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## Let's Have a Student Union

Rumors have been circulating that a recreation room for students is to be created in the now civil drafting room of Mission. We who are juniors definitely want a recreation room for our last year at school wherever it may be. Social activity and good fellowship at school is definitely hindered by the lack of some place where the students can relax without danger of receiving slivers in their seats.

We have visited a number of schools and at these a room is provided for students with lounges and a radio. The students gather, talk over and solve the problems of the nation, tell stories, and have genuine relaxation. Under the present set-up, fraternity men rush from class at 12:30 over to the "house," eat hurriedly, and rush back to the 1:10 class. If a professor is particularly loquacious, fraternity men may have to use their track ability to make their lunch.

Non-Greeks gather in the student union and have an exciting time trying to eat and talk at the same time. There is a definite overflow in the lunchroom at noon time. Others gather at meeting places such as honorary fraternity rooms, club rooms, D Mission, or publication offices and munch hurriedly their sandwiches. In all this eating, cliques are formed which develop into political strongholds. If one group is on the "in," it manages to keep its members in the succeeding positions.

A room on the campus large enough to accommodate the students and having lounges on which students can sit back and breathe deeply after a tough calculus or physics quiz, possibly blow incense to the Gods, and mix with students not of their own department and year would be a boon to social life at Armour.

## STUDENT OPINION

### To Robert Worcester and Stanley Osri:

It is apparent that you are unfamiliar with the facts of the case concerning the Honorable Jefferson Caffery, United States Ambassador to Cuba. The foreign policy of the United States in regard to the Latin American countries was clearly set forth by President Monroe in 1823, when he stated: "... the occasion has been judged proper for asserting as a principle in which the rights and interests of the United States are involved, that the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers..." we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety."

This important principle, now commonly known as the Monroe Doctrine, has been jealously guarded as a fundamental of our own republic, and all of our relations with the Latin American countries have been conducted in accordance with its terms. Therefore, as official spokesman for the United States in Cuba, Mr. Caffery's activities must be such as to keep out Italian economic control, meet the competition of the British diplomats, and fully represent American business interests.

While the technique used in Latin American diplomacy is deplorable at times, it is necessary to maintain the peace and security that each Latin American country expects from the United States. This means that if extremely idealistic tactics were used, the United States might wake up some morning and discover that Cuba had become a European protectorate. Such an event is possible, even though it would be a direct violation of the Monroe Doctrine, for Italy, Germany and Great Britain are only waiting for the opportunity to gain a foothold.

Since an ambassador must assume responsibility for the affairs concerning his country in the country to which he has been assigned, it is only natural that Mr. Caffery's name be linked to any creditable or uncreditable incident, whether he be aware of it or not.

There is no need to evaluate Mr. Caffery's diplomatic record because the fact of his efficiency speaks for itself through his being retained by both Democratic and Republican administrations for the past twenty-seven years.

The writer suggests that you delve a little deeper into the matter before advancing such bitter criticism; and also that you consult the April twenty-sixth issue of "Time" magazine for a complete journalistic, but not diplomatic account of the Batista dictatorship in Cuba and the part former ambassador Benjamin Sumner Welles played in the diplomatic relations.

Edward P. Hanuska.

### Fraternity Cooperation

The junior marshals of 1938 wish to thank all social fraternities for their whole hearted cooperation in the events of junior week. The fact that all the fraternities took part in the interfraternity sing and pageant is especially noteworthy.

It is hoped that in the future, junior week activities will be supported as well by the student body as a whole, as they were by fraternities this year.

Junior Marshals.

## Fraternity Notes

Such a week, and the fraternities really did their part to make it a big success. The week was a welcome let up from the old grind, but a Junior Week would not be desired during every month of the year.

### Phi Pi Phi Track Victors

Fraternity open houses on Tuesday night were put on in great style and every house enjoyed a capacity crowd. On the following day, the interfraternity track meet took place on Ogden Field. All but two houses were entered; the spirit of competition was keen. The effect of the late hours the night before dulled some performances that might have been brilliant otherwise. Phi Pi Phi, with its well balanced team, outclassed the field and took permanent possession of the relay cup and the track meet cup.

