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## Drama in Mission Receives Ovation

Charles MacAleer Plays Lead  
in O'Neill One-acter

"Douse the lights!"

Gradually the assembly hall faded from view. A man in overalls and a painter's cap fiddled nervously with pieces of colored cellophane in front of the stage and periodically a white light would impolitely butt into the half-finished scenery.

"All right, Nat, come in."

Ghosts Appear

Finally, the ghosts appeared with the treasure—in a surprisingly natural manner. Wild arms waved.

"Hey! That thing's supposed to be heavy! You don't know your own strength! Show your muscle!" Other ejaculations followed, but the rehearsal deliberately proceeded.

"How is it coming? Can you understand them?" This came in an unexpected whisper on the side. "Well, if you want to know..."

Then came the real thing. The hall, now lighted, slowly filled up. This time the dimming of the lights meant business. To the delight of all the audience, and the relief of the entire players' association, lights, crew and all, the Play went over successfully.

Look Unearthly

Rumors were heard that those who played the parts of the insane characters really acted their parts to a tee. The Ghosts looked almost as unearthly as they were intended. To top it all, a roaring applause brought all the characters back victoriously, smiling where they had wept, alive where they had died; and a hilarious stage curtain clumsily ended the picture of the first success of the season.

Four of the six parts in the play were played by men different from those announced last week. Eugene Worcester took the part of Captain Bartlett, while the ghosts from the schooner Mary Allen were played by T. A. Hunter, R. E. Underhill, and A. R. George.

Miss Mary Russo of the Hull House players group generously took the feminine role, Sue Bartlett, and added the touch that made the play a success.



A. M. Zarem

IT IS COMMONPLACE today to hear nearly everyone speak of the so-called business cycle. Business men, both great and small, do not open their mouths but what it seems that there must be mention of price levels, inflation, or increasing governmental regulation of private industry. Lately the latter has gained prominence by virtue of being the most talked of subject of the day. Whether or not our omniscient entrepreneurs really know what they are talking about is another matter. When one contrasts the common drive he hears on the street (or reads in the newspaper) to the orderly and entirely logical arguments presented by some of our better known economists, one cannot help feeling both disgusted and discouraged with business men—and politicians alike. Certainly no good can come of the pessimistic attitude that prevails when such a group of men get together.

Surely there are cycles other than the business cycle, which one might discuss when he meets a friend. The "governmental cycle" is about as good as any—and one would have to go far to find one of more vital importance.

OF THE THREE leading types of governments today (Communism, Fascism and Democracy) Fascism seems to be most prominent. The trend of events in world affairs, has introduced so many new complexities that it is only with difficulty (and then not entirely with success) that we can shut our eyes to the amaz-

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## Dr. Freud Eleventh Guest Radio Speaker

Synthetic Organic Chemistry was discussed by Dr. Benjamin B. Freud on the eleventh program of the radio series sponsored by Armour Tech through the cooperation of the Adult Education Council of Chicago over WCFL. The radio series on applied science was to have been terminated last week, but it has been extended indefinitely. This program as well as the others in the series, was presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday under the direction of Mr. Alexander P. Schreiber.

## Management Course To Open in January

The Downtown Evening Classes, offered last year by the social science department, will continue this year. The opening date is not set, but it will be sometime in January.

The membership of last year's course consisted of representatives of companies who were interested in the advancement of business. Last year's course was taken by about seventy members which represented about thirty-six companies. The meetings were always started off by a dinner, and concluded by various speakers.

This year's course will be run on about the same schedule as last year's. The committee planning the course is now in the process of scheduling speakers for the various subjects to be discussed.

This winter Professor Hansen of the social science faculty will be a speaker for the Illinois Manufacturing Association. The subject he will talk on will be, "Problems Arising Under the New Illinois Compensation Act."

## Senior Dance to Be at Oriental Hotel on Friday, December 17

Throwing school responsibilities aside for Christmas festivities, Institututors on their last day of serfdom this year will respond to the euphonic swing of Johnny Mullaney's band and flock to the Cedar room of the Oriental Hotel for the Senior Informal December 17.

