

## Freshman Candidates to Speak

On Friday, December 3, the freshman class will meet to allow the candidates for office to deliver campaign speeches. This action follows their previous delay of the election in order that all members of the class shall know the candidates, so it appears to us that this class knows its own mind and realizes the inadvisability of electing men according to their ability to influence the voters in a short time.

Although it often occurs that the officers happen to turn out to be among the best that could be selected, and it is probable that anyone in the class could passably perform the duties of any of the offices, it is still wise to consider the candidates well, so that the best man for each office may be chosen, and the one who most deserves the position will be honored by election.

## Thanksgiving Day 1621, 1864, 1937

Back in 1864, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring the last Thursday in November a national holiday to be called Thanksgiving Day. Following this precedent, each succeeding president has designated this time each year for Thanksgiving Day.

The first American Thanksgiving Day was observed at Plymouth in 1621 when the Pilgrim fathers assembled in their houses of worship to thank God for the first harvest. The day was observed by the different states on various dates and by the nation on several occasions. It was President Lincoln who set the national day of Thanksgiving.

Some authorities declare that "Thanksgiving Day is borrowed from the Catholic festival 'Churchmas'." In former times in Europe, "Churchmas" was celebrated at harvest time, when the people gathered in their churches to offer thanks for bountiful crops and well-filled granaries.

To the city dweller, Thanksgiving Day is one of gratitude for "good times" and a satisfactory share of the world's supply of food, clothing and shelter. However, the farmers of our middle-western states still bow their heads humbly in thanksgiving to the Controller of the elements in much the same manner as the Pilgrims on that first American Thanksgiving Day.

## Other Dances Like 'Carrossel'

The Armour Arx merit special commendation for their excellent choice of site and orchestra and the care with which all details were worked out for the Carrossel. The accommodations of the Electric Club were adjudged by all to be of the best in beauty and comfort, and there is no doubt that every engineer and architect and their friends enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Recognizing the fact that social events are the best-remembered of school life, let's carry on and put over more real successes like the Carrossel.

The students and faculty extend their deep sympathy to John Hartman, sophomore electrical student, on the death of his father early last week.

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## PHI LAMBDA UPSILON

Phi Lambda Upsilon, an honorary chemical society, was founded by the Faculty of the University of Illinois at the suggestion of the most promising chemistry students in the class of 1899. Omicron chapter of Armour Institute was chartered in 1920. The aims of the society are the promotion and protection of high scholarship and original investigation in all branches of pure and applied chemistry. It is evident that the aims of the society stated conform in general to those of other honorary organizations such as Phi Beta Kappa in literature, Sigma Xi in science, and Tau Beta Pi in engineering.

The society consists of active, alumni, associate, and honorary members. Juniors and seniors, majoring in chemistry or chemical engineering, are selected at the beginning of each semester as active members. There has also been created a class of associate members which includes men of exceptional ability who are farther advanced in the science than those taken into active membership. By modifying the limitations to membership in this way, the society without losing sight of its aims, has fostered the important purpose of making membership to all worthy of it.

There are at present thirty-six active chapters throughout the country. The total membership is now over seven thousand. The publication of the society, "The Register of Phi Lambda Upsilon," is published four times a year and is primarily devoted to reports of scientific achievements and chapter activities.

The pledge ribbon of the society is blue and red following the colors of litmus while the key represents by its shape the hexagonal structure of benzene.

## THE MAILBOX

Editors, Armour Tech News,  
The Mailbox.

A major problem prevalent here at Armour is the complete lack of school spirit. This is shown by the attitude and support consistently warranted school activities. One does not have to search far for the solution of this problem. A definite step toward the attainment of this end is the conversion of Mission Hall into a Student Union. This would eliminate the close departmental adherence which now prevails and create a feeling that there are others here at Armour besides those in one's department or class.

The student body wants a union. All realize its necessity and value, and yet, in view of the miserable cooperation recently given the *Armour Tech News*, the inaugurators of this campaign, something seems to be lacking. What can it be?

