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Freshmen to Select by Ballot Today

Last Week's Campaign Talks to Influence Vote

Candidates for class offices were presented to the freshmen last Friday morning at their class meeting in the Mission. The primary election was held yesterday, and today the runoff election is to be conducted.

Candidates for president are: R. Graham, D. Long, and P. Shaffer; for vice-president: K. Myers, F. Reh, G. Gardes, and S. Shapiro. Students seeking the secretarial post are: J. McElean and R. Zoellner; for treasurer are D. Crego, D. Graf, C. Kramer, and J. Waber; and for the A.T.S.A. representative the following men are running: G. Hamilton, R. Jacobson, and R. Sweeney.

The final group of candidates who are seeking the office of social chairman, and all promising a super-colossal freshman dance are: F. DeMoney, H. Leave, R. McMahon, and J. Smith.

The candidates for all six offices presented campaign speeches at the assembly last Friday, and because of the large number of men running for office the voting promises to be spirited.

Worcester, Brown Speak Before A.I.E.E.; Plan to Hold Joint Meeting Soon

Initial student speakers of the winter program were heard at the last A.I.E.E. meeting. R. E. Worcester spoke on "Highway Lighting," and E. Brown discussed "The Sperry Method of Determining Rail Faults."

Worcester pointed out that the installation of lights on the main highways would avert 35 per cent of the nation's accident cost. Sodium lamps seem to be best suited for highway lighting. Worcester cited the San Francisco Bay Bridge as an example of the efficiency of sodium lighting. If tungsten lamps had been installed it is estimated that the operating costs would be twice the present figure.

Brown explained the Sperry method of discovering hidden flaws in rails, and told how it was developed. The Sperry apparatus is mounted in a car which moves along the track, marking the bad rails and recording their position.

It was decided that a joint meeting of the Chicago A.I.E.E. section and the electricals of Lewis, Northwestern and Armour would be held in the near future. Plans for the meeting have been left to the committees.

Junior W.S.E. to Hear about Aluminum Uses

Dr. Paul V. Faragher of the research department of the Aluminum Company of America will give a talk before the downtown Junior W.S.E. next Thursday evening, dealing with the engineering application of aluminum and its alloys and will discuss the cooperative program of research. The aluminum industry, young by comparison with the industries built around the older base materials, has from its very beginning followed a policy of cooperating with manufacturers in the development or redesign of their products. Continuous research work has pioneered in the field of the aluminum alloys. The talk, which will be illustrated by lantern slides, should be of interest to all members engaged in design in every branch of engineering.

This evening Professor W. M. Wilson of the University of Illinois will speak on "The Current Status of Structural Welding" in which he will show that progress in structural welding is proceeding along a number of lines. New methods of welding are being developed, old methods are being perfected, and welding is being extended into new fields. The development of types of structures which have resulted from additional research is causing the more extended use of welding as a means of fabricating structures in general.

Formal Junior Dinner Dance Date March 5

In a meeting of the junior class Wednesday, plans for the annual junior formal were discussed. The dance is set for March 5 at the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House. It was decided to make the affair a dinner dance rather than a supper dance. The social committee, led by B. G. Anderson, has already made arrangements for the ballroom and is busy auditioning orchestras at the present time. Others on the committee are I. M. Footlik, D. W. Jacobson, and W. A. Stuh.

Dr. Kintner Talks on Chemistry of Cloth over WCFL

The fifth broadcast of educational topics sponsored by Armour, was given last Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. over station WCFL with Dr. Robert C. Kintner, Associate Professor of Chemical engineering as the guest speaker. A. P. Schreiber, publicity director, assisted Dr. Kintner as interpreter.

The subject of Dr. Kintner's broadcast was "Clothing Industries." The object of the talk was to demonstrate the part chemistry and chemical engineers play in the improvement of this industry.

Use High Speed Rotary Knives
Dr. Kintner started his talk by describing the fibers used in the production of the various kinds of materials. The dye and the artificial silk or rayon industries were the two main topics of the talk.

The viscose process used in the manufacture of rayon was described. In this process, small spruce logs are chipped by high speed rotary knives. These chips are digested by a solution of bisulphite of lime under high pressure. The digested chips are washed in water and the fibers separated.

Used in Paper and Rayon
This pulp is used in making paper as well as making rayon. This pulp is treated with a strong lye solution and then with carbon bisulphide. The product thus obtained is dissolved in a dilute lye solution to form a thick liquid called viscose. This thick liquid is then filtered and forced through tiny holes of a spinneret to form the fibers that are finally woven into rayon cloth.

Krathwohl Advocates Use of Simple Models

Dr. Krathwohl advocated the use of color and single models for more effective teaching in an address before junior college mathematics instructors of northern Illinois, held at Wright Junior College on November 20.

In furthering the cause of simple models, Dr. Krathwohl explained that a model is much more effective if it is simple and can be constructed before the class, than if it is perfectly constructed beforehand. The effectiveness lies in the fact that the class can see every step in its construction, and thus the underlying principles upon which the model is based can be brought home.

The chief advantage of color is that like parts, such as algebraic equations, similar figures, and others can be represented by the same colors in order to emphasize their equality or similarity. The use of color can eliminate the use of letters to identify a triangle or some other figure, and thus the student will be able to follow the lecture without the trouble of finding letters in a diagram while listening to the speaker.

Soon the students in our institutions of learning may be treated to something like this: "The relations between this pink parabola, lavender triangle, ultramarine square, vermilion hyperbola, and orchid circle are as follows." Perhaps a question might be raised as to whether a blue circle added to a yellow circle will give a green area or blue and yellow sectors.

Pre-holiday Dance Offered by Seniors

Suitable to the occasion the Seniors are celebrating the last day of the school year, Friday, December 17, with an outstanding dance of the year. Realizing that former dances have always been crowded because of too small a ballroom the committee this year has arranged for the spacious Cedar Room on the fourteenth floor of the Oriental Building downtown.

For the music Johnny Mullaney and his Collegians have been obtained. The orchestra has been very popular around town playing for college proms, and will help to make this dance a high spot of the social calendar. All classes of the school are invited, and to the freshman in particular it offers a chance to meet the upperclassmen of Armour. Bids, priced at one-seventy-five each, can be obtained from any of the social chairmen and their committees. The dance is informal and is timed for 9:30 till 1:00.

Engineering Shop Assistant Sets Statisticians Working

Armour statisticians should find interest in the work being done by Mr. E. R. Gatley, assistant in the engineering shops since 1921.

Mr. Gatley has sharpened an average of fifteen tools a day, six days a week, since he began work here. This means that he has ground about 131,000 tools so far—and he is still going strong.

In order to further impress the magnitude of the task—if all the tools sharpened were set one on top of the other, they would reach to a height of about 20,000 feet or nearly seventeen times the height of the tallest building in the world.

