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## Class Government

Now that programs have been completed and that class enrollment has ended, extra curricula activities will begin to assume their normal importance in student life. Chief among these will be the nomination and election of class officers.

The freshman class has already been advised, by their group leaders, to defer their own selection of officers until later in the year.

During the coming period of political strife the freshman class may, by observing and studying the methods employed by the other classes, gain valuable information with respect to what is desirable and what is undesirable in each system. Supplementing the knowledge thus acquired with their own ideas on the subject, they will undoubtedly be able to develop a method of class government with its accompanying problems of candidate nomination and officer election which will be truly in keeping with the progressive spirit with which Armour has been imbued during the past few years.

In the past the *Armour Tech News* has continually waged a campaign against the unscrupulous and "steam-rolling" tactics frequently employed by small organized minority groups in order to enhance their own prestige and further their own gains. We will continue this campaign for better class government.

The campaign has not been without whole-hearted support from the majority of the students. That this support will continue is to be ardently hoped for.

The class of 1936, heeding the cry sent forth by the *News*, responded by establishing a nominating committee, whose purpose was to select upon a basis of merit, attainment, and qualification, several candidates for each office, the officers then being chosen by the usual method of voting with the closed ballot. Though this method does afford numerous opportunities for the practice of "partisan politics" by influencing minorities in the selection of candidates, the students charged with this duty allowed no such action to besmirch the reputation of their committee.

The class of 1937, not to be outdone by its predecessor, also heeded the "call to arms." In order to eliminate the regimentation of the various class departments behind each of several groups of minority sponsored candidates, the class adopted a commission form of government in which each department would be duly represented in the administration of class affairs. Unfortunately, this mode of class government did not function as efficiently as was hoped, due, chiefly to the indifferent attitude held by the officers with respect to their duties, and due, perhaps, to the influence which the "old guard" poli-

ticians exercised in the formation, and later, in the administration of the commission plan.

All Armour is interested in the outcome of the impending elections, especially that which will be conducted by the freshman class. Will the move for better class government continue to receive ever increasing support, or will it suffer a set back? Who can tell!

## Drive Safely!

In keeping with the campaign for safe driving which has assumed national proportions, it behooves us to admonish some of the student drivers around school. While fast driving is not necessarily dangerous it must be remembered by engineering students that the force of a car increases as the square of the speed. In other words it takes just four times as much distance to stop a car going forty miles per hour as it does to stop a car going twenty.

In the city, where one has to be prepared to stop at nearly every street intersection it therefore seems foolish to try to get going forty in as short a space as possible: yet that is just what some of the students are doing. Some drivers seem to get a big kick out of turning a corner and hearing the tires screech on the pavement. Not because there is any danger of a car turning over, but because one never knows what is coming from the other direction, this is very dangerous.

Last month, some interesting facts appeared in *Colliers*, national weekly magazine, which showed through a survey of five companies employing large numbers of drivers, that some drivers are "accident prone." They could, of course, transfer those men to another department but this did not prevent those men from driving their own cars on the public highways thus the public menace was not alleviated. While there is no way of checking up on student drivers, it is the duty of every one to self analyze himself and find out just what—if anything—is wrong with his driving.

We've heard of a man who put a coffin handle in place of one of the door handles of his car. Anyone who rode in the car remarked that though it was somewhat a gruesome reminder, it had a real effect on both the driver and the occupants. Perhaps you who have a yen for spectacular (?) driving might try it.

The real trouble seems to lie in the lack of consideration for the other fellow. Too much faith should not be put in the old phrase "right of way." After all the fellow in back or in front might have poor eyesight or be somewhat tight. Much better to let him go past than to take a chance.

