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The So-Called 'Bull Session'

Luncheon discussion circles more commonly referred to as "bull sessions" although tabooed by a great number of the administration officers, have quite a beneficial effect on those students who participate in them. To many of the participants it has brought considerable enlightenment. Educational theories and facts bounce off his cranium like a rubber ball off concrete and formulæ for him are some of the most difficult things to remember. However, some of the viewpoint discussions which arise in these so-called "sessions" and in the clarifying of many a hazy idea and often bring new ideas of the student to voice.

As long as the youth thinks he is being dosed with learning, he absorbs the required material and nothing more. When, however, he becomes interested in a subject for its own sake, education becomes an intriguing game where the student is the seeker, with increased knowledge and wisdom as his goal.

These discussions increase a will to learn and this will motivates his spirit and the college, instead of being a place where education is systematically injected, becomes a singular opportunity for self-development of character and mind.

More Support Needed

Perhaps it was because the political poll blanketed all other news appearing in the *Armour Tech News* last week, but the fact remains that very little response came to our plea for written acknowledgment of student support for a "Father and Sons" night at Armour. However what response did appear was spontaneous and very favorable.

We sincerely hope that Armour students are not assuming the attitude prevalent among most people—that "let the other fellow do it" attitude. If you fell in to that class last week take five or ten minutes off your lunch hour and write a note approving or disapproving of the proposed event. Place it in the news box or give it to one of the members of the staff. This event must not be allowed to fail for lack of student support.

PAUSE AND REFLECT

The seniors nonchalantly pass from class to class as they have been doing for three years, apparently unaware that as the year progresses

their undergraduate life is nearing an end. Yet within himself every man in the class notes with mingled feelings the passing of those things which make college life a well balanced whole. Perhaps he dares to pause and ask of himself "Have I made a success of my college career?"

The four years spent in college should be regarded as a job. Employers everywhere regard a man's record as an indication of just how well he has conducted himself on the job. Yet many students do not get this viewpoint until as seniors or graduates it is presented rather abruptly by the personnel department of some company.

As an underclassman you have a task before you, namely: to get as much out of college as you possibly can, and it is never too late to start doing just that thing—a good scholarship record should be the primary aim of every student, which, combined with sufficient extra-curricular activity, produces a well rounded whole. The exact balance between the two is an individual matter, but as a student you should never lose sight of the fact that this is your first big job. Will you succeed, or will you fail?

Cornell Engineer.

STUDENT OPINION

"Dad's Night" Booster

Though it is still quite warm, may I take this opportunity to give the "snowball" a push, and furthermore many other students deem it necessary to add their push to the "snowball". Perhaps by referring to the promised "Dad's Night" affair as a "snowball," my attitude towards it would seem to be chilly, the opposite is true.

Think of it! An opportunity to introduce our dads to Armour's activities; a chance to have dad sit around the banquet table with the "rest of the boys"; and to show him the importance of the extra-curricular side of school life.

That this affair could be nothing but "bang up", I have no doubt. A banquet topped by a basketball game would, to me, be the best way to show our dads the school life at Armour.

Furthermore when we consider that an affair of this type is conducted at most Big Ten schools and has definitely proved successful, I can see no reason why student leaders at Armour need hesitate.

Arrange the affair and start selling the tickets, and I feel that the Teckhawk will back the function.

Let's get behind this splendid idea, Teckhawks, and make this December affair the first in a long string of outstanding annual "Dad's Night" affairs.

Another Dad's Night Booster

"Dad's Night" seems to be an ideal plan for acquainting our dad's with extra-curricular activities at Armour. As was well put in last week's paper "Open House" night gives only the view of the everyday school work.

Dad is always interested in sports especially if his son takes part in them. Let's treat our dads. After all "It's papa who pays."

An Interested Junior.

Aero Club

I believe Mr. J. J. Healy has been sadly misinformed or else is sadly uninformed with regard to the attitude of the Armour Student Branch of the A. S. M. E. towards the formation of what he calls an "Aero Club."

Because of the fact that I was one of a committee who were actively engaged during the latter part of last year in the formulating of the present constitution and by-laws of the A. S. M. E., I believe that I am qualified to reply to Mr. Healy's letter.

First of all let me state that there is not "registered on the books" of the A. S. M. E. an aeronautical branch, nor has there ever been such a registration.

