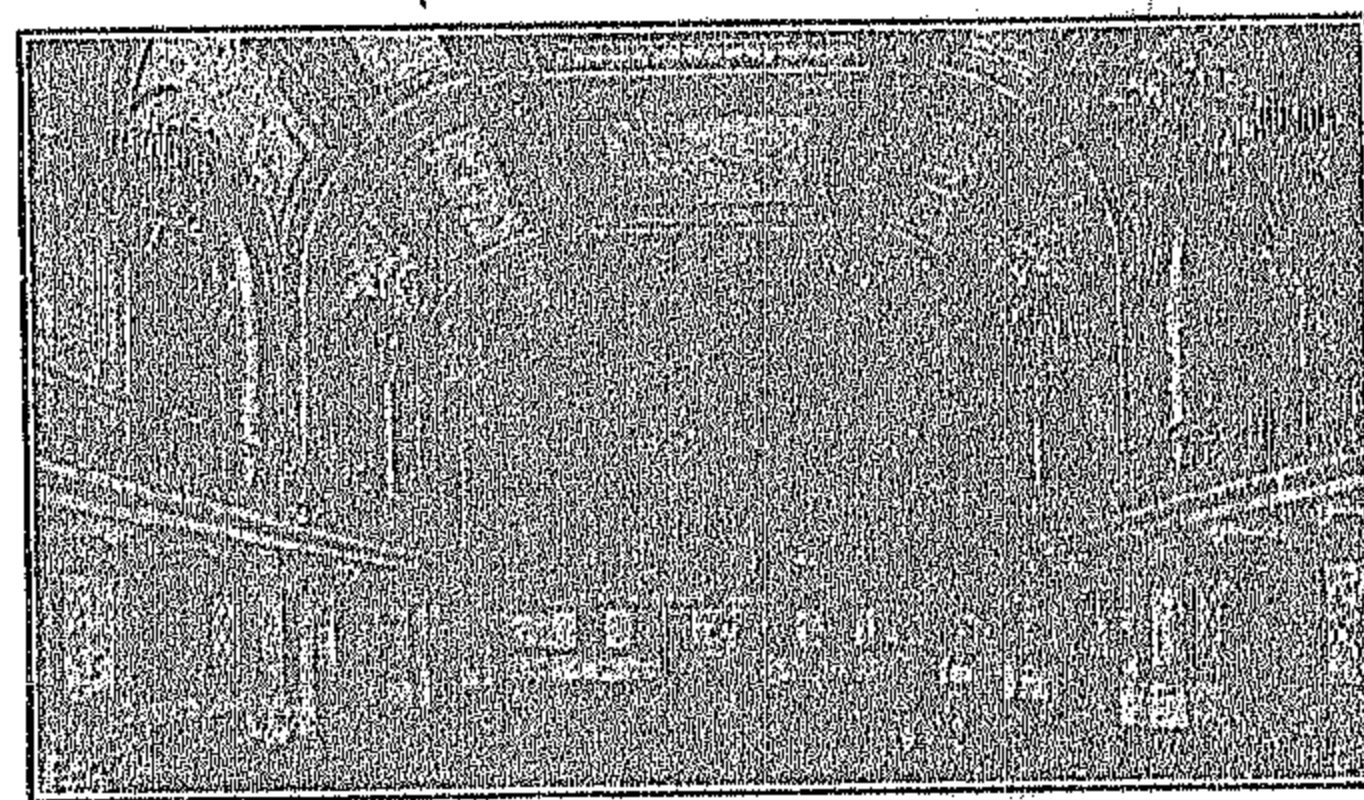
Miss Ellen Steele, librarian, traveled to Geneva, Illinois, last Wednesday to get the books, which were donated by Mrs. H. B. Alexander. They belonged to her husband who died in 1930. Mr. Alexander, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was occupied during his active life in civil and mining engineering. He was in charge of construction of the Aurora water works and Bear Trap Dam of the Chicago Drainage Canal.

PLACEMENT NOTICE

All Seniors are requested to see Mr. W. N. Setterberg in the Registrar's office before December 18, 1936.

There will be no issue of the **ARMOUR TECH NEWS** next Tuesday, December 1, because of the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Senior Informal To Be Held in Gold Room of Congress Hotel on Friday



Techawks will dance next Friday night in the beautiful Gold Room pictured above. Modern music in a Victorian setting will make this affair unique.

Three More Pledged Into Alpha Chi Sigma

Three more men were pledged to Alpha Chi Sigma, national chemical fraternity, last Wednesday at the meeting held in the physics lecture room, bringing the total number of pledges to thirteen for this semester. Those pledged were: E. Kreml, '37, H. E. Little, '37, and E. J. Loutzenheiser Jr., '39.