Perfect Patlogan Dunked Dog Test; Armour Dogless for Several Weeks

By R. Perry

Yawning, he gazed at the blackboard, and disdainfully sniffing, turned his attention to the ceiling, the while pondering upon the things that make professors drone that way. His head nodded, and sighing mournfully he slumped forward until his chin rested easily on the floor and, with an academic flourish, scratched his left ear with his right foot. Perhaps it was while reclining in this singular position that some distinctly disparaging conclusion was reached which, after being noised about the far reaches of the city, has had the effect of rendering Armour dogless for these several weeks. Needless to say, this condition cannot be too strongly deplored; a school without dogs earnestly attending an occasional lecture is only to be likened to a school without dogs earnestly attending every lecture.

Finds Chem Lab Interesting

The discouraging part about the whole thing is that no dog has ever been able to complain of ill-treatment; the utmost courtesy has always been extended to man's canine comrade. To cite an example: a small white animal passed this way last summer and, being irresistibly fascinated, as dogs are, by the aroma of the chemistry laboratory, he wandered in. Now to this wee animal's inexpressible joy and delight he was overwhelmed with attentions. After being placed in a carefully regulated bath of precisely ten degrees centigrade and tenderly washed with soap which as determined by previous analysis contained not less than ten percent free alkali. (The analyser afterwards changed his estimate since the dog still had some fur left at the completion of the immersion; in honor of the inventor this test, not previously covered in the texts on the subject, is now known as the Patlogan "Dunked Dog" test for free alkali.) The happy little beast was gently singed dry next to the oven and then,

no end refreshed, staggered out of the door.

Aside from the common humanities the presence of the animals inspires they boost the morale of the faculty decidedly since some dogs have been known to listen to lectures occasionally. If the whole thing were carried to a logical conclusion by means of a suitable publicity campaign there is no doubt but that eventually the distracting human element could be displaced. There is also no doubt that a class of mutts could master slide-rules better than a number of students who, after owning Log-Log Polyphases Duplex Vectors for several semesters have finally succeeded in mastering the intricacies of the C and D scales.

Potter Lectures on 'Contact Potentials'

Professor J. G. Potter spoke last week before the Physics Club of the University of Chicago on the "Contact Potential of Tungsten." He was the first of several members of the Physics Department who will speak before various outside groups, the basis of the talks being the work that they have carried on in their researches.

The work discussed by Prof. Potter is important in determining the efficiency of tungsten for use in photoelectric or radio tubes. All of the work in this connection must be carried on in a high vacuum. In order to eliminate any external effects, all of the bearing points and systems of levers must be constructed of glass. Besides this all of the metal, both magnetic and non-magnetic except the tungsten being tested, is covered with glass. Adjustments and measurements are made by means of outside magnets exerting their effect upon the metal parts within the tube. The talk was illustrated with lantern slides.

Soph Dance Offers Emil Flindt's Music in Medinah Ballroom

Medinah Athletic Club's grand ballroom has been chosen as the site for the annual sophomore dance to be held on Friday, January 14. Although not definitely contracted as yet, Emil Flindt, the popular maestro of Oh Henry Park, and his superb orchestra will probably provide the Techawks with their smooth, distinctive rhythm. The bids will be priced at the customary low figure of \$1.50.

The grand ballroom has a capacity of fifteen hundred people which will be more than ample for this occasion. It has been recently redecorated, and boasts a large balcony which will be furnished as a lounge. A spring floor of recent construction coupled with the pleasant atmosphere will be most conducive to prolonged dancing. A large foyer, equipped with lounges, private elevators, and ample parking facilities are the crowning factors of a perfect selection.

Emil Flindt has played to capacity crowds at Oh Henry Park for the past two years indicating his unusual popularity. His widely known orchestra has arrangements of all the Armour songs, besides his characteristic selections of soft, sweet harmony.

E. H. Worcester is the guiding hand in the affair with a year of past experience to his credit. With these two selections he expects this dance to be the biggest affair on the Armour social calendar.

Spears to Show Pictures for Faculty Club Members

Prof. S. M. Spears of the civil engineering department will show the motion picture which he took at Camp Armour before the Armour Faculty Club next Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The films consist of two reels of pictures taken at the civil summer camp at Trout Lake, Wisconsin in 1936 and 1937.

A. I. Ch. E. to Hold Combined Meeting Here Tomorrow

Heat Insulation Laboratory New Scene of Experiments

Under the direction of Professors Anderson and Peebles various tests with insulation are being conducted in the heat insulation laboratory. The tests are made primarily in the constant temperature room which is insulated all around with four inches of cork. This room can be cooled to 20 degrees Fahrenheit and heated to about 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Tests are being made on heat conductivity of different types of heat insulation, moisture capacity of insulation, room coolers, radiators, pipe insulations, and cabinet stoves. Equipment is being constructed to test the flow of heat through insulation at high temperatures.

Dr. Copeland to Talk on Electron Emission

Dr. Paul L. Copeland has been invited to speak before the Physics Colloquium of Northwestern University, on next Thursday. His talk will be "The Secondary Emission of Electrons from Solids." All solids when bombarded by electrons give off secondary emissions. In many cases the emissions are six or seven times as great as the electron bombarding the sample. This secondary emission in the case of common radio tubes is undesirable. Two types of tubes, however, have been developed that make use of this phenomenon. The dynatron tube invented by A. W. Hull is used in radio work. This type of tube is similar to the old type of screen grid radio tube. The other type called "the electron multiplier," invented by P. T. Farnsworth, is used for the amplification of currents in photoelectric and television work.

Dr. J. S. Thompson will give a series of three lectures at the Wilson Junior College this week on the subject of "Radium and Radioactivity." These talks which are a repetition of a series given for several years will cover the properties of radio-active substances and their radiations, methods of extracting and handling radium, and practical applications of radium and artificial radioactivity.

Social Science Dept. Transfers Quarters

Pi Tau Sigma Also Leaves First Floor of Flats

The everexpanding needs of the Research Foundation have required the few remaining organizations in the Research Building to move. Pi Tau Sigma, the honorary mechanical fraternity, will move, according to present plans, to the fourth floor of the first entrance, Chapin Hall. Part of the remodeling necessary to make these rooms presentable will be done by the school and the balance will be done by members of the fraternity.

The Social Science office will be moved to the third floor of the same building in which it is now situated. Extensive remodeling will take place before the move. The space occupied by the Social Science office will be taken by Professor D. P. Moreton and his staff for the use of the ARMOUR ENGINEER AND ALUMNUS. The rooms to be vacated by Pi Tau Sigma are to be occupied by the Publicity Department which is now situated in Chapin Hall.

With this move all of the vacant space in Chapin Hall will be occupied with the exception of a group of flats on the fourth floor, which are being held in reserve as tentative drafting rooms. As yet, no definite plans have been made as to the dates, or the manner of making the proposed changes.

