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FIGHT SONG SETS FROSH HANDSHAKE OFF WITH A BANG

Armour's Customs Made Known to New Men

New men at Armour gave vent to their first refrain of the Armour "Fight Song" and were started off on their college activities careers at the annual "Freshman Handshake" last Wednesday evening. The crowd began to gather around 7:30 in the evening, and by means of the identification tags acquaintances were readily made.

Customs peculiar to Armour student life were made known to the new men by Paul M. Martin, master of ceremonies. Dr. C. A. Tibbals, assistant dean, urged the new men to take part in extra-curricular activities and presented Kent's "Handbook of Mechanical Engineering" to George J. Derrig, high point freshman mechanical engineering student of last year.

Schommer Talks Football

Professor Schommer's version of how he happened to be dubbed the "double jackass" by that "grand old man of football", Coach Alonzo Stagg, gave everybody a laugh. The crack of the heads on the misplay could be heard in one's imagination. He said that tenacity will always overcome criticism.

Professor Amsbury gave his unique entertainment of humorous and dramatic poetry in a way that only he can perform. His poems about the old Ford and the antique shop drew hearty laughs while his "Congo" was spell-binding.

Freshmen Fight Kreml

After the party had moved to the Students' Union, cups of cider were refilled with enthusiasm and chocolate doughnuts were munched as all enjoyed the antics of the Armour gladiators on the mat. Jimmy Dunne and Leo Ropek tussled in the lightweight class, while Ralph Tullgren tied up with "Mac" McIntyre. Risany and Rehwaltd took up Gene Kreml's challenge to the freshmen, while, in the meantime, Schultz was hopped on by Coach Weissman and Captain Kreml because he had the temerity to referee the bout between the coach and the captain. Kreml also pinned Carl O. Forsberg and Schultz at the same time.

Mr. E. C. Minter Is First A.I.E.E. Speaker

Opportunities offered by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers was the subject on which Mr. E. C. Minter, of Minter and Josler, sales agents for electrical products, spoke before the Armour branch of the A.I.E.E. last Friday in the electric lecture room.

Almost every prominent engineer is a member of the A.I.E.E., stated Mr. Minter, and students interested in electrical engineering should attend all branch meetings and acquaint themselves with other members of the Institute.

The A.I.E.E. also has a technical library, one of the finest in the world, where members may obtain information on any subject without charge. This alone is a service of incalculable value to the progressive electrical engineer.

For the benefit of its members and enrolled students, the Institute co-operates with other national engineering societies in the operation of the Engineering Societies Employment Service, with offices in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco.

Sectional activities provide opportunities for self-development and thus supply some of the most important benefits of membership in the A.I.E.E. The branches afford similar opportunities to students by serving as training schools for future members of the sections, developing their latent leadership abilities with direct benefits in both Institute activities and their chosen work.

A large majority of the branch meetings are devoted to programs which include student speakers, the number of speakers depending on the subject and amount of material available.

Board of Trustees To Meet Next Week

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Armour Institute of Technology next Wednesday, October 14, President Willard E. Hotchkiss will deliver his annual report concerning the activities of the past year. This will cover the financial conditions of the Institute, and the many improvements which have been made. President Hotchkiss will hear the reports of the various other officers of the Board.

Dr. Thomas C. Poulter, newest representative of Armour Tech's constituents, who has undertaken to head the Institute's growing research department, has been invited to attend this dinner meeting of the trustees at the Chicago Club and address the group on a subject of his own choice.

Guild Plans One-Act Plays This Semester

At the first meeting of the Players' Guild held last Thursday, a committee consisting of R. Hanneman, A. N. Schrieber, and R. Weissman was appointed to meet with Professor Fulghum to decide upon the first play to be presented this semester. The Guild plans to have only one-act plays this term, the first of them to be presented about Thanksgiving.