Apparently the students feel that the accomplishment of this project is beyond their attainment, a mere "pipe dream." Obviously much financial support can not be expected to be contributed by the student body. Let the Tech News and student leaders create the just feeling that this project can be accomplished, that the support of the alumni and board of trustees can and will be obtained. Is the student body going to permit this to slip through their fingers; something they need, desire and can have? I say no. The student body will cooperate when it realizes that it can and will have a Student Union.

Willard E. Kruse,  
Junior Class President.

## FRATERNITY NOTES

Fraternity athletics turn indoors as the mercury cringes down into the bulb of the weatherman's thermometer. As the touchball season fades into memories—pleasant ones for the victorious Deltas—basketball looms as the subject of conjecture on the part of Greek-letter men. At least half of the houses expect to prevent Phi Pi Phi from getting a second leg on the cup. Fraternity teams may use the gym for practice any afternoon before 3:30 by reserving the time with Bill Chelgren or Francis Abbott.

Ping-pong addicts are bating away at the pyroxylin pill as several houses start tournaments which will select the men for interfraternity play. The Deltas are picking Fred Engelthaler as the probable winner of their tournament.

Card parties sponsored by their mothers' clubs were held at the Phi Kappa Sigma and Pi Kappa Phi houses last Saturday evening. Both houses hope, and believe, that everyone had a good time.

Rho Delta Rho announces the pledging of John H. Alschuler, Arch. '41, and Pi Kappa Phi announces the pledging of J. Russell Freedain, M.E., '41.

Rho Delta Rho has moved into new quarters—the rooms formerly occupied by the Livingstons—on the fourth floor of Chapin Hall. The members are planning to complete their remodeling work over the Thanksgiving holidays. Some difficulty is being experienced in keeping the architectural members from decorating the walls with modernistic murals. A housewarming party will be given when the decorations are completed.

Phi Pi Phi and Triangle have been contemplating radio dances for tomorrow night, but whether they will be held was still unknown at the time of publication. The Delta Tau Delta pledge class is giving its formal dance in honor of the active chapter next Saturday night.

The Delta Tau Delta mothers' club held a tea at the Shelter last Sunday. This was the first opportunity for the mothers of the pledges to meet with the mothers of the active members. The Phi Pi Phi mothers are planning a card party in the near future.

## The Slipstick

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

Last week that stale joke monger who writes this column bi-weekly cast a few caddy remarks at me. If that bold pated mental it cares to renew our old feud let's o.k. with me . . . it's his funeral, the over-weight buffoon. As for a poem, any dope can plagiarize one to start his column with!

Mary swallowed her little watch,  
Now the watch is gone.  
Mary walks along the street—  
Time marches on.

—Plagiarized.

"Take heart Eejay, Confucius said:  
"You better to have halitosis than  
no breath at all."

## TWENTY-FIVE MORE DAYS TO CHRISTMAS RECESS.

They were having their evening stroll when they passed an Indian squaw. Very much interested, the little boy inquired:

"Why is she red, daddy?"

"That is nature's way, my son."

"Is she red all over?"

"Yes," said the father, "she is."

For a moment the child hesitated, then struck by thought, he said, "You sure know everything, don't you Daddy?"

Eejay's not living at the same boarding house any more. He stayed there five weeks and found out they had no bath.

"Yeah," said the soph, "when I first came here I was pretty conceited, but they knocked all that out of me and now I'm of the best fellows in college."

MISTRESS—You know, I suppose, that my husband has a love affair with his stenographer.

MAID—I don't believe it. You are only saying it to make me jealous.

## DAFFY DEFINITIONS.

Widow—Knowing what to do next.

Skill—Knowing how to do it.

Virtue—Not doing it.

Bore—A person who talks instead of listening to you.

Petting—A waist effort.

A consensus of opinion of the senior class as to the desirable qualities a date must have to be "on the in," resulted in the establishment of the following rigorous requirements:

1. She shouldn't eat much.
2. She shouldn't be good-looking.
3. She shouldn't eat much.
4. She should dance well.
5. She shouldn't eat much.