There will be a meeting of the NEWS staff tomorrow at 12:20 o'clock in the NEWS office. All reporters should be present.

Armour Branch to be Host to Chicago Section

Acting as hosts to the Chicago section of the A.I.Ch.E. for the third successive year, the Armour student chapter tomorrow night, will conduct with them a joint meeting. The local chapter, under the direction of W. R. Marshall, chairman, will present a program made up of dinner, presentation of student papers, speeches, and inspection of the Armour Tech chemical engineering laboratories while in operation.

Chemical engineering students and practicing chemical engineers meet each other at this sort of meeting on a common footing where they may exchange and discuss ideas and experiences. The practice of conducting these combined meetings was begun two years ago under the leadership of H. P. Milleville who was then chairman. Last year's was as successful as the first; the local chapter hope this year to equal or surpass the two preceding joint meetings.

Guests Received by Faculty Club
The guests from the Chicago section will be received in the Faculty Club. H. J. Bodnar and E. F. Wagner, senior chemicals, will be in charge of the reception. From there, they will proceed to the Student Union where dinner will be served.

At the conclusion of the dinner, student talks are to be presented. Six student papers based on studies made in the Armour chemical engineering laboratories will be given by both graduate and undergraduate students.

First S. M. Osri, a senior chemical, will talk on "High Frequency Induction Furnace"; N. Gerber, research student with Dr. Komarewsky, will present "Gas Absorption"; T. M. Gilkison, assistant in chemical engineering, will give "Condensing Organic Vapors"; senior chemical B. W. Gamson will talk on "Heat Transfer Coefficients"; A. P. Schreiber, graduate student, will present "Cross-Tube Evaporator"; and last R. M. Levy will talk on "Binary Liquid Systems."

Berger and Kruse in Charge
Most of the equipment used in the Armour chemical engineering laboratory course will be in operation by teams of junior and senior chemicals. Inspection of the laboratory by the group will start about 9:00 o'clock. E. C. Berger will be in charge of the senior laboratory, and W. E. Kruse will be in charge of the junior laboratory.

Operating in the senior laboratory will be distillation apparatus, dies, vibrators, steam jacketed kettles, a gas fired furnace, horizontal condenser tubes, evaporators, vacuum leaf and industrial filters, gas absorption, vertical condensers, an extractor, and an agitator.

In the junior laboratory there will be operating sanitary water treatment experiments, industrial water treatment experiments, an optical pyrometer, a radiation pyrometer, thermocouples, a resistance thermometer, an adiabatic calorimeter, orsat gas analysis, and various pumps.

Professor Dutton Travels to Management Convention

Professor H. P. Dutton, head of the social science department, left yesterday for the annual convention of the Society for the Advancement of Management to be held in New York City during this week. He will preside at a group meeting on collective bargaining. The membership of the society is composed mainly of consulting engineers, teachers, executives of companies, and others interested in the development of plant efficiency and in personnel management.

Professor Dutton also will be present at a meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The proceedings of the A.S.M.E. usually include papers on new processes and on management methods.

Let's Remember 'War Is Hell'

Newspapers stirred up feeling last week with their accounts of the flag insult and the balking of the Japanese entrance into the International Settlement in Shanghai by the United States marines. Readers were led to believe that the United States was a monster of super-human strength ready to gulp down all opposition.

We have seen what mass action will produce on our own campus in the green-cap scrambles. Individually a man would not do things which he does under the cloak of a large group. The flag was not thrown into the water when it was taken from its standard on the American owned tug at the wharf in the French concession according to U. S. consular officers. If the flag or ten flags were taken down and thrown into the water, it would not be the will of the Japanese people or government anymore then it would be the will of a class if an individual bounced a bag of water off his rival classmate's head.

Some commentators advise the United States to

The members of the faculty and student body extend to Mr. O. Gordon Erickson their deepest sympathy upon the death of his mother last week.

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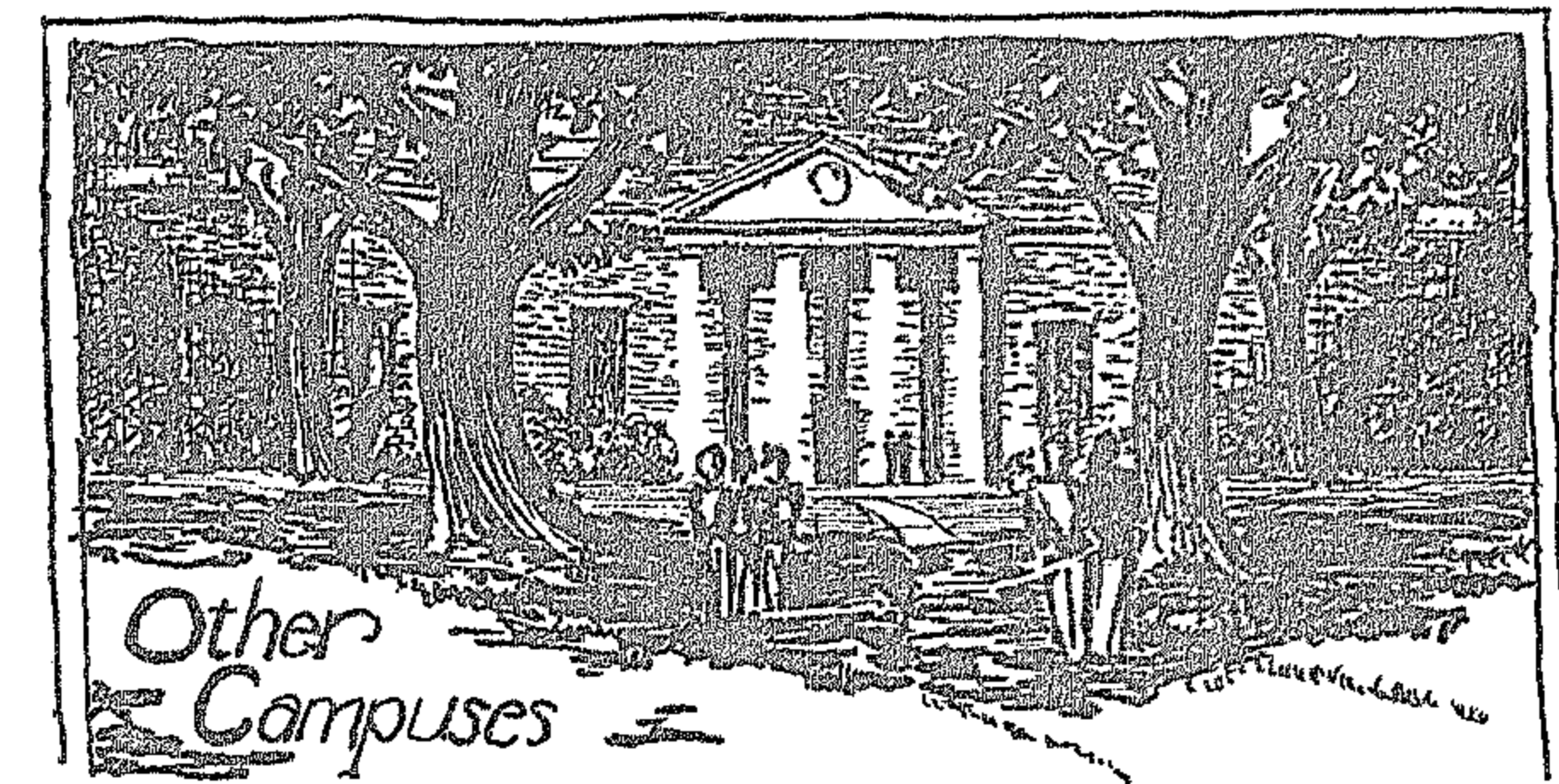
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Other Campuses