## '36 Model Criminal

When police chiefs of America's leading cities go into a huddle, you can safely wager that their topics of discussion will be both interesting and educational. One of the meetings of the International Association of Chiefs of Police brought out the composite "1936 model" of the typical American criminal. He was described as "a lazy, vain, moderately educated city youth whose parents have separated; shielding his laziness and an inferiority complex behind a false bravado that leads him into crime; motivated by a desire to impress 'the girl friend' with a flashy appearance of wealth."

"Engineers" who designed the "model" included such men as Joseph A. Gerk, 35 years a police official, 10 years chief of police at St. Louis; George G. Henry, chief of police at Baltimore, Md., an officer for 48 years, and William J. Quinn, chief of police at San Francisco.

Especially heavy was the brief case of Chief Quinn. Declaring that the age of the modern felon ranges from 17-24 years, he illustrated his assertion by explaining that the majority of the 6,000 inmates now housed in California's San Quentin prison are under 24 years of age. His data also showed that 98 per cent of his cases come from broken homes.

Quinn also was quick to explain Frisco's method for the prevention of crime among youngsters. "Every officer on the force goes through our big brother bureau," he said. "It works wonders with tough kids. Crime has decreased markedly since the system was inaugurated."

Convention of this kind naturally call for considerable labor and research if they are to be successful. The reports of Chief Quinn and his associates point to their interest and honesty in attempting to make the conference worth while. —(From a column by J. E. O'Brien in the *Indiana Daily Student*).

## The Slipstick

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

*Tobacco is a dirty weed,  
It satisfies no normal need,  
It makes you thin, it makes you lean,  
It takes the hair right off your bean,  
It's the worse stuff I've ever seen,  
I LIKE IT!!!*

### HELP! HELP!

The SLIPSTICK is conducted by e. j. and ZAZU. Now you can see why we ask for contris. Howz about it. Let's see what the new freshman humor (?) is like.

Stude (translating from Latin): Caesar and his men made several sallies from the town.

Second Dope: Tsk, tsk, and him a married man.

A smart man is one who hasn't let any woman pin a thing on him since he was a baby.

Dunga Ghin.

Freshman — when sending in contris to e. j., don't get your ideas from DETECTIVE STORIES. His own humor is gruesome enough.

*Oh, the first kiss is sweet—  
Like a bud, like a wafer;  
But the last, I repeat,  
But the last kiss is safer.*

*The first kiss is sweet  
With an innocent savor;  
But the last is like meat  
With some salt for its flavor.*

*Oh, with wonder I look—  
You so fair, so capricious!  
Say, whose goose did you cook  
For a meat so delicious?*

*Egotism is the anaesthetic nature  
gives to deaden the pain of being a fool.*

"Do you like short skirts, Mike?"

"Naw, dey get lipstick all over me shoit when I dance wit' dem."

Note: No doubt a great many of you freshmen will recognize one of the jokes (?) in e. j.'s column last week. If you don't, ask the librarian for the '29 file of the A.T.N. and look at the fifteenth joke in the Slipstick of the May 14 issue. Ketch on?

Op. O. 312.

### Witty-sisms

"Let's go team," yelled the farmer.

"Sorry, Prof., my slide rule isn't working well today on account of the dampness."

A.T.N., May 14, '29.

Motorist: Gimme five gallons of gasoline.

Attendant: Sorry, but we don't handle gasoline, sir. We got Motor-esc, Mile-aiming High Test Speedit, Benzorolino, Green, Blue, Orange Roadzip, and Aviation Petrol. Which will it be?

Policeman (to old woman who was knocked down by e. j., (the hit and run fiend): "Did you get his number?"

Old woman (feebly): "No, but I'd recognize his laugh anywhere."

*If a woman's intuition is so wonderful, why does she ask so many questions?—R. S. F.*

The Ladies Anti-Smoking League of Dewville was holding a great mass meeting. At the speaker's table stood the speaker for the day, Mrs. Agatha I. Krownem, ugly as an ostrich's neck, engaged in fiery oratory in an attempt to convince the audience of the sinful influence of the weed. For emphasis, she added, "And I say to you, my dear friends, that when, after three months of persuasion on my part, my husband finally gave up smoking—I kissed him with joy!!"