Plans are being made to put on a series of short plays over the Affiliated Broadcasting Company. Nothing is definite yet, but according to the discussion at the meeting, it would be desirable to have the Sphinx honor society write the plays and to have the school orchestra provide music for intermissions.

The Players' Guild is an honorary club composed of students who have participated in several plays at Armour. R. P. Lischer has formulated plans for the modernistic improvement of the clubroom, and work on this is to begin immediately.

Alpha Chi's To Have Chemical Publication

Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical fraternity, officially began its semester activities when an ambitious program for the near future was planned at a meeting held last week.

The chems, headed by President Haase, intend to conduct the pledging of new men within the next two weeks, as they are unhampered by social interfraternity rushing rules. The smoker, a pleasant feature always attendant to the pledging proceedings, was discussed in detail.

Very shortly, the "Alpha Chi Psighs", the publication of Armour's chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma, is expected to make its appearance. "This news sheet will contain a number of interesting items concerning schmier activity," promises editor H. O. Bauermeister.

Also within a few weeks the members expect to apply themselves and complete the decoration of their new rooms in the building east of Mission.

Radio Code Classes to Begin on Friday

Code classes, which are expected to begin next Friday, were discussed at the meeting of the Radio Club last Thursday. A code machine, donated by the club president, R. Colin, is ready for use by the class.

Besides the code classes, another item of business was the passing of amendments to the constitution which were carried over from last year's business. These amendments were proposed for the purpose of clarifying the objectives of the Radio Club.

Plans are being made to obtain speakers for future meetings, with the programs to be supplemented by student talks and debates. The officers of the club wish to extend a welcome to all new men interested in radio work to attend the meeting which will be held at noon next Thursday.

Huge Enrollment in Night School

A conservative estimation of the night school registration now being checked by the registrar's office indicates the largest enrollment in the history of the school. A final enrollment approaching 1500 is expected.

In some courses, men had to be turned away because of the large number applying for admission, while a number of classes were divided into two sections to meet the demand. For the first time in the Chicago area, postgraduate courses leading to a master's degree are offered in night school at Armour. About 130 students are in nine different graduate courses.

About half of the students attending night school are taking subjects for college credit; others are taking courses to remove deficiencies for college entrance requirements. A large number come to get special engineering training without college credit in mind. Mechanical engineering courses have the largest attendance, principally because of the diesel engineering, air conditioning, and shop courses offered.

Leaders Enumerate Benefits of A.S.M.E.

With the largest attendance ever present at a meeting, the Armour branch of the A.S.M.E. began activities for the ensuing year. President S. M. Miner and the attending professors endeavored to impress upon prospective members the benefits and purposes of the society. Professor Nachman stressed as one benefit the practice in speaking before your fellow member, Professor Huntly spoke of the importance of taking an active part in the organization, Professor Peebles mentioned membership and activities in the A.S.M.E. after college graduation, and Professor Roesch emphasized the statements of the other professors. Miner outlined the two types of membership—regular and associate—now available in this student branch; the latter type was recommended to the sophomores.

The other officers of the organization are E. A. Droege Mueller, vice-president; F. L. Leason, secretary; and M. J. Loftus, treasurer. In addition, there are several important committees; Droege Mueller is program chairman; H. L. Appel, membership chairman; P. A. Reh, inspection trip chairman; I. Thomas, social committee chairman; and W. J. Chelgren, publicity chairman.

Enrolling of members will be undertaken by class committees in order that all sophomores, junior, and senior mechanicals may be contacted.

The first program is scheduled for Friday, October 16. An outside speaker will be engaged for this time.

Knights of Old Do as They're Told So as To Keep From Getting Cold

By Zazu

Scene: A. I. T.

Time: The Future?

Haughty Fauntleroy Frosh emerged carefree and happy from the imposing Main Entrance. Nonchalantly—even a wee bit cockily—he skipped across the campus confronting Armour Tech. But even as in the days when the gallant Knights of the Round-Table rode forth in triumph, modern Knighthood adheres to the necessity of a protecting head-gear.