By James Hobson

An earthly paradise is Sarah Lawrence college for women in Bronxville, N. Y. It has no entrance requirements, no required courses, no textbooks, no grades, and no examination. Admittance is based on intelligence tests and students pursue courses conforming to their interests, aptitudes and desires.

On entering Princeton University, where he is now a freshman, John L. Lewis Jr. assured the registrar that his father is an "executive."

Courtesy week at De Paul University will be marked by neatness in dress and more restraint in behavior on the campus. During this period sweaters, uncreased trousers, and left-over summer shoes will be discarded for more appropriate apparel.

Hiram College, Ohio, is serious about this business of examinations. When the football team traveled to Detroit this fall for a game with Detroit Tech, a three-hour examination was held in a downtown hotel shortly after a practice session.

"The next hundred years will see the beginning of an American matriarchy—a nation of Amazons in the psychological rather than physical sense," Dr. William Moulton Marston, psychologist, formerly of Harvard, forecasts the doom of this man's world.

Harvard University has gone one step further in adding to the material comfort of the absent-minded profes-

take the let alone policy while others claim that if Japan were allowed to break the "Open Door" policy of American origin, the "Monroe Doctrine" applying to the American continent would be disregarded.

Some people believe that the longer we are aloof, the more powerful and established Japan will be. They say that the subduing of Japan would end the situation of the three nuisance nations which include Germany, Japan, and Italy.

All of us admire strength. We enjoy the idea of little Japan's blows glancing off Uncle Sam's hairy chest. However we must remember that thousands even millions would suffer agony of death from poison gas, and the loss of parts of their bodies that are considered necessary for normal life.

Your writer can see no need for war until trouble comes somewhat closer to our hearth. While our diplomats are writing courteous letters, let's put a little salt on newspaper accounts and remember that "War is hell."

CHI EPSILON

Chi Epsilon, national honorary Civil Engineering fraternity, was founded at the University of Illinois in 1922. About the same time, the junior and senior civils at Armour decided that they should have a fraternity, open only to civil engineering students. In the following year they sent in their petition for establishment of a chapter at Armour. The petition was granted and the Armour chapter was installed March 9, 1923. Since that time the fraternity has grown, and at present has 14 chapters located in all sections of the country with a membership around two thousand.



The purpose of the fraternity is to place a mark of distinction on the undergraduate who has upheld the honor of the department of Civil Engineering by high scholastic ability, and to provide an incentive for greater achievements in the Civil Engineering profession. Election to membership is based on the four requirements of a successful engineer: scholarship, character, practicality and sociability.

The candidate must have maintained an average grade in scholarship in the upper one-third of his class, and must be a junior or senior in regular standing in the civil engineering department. Scholarship is merely one of the requisites for membership and more emphasis is placed on the other requirements in the election of members.

The official organ of the fraternity is the "Transit," published semi-annually. It contains news of the various chapters, along with articles on interesting engineering subjects.

The fraternity pledge ribbon is purple and white.

one shouts "To the rear, march!" But someday there'll be mutiny.

Professor E. S. Corklin, director of Indiana University's psychology department, stated at the recent annual Purdue University vocational guidance conference, that the knotty problems of college students usually can be traced to love, economic worries, or fatigue.

"We've gone crazy on extra-curricular activities and it's a wonder the boys and girls have any energy left for what still is the prime business of the schools," according to Dr. N. Henry Black of Harvard. At Armour it's a wonder the students have any energy left for extra-curricular activities.

Listing his activities for the student yearbook, a University of Washington freshman who had mistaken "affiliations" for "afflictions" said he belonged to "Flat feet, earache, and appendicitis once."

The bureau of Educational Surveys in New York City reveals the fact that Organic Chemistry is the most difficult college subject. Also, science courses as a group are the most troublesome with history, particularly ancient, medieval, and European, not far behind.

De Pauw University's 750 male students foot most of the "date" bills, but despite those expensive items, spend less in a year than the 450 coeds.

The University of Oklahoma has a "charm school" which is training the coed to develop her personality in addition to her figure. Besides being taught how to improve make up, coiffures, and general appearance, the girls are learning how to be perfect hostesses.

The Slipstick

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

It seems that the Scotchman was walking along an icy street carrying a pint of rare . er . medicinal spirits in his hip pocket. Suddenly he slipped and fell to the street with a resounding thud. As he sat there, he felt something cool and wet running down his leg.

"Gosh, I hope that's blood!" quoth he.

The following was proved with the benefit of Logic (1) Zazu is a comedian (assumed, very assumed). Being a comedian is funny business. Funny business usually means something fishy. Fish smell. Therefore Zazu stinks.

(2) A hive is apiary. An apiary is the home of bees. Bees are very busy creatures. So when you have the hives, you are busy as a bee.

(3) A stylist is a swell dresser. A swell dresser is a chiffonier. A chiffonier is part of a bedroom suite. A bedroom suite may be in a lady's boudoir. This is no place for gentlemen. Please disregard.

The landlady brought in a plateful of extremely thin slices of bread and butter, which rather dismayed her hungry boarders.

"Did you cut these, Mrs. Brown?" asked one.

"Yes, I cut them!" came the stern reply.

"Oh!" went on the boarder. "All right—I'll shuffle and deal!"

It may not have been so funny, but it's clean. Besides, this month's Ballyhoo isn't out yet!

The Enigma to End Enigmas
A squirrel is in a cage 3 feet long. There's a hole in each end large enough to stick his head through.

He sticks his head through one end and turns around and runs for the other hole, sticking his head through that. Should he be running at 15 m.p.h. the first trip and doubling his speed each trip thereafter, how many trips must he make before his head sticks through both holes at the same time?

P.S. It might help to let Zazu, the 33rd St. Foo, be the squirrel.