### Pi Kappas Champ Songsters

The Sing on Wednesday night was a tough one to judge. Opinion of the audience was divided between the Phi Pi's and the Pi Kappas. The decision was given to Pi Kappa Phi, and there was never a happier man than Harry Perlet, president, when he accepted the cup. It might be mentioned that Johnny Doudera, '36 grad, gave invaluable aid in preparing the house for the contest. The Pi Kappas now have permanent possession of this cup since they have won it three years in a row. After the concert they turned from the mental attitude and put their "Drinking Song" into practice.

### Triangle Winner in Skits

On Friday, the annual Circus Day blossomed forth. Almost all the skits

had pretentious background settings. The Phi Kappas had every bedspread in the house strung on a wire for a curtain. Triangle's "Rathskeller" was the "class" of the afternoon, and to them were awarded the Circus Day Skin and the President's Cup. Assistant Dean Tibbals seemed to be the favorite prof for "panning" in the skits. Winston's Worm exhibited by the Phi Kappas was a great example of the ingenuity of young engineers.

### Stray Bits

Events of the week disclosed a fine athlete in Delt Bill Scherer. Pitching in the softball finals on Tuesday, he held the Rho Deltis powerless. Then in the track meet he loomed as an all-around individual star. Vandekieft, Phi Pi trackman, was high point man, as was expected. At the Open House Dance in the gym on Monday night, the stag line could almost have been termed "Fraternity Row" for it appeared that all fraternity men were present without dates.

A new Rho Delt pledge is J. G. Mirotic, Arch '40.

Ten cents is all a certain tiny coed at Hamline University has to pay to get into any of the local theatres. She is 18 years old and can hardly reach the ticket window.

To help ride-thumpers at Pennsylvania State College keep their appointments in other cities, George D. Thomas, instructor in industrial engineering, has written a "Hitch-hikers' Timetable," which tells the reader the best hours to "flag," the distances to the various cities and the length of time the journey will take.

## The Slipstick

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

## TO EJJAY'S LOVE

Blessings on the little dame,  
One leg wood, the other lame:  
You eat like a little pig,  
Under that horse-hair wig,  
And with actions so petite  
As you remove your false teeth:  
Blessings on thee, honey child,  
Now I know why Eejay's wild.

## Heard at Open House:

"Look, Momma, we send that dope to college and what's he doing? He's freezing a Gold Fish."

"Ain't Jimmy exotic, Daisy? Look at him showing those people how to work a fire siren."

"Hot ice water, mister? Gee, that oughta be good for a cold shower in the morning if you like hot water better, huh?"

"Hush, Junior, that's not daddy's breath, it's those chemistry boys."

"That's the fifth fire those F.P.E.'s started tonight showing those people how to use safety matches."

## Inventions

"Eyeglasses with vertical stripes for jailkeepers so they can recognize escaped convicts on sight."

"An alarm clock with half a bell so when two people are rooming together it just wakes up one."

"A pen without ink so in case it leaks, you don't get your clothes wet."

"Pants without pockets so you can't lose any money if you had a hole in one."

"A piano with strings straight up in the air for people who prefer to play the harp."

"Bait made out of onion for fishermen who prefer to catch pickled herring."

## Stooge: I have a very sad dentist.

Stage: Sad dentist? Why sad?

Stooge: He's always down in the mouth.

Stage: Yeah, I see. Makes mountains out of molar.

People who eat at filling stations are apt to have gas on the stomach.

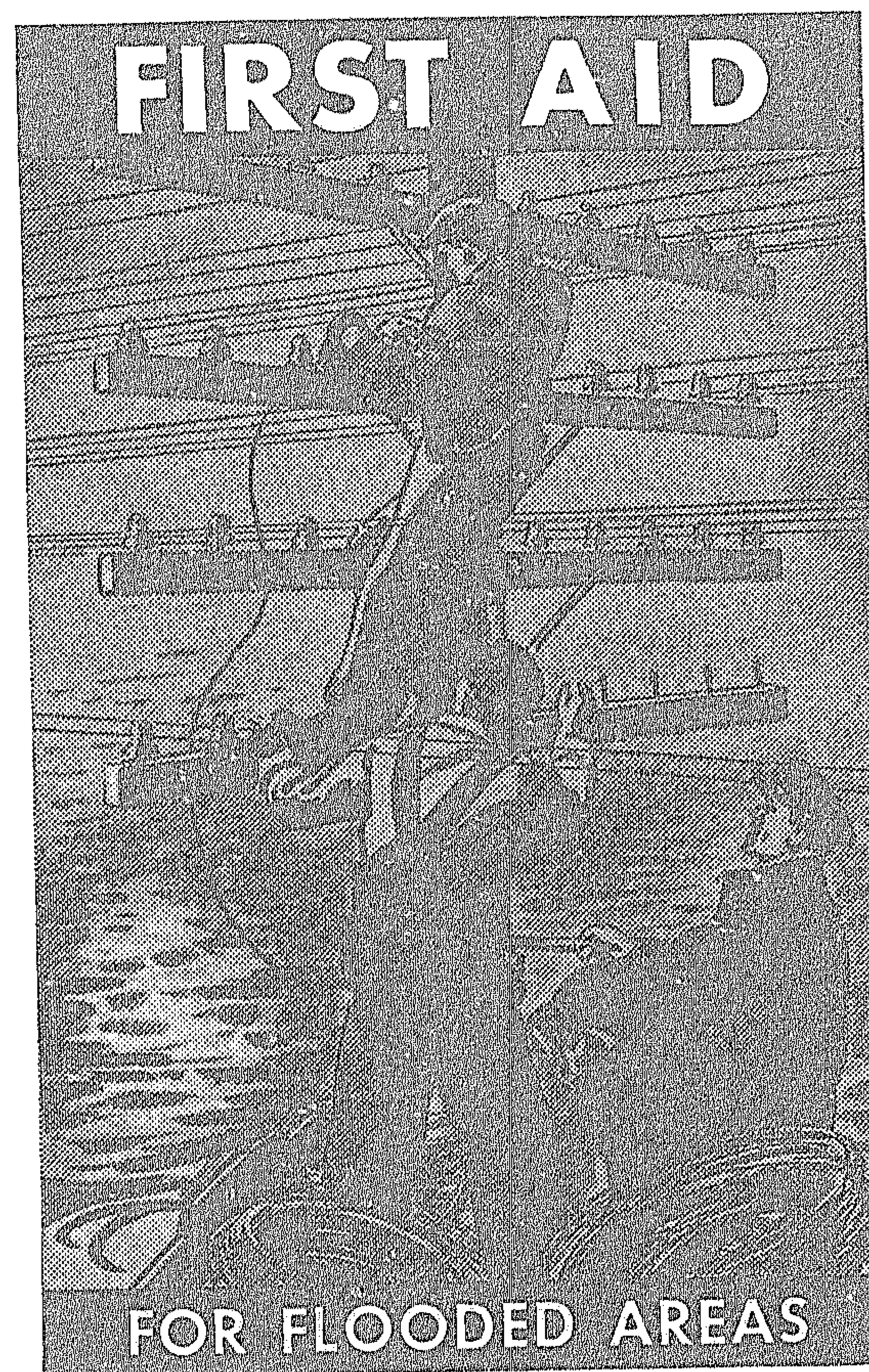
She: Oh yes; I married a man in the village fire department.

He: A volunteer?

She: No, pa made him.

Remember: It's the bad little boy who gets it in the end

and that's  
ZAZU.



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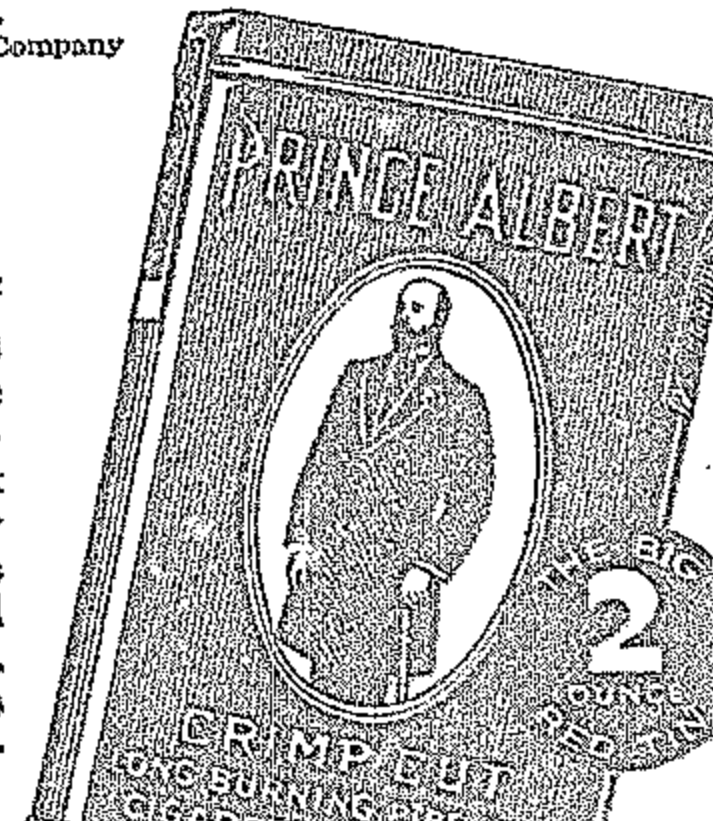


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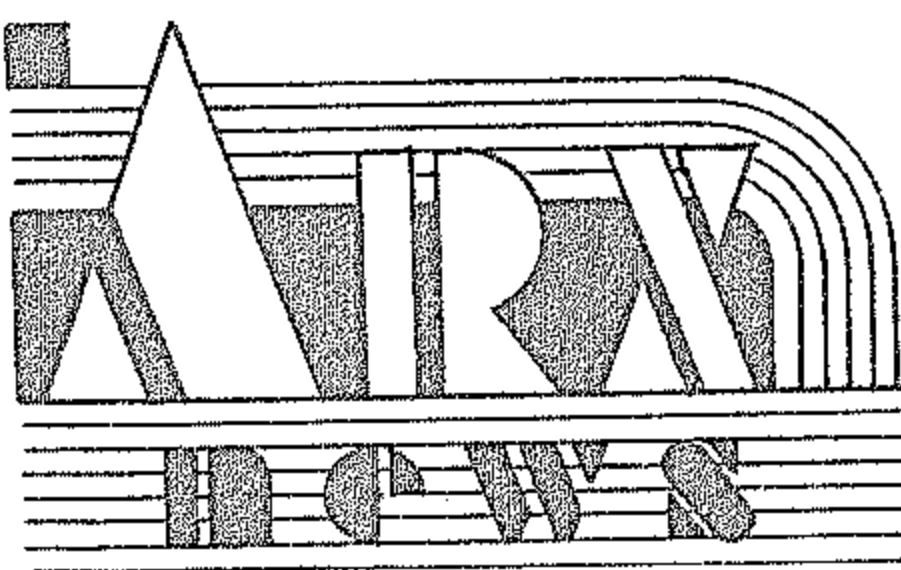
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When the Class "B" men finished their last project they thought that they would have a few days of rest, but... there is an ugly rumor running around to the effect that we are also signed up for some academics down at Armour that might possibly need a little attention in order to avoid that little letter that has three horizontal and one vertical line as its parts.

In the listing of more happy thoughts there is that open house celebration that Mac so generously halos each year. This year he will entertain all the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Arx at his home in Park Ridge. Quite a mob, but his house is large.

Writing this column is difficult enough under ordinary circumstances but when Becker tells his date—"Watch what you say when this guy is around or you'll find it in the Tech News, the going is even tougher. There are ways and ways of getting even with suchlike and there is always next year unless he crosses me up by graduating.

Smile—As unwelcome as the sight of your best school chum when you are showing YOUR girl through Open House; viz.: Bradt, Moseley and Wagner.

Goldsmith sourly started to sing, "There's a Lull in My Life," which is a good theme song with which to sign off.

ART GUM.