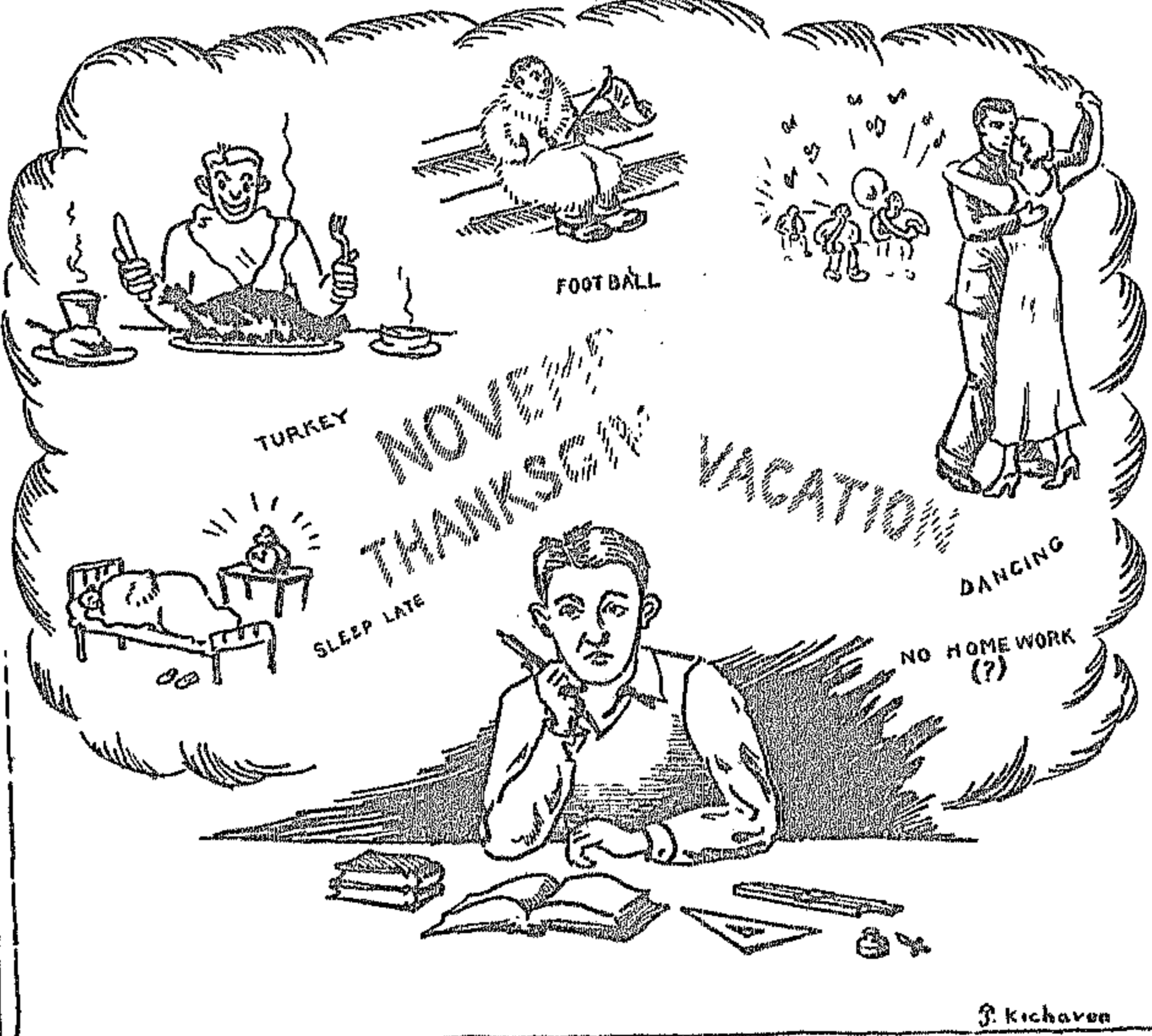
Social chairman Worcester with his committee has made these arrangements in answer to demands for terpsichorean activity as a counter-irritant to sustained mental effort. The evening will be one to cast into Limbo all memories of things intellectual, as Armourites disport themselves with their customary spirit of "joie de vivre," while their professional consorts are patting pedagogical puppies.

## Architects and Engineers Enjoy 39th Floor Setting of Now Famous 'Carrossel'

Architects and engineers brushed shoulders at the "Carrossel" last Friday night and forgot completely the coefficient of friction while enjoying an evening of gaiety in the novel setting of the Electric Club atop the Civic Opera building.

Thirty-nine floors up, overlooking a brightly lighted city with its miniature automobiles and street layout shown by diagonal and parallel rows of lights, a friendly crowd danced to the smooth rhythm of Bob Phillips. While some danced others enjoyed the beautiful lounge rooms patterned after early English style. That "different" effect was given by the ballroom with its low-ceiling, stained paneling and finish, and mahogany pillows set about the room.

Armour Arx duplicated the success of last year's "Diana Bachannale" with this year's "Carrossel." The committee consisting of J. Rea, G. A. Scott, and W. A. Wagner received the compliments of all the "Teachers" at the above dance.