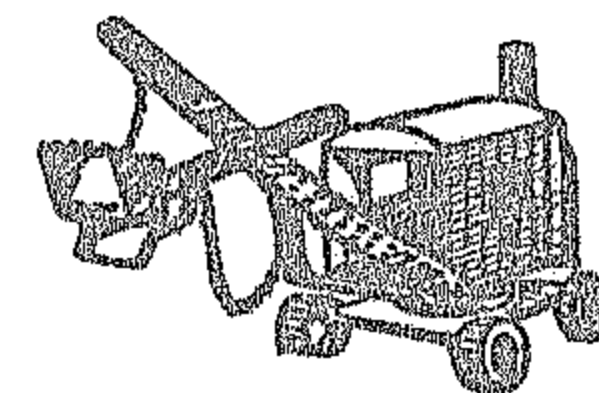
Voice from the gallery: "Served him right, the dope!!"

Physics Prof. says, "What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object?" And Coed replies, "Both women are usually hurt."

### ME

He has great wit, he's very wise, He writes these gags for all you guys. He's very modest and he's shy, V'ho is it? Why, it's I — and that's ZAZU.

## THE STEAM SHOVEL



To all outward appearances, JOE HLOUSEK is as rough and ready a specimen of Armour M. E. manhood as any modern miss could expect. We wonder what his little Nymph would say if she saw the ethereal ballet-dance this mechanical-minded Pavlova was presenting at the Co-op Fall Festival, before an appreciative — and paying — audience. Is that the vandalism that was mentioned in last week's issue?

TRASH! TRASH!... BILL O'BRIEN is now the silent partner of the firm Billy and Lilly Ltd. Nevertheless, Bill always manages to get the last word in, providing that it is "Yes, My Dear." She only weighs 90 lbs., but the scars on Bill's face are not from shaving.

FLUSH! FLUSH!... Cliff "Abomelique" Carstens is a very fortunate individual. He doesn't have to buy any new books this year. Last year's will be quite sufficient.

Paul Martin wants his lunch back. Heh heh heh, it's too late now. Heh heh heh!! Next time don't leave it laying around where the wolves can get at it.

If any of you intellectual readers think this column is not right, why in the blue blazes don't you contribute? Come on, give!! Don't worry if

your item is proper for publication. Send it in, anyway, we'll take all the blame.

Professor Paul: What kind of animal matter goes into the construction of buildings?

Carstens: Human beings.

After Bud Adelson went to the movies to see "G-Men," he was intent upon joining up with them. Then when he told his father he was going to the movies to see "Bad Girl," his father locked him up in his room. After all Bud...

It's time for the men at Armour to rise up in protest. It seems that some of the faculty won't allow the library to get a subscription to *Esquire* even if the students pay for it. Can this be more "regimentation," "radicalism," or "reactionarism"?