Probably imbibed with a spirit of ultra modernity, Fauntleroy Frosh chose rather to flaunt his shock of unruly hair to the outer world than follow the law of his predecessors.

Time and time again had the sages of the Collegiate Court, our champions of convention, issued dire warning to Fauntleroy to discontinue this unseemly practice. But as "a word to the wise is sufficient," this mere stripling had repeatedly scoffed at the admonition.

And now when Fauntleroy Frosh, scared to his wit's end—yea, even fearful—espied near at hand the fin-

Armour W.S.E. Plans Many Technical Talks

Plans which include movies and outstanding technical speakers for the coming year were discussed at the meeting of the Armour branch of the W.S.E. last Friday. Professor John C. Penn, faculty adviser, addressed those present and commended fine, "get-together" spirit which is available to society members.

The advisability and usefulness of joining the parent organization was discussed at the meeting. A junior membership in the Chicago W.S.E. would enable an Armour student to take advantage of professional activities and the large employment bureau in connection with the downtown library.

Schreiber Is Elected Glee Club President

With the election of W. F. Schreiber to the office of president last Thursday, Armour Tech's glee club began activities for the coming year. Other officers chosen were C. K. Naudman, secretary-treasurer, and R. E. Worcester, business manager.

Mr. Erickson, who is in charge of both orchestra and glee club, is requesting all students who are able to play any of the following instruments, oboes, cellos, bass horns, string bass, or drums, communicate with him at the next rehearsal of the orchestra or glee club. These instruments are possessed by the school and are at the disposal of all students who are interested.

Chess Club Members Plan Winter Season

Discussion of plans for the coming winter chess season occupied a majority of the time taken up at the first meeting of the Armour Chess Club held last Wednesday in the regular club room on the fourth floor, first entrance, Chapin Hall.

In addition to some twenty students, there were present at the meeting Professor H. Ensz and Professor B. Goetz, who turned the club sponsorship back to Professor Ensz after filling in for him last semester.

Prospective members among those present were familiarized with the club and its method of selecting team positions. Notice was given that a tournament, to commence within the next week, will be used as a means for uncovering likely recruits for the team. Play in this tourney will be carried on during the lunch hour.

The job of selecting officers was completed last term, the results being: N. Gerber, president; A. Runc, vice-president; E. Koehler, secretary; and B. Wilhelm, treasurer.

There will be a meeting of the senior class in Science hall at 10:30 a. m. Friday.

Mr. C. O. Harris is offering a course in the use of the slide rule at 8:30 on Friday. No credit will be given as only six meetings of the class will be needed. Interested persons are requested to see Mr. Harris.

An English elective for seniors only, "Modern Problems," is being offered this semester at 10:30 on Monday by Professor Hendricks.

Season Program of A.I.Ch.E. Is Planned

Ninety-two students were present at the first meeting of the A.I.Ch.E. last Friday. Joseph A. Haase, chairman, reports that already plans are being formulated for some very interesting meetings. Anthony Allegretti of the program committee announced that the A.I.Ch.E. will present speakers who have been successful in the field of industry and who may aid chemical engineering students in being successful. He also gave a brief outline of the purposes, aims, and history of the organization.

Otto Zmeskal, graduate student and assistant instructor in metallurgy, described the work that was done last year in helping students to contact business men who might employ them, and he also offered suggestions to the members to aid them in their plans for the joint meeting of the professional and student chapters to be held later in the year.

The new officers are as follows: Joseph A. Haase, chairman; Henry J. Bodnar, secretary; Franklin D. Hoffert, treasurer; and W. Robert Marshall, assistant treasurer. The members on the senior program committee are Joseph A. Haase, Anthony Allegretti, Louis Kacel, and Robert Clarke. The juniors will elect four men next week to serve on the program committee.