Met in the lift one day,
A junior and a bald-headed man
"One side you mug," the junior cried,
"Seram, you're in my way."

"Why, I'm the coach," replied the man
With head of shiny sheen.
"Oh, podden me," the junior gulped,
"I thought you were the Dean."

STOLEN.

A clean gag fits in about here.
Doctor: "You cough with greater ease this morning."

Patient: "Why should'n I? I've been practicing all night.
If you are looking for the end, that's it."

Comes now a poem entitled Ye Bachelor's Prayer.
Dear Lord, I wish you'd get this straight:

I know I asked you for a date
For Saturday, but what I meant
Was anyone but the gal you sent.

Jack "Cheese" O'Connell aspires to be a columnist. He offers:

Mother (to her little dear): "Hush, dear, the sandman will soon be here."
Pride and Joy: "O.K., Mom. Gimme a lollipop and I won't tell daddy."

HE MUST USE THE SAME JOKE-BOOK WE DO. LOOK!

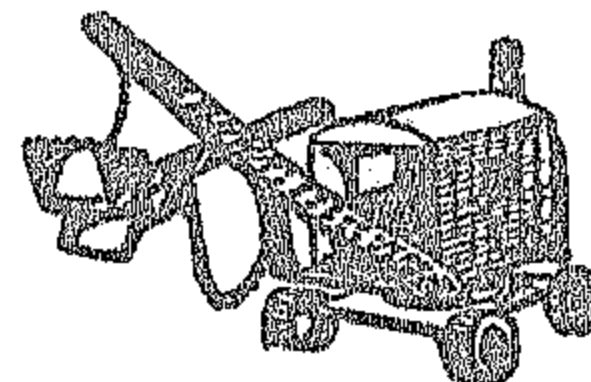
The young lady walked boldly up to a woman whom she assumed to be matron of the hospital.

"May I see Lt. Barker, please?"
"May I ask who's calling?"
"Certainly; I'm his sister."
"Well, well. I'm very glad to meet you. I'm his mother."

Jack outdoes himself with this quickie from the second act of Ta-Ra-Boom-De-Ay, 1917.

Thirty days has September,
April, June and November.
All the rest have thirty-one,
Now, is that fair?

The Steam Shovel



E. MARIK had a fine time at the last A. I. E. E. smoker. Ed sold his dad the two cigars at a dime apiece. A real business man.

BILL CHELGREN, the "Big Apple of Armour," again acted as leader at the tea dance given for the musical clubs last Friday.

CARL REH claims he was apologizing when he was noticed in the middle of the dance floor on his knees last week.

CHUCK "BULL-MOOSE" SELLEN last week became the proud possessor of a \$1.00 briar-coated "blast furnace." Unwisely, after an early morning breakfast, he filled it brim-full with Bowl of Roses tobacco and rakishly fired the entire charge. Much later he was found in the same chair in the lunch-room, his face a lovely phosphorescent green, his eyes glassy, and the pipe trucking over his twittering chin. He had to cut his first three classes because he was unable to get up. Chuck wants to announce a fire-sale on a first-rate, second-hand pipe.

Books most likely to be written in the near future:

"Fender Welding," by E. C. Berger.

"Ancient Grecian Customs," by C. Carstens.

"Synthetic Blue Dyes," by Roy Petro.

"The Correct Method of Handling a Buckingham Fountain Pen," by Bud Adams.

"The Anti-Tobacco Act," by Sen. C. Sellen.

Writer Gives Advice on Job-Getting Technique

Philadelphia, Pa.—(ACP)—Many seniors qualified to hold positions fail to land them because they bungled the first interview with their might-have-been employer. For this reason, Dr. Clarence E. Clewell, director of the University of Pennsylvania's placement service, and his assistants advise seniors what not to say: "I am willing to accept any job you offer me."

"Explain what you have done, can do and want to do. Should the question of salary arise, do not respond that you are willing to work for practically nothing, for the employer will judge you worthy of no more. State the minimum wage acceptable."

Some other suggestions for overcoming negative impressions are these: "Sincerity, modesty and good manners are most essential. Avoid personal inquiries and crude curiosity, such as attempting to read correspondence or other papers."

The results of a recent survey of degree of intelligence found in different professions puts most kinds of engineers into "second rating" along with doctors and lawyers. Electrical engineers, however, were relegated to "third rating" along with plumbers and "pseudo-scientists." We suggest that the electricals move down to the basement with lowly mechanicals.

An engineer is said to be a man who knows a great deal about a very little, and who goes along knowing more and more about less and less, until finally he practically knows everything about nothing; whereas, a salesman, on the other hand, is a man who knows a very little about a great deal, and keeps on knowing less and less about more and more until finally he knows practically nothing about everything.

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Without repeater tubes, which amplify voice currents every 50 miles, telephony over very great distances would hardly be possible. Incidentally, the telephone repeater tube was one of the first applications of the vacuum tube principle, which now makes it possible for you to talk across the continent as easily as just around the corner. Changing needs call for continuous telephone research to make your service more and more valuable.



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Tuesday, December 7, 1937

Cagers Win Opener 47 to 34; Play Illinois, Arkansas, Lake Forest

Techawks Rally Over Milwaukee To Victor 47-34

Scherer Wins Scoring Honors as Tech Takes First

The Techawks opened their new season of play with a win over the Milwaukee Engineers in the 108th armory last Wednesday afternoon, victorious by a 47-34 score. Fourteen Techmen entered the game, including six sophomores led by Bill Scherer, high scorer, who dropped five baskets and three free throws for 13 points. Co-captains O'Brien and O'Connell netted 17 points between them for second honors.

Small Enthusiastic Crowd

A small but enthusiastic crowd which could have been considerably larger, saw the Techawks roll up 18 points to their opponents' 6 in the first several minutes of play. A free throw by Henriksen, O'Brien's long basket and two slow, dead shots by Scherer gave Armour a handy lead. Both teams swapped points on free throws and a pair of field goals by Reese of Milwaukee. The referees called a large number of fouls on both teams due to overanxious first game tactics by the fives, who couldn't seem to warm up in the all too cool armory.

Techawks Forge Ahead

After surrendering five free throws to the north shore men, the Techawks forged ahead on a pretty rebound rescue shot by Henriksen, Wagner's conversion of O'Connell's pass, and a trio of free throws and another basket by O'Brien and Hofmann. The visitors, although they had the ball a good deal of the time had trouble finding the basket. The Armour offense was effective only through the first shot, as no one seemed to be able to follow up his tries. The Tech forwards had the height advantage but weren't under the basket to take the rebounds and sink them. Tech accumulated its 24-15 lead at half time on some very accurate shooting from midfloor and dropping 9 out of its 10 free throws.