From the very first, the A. S. M. E. has made clear its stand with regard to the "Aero Club." The A. S. M. E. had no desire at that time and still does not itself intend to organize and promote any such activity. Rather, it has amended its constitution and by-laws in such a manner as to allow any such organization, as Mr. Healy states did exist, to become affiliated with the A. S. M. E. as a professional division. By becoming affiliated with the A. S. M. E. as a professional division, the "Aero Club" could and still can enjoy to the full the wealth of privileges and benefits which have accrued to the A. S. M. E. because of its enviable reputation among student professional groups.

Furthermore, one of the principal reasons for the institution of the new associate membership grade, with its correspondingly drastic membership rate reduction, was to aid enterprising students as much as possible not only in the organization of an aeronautical division, but also other professional divisions as well, by making it possible for these groups to entice their prospective members from all departments with a low membership fee. Students of other departments, and perhaps even of the mechanical department, would feel reluctant to join the professional division should they be required to apply for regular membership in the A.S.M.E. with its accompanying fee of \$3.00, while the associate membership fee would appear very reasonable in the light of the many privileges and advantages which would accrue to the prospective members of the professional group because of their affiliation with the A.S.M.E.

If Mr. Healy is still as sincere in his desire to establish an "Aero Club" as he seemed to be, I would suggest that he get in touch with any of the officers of the A. S. M. E. and discuss this matter with them, and obtain from them for his perusal, a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the A. S. M. E. I am sure that Mr. Healy will find the administration of the A. S. M. E. only too pleased to render him every possible assistance in the establishment of this aeronautical professional division.

PAUL A. REH,
Chairman, Inspection Trip Committee.

The Slipstick

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

Gentlemen, we are happy. We are happy to the point of going nuts. We have received a contrib. A real, genuine contrib written in blue ink and on a perfectly good sheet of paper folded eight ways. We proudly present for your approval:

*I think that I shall never see,
A hazar drougher than a tree;
A tree o'er which my ball must fly
If on the green it is to lie;
A tree which stands that green to guard,*

*And makes the shot extremely hard
A tree whose leafy arms extend
To kill the mashie shot I send;
A tree that stands in silence there
While angry golfers rave and swear.
Niblicks were made for fools like me
Who cannot ever miss a tree.*

"Chouch."

"My kid brother ate some chicken yesterday and he's not feeling very well."

"Croquette?"
"No, but he's sicker 'n hell."

Zazu is so jealous of his girl Nostalgia that he makes her drink black coffee in the evening so she can't meet the man of her dreams.

Three decidedly illuminated Brit- ishers were travelling to London by train. As the train pulled to a stop at a station, one of the lit trio asked of his wall-eyed companion, "Is this Wembly?" The second souse shook his head somberly, "No, it's Thursday." The third soak perked up considerably. "I'm Thursday, too. Let's have a drink."

A woman is like a can of paint— she has to be stirred up before she's any good and she's hard to get off your hands.

DID YOU KNOW

- 0. That Santa Claus is the only man who ever pays any attention to silk stockings when there's nothing in them?
- 1/2. That there isn't any Santa Claus?
- 1. That the seashore is always built very near the ocean?
- 2. That oysters have practically no singing voice at all?
- 3. That ninety per cent of the water that goes over Niagara Falls never comes back?
- 4. That you needn't have rheumatism to get stiff in every joint?
- 5. That water is a liquid that

Fraternity Notes

RHO DELTA RHO

Rho Delta Rho is pleased to announce the pledging of

Jack Cohen, '40

To Brother Abe Mandelowitz, goes our heartiest congratulations for his recent pledging to Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity.

The first of this year's social affair, the pledge dance will be held next Saturday night at the fraternity house. Extensive arrangements have been made for the dance which will be quite novel as it is the first of Rho Delta's pledge dances to be held on Halloween night. In keeping with the night, a decorative scheme has been arranged under the direction of Brother Krieman. As a further surprise to the pledges, actives and alumni who will attend, will be the attractive souvenir bids designed especially for the occasion.

turns black when you put your hands in it?

5.234. That I'm getting just as sick of this as you are?

Chronic Alcoholism

Oh, once there was a senior who was feeling rather gay, And he started out to make the rounds of Chicago's great White Way.