He (knocking a door): Any ice, brushes, magazines, or household necessities today, lady?

She: No, but come in; I might think of something.

A backwoods mountaineer found a mirror which a tourist had lost. "Well, offen it ain't pospy," he said, as he looked in the mirror. "I never knowed he had his pitcher took."

"Humphff," he said, looking into it, "so that's the old hag he's a-been a-chasin'."

WE COULD TELL YOU MORE OF THESE JOKES, BUT WHAT'S THE USE. YOU WOULD ONLY LAUGH AT THEM.

He took her gently in his arms  
And pressed her to his breast,  
The lovely color left her face  
And lodged on his full dress.

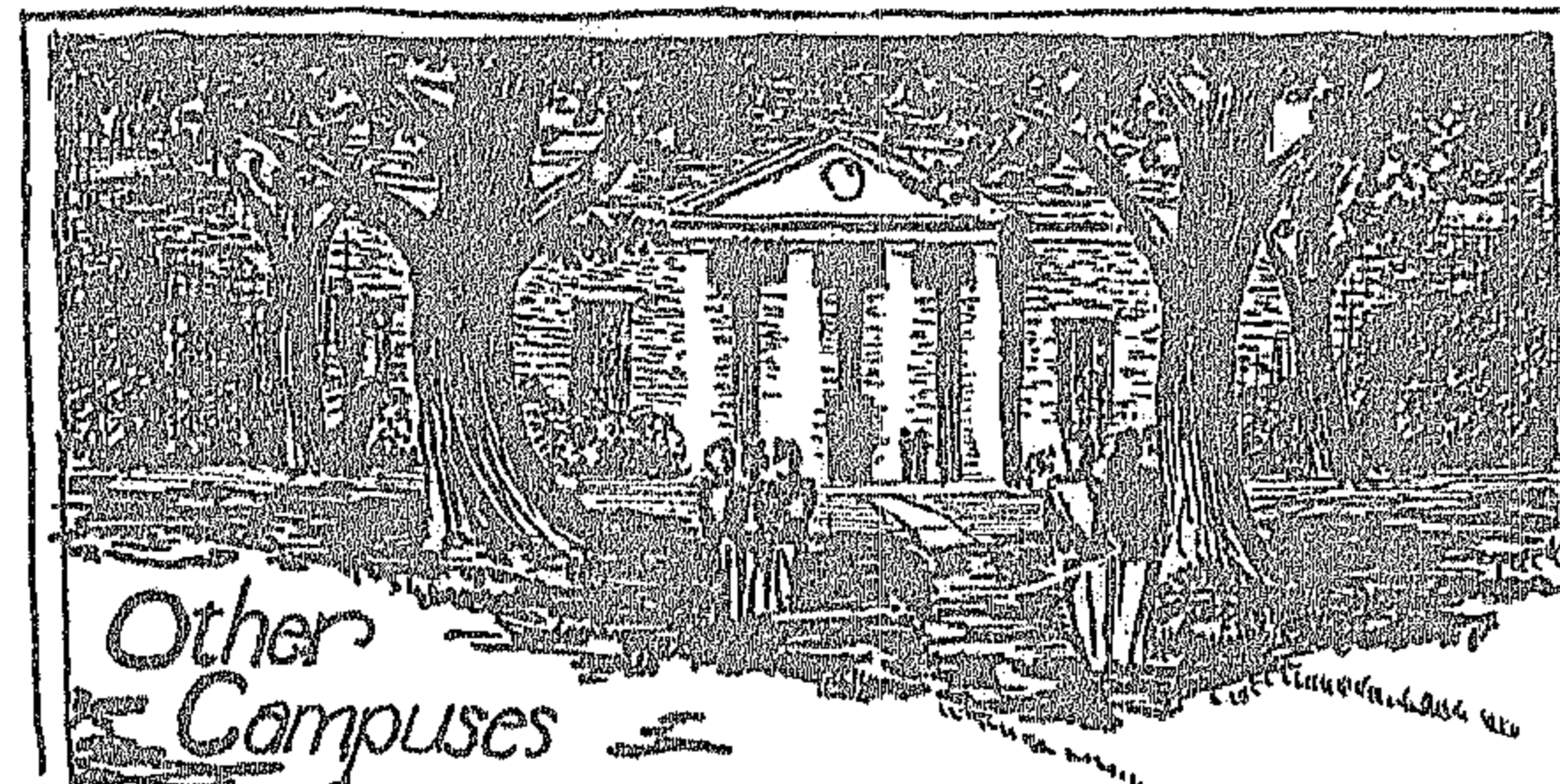
Maid: "There were two men standing outside the window while you dressed, madame."

