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On behalf of the students and faculty of Armour Tech, we express our deep sympathy to Elmer H. Olson, junior civil engineering student, on the death of his father last week.

Are Engineers Leaders?

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tives at a meeting of the American Society for their newly acquired technical and engineering Management said that engineering graduates principles to the more or less hum-drum routine could not be used for superintendent work be- of daily life. This fact was vividly borne out by cause of their inability to handle men. The fact a recent survey conducted by an officially regis-not thirsty after his sojourn at the that many leaders of industry agree on this point tered observer duly authorized by the statistically Blue Fountain Room on Thursday is a direct blow at engineering education.

Seven fundamental requirements for leadership was collected over a three-day period, 14.3 times are will power, knowledge, enthusiasm, self- as many freshmen as seniors and juniors comconfidence, energy, responsibility, and courage. bined unceremoniously cut across the lawns, or Most of these traits are required and are present | rather | what - would - in - all - probability - be in a man who goes through four years of con- lawns - if - the - students - did - not - cut centrated study. Knowledge and responsibility across - them. An attempt at a logical correlaare the crucial points.

training for continued study than other men. | lawn-strolling problem is inevitable. The fresh-His weak point is often a lack of understanding men, having but lately learned that the hypotheof men, of human nature. To be a leader he nuse of any right triangle is less than the sum must know each man personally—his likes, dis-|of its two adjacent sides and that a straight line likes, dominating emotions, and reactions to par- is the shortest distance between two points even ticular situations. He also must know the more if separated by grass, trustingly apply their primitive emotions of people as a group. His mathematical knowledge and systematically kick fault may be in making too exacting require- the life out of every blade of grass in sight. The ments of his subordinates, or it may be that his upper classmen are not quite as numerous nor inexperience in the particular work brings dis- quite as consistent in their efficiency save - a respect for him as a leader. Lack of extra- step - by - cutting - across - the - lawns orgies as curricular activity while in school may have kept | the freshmen. This is probably due to the fact him from cultivating human contacts.

spects, a man is unfair to himself and to others because they prefer doing most of their cutting unless he carries his knowledge beyond what he in a somewhat different manner. needs for personal gain and extends it into the | Since 85 per cent of the survey was conducted are also available.

elective course in the psychology of leadership student extra-curricular activity. be instituted at Armour, in the hope that the may not be forestalled by inability to handle men.

Wake Up! World.

Modern culture is probably superior to that no claim is made that it is the highest at every | correct. point, but that the modern culture has a practical To the way of thinking inculcated in modern men, the ideals which mark former civilizations ment of scientific advancement.

This advancement has been phenomenal, espe- good idea! cially in machine technology and chemical science. Improvements in technology in manufacturing on so large a scale naturally require parallel progress in distribution, morals, and other problems of economics and sociology. There has been progress along these lines, but the rapidity of technical advance has far outstripped other improvement of culture until now the world faces an apparently permanent unemployment problem—the most striking evidence dent Alexander G. Ruthven. of economic failure.

middle aged Ohioan. Two years ago he was suffering from the last stages of angina pectoris, and was doomed to die inside of a few weeks. He had but one chance to live, and that was an ach half-baked notions about players and pastry.

operation never before attempted on a human being-probably not one chance in a hundred of its being successful.

The chance was taken and an epoch-making operation was performed. A muscle from his left arm was grafted into his heart; and although weakened, he recovered after spending four months in the hospital. Another medical miracle graces the story of scientific achievement.

Restored to health, Mr. Krchmar faced the problem of getting his family off relief. He was able to get a job paying five dollars a week, which was not near enough to support his family. Now he has no job and can see no prospect of

In the face of this situation, we must acknowledge as a truism his remark, "Lucky? Well, they say wealth isn't everything. I know now that health isn't either."