## On Coeds and Fish, Statues and Neckties, and Cabbages and Kings

Reporter Gleans Unrelated Facts  
From Archives

By R. Perry

There is a species of small fish that lives off the coast of a tiny, little known island in the south seas which infallibly turns a brilliant green with orange spots as an indication of something. The fact that the foregoing statement, aside from being a manifestly inane lead, is a ge-whiz-iker of a big lie detracts from its popular appeal not at all. Similarly someone is bound to be intrigued by the fact that Armour Institute of Technology was once coeducational, and that the big rock alongside of Mission is not there solely for the purpose of advertising the numbers of the successive frosh classes, but it contains approximately \$1,000.00 worth of gold.

Apocryph of the former co-ed status of the institute it might be well to have that happy state prevail again, for the same reason that Prof. B. B. Freud tolerates women in the professional laboratory; they inspire neckties, which same may be regarded as

## Modernizing Done on Chapin Rooms by Armour Groups

In line with the Institute plans for improving the appearance in and around Armour many fraternities have been actively engaged in remodeling and modernizing their apartments.

Alpha Chi Sigma has begun its modifying program by removing several walls in order to enlarge the size of its present rooms. The major part of this work has been left to the pledges who are showing satisfactory results. The Campus Club is nearing the completion of its revision work and promises to surprise all visitors who have not as yet seen their modernized rooms.

The Rho Deltas have moved from their former residence at Thirty-third and Michigan to the more convenient locality of Chapin hall. Their new rooms are located on the fourth floor fourth entrance opposite those of the "Armour Eye."

In moving, the Rho Deltas have also been faced with the task of modernizing their flat to meet their purposes.

Their chambers have been the scene of much activity and it is expected that a house warming party will be given as soon as the rooms are set in order.

The civil drafting room has been refurnished and now presents a bright surrounding where once stood the old and dusty finish. A new laboratory for the testing of thermal insulation has been under construction for the past week and it is expected that it will be completed in the near future.

the badge of caste distinguishing the mere wage slave and the engineer, without question a superior class.

A few other pertinent facts dug from the archives of the News list the soul-jolting information that the statue in the left hand corner of the library is that of Joseph Armour while the bust facing him, generally with a pencil inscribed Vandyke, is President Gunsaulus, Armour's first. Perhaps if you are a good little engineer and don't irritate the decibel sensitive librarians you may be permitted a close look at the autographed engravings of General Grant and a number of other statesmen and poets hanging on the ends of the book cases.

Mission is called Mission because originally it was an unaffiliated Sunday-school and being unaffiliated it was necessary to choose a name which would nicely balance the purpose of the structure and its non-partisan stand. Chapin Hall was constructed at the same time as Mission as a block of modern apartments; all this at the time of the first world's fair. The intention was to allow the rent from the apartments to defray the running expenses of Mission. Eventually Armour Institute encompassed all the buildings to which it, at the first, was merely an adjunct. And it is with this thought in mind that we say farewell to Armour, Jewel school of the south side.

## Oakhill Addresses Industrial Group on Maintenance Cost

The Industrial Management Council of Rochester, N. Y., was addressed by Mr. Frederick Oakhill, of the Armour evening division faculty, on November 15. Mr. Oakhill, instructor in Plant Engineering and Maintenance, spoke on "Control of Maintenance Costs" to a group of 75 men from Rochester industries, who participated in an active discussion after the talk.

In addition to teaching at Armour, Mr. Oakhill is plant engineer for Bauer & Black, and president of the local chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management. He is an alumnus of Armour and active in promoting alumni activities.

## Student-Faculty Directory Now on Sale at Bookstore

One thousand copies of the Directory number bulletin of Armour Institute of Technology were put on sale at the student supply store Friday, November 19. The directory, which includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the administration officers, day and evening school faculty, graduate assistants and fellows, and day school, cooperative and part-time students, are priced at ten cents.

The number of copies printed is less than the enrollment, according to Treasurer Allison, on account of the lax demand by the students in previous years for the directories.

## Six Men Pledged by Electrical Honorary

Six men were pledged by Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering fraternity, last Wednesday night in room D Mission at the A.I.E.E. smoker. The newly pledged men include two juniors and four seniors. The men are: I. Gebel, G. M. Ives Jr., A. R. Morrill, and J. F. Sodaro, seniors; R. I. Bush and E. K. Osterberg, juniors.

## Note Small Decline in Senior Employment

Mr. Wm. Setterberg, the placement officer of the Institute, disclosed the bad news that the number of new men being employed in industry from Armour has not equalled its usual quota, although a turn for the better is expected in the near future.

The dean's office is taking steps to remedy the situation by mailing to approximately three or four hundred companies a letter announcing the fact that there will be a group of graduates ready for employment in June, and the number from each department.