Madame: "That's nothing. You should have seen the crowd when I was younger. Yipee!"

Any secret hair growing formula will be readily appreciated. If you have one, address it to "Eejay" and drop it in the News box in the main lobby. Thank you.

End of column. Much sorrow.

ZZAZU.



By James Hebron

Apparently tiring of wearing the traditional freshman green M. I. T. frosh are now displaying freshman ties of brilliant red and silver gray. Kidnapping, hazing, and other forms of diversions are no longer in practice.

University of Wisconsin coeds displaying fraternity pins are subject to imprisonment or a fine, or both. An old statute prohibits the wearing of the insignia of any fraternal, social, or service organization by any one not a member of the group. Fortunately no one bothers to enforce it.

There is a reform movement in progress for reporters at the University of Florida. They have stopped at the door of the staff room each morning to straighten ties, put on coats, and dust off beaming countenances. Reason? There is a coed member of the staff for the first time in the university's history.

Two students at Emory university have started an agency that will insure a passing grade or even an "A" in any course. Premiums for the scholastic policy are computed on the basis of the applicant's average, his grades made previously under the professor in question, and the number of failures and "A's" given yearly by that professor. All transactions are kept confidential.

In measuring the decibels of sound in the men's dormitory a professor at Carnegie Tech found that between 5 p.m. and 12 midnight, the average noise level was 112.1 decibels, or "equivalent to that given by two riveting machines or a sustained roll of thunder."

Michigan State College is giving serious thought to the use of movies in supplementing, but not replacing, the present system of teaching.

FROM THE DE PAULIA OF DE PAUL UNIVERSITY: "FLATTERY IS SOFT SOAP; AND SOFT SOAP IS 90 PER CENT LYE."

The University of Wisconsin extension bureau reveals the interesting fact that persons from 40 to 49 years of age are better students than youths of 15 to 19. The older students received 24 A's and three D's in college courses, compared to 17 A's and 12 D's for the younger group.

A "faculty of presidents" this year dispenses knowledge to the St. Olaf College student body. Listed on the staff are eight educators who were formerly presidents at other institutions.

At Kansas State college in the near future, an all-university "gripe session" will be conducted by the students in the presence of faculty members. The students will air their pet grievances against professors or the school in general and they threaten to mince no words.

For 11 years now the Edgewater Beach hotel in Chicago has been presenting college night programs. Talent from all organization houses on the Northwestern campus provides the entertainment every Friday during the school year.

## U. of I. Psychologist Claims

Tears Outdone by Laughter

Urbana, Ill. — (A.C.P.) — Maybe "recovery" has had something to do with it, but Prof. Paul Young of the University of Illinois psychology department announces that this world is, at least for college students, far from a vale of tears. Research conducted among students at Illinois indicates that laughter is 400 times more prevalent than weeping.