H. L. Davis, president of the Chicago professional chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma, was present, and plans for a joint meeting and smoker with the professional and Northwestern University chapters were discussed.

Eighteen Present at Photography Meeting

Last Wednesday afternoon, under the guidance of Ernest Mehringer, William Velvel, and Fred Widell, the newly organized Photography Club held its first meeting. A great deal of interest has been shown in such a club, attested by the fact that eighteen men attended the first meeting.

No officers were elected and the organization is yet incomplete. But much progress has been made. A spacious apartment on the fourth floor of Chapin Hall has been secured. Arrangements are being made for the installation of an enlarger and printer and the furnishing of a dark room and studio is soon to be realized.

Anyone interested in photography is urged to join, as the Photography Club seems to be destined to become one of Armour's most popular clubs, according to E. Mehringer.

Initiates to Faculty Survive Pledge Trial

In rip-roaring fashion, the faculty club held its annual stag party last Wednesday evening in the Student's Union. After enjoying a turkey dinner, initiates to the club were put through grinds that would do justice to any fraternity.

"Booker" Stenger and Otto Zmeskal, according to faculty club commentators, played "cornet solos together." Skits about country school life were portrayed by initiates H. A. Giddings, E. A. Kent, R. H. Manley, W. J. McLarney, T. C. Poulter, J. A. Schaad, J. T. Sorenson, G. N. Stenger, and Otto Zmeskal.

Prof. C. R. Swineford, president of the faculty club, was master of ceremonies. Dr. T. C. Poulter, an initiate and director of the research organization, discussed his trips to the South Pole and illustrated them with slides.

A representative of the sleight-of-hand, "Clem the Conjuror" attempted to baffle the unbelieving professors. He was aided in a mind reading act by Prince Sappollo (W. B. Fulghum).

Officers of the faculty club for this year are: C. R. Swineford, president; W. A. Spencer, first vice president; W. E. Kelly, second vice president; W. B. Fulghum, secretary; and J. S. Thompson, treasurer. Professors emeritus C. W. Leigh and J. E. Snow attended the party.

Frosh Exams Basis For Remedial Work

"Information of value in planning special aid for students has been derived from the freshman tests given in September," announced Dr. C. A. Tibbals, chairman of the examination committee, "but as yet no comparison has been made with the results of similar work with freshman classes in other colleges."

The tests as given this year differed from the former one, since tests to determine a student's aptitude for mathematics and general science work were included, and the general psychological test (I. Q.) was quite different. The mathematical tests have been of advantage already, providing a key to some students' difficulties with the math courses here. A study of the work done on the examination has, in several cases, shown the nature of the student's trouble so that it might be corrected.

Last year the results of the test seemed to warrant special remedial classes, which were inaugurated, but this semester they have not been continued, although under consideration.

The system of freshman advisers now in effect to some extent supplies these classes, having their objective assistance to the student on all problems incidental to his attendance in college.

Dr. Poulter Talks on Antarctic to W. S. E.

"The Byrd" Antarctic Expedition in the field will be discussed at the meeting of the Western Society of Engineers Monday evening by Dr. Thomas C. Poulter. Dr. Poulter, now director of the Research Foundation at Armour Institute, served as head of the scientific staff and second in command of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition of 1934.

At the December meeting of the W.S.E., Charles F. Goodrich, chief engineer of the American Bridge Co. of Pittsburgh, Penn., will talk on the longest suspension bridge in the world, the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge. This lecture will be illustrated by slides and motion pictures.

There is no charge to attend these meetings, and the officers of the W.S.E. invite everyone to attend them.

Spencer Lectures On Mathematical Models

At the Math Club meeting of last Friday, W. A. Spencer spoke on the construction of charts and models for mathematical work, telling why the charts were necessary and how they helped in visualizing problems. Mr. Spencer will also give the talk before the Men's Math Club of Chicago at the YMCA. Models are now made of plastics and fishing twine instead of the wood and thread used formerly. Physical representation of conical specimens are clearly shown with models.

The next meeting of the club will be held in about two weeks, and at this meeting, Professor Oldenburger will be the speaker.

Jack Russell's N. B. C. Band Featured; Bids Are Now on Sale

Friday, November 27, promises to mark a milestone in Armour's social life when the Senior Informal is held at the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel, where Jack Russell and his popular NBC orchestra will provide the music for the dancing couples. Bids for this event will be on sale for the remainder of this week and may be obtained for \$1.50.

The winners of the poster contest were judged to be Irene Waldron, sister of Thomas Waldron, and Joe Lopina, each of whom received a full bid to the dance. A. H. Ramp, junior Arch, received a half bid to the event. The winning posters have been placed on display on the first floor of the main building.

No Homework Friday Evening

The Gold Room of the Congress Hotel is recognized as one of the most beautiful in the city. This, coupled with Russell's orchestra, promises to give all comers a good time in contrast to the usual grind of studies at Armour.

The choice of Friday as the date of the event is expected to swell the group that will attend.

It has also been promised that there will be no homework for day students and no classes for night school on the weekend of this dance.

In all events the dance floor will not be crowded as the Gold Room will accommodate five hundred dancing couples.

Cocktail Lounges to Be Open

It has been arranged to have the corridor and lounges adjoining the Gold Room at the disposal of Armour students. Both cocktail lounges will be open to Armour students without a minimum or cover charge.

Special arrangements have been made, by Jack Russell, to play the Armour Fight Song as well as a medley of fraternity songs. Russell's orchestra has been a favorite in the middle west for several seasons.

Russell's Orchestra Popular

Among his more recent engagements during the past few seasons were the Chez Paree; Blackhawk; Terrace Gardens; and the Vanity Fair cafe. Those who have not seen Jack Russell in these popular rendezvous have heard his orchestra over either NBC or CBS radio networks.

A good time is assured to those who attend and, a large turnout is expected. All underclassmen are cordially invited to come and to help make it one of Armour's outstanding social events of the closing year.

Musical Clubs Plan New Concert Season

An extensive winter program has been arranged by the Musical clubs with activities beginning on December 11. On that day the Glee Club will present a concert over radio station WGN.

Sharing the spotlight with Boake Carter, famous radio news commentator, the combined clubs will appear before the Chicago Rotary Club at a downtown hotel on December 15. And on December 17 Director Gordon Erickson will direct the Glee Club and Orchestra for the annual Christmas concert to be given in Armour Mission.

On the following night, Friday, December 18, the members of the Evanston Country Club will hear the Musical Clubs and immediately after the concert, the annual party of the clubs will take place. The Armourites and their girl friends will have the entire facilities of the Evanston Country Club at their disposal for the rest of the evening.

At present, it is undecided whether or not the clubs will be present at the Dads' Night Banquet December 19.

Armour Players Present 'Waiting for Lefty' in Mission Tomorrow

Curtain Rises 10:30; Classes Excused

Clifford Odets' "Waiting for Lefty," a controversial play involving a modern labor problem, will be presented by the Armour players at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow evening in Mission Hall. The play deals with a labor union and concerns a strike problem among taxi drivers.

Feelings are tense as the taxi drivers undecided on striking wait for the coming of "Lefty." In intervening scenes are shown industrial problems and the strain on family life before a strike.

Playing the various roles in the play are:
Joe (hack driver).....M. McConnell
Edna (Joe's wife).....
Sid (hack driver).....A. N. Schrieber
Florrie (Sid's girl friend).....C. Dearth
Irv (Florrie's brother).....F. Hanneman
Miller (laboratory assistant).....

.....J. Mashman
Fayette (Industrialist).....W. I. Miller
Clayton (trade spy).....H. Schoenberg
Dr. Barnes (Hospital Head).....
.....H. M. Ross
Dr. Benjamin (Intern).....
.....R. Weissman
Agate Keller (Union member).....

.....C. Dunbar
Fatt (Union Leader).....D. Suhr
Gunman.....M. Ephraim
Voices.....B. R. Sternfield,
E. Worcester, E. F. Grantham, R. Lundberg.

The technical staff includes J. Kubert as stage manager, E. Mitchell as the head of all stage lighting, R. Lischer in charge of scenery, and R. M. Lundberg, in charge of properties.

Director Discusses Problem Plays

By W. B. Fulghum

From the days when Ibsen's unconventional *Ghosts* was damned as "Literary carry on...a capricious stuff...a dirty act done crabpally" to the present, when mayors prohibit *Tobacco Road*, the social drama has had a stormy history. These plays of ideas, intending to stimulate the minds as well as the hearts of the audience, began when Ibsen suggested in *A Doll's House* that marriages aren't always made in heaven, and that matrimonial vows cannot always be held sacred and indissoluble. To the roar of Victorian disapproval that this now relatively innocuous idea provoked, Ibsen replied in *Ghosts* by showing the hell resulting when a wife conforms to conventional respectability and dutifully maintains a marriage involving hereditary venereal disease.

Today Ibsen's revolutionary ideas hardly disturb anyone. Last spring the Federal W. P. A. Theater produced *An Enemy of the People*. In this play Ibsen declared very undemocratically that "The majority never has right on its side," that "the most dangerous enemy of truth and freedom is the compact majority—yes, the damned compact liberal majority," whose ideas often because of apathy, ignorance, or simple greed, usually lag far behind those of the informed, thinking minority. Nazimova had a triumphal tour in *Ghosts* last year. But Ibsen's intellectual progeny fare less well today than he.

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