He stopped at many a honky-tonk and many a bar that night, And when to home he staggered he was very, very tight.

We know that it is possible to communicate with the dead because we can hear Zazu very distinctly.

"Is Kegglyon so very good as an after-dinner speaker?"

"Is he! I thought the guests would die of convulsions when he spoke from under the table."

"Have you any experience in trick photography?"

Velvel: "Have I? Say, I've photographed one cute little trick after another."

"Hey, where you going so riled up? What scratched your face?"

"I'm looking for that guy that said silence gives consent."

Zazu claims that he never lets his girl have her way but we know that she writes her diary a week ahead of time.

EJAY.

PI KAPPA PHI

It is our pleasure to announce at this time the pledging of the following men:

Ralph Schmal, Co-Op. '41.
Edward Schmidt, Co-Op. '41.

The pledges are carrying forward their plans for the Halloween Party with great enthusiasm.

Our Mothers' Club recently donated some towels and bedding.

Many improvements are still being made around the house, since our house cleaning did not stop with the end of Rush Week, but is still being continued to put the house in excellent shape for the winter social season. Plans are now being formulated for the purchase of new furnishings.

SIGMA ALPHA MU

We take the pleasure of announcing the pledging of

Bob Abrahamson, '40

Our pledge party and dance has been planned, and many novel ideas will make the affair an outstanding event. It will take place on Saturday, November 7.

PHI PI PHI

The pledges, now that they are getting settled after Rush Week, are busy planning for their pledge dance, which is to be held this Saturday evening at the Chapter House. Decorations will be in the true Halloween manner and a ten-piece orchestra will furnish the music.

Plans are also under way for a Mothers' Club tea, and a Fathers' and Sons' smoker.

The pool and ping pong tournaments have begun and may the best man win. From the practice games, the pledges are given a little chance to come through near the top.

Last week a number of the fellows went to the opera. Just ask them how they liked it, especially Abbott.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The pledge class is organizing a touch football squad to play the actives. This squad will also look for competition at school.

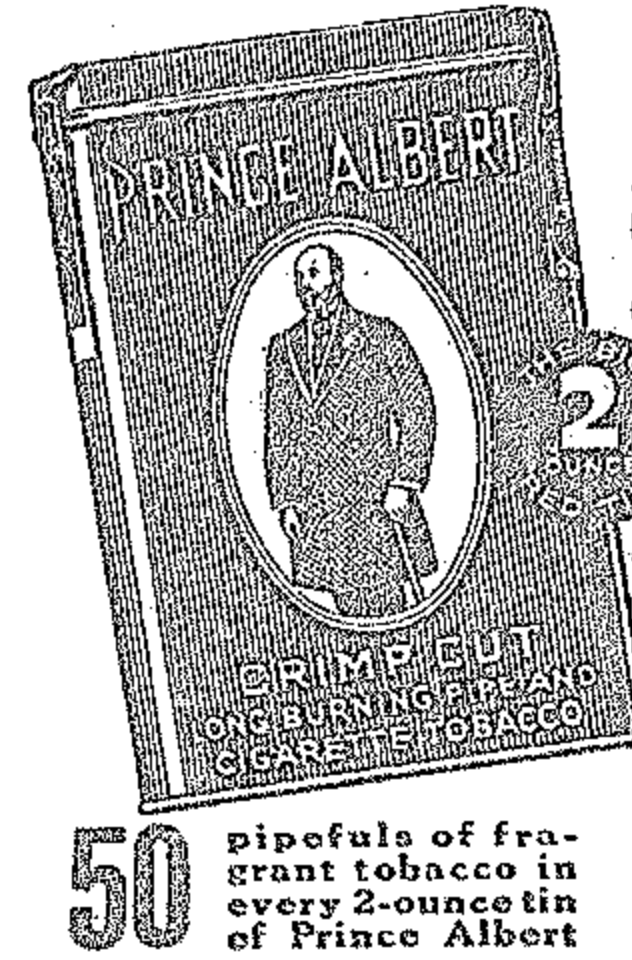
The house is planning a Halloween dance, and arrangements for a splash party will be started before long.

A number of actives attended the Founders' Day banquet at the Northwestern Chapter last Wednesday night.

Brother James O. McKinsey, Alpha Pi '16, was the main speaker. Brother McKinsey at present is an executive of Marshall Field & Company.



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