Van Pelt States Need of Graduate Training

An engineer's training is incomplete without a knowledge of the liberal arts and business policies stated, Mr. J. R. Van Pelt, Jr., Director of the Museum of Science and Industry and president of the Western Society of Engineers, at the last junior meeting of the society. In the future only those engineers having additional training in outside fields will have the opportunity to climb up on top and stay there.

A talk entitled "Insulation of Sound in Buildings" was presented last night at a W.S.E. meeting by Dr. F. R. Watson, professor of experimental physics at the University of Illinois. Dr. Watson discussed the means of eliminating sound in buildings.

At the junior meeting, Thursday, October 8, Dr. M. H. Bickman, assistant administrator of labor relations, W.P.A. of Illinois, will talk on "New Outlooks in Illinois Communities through W.P.A. Projects."

School Enrollment Largest in History

Enrollment figures for this semester are the largest in the history of the school. There are 825 students enrolled in the day classes. The mechanical engineering department leads the other departments with 147 students enrolled, the chemicals are next with an enrollment of 134.

As usual, the freshman class leads with an enrollment of 273, while the seniors follow with 178. As compared with the enrollment of the first semester of last year, there is a decrease in electricals, civils, and architects, while other departments have shown slight increases.

When the new group of co-operative engineering students comes in next February, the enrollment will be even larger. At present there are 41 students in the A group and 40 students in the B group of the co-operative course. Complete figures appear on page three.

FRIDAY TO MARK END-OF-RUSHING; PLEDGING STARTS

Smokers, Dinner Dates, and Week-End Dance Among Activities

EXPECT MANY PLEDGES

Beginning last Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock freshmen suddenly found themselves the toast of Armour when the social fraternity rushing period was officially opened.

Wearers of the green have been fairly overwhelmed by persistent fraternity men offering attractive "dates" for luncheons, banquets, and dances. Present indications show that there will be no let-up in rushing activity until Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at which time the nine day competition is brought to a close and pledging begins.

Present Fraternity Life

With such a large number of new men enrolled at the Institute, the eight social fraternities have gone to a great deal of trouble and expense to arrange for an adequate presentation of fraternity life. It is expected that such a proper introduction will show the value and necessity of such organizations among students as important adjuncts to their college development.

Dances Highlight Week

An orchestra dance was the principle attraction offered by most houses last Saturday evening. At that time the delightful time had by the capacity crowds demonstrated what fraternity fellowship can mean. Two orchestra dances are also scheduled for evenings during the week. Other entertainment includes a majority of "Monte Carlo" nights, father and son nights, and smokers. On such evenings the "rushees" find themselves free to play billiards, ping pong, and cards or to browse around in the comfortable atmosphere as they please.

Arrangements Are Complete

In addition to arranging many fine meals for noons and evenings, fraternity men are leaving no stone unturned in seeing that freshmen are comfortably escorted on appointments. The number of cars jamming around the buildings and the relatively deserted Student Union attest to this fact. Meanwhile, the out-of-breath freshman hopes that the professor will kindly consider his predicament and be lenient with the ever-present homework assignments.

Research Directors to Pass on Budget

The board of directors of the Research Foundation of Armour Institute will meet next Thursday, October 8, to pass on the budget of the Foundation for the coming year. The meeting will probably be held at the office of one of the directors.

Dr. T. C. Poulter is director of the Foundation. The members of the Board are: Willard E. Hotchkiss, president; Charles W. Hill, vice-president; Robert B. Harper, treasurer; Homer H. Cooper, secretary; James D. Cunningham; Paul H. Davis; and Alfred L. Eustice.

Campus Club Activity To Start Next Week

Activities of the Campus Club will start with a smoker, Friday evening, October 16. A faculty professor will be the speaker of the evening, and the usual abundant refreshments will be served.

The club rooms have now been entirely remodeled and refurbished. At present, a drive is being made for new members, and predictions indicate the number of pledges will be large, while three smokers are planned in the way of entertainment for this semester.