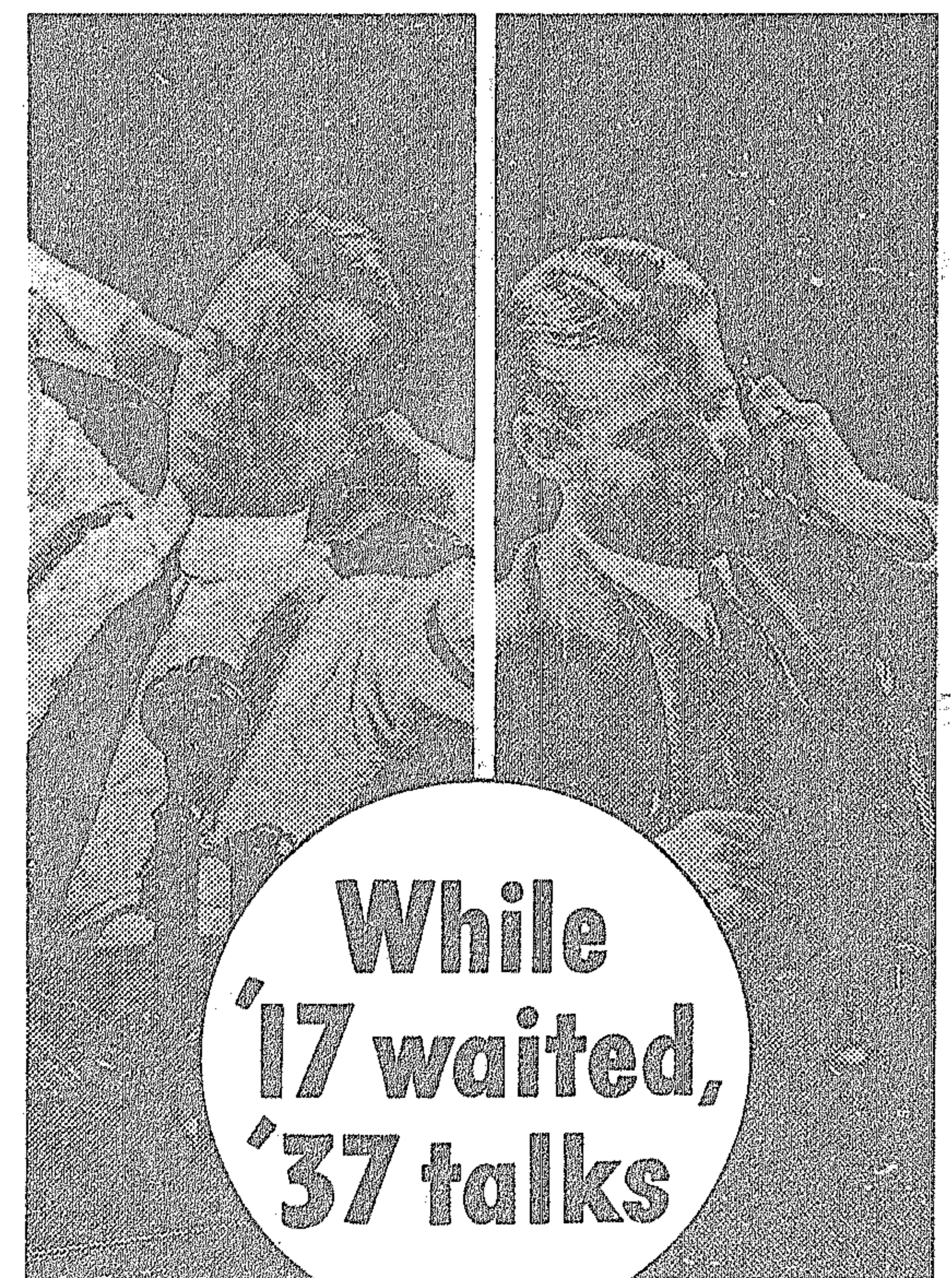
Ken Reynolds and Harry Bliss loyally taught all the boys at the Y.M.C.A. summer camp, which they attended as counsellors, the Armour "Fight Song."

Wonder just why six or seven senior electricals have showed up for Glee Club rehearsals.

The tables seem to have been turned for HANK APPEL. Up to now his pals (?) have had to obtain "dates" for him, now he's doing the same for said pals!

With all this rushing going on—what d'ya know—someone wanted to rush BILL CHAPIN.

We see by the papers that Professor Harris is offering a slide rule course. Wonder if it's to help the boys "increase the accuracy of their errors?" (A. T. N., first issue.)



WHEN the class of 1917 was at college, a long distance telephone call took (on the average) more than ten minutes to be put through.

This time has been whittled down gradually, so that now the connection is made in an average of 1.4 minutes—nine out of ten of them while you hold the line.

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