Milwaukee Has Rally

The second period opened with a spirited rally by the Milwaukee five. Captain Gutowski, Nirenberg, and Doig slipped 10 points through the Armour defense, while Henriksen made the only play on a long shot. The score stood at 26-25, Armour, and the victory that seemed so near at the half was now quite doubtful. Kubicka took a pass, dribbled in and sank a shot to ease the tension, while Reese, a keyman in the opposition, was eliminated on personals. To make things look rosier and safer, Co-Captain O'Connell got hot and dropped two quick baskets while he and Norkus tallied a pair of free tosses.

Reserves Are Loosed

Game time nearly over, the Milwaukee coach released his reserves in a futile attempt to find a scoring combination to overtake the Tech five. Meanwhile coach Grant Stenger tried out his new material, playing Eggers, Sher, Weber and Lurz.

Armour Tech (47)	Engineers (34)
O'Brien, f	4 2 3
Eggers, f	0 0 0
Scherer, f	3 0 0
Norkus, f	1 1 1
Swanson, c	1 0 2
Hofmann, c	1 1 4
Henriksen, c	2 1 4
Wagner, g	1 0 4
O'Connell, g	2 3 2
Kubicka, f	1 0 1
Janicek, g	0 0 0
Sher, c	0 0 0
Wagner, g	1 0 0
Lurz, g	0 0 0
Sheehan, f	0 0 0

Interclass Wrestling, Boxing Begins Monday

Class will be pitted against class in the coming annual school boxing and wrestling tourney sponsored by the intra-mural athletic board in co-operation with the school's athletic department. The tourney will get under way on December 13, and the finals will be run off on December 17, the last day before Christmas recess. There will be seven divisions in boxing and eight in wrestling. The wrestling bouts will be one fall or a decision in eight minutes, while in boxing the round will be three minutes

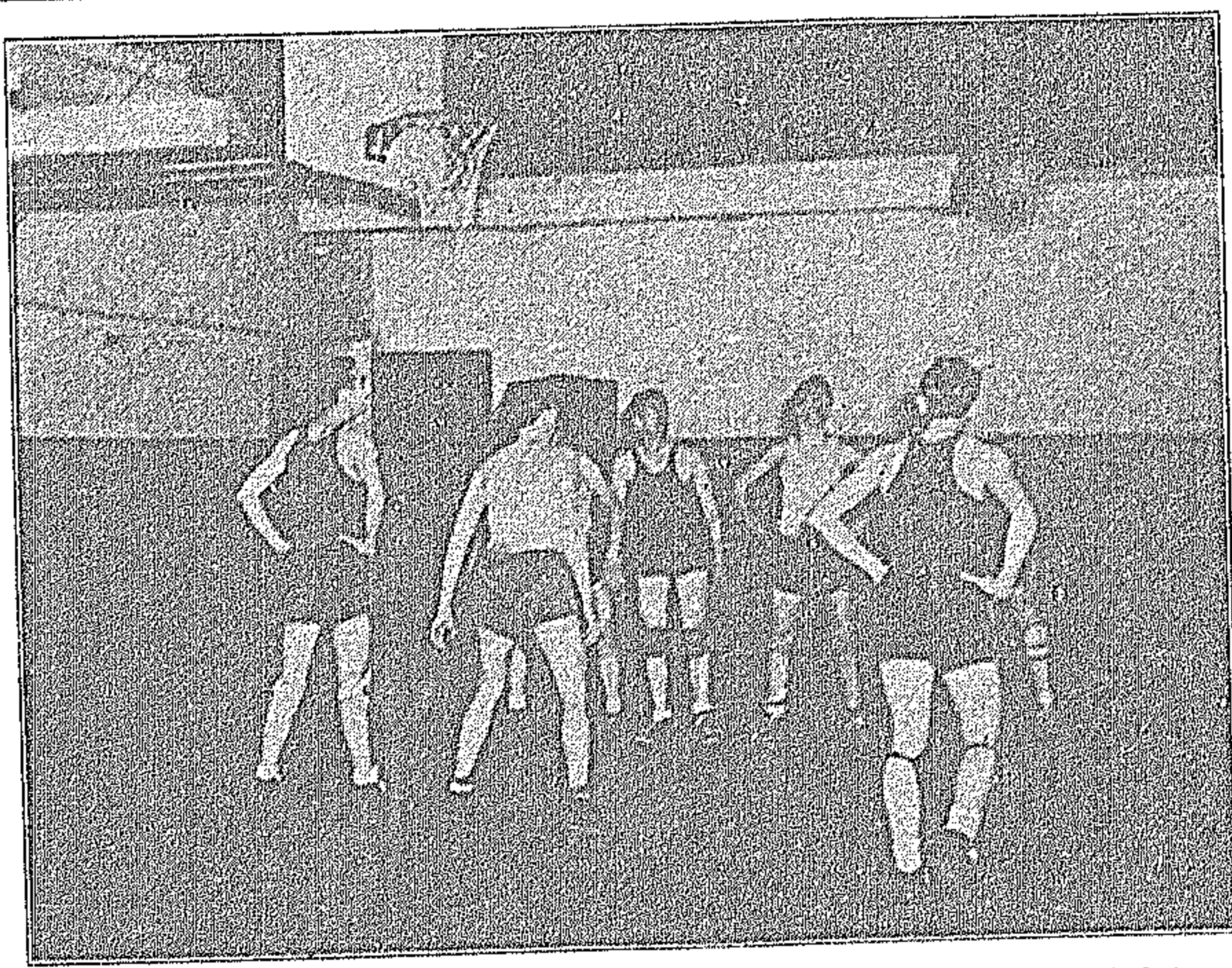


Photo by Mehringer

Another point being added to the Tech score in their opening victory over Milwaukee Engineers 47-34 last Wednesday.

Frosh Basketeers Train for Opener

Coached by Gene Heike, last year's captain, and high-scoring forward, the freshman basketball five is gradually being worked into a well-rounded quintet. There have been six practices to date, the first being held on Nov. 15; they will continue to be held on Tuesdays and Thurs-

days for the remainder of the season. Uniforms have been given out already to the first five men, with more for the second squad on the way.

The lineup consists of H. Fisher and H. Leave as forwards, G. Whitehead and W. Futterer as guards, and D. Long in the tip-off berth. Long was injured during the holidays but will be in shape in time for the next practice, his position being ably filled by A. Shapiro, first of the reserves.

Captains O'Brien, O'Connell Head Personalities of '37-'38 Cage Squad

By E. Worcester

Wee Willie O'Brien, commonly known as "Bull," has been playing basketball a long, long time. Besides his three years of play as forward with the varsity here at Tech, from which he holds three major letters, O'Brien played forward on the Mt. Carmel lightweight team for two years and held the same berth in the heavy-weight five in his last two years. Bill was also a track man at Mt. Carmel.