This system will encourage companies that are out of town to write to the Institute for information, and for this reason it is extremely important that the 1938 graduates have their placement records in the office as soon as possible.

## New 'Eye' Rooms Near Completion

Continuing its improvements for the current semester, the "Armour Eye" is nearing the completion of its rebuilding program. It now remains for the carpenters, plasterers and painters to complete the work that the student members of the organization began early last year.

The club will remain located on the fourth floor fourth entrance of the Chapin. It is expected that the work will be completed within the next two weeks.

The new planning will make available a new dark room as well as a studio, a dining room, and a smaller lounging room. Instead of the dark-room arrangements that originally were in effect, the additional dark room will enable the members to use one room exclusively for developing plates and film and the other for printing and enlarging.

Meetings of the organization have continued on a rather irregular schedule but it is expected that the completion of the club's premises will renew the interest that the club has previously enjoyed.

New members are welcome to attend any of the meetings of the club. Dates and meeting places for future meetings will be posted on the bulletin board. The last meeting was held on Wednesday at which time a movie entitled "Color Photography" was shown.

## W.S.E. to Hear Talk on Chemical Warfare

"The Use of Chemicals in War" will be the subject of a lecture by B. A. Brackenbury, Lt. Col., C.W.S., chemical officer in the United States Army, to be delivered tonight at 7:00 P.M. at the meeting of the W.S.E. in the auditorium, 205 West Wacker Drive. Chemicals played an important part in the Ethiopian conflict, and are being employed now to a limited extent in the Orient and Spain. Col. Brackenbury will attempt to show the important part that scientists, and the chemists in particular, will play in future warfare.

He was instructed at the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal and prior to that at the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Georgia.

On next Monday, a lecture on "Railroad-Highway Crossing Protection" will be given by Warren Henry, Asst. Chief Engineer, Illinois Commerce Commission, in the W.S.E. rooms.

## Frosh Ballot Is Postponed Until Dec. 3

Candidates Will Give  
Campaign Talks  
at Meeting

In order to enable the freshman class to become acquainted with the candidates for its class offices, the freshman primary election scheduled for last Friday, has been postponed until a week from Friday, December 3.

On the same day, prior to the election, a freshman meeting will be held at 10:30 o'clock at which the candidates will be given the opportunity of garnering votes via campaign speeches. This will be the first time that office aspirers will have been given means of pleading for support.

To date petitions, each containing the names of twenty-five supporters, have been submitted by the following: G. A. Gardes, R. K. Graham, D. W. Long, and P. L. Shaffer for the office of president; W. E. Hoverson, K. H. Myers, F. Reh, and S. Shapiro for vice-president; C. McAleer and R. A. Zoellner for secretary; D. F. Crego, D. L. Graf, C. B. Kramer, and J. T. Waber for treasurer; G. P. Baumann, F. W. De Money, H. N. Leave, and J. W. Smith for social chairman; and G. E. Hamilton, R. E. Jacobsen, and R. W. Sweeney for A. T. S. A. representative.

"Depanting" definitely will not take place at the Institute in the future. This agreement was made by representatives of the freshmen and sophomore classes. The reason this action occurred was because it was an offense to the public eye and to decent taste to see a freshman walking in the main lobby minus his trousers or sitting in a class in the same predicament.

## Casting Started for New Play; Russian Comedy by Tchekoff

The Armour Players have announced the beginning of the production of Anton Tchekoff's comedy "A Marriage Proposal." Casting for the new play has taken place under the direction of Mr. Combs, faculty sponsor, and M. Pantone, Guild president, and parts have been tentatively assigned. It is proposed that this play be cast so as to produce new talent, both in the dramatic and as well as in the technical. The play is well suited to the facilities which the auditorium provides, since all that is needed for a setting is a simple interior. Present plans schedule the comedy to be staged soon after the Christmas holiday.

Anton Tchekoff is one of the masters of contemporary Russian literature; among his short plays is the uproarious farce, "A Marriage Proposal," which shows the lighter side of Russian country life. The play is written in a style which asks the audience to cast off restraint and laugh at the characteristics of the people he knew so well.

## Architect Fraternity Names Four Pledges

Scarab, honorary architectural fraternity formally pledged three sophomores and one junior last week. The sophomores are G. E. Danforth, J. J. Fox, and F. H. Prather. W. A. Wagner is the lone junior pledge. After the pledging, the members and pledges enjoyed an informal dinner at Harvey's Restaurant on Michigan Boulevard.

Five architectural students traveled to Pennsylvania State College last Sunday to attend a convention of Scarab architectural fraternity. The convention convened yesterday and will be concluded today.

The men attending the convention are: R. A. Kiphardt, F. A. Prather, J. J. Rea, A. M. Richardson, and G. A. Scott.