What is to be done about improving our cultural conditions? Such changes are not the product of a year or of a generation. The least that an engineering school can do is to assure that its students are aware of the problem, and possibly to arouse a desire for studying the social sciences further, by including in the curriculum as much study of modern economic and social problems as is possible.

Green Orgy

Without doubt Armour students possess the finest technical brains, and the keenest powers of unbiased observation of any engineering umpteen nine models of a parabola, school in the vicinity. This is aptly illustrated Is the engineer a leader? Industrial execu- by their prompt and unfaltering application of inclined Armour Tech News.

In what way does the young graduate fail? According to this survey, the data for which tion between the comparatively large number of The graduate has better education and better freshmen concerned and the analysis of the that by this time the upper classmen have for-With all of his excellent training in other re- gotten all of their freshmen mathematics, and

field of human relations. Armour's social science in front of Chapin Hall, and since 2.31 times as course is a good start towards this goal. Books many freshmen as seniors and juniors enter in the library on the psychology of leadership Chapin Hall, the figure 14.3 will have to be, in all fairness, modified to 7.4. However, even this To carry the work further, we suggest that an | modified ratio shows the trend of one form of

In this survey, two steps on the unsowed porengineer's training toward becoming a leader tions of the turf were tabulated as one step on the gross. Since most of the wrongdoing occurred where the sidewalk branches off abruptly at 90 degrees, our original assumption that the misguided action is occasioned by the recent discovery of the freshmen that the side of any angle of any other system of civilized life. However, under 90 degrees is less than one, is probably

It must be admitted—get thee behind me, superiority over all other systems of culture. Conscience!-that the statistical data of this experiment was fictitious. And it must be admitted that these heinous grass-tramplings and are dwarfed by the ideal of this culture—attain- our equally heinous moralizings have helped fill up quite a bit of newspaper space. But-it's a

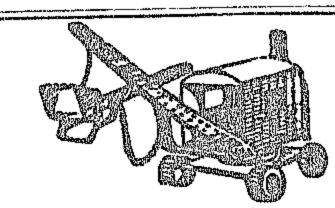
QUOTABLE QUOTES

(By Associated Collegiate Press)

"There is on most campuses a little noisy minority, but I really believe one of the serious problems we have to face is the conservative thinking of our students." Radicalism is not wrinkling the brow of the University of Michigan's Presi-

"If any fellow wants to play on a team I am Consider the problem of Joseph Krchmar, a coaching, and his apparatus can't digest pie, his stomach is much too weak for him to be a football player, and I can't use him." Coach Bob Zuppke of the University of Illinois can't stom-

THE STEAM SHOVEL



Ray W. Starmann sends us an indignant letter berating our negligence and shaky sources of information. He claims that Wally Suhr did not date up the young lady in question, but that Ray himself will escort her to the Soph Informal. And so-we fire our third snooper

Snoop No. 4 checks in with some statistics on the Washington-Lincoln assembly last week. Out of 215 students occupying the balcony, 20 were asleep; and out of 200 on the main floor, 12 took to snoring. This quota does not include those tucked away under the seats and behind the balcony pilars. Popper and Martin made an affectionate sight.

The ARX have always bragged about their unadorned models and so, when we heard that Prof. Spencer was exhibiting several of his models at the Palmer House, we tore over to soak up an eyeful. All we found were an ellipse, a hyperbola, and a few more reasons for flunking analytical geometry. The only girl there were a raccoon coat and galoshes! Surprise!

We hope that Leonard Holmes was

Schommer must have seen something good at the Blue Fountain Room floor show to tell Froud all

Sign on bulletin board: "Am leaving school at five o'clock all Glee Club money must be in my hands by that time."