When he wasn't busy sinking baskets at school, he spent his time dribbling and passing with the C. Y. O. league. He played with this organization for two years. If experience, then, is the criterion for a good basketball player, Bill should be one of the best—and he is.

Fair Sex Interest Bill

A senior mechanical, O'Brien has his mind on a few other things besides gears and Diesel engines. The fair sex has long been a source of interest to Bill, and in characteristic manner he shuns none of them, and even promised one a gift of fourteen little O'Briens. She hasn't seen him since. Besides basketball and being enrolled at Armour (which is a big enough bill for anyone), Will is working in the stoker research and is a member of a number of active groups in the Institute.

Scored 123 Points Last Season

O'Brien is six feet 2 1/4 inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. He tallied 123 points last season to carry off scoring honors for the team. Bill is a great asset under the basket and in spite of half the opposition literally hanging on his neck, he just reaches up and drops 'em in. O'Brien isn't a stylist on the court, but he gets results; witness, ten points in the season's opener last Wednesday. O'Brien's offensive game is stronger than his defensive and when there are points needed, it's Bill who leads the boys into taking them. And it's this leadership that has made Bill an integral part of the Techawks for the past three seasons. It's Bill's endurance, skill and leadership that have rewarded him with co-captainship of an Armour squad that promises a brilliant season at home and away.

The sponsors of the tourney plan to have at least one man from each class—freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior—entered in every weight division in order that the champion of each division will be representative of the best in the school.

Jack O'Connell, alias "Mouse" and "Dumpy," may be fat, but he's fast. And it's this speed coupled with a lot of basketball sense that has made him a co-captain of Tech's basketball team. Jack's clever fake set-up shots and snappy passes have fooled a number of defeated opponents. Five feet and nine inches isn't much height for a college basketeer, and consequently Jack doesn't fare too

well under the basket, but he certainly makes up for it on the floor. His fast foot work and accurate passes have started a number of Armour rallies.

O'Connell is a dead eye on long shots and free throws, most of his 33 points of last season being shots from the floor on the black line. Jack can pep up a team when it needs it, and when the home boys are trailing and the time is short, he's just the man to keep the team level-headed and shooting straight. And basketball players like this are very few today.

Playing For Six Years

Jack hasn't stopped playing the game for six years now. A hard-surfaced court on the side of his house has made it possible to keep in practice the year around, and in any weather. Jack likes the game, and always has, but the St. Rita high school coach told him he was too little. However, the C. Y. O. felt differently, and he was in competition in their group for a year. After graduating he stayed out of school and worked for a year before coming to Armour to study chemistry and play basketball. He added some weight and played on the varsity in his second and third years here at Armour, and is now a two letterman.

Jack Has Disappointment

Jack's greatest disappointment is Eleanor. She snubs him. (She ought to see him play basketball.) However, on out-of-town games the case is greatly different, and he draws no snubs from the gaping females. O'Connell's last wish before leaving Armour is to have a big crowd out at the Armory for home games. "A team that has a good coach, two Irish captains and a student body to back it can win any title." And Jack's right, especially about the captains. Drop in at the Armory and watch the boys win their games and notice who is in there leading them—those two Irishmen.

Track Year Opens; Equipment Issued

The track season definitely got under way Monday, November 29, when Coach Root held the first meeting of the season. The meeting was well attended, and judging from the number of new men who have come out the team should present a strong well-balanced front to all opposition.

Coach Root explained the need of real team spirit in this sport which is made up largely of individual endeavor. He said that starting with the interclass track meet some time in January there would be some form of competition for the team each week.

He also made arrangements to give talks of general interest to the squad every other Tuesday at five o'clock, provided enough men showed up to make it worth while.

Uniforms were issued last week, and practice began December 1. Practice is held at the University of Chicago Fieldhouse between 3:30 and 6:30 o'clock. Any new men who want to try out for the team should see Manager Monson this week to obtain equipment.

Interfrat Cagemen Open Warfare Today

Anybody interested in watching a couple of spirited basketball games may indulge in this whim by waltzing up to the fifth floor cubby-hole around four o'clock, that being the hour set for the opening game of the interfraternity basketball tourney. Not being hampered by the niceties observed in the inter-collegiate games, the fraternities present a floor show that is a delightful mixture of rough and tumble and steam roller tactics; much to the glee of the more blood-thirsty spectators. Phi Pi Phi, winners of nineteen straight previous tourneys, will start the ball rolling when they meet the Sammies. The Phi Kaps and Deltas will take over the show at five o'clock and do their bit.

The curtain will be rung down on the first round of play Thursday, as Triangle goes forth to do battle against Theta Xi, and the Rho Deltas meet the Pi Kaps. On the following Tuesday the semi-finals will be played, and on Thursday the final game will be played and the victor crowned.



By Ray Braun

The Techawks opened their 1937-38 season in great style last Wednesday with their 47-34 triumph over Milwaukee Engineers and gave us our first glimpse of how fast the game really is now being played.

With the new rule eliminating the center jump after baskets are made the game has taken on more interest from both the spectator and the player angle. Now a team must be well rounded out and the value of good substitutes has become very important factor.

After the first game we find Scherer in the top scoring position with five baskets and three free throws. And closely following him are the two co-captains with ten and seven, respectively. The statistics are as follows.

	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Scherer	5	3	13
O'Brien	4	2	10
O'Connell	2	3	7
Henriksen	2	1	5
Hofmann	1	1	3
Norkus	1	1	3
Wagner	1	0	2
Swanson	1	0	2
Kubicka	1	0	2

In the bowling world we find the sophomore chemicals issuing a challenge to any class in school. How about making them prove their mettle bowlers, or better yet, this might be a good time to get a bowling tourney started.

Cagemen Play U. of Illinois Tonight; Meet Arkansas Here on Thursday

Travel to Lake Forest Saturday Night

Illinois' "fighting Illini" will be hosts to the Techawks at Urbana tonight, when the local cagers invade the town in contemplation of their second victory of the season. A full squad from Armour's armory will leave on the Illinois Central at 1:00 o'clock today.

The strong Big Ten squad will divide itself into two complete teams of equal strength. Carroll college will be the contenders of team A, while Armour will be pitted against team B. The game for the Techawks will get under way at 6:45 in the fieldhouse.

Stenger to Send Large Squad

Coach Grant Stenger will take a complete squad including all of the men who opened the season in the game with Milwaukee. These will include O'Brien, O'Connell, Norkus, Swanson, Hofmann Henriksen, Wagner, Kubicka, Janicek, Sheehan, and Sher.

To continue their heavy schedule of the week, the Techawks will return to the Armory Thursday and face an invading five from Arkansas State. The teams will open battle here at 4:00 o'clock.

Out for Third Arkansas Win

This will be the third consecutive year that Arkansas has traveled to the local floor. Their policy has been to play the Loyola cagemen, and then face the Armour quintet before turning home.