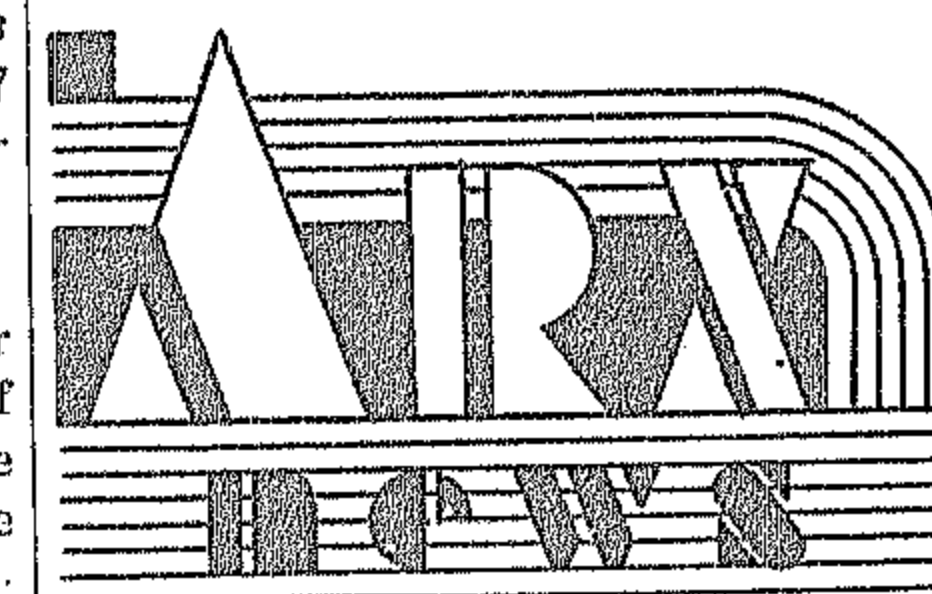
Professor Young's conclusions were that collegians take down their hair and cry less than once in every 20 days but laugh more than 20 times every day. Women weep three times as often as men but their funny bones are not tickled as often. Weeping is caused 80 to 90 per cent of the time by environment.

Laughter is caused 98 per cent of the time by social contacts. The chief cause of joy or gloom among students is class grades. Letters—received or not received—ranked second. Especially letters containing checks from home. Dates, however, were relegated to tenth place among the sources of cheer.

Who said jobs were scarce? There are 500 vacancies in the motor police force of the state of Pennsylvania and college men are being sought to fill them. "There is quite a good future in this force for young college men," said Commissioner Percy Foote.

The coeds of the school of education of New York University are serious about their boycotting of Japan. A number of them are wearing sheer wool hose and other garments of wool instead of the conventional silk ones.

If their wearing apparel is any indication, University of Missouri coeds are going to the dogs. Three coeds were seen on the campus wearing dog collars complete with brass studs, name plates, and locks.



While Rea, Scott, Kliphardt, Richardson, and Prather are at Penn State for the Scarab Convention, an understudy will comment on the only commendable news—the CARROSSSEL.

After all my never-agains, they drug me to one of those Arx Dances. One thing is certain, nobody will be more in the way. So far I've just bowed and stepped aside. I might inch over to the bar with those Engineers. Just as I wax chummy they resume dancing.—Just where I started. The Stag at Bay! Might bust out with hic-coughs.

All those engineers fly past with their dates as though I might be waving a smallpox flag. I've stood so long here my knees are beginning to buckle. I might try standing on one foot. Yeah, and be shot for a heron. Society note: One of the outstanding figures at the dance was G. Danforth. Humph!

Oh, this looks better. A gorgeous lady approaches. Such eyes! I straighten my tie. She wants me to get some matches for her. Takes me for the help. Suppose she'll have me air the Peke next.

Look at them in there. Jazz-frenzied puppets! Gorging, ale-ing, and laughing. Glutton, glutton, who's got the — no, that isn't right. No Litwin, I'm fine. Just a bit fatigued. Go on with your pleasures. Good of you to notice me. I wonder if his girl is sticking with him this year?

I'm beginning to feel a part of the furnishings. If they decide to do the club over, I hope they won't forget to upholster me. The only fellow around the joint who hasn't snubbed me is the elevator man. Probably saving him for my exit. Anyway, why whine? Smarty would come to a party.

GUMMY ART.