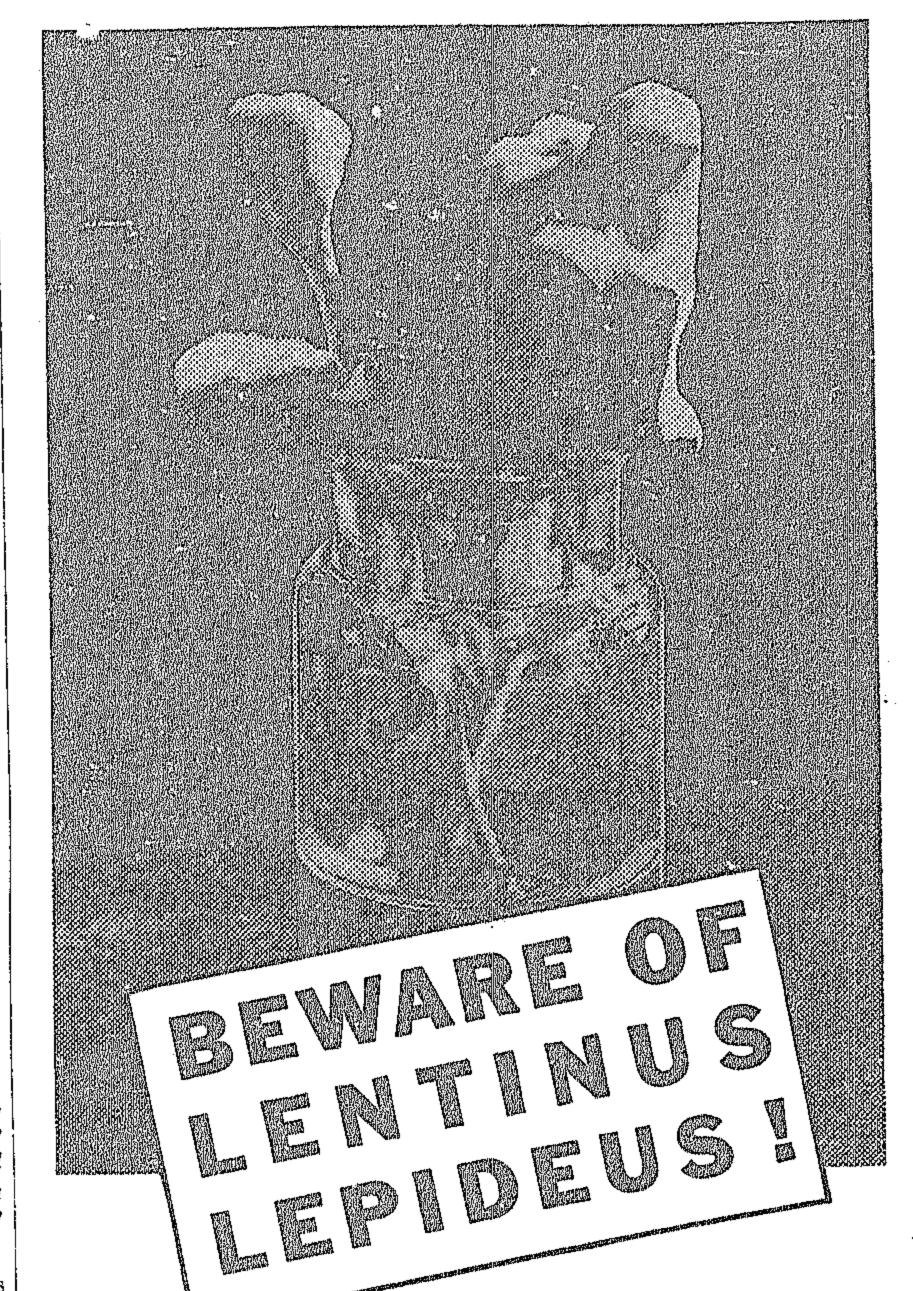
Signed

W. F. Schreiber. (We wonder how much he spent at the La Salle Hotel.)

Heidmann: Gosh! it's kinda late, His mother: Yes, where did you go

after the concert? Heidmann: Nowhere! His mother: Nowhere! Then why did it take you two hours to drive

Heidmann: Well, uh, I . . . the car



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