The cagers will be looking for their third consecutive win from the Ar-

kansas hill-billies for the three years that they will have played them. Two years ago they quelled these invaders by running up a 44-19 bill against them, while last year they were satisfied to win 37-28.

Meet Lake Forest Saturday

The climax of the week will be the Saturday night game with the Foresters of Lake Forest College. It will be the Techawk opener against teams of the Chicago area. On this list are some of the toughest contests of each year's schedule, from which originate especially the rivalries with North Central, Wheaton, and Lake Forest aggregations.

Last year the Armour five traded victories with Lake Forest, each squad winning on its own floor. Lake Forest were first to set the trap when they invited the Techawks to their floor and won 34-31. Armour, in the reciprocity, trimmed them 36-27.

Lake Forest Boasts Good Squad

Lake Forest, like Armour, boasts this year of an all-around good squad, of no outstanding individual stars, but of each one a dependable man. Four lettermen have returned to the Foresters. Among these are Bob Stickels, a forward from last year's squad, who has a good eye for the basket, having won the free throw trophy of the college last year.

This game will be the opener for Lake Forest which has dealt only with its alumni in a game to have been played last night. Armour's first and third on their list of college foes. After a game with George Williams, they invade Armour's floor for the return game on January 4.



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By Al N. Schrieber

New Deal Reversal

A further phase in the evolution of New Deal philosophy was marked last week with speeches by President Roosevelt on housing and Senator Harrison of Mississippi on tax revision. Senator Harrison made a confession of error and tore into the tax his committee had written as "adding confusion to the economic life of the country." Thus it is assured that definite action will be taken at the present special session of Congress to drastically modify the undistributed corporate profits tax and the capital gains levies which business men have been decrying.

Another reversal of policy was indicated by President Roosevelt when in his housing speech he recommended the production of more goods at lower prices, in contrast to the policies of the AAA and NRA, which attempted the production of fewer goods at higher prices. This destruction and change is both radical and fundamental. He said, "The point is quickly reached where increased costs mean reduced consumption . . . which, in turn, means a decline in someone's business and someone's employment." These new policies strike the first decent blows of the administration in warding off the current business recession which may assume serious proportions if immediate action is not taken.

Building Cycles

The building industry has contributed a negligible amount to business recovery. During 1934 the building industry hit a low of 60,000 yearly units in contrast to the 1920-1929 average of 800,000 yearly units. Typical of durable goods industries which tend to be unstable, this industry has fluctuated widely although running through major cyclic periods of about twenty years with minor cycles every five years. Theoretically 1938 marks the beginning of expansion of the twenty year cycle.

President Roosevelt's housing program therefore coincides with the building cycle. It provides encouragement for the building of individual homes and large scale housing projects by increasing the insurable limits of the Housing Act to 90% of the appraisal value. In addition it reduces the interest on mortgages from 6½% to 5¼% or 5½%. He hopes that 300,000 to 400,000 units can be built in the next five years which will mean a spending of 12 to 16 billions of dollars.

Reduce Labor Costs

Governmental aid cannot solve the problems, however, unless private industry, labor, and financial interests give full support. Two of the major difficulties have been the small purchasing power of the public and the high cost of construction. As business conditions improve, more persons will be able to invest money in homes. But definite action must be taken to reduce the construction cost.

Labor unions are exceedingly powerful in industry and have set up a standard of wages far out of line with wages in other occupations. As a result members of the building trades get a high hourly wage but work so little that their yearly income is small. A reduction in union scales will take off the throttle hold on building activity and will result in greater yearly salaries for the workers.

Homes by Mass Production

Another need is cheaper materials and methods of construction. Those in the building industries seem to have missed the American genius for efficient and economical large-scale production. Here the engineer plays a major role. Already steps have been taken towards the mass production of pre-fabricated homes, scientifically planned, and using modern materials and methods. Any continued movement in this direction will greatly increase the comfort and standard of living of the American public and incidentally provide a vast field for further engineering achievements.

Arx News

Several Arx have said that they are getting slightly bilious over the judgment notices and thus seeing them in print might precipitate a sudden deluge very damaging to a suit front so we'll take it easy and hope they hold it. Class B—Bradt, Goers, Lindahl, and Scott, mentions, and everyone else a half, and that's that.

A problem for you to figure out—Quoting from the last Class "A" critique—"This problem was liked very much, it is nicely designed and well done—we gave it a Half Mention." Incidentally many of the fellows are rooting for a recent First Medal man to come through again so we can laugh and laugh and laugh. And don't ask why. Or who we'd laugh at. The best plates in this judgment were turned in by Skubic and Johanson for a Mention Commended grade.

The sophomores have heard of a man who is lefty twice. Somehow it seems that the Physics course must have improved as far as entertainment is concerned.

Junior Class Monte Carlo Enjoyed by Frolicking '39

Games, swimming, and ping-pong featured the highly successful Monte Carlo smoker held by the junior class Wednesday, November 24.

The main event of the evening, the contest in which the winner had accumulated the most "money" in various gambling games, was won by E. C. Carlson. Carlson was a heavy winner in the various dice and card games in which he enrolled himself. He received as his award a free bid to the Junior Formal to be held next March.

The sophomores are not only being trained as architects by their critic, Mr. Mell (accent on Mr.) but they are also going to be gentlemen if he has anything to say about it. "Take your hat off son, where do you think you are?" is lesson number one.

The column is grateful for the pinch hitting done while we caught cold down East and so thank you to George O. O. Nobody Cares Shucks Danforth alias Big Apple—made into hard cider, at least. With this A. G. goes off the deep end, sip, sip.

ART GUM.

A.S.M.E. Hears Talk on Personnel Work

"Personnel Work" was the topic discussed by Mr. Elmer Rietz, general manager of the Power Regulator Company, at the A.S.M.E. meeting held last Friday at 10:30 in Science Hall. Mr. Rietz described the engineering training and the factors necessary in his type of work.

Since the majority of the company's business is custom built, it is vital that their salesmen be trained engineers. The general organization is divided into two divisions: contract and "over the counter" sales. The engineer must be familiar with both jobs. In selection the firm desires men well rounded in scholarship, personality, and activities. Emphasis is placed on the importance of the personal interview, application blank, and a telephone conversation. After the selection of men a training course follows which includes a shop course followed by outside training.

Mr. Rietz spoke of different methods for securing employment for the graduating engineer. He mentioned schools, newspaper ads, letters, friends, and agencies as possible leads.

Announce Discovery of New Gas in Chemistry Lecture

A new, rare gas was discovered here at the Institute recently, but the date of the event has not yet been disclosed. The several professors that found it hesitate as yet to verify their discovery, lacking confidence in their results until full proof of its existence has been completed. This proof, however, is far enough advanced to assