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Let's Have Inter-departmental Basketball!

The inter-departmental touchball games are over, and a champion team has been declared. One outstanding characteristic, besides the hard playing and real effort put in by the players, cannot but be mentioned: the attendance at the past few games and the interest shown by those attending has been more noticeable than any accorded at any of the basketball games, with the possible exception of one or two each season.

To us, the better student interest is because of the fact that there are more players in the field at various times and the friends of these players—usually their departmental classmates—are interested in seeing the games because of the friendly spirit of departmental competition. This, if it continues to improve will tend to bring together a well-knit student body to the decided advantage of the school and its students.

The interest shown in the touchball games at Armour possibly indicates the value of inter-armour athletic competition over inter-collegiate and even interclass activities. Some of the smaller

colleges have gone so far as to withdraw entirely from inter-collegiate competition in favor of intramural contests, but it is beyond the scope of this newspaper to comment on the advantages or disadvantages of such a move. Varsity teams are of great advertising value: many students select a college because of its favorable athletic position in relation to other colleges.

Interclass games are not what they might be because of the few number of players who get a chance to play and because, after the freshman year, these teams are usually composed of a clique of men who run things pretty much their own way.

In keeping with the policy of the *News* to bring the greatest good to the greatest number of students we suggest that an inter-departmental basketball tournament be held and that by some method a class all-star team be picked for interclass competition. This would require considerable work and cooperation by the students but we feel that if the game involves a larger number of students a larger number would cooperate.

While not exactly suited to active basketball, the gym could be used for all practice and games and possibly, the athletic board could obtain the use of the Armour for final games. Doctors and teachers all tell us that an active body is a great aid to an active mind so let's get behind a bigger intramural sport program.

Smokers and Socials

Class and fraternity smokers have always played an important part in college life, but in some cases this importance is not realized. Promotion of good fellowship plays an integral part and is the underlying purpose of every smoker. For the freshmen it is particularly advisable as they are still rather new and acquaintances are few. For the opportunity of making new friends, every freshman should be appreciative and should take advantage of every such occasion.

Smokers further, still speaking to the freshmen, introduce the professors on a social plane. Opportunities for the meeting of professor and student on any but the classroom basis are rare and usually when the opportunity comes, the "hard boiled" professor turns out to be a congenial gentleman.

The tentative smoker of the sophomore class is a definite step in the right direction. Whether the upper classes or succeeding classes will follow the example set by the class of '39 remain to be seen, but the *News* will give its constant support and endeavor to bring about better class fellowship which is now shown in the class of '39.

Fraternity and departmental smokers are not without value. At these affairs, men who have a common interest get together and discuss on a social basis, problems which are of mutual interest. It is for the broadening of outlook and appreciation and fellowship between the various departments that the *News* aspires to attain. Whether we will ever be successful, only time can tell, but meanwhile the *News* will make every effort and strive unceasing for united classes of Armour.

The Slipstick

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

After doing such a bang-up job of apologizing for the omission of that much-lauded poem, we well-nigh went screwy to find our apology printed and our poem—lost, strayed, or stolen away! Gentlemen, if it is not printed this time, we will make it a point to read it to every one of you individually.

He was obfuscated, elevated, inebriated, flushed,
He was potent and plastered, he had had a drop too much,
He was sotted, swacked, and pie-eyed, he was boozy, cut, and fou,
Crocked and looped and squiffy, whittled, lush, and nappy, too,
He was very much the worse for liquor, he was feebly under-pinned,
He had sacrificed to Bacchus, he was three sheets in the wind.
He had tasted of the flowing ale and vin aperitif,
He was gloriously beery, bug-eyed, soured, and stiff.
Intoxicated, temulent, bibacious, lit, and oiled,
Potvalient, tipsy, bibulous, befuddled, primed, and boiled.
He was sozzled, fresh, and well disguised, top-heavy, primed, and merry;
He reeked of potent extract of the rye and grape and berry.

Our three contributors have been unusually prolific this time. We've received about a half dozen, Merci bien, Messieurs.

A salesman was playing euchre with a stranger. Suddenly the stranger peered hard at his hand and said:

"Say, old top, if you'll give me a queen and turn this into a poker

game, I'll bet you a hundred dollars on this hand."

The drummer examined his cards. "All right," he exclaimed, "I'll take you, and raise you a hundred. Here's your Queen."

The stranger accepted the raise and the hands were laid on the table. The salesman held four kings; the stranger four aces! With grievous mental distress the salesman separated himself from the money. Then he looked at the stranger, suspiciously. "Say," he asked in a bewildered manner, "What did you want the queen for?"

per Don Q.

Jim: "And what frat do you belong to?"

Ed: "Who me? Oh, I have a low average, I belong to the Mystic Knights of the C."

The only man living on the "fat of the land" nowadays, claims Sheehan, is the reducing pill manufacturer.

Sandy: I'm sending mae boy to Barber College.

Mac: Is he going to be a barber?

Sandy: Nae, nae, he goes there for his haircuts.

"Gosh, it's getting tougher and tougher to find work," said the street sweeper as a Ford truck almost side-swiped him.

..Don't forget to see the play tomorrow. Lefty's expecting you!

Nurse: "It's a boy, Professor." Prof.: "What is?"

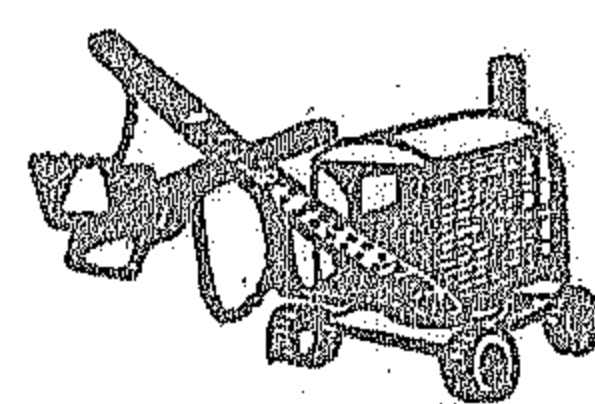
No matter how grouchy you're feeling

You'll find the smile more or less healing.

It grows in a wreath, all around the front teeth,
Thus preserving the face from congealing.

ANTHONY EUWER.
EEJAY.

THE STEAM SHOVEL



Jake (No-Tax) Krumbein and Carl Reh are making faces at each other. Krumbein took Regina to the Arx dancing the other night, and Reh is wearing a worried look to class. If Reh would only tip off Krumbein's mother that Jake is running around with "That Regina person" the field would be promptly cleared for Reh.

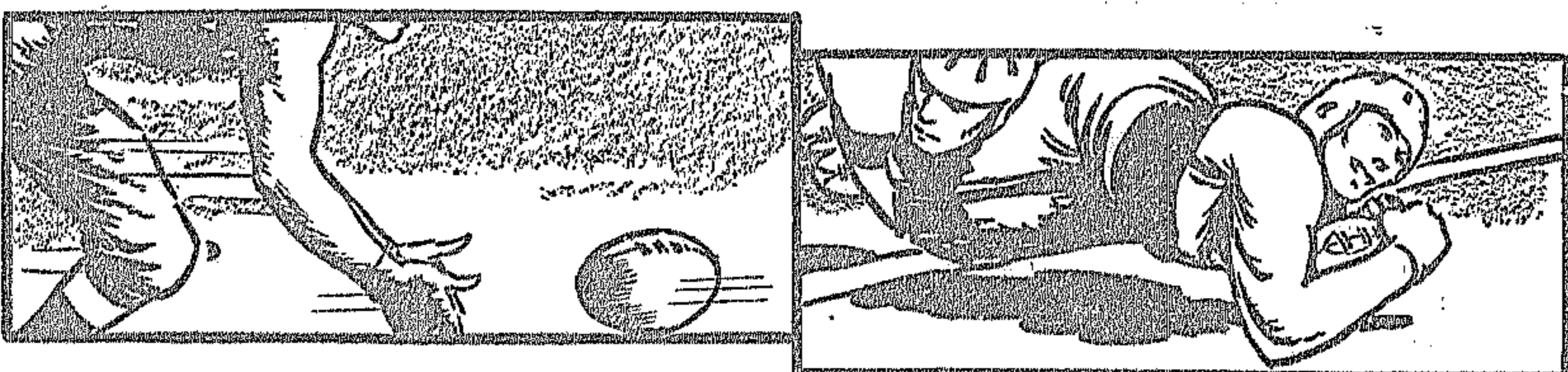
Benny Freud insisted that the boys in his class see the touchball game last Friday, but they wouldn't leave his class for all Freud could do?

Don't forget to "Wait for Lefty" Wednesday, Nov. 25, tomorrow morning, at ten-thirty. He'll be there!

...SO "LADIES' MAN" STURGEON AND "PORCH SPECIALIST" BAUERMEISTER DESERTED OUR STAFF LAST FRIDAY NIGHT TO HELP THE GIRLS ON THE "CHICAGO NORMALITE" AND THEY WROTE, AND WROTE—THEY TELL US.

Dean Tibbals presented an unusual sight last Friday when he strolled about Main with his suspenders hanging in back of him. It's a good thing that the top button held, or his dignity might have fallen.

Quoting JESSE HOBSON, our new Juice prof, when he could not solve a certain problem: "I can't be bothered with a little thing like arithmetic."



PICK-UP AND DELIVERY

HERE'S A PLAY with punch and results—a winning touchdown combination for the railroads! It has to do with the handling of less-than-carload or package freight. Some railroads have gone into motor trucking. Others have developed large metal containers that can be swung on and off flat cars. Others have provided rail transfer for loaded trucks or trailers. All have combined at length in offering a complete free pick-up and delivery service, using motor trucks to and from freight stations. This reduces inter-city trucking and assures railway responsibility for the whole movement at no increase over the previously existing rate for the rail part of the movement alone. The Illinois Central pioneered among the railroads in giving free pick-up and delivery universal application. This railroad also led in offering less-than-carload freight service via passenger train at freight rates, in providing free pick-up at the feed-lot for livestock awaiting consolidation into carloads for movement to market, in establishing overnight freight service between points as far apart as Chicago and Memphis. In such ways an alert railroad makes its own "breaks" for the touchdown that insures victory in business.

President

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Fraternity Notes

THETA XI

We are pleased to announce the final initiation recently of:

George M. Amory
Eugene M. Imbur
Louis F. Kacel
Joseph F. G. Sodaro
Richard W. Young

Upon the arrival of winter weather and with it the basketball season, the men are out practicing for the basketball tournament. Under the direction of Brother Anderson, the basketball team expects to progress rapidly.

DELTA TAU DELTA

We are proud to announce the pledging of:

George Frost, Ch.E. '39

The house's ping-pong tournament is under way with much enthusiasm shown by the entire chapter. Last week the chapter was host to Brother Harry Green, field secretary of the national office.

The house is looking forward to Thanksgiving vacation for a number of reasons, the principle one is our Pledge Formal, which is to be given Saturday. We are expecting a number of Purdue Deltas to this event which is the highlight of our social calendar.

TRIANGLE

Triangle extends hearty congratulations to Brothers N. K. Anderson and W. R. Marshall on being pledged to Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical engineering fraternity.

Congratulations are due Brother N. K. Anderson and Pledge E. J. Loutzenheiser on being pledged to Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical engineering fraternity.

A pledge dance, to be held December 5, is being eagerly anticipated. We are glad to report that Brother Frank Kaman, who recently returned home because of illness, is back with us again and in good spirits.

PI KAPPA PHI

A series of activities, sport and social events, are keeping the boys occupied these days. Plans are under way for a Mother's Club Card Party, the date of which has been set for December 5. There is to be a Founders Day banquet at our chapter house on December 10, and during this same week end there is a district convocation at the University of Illinois. Our boys are progressing with their teams in basketball and swimming.

Brother Dodge attended the last Chicago Alumni Meeting and invited the Alumni to attend the Founders Day Banquet. The alumni organization has promised cooperation with the active chapter on all our future problems.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The Thanksgiving Dance last Saturday was enjoyed by the Armour, Chicago, and Northwestern Chapters. Brother Fogle A.E. '36, stopped in to say goodbye. He is leaving for the east to take up a job in an air conditioning concern. In the near future the house will play Delta Tau Delta in a practice basketball game.

PHI PI PHI

The past week at the house was of great activity. On Sunday, the Mothers' Club held their tea in honor of the pledges' mothers. A program was given in which Dick Vanderkief gave some vocal selections, Bernard Flynn recited, and Chet Bucko played the piano accordion. A small orchestra consisting of Bucko and his accordion, Vanderkief and his trumpet, and Heike at the piano demonstrated some of their arrangements of swing music. As a number of the fellows had their sisters down there was also dancing. A good time was had by all. (Ask Abbott).

Last Wednesday marked the first of a series of Fathers and Sons smokers that will be held at the house. There was a good turnout and all present enjoyed themselves playing cards, singing and whatnot. (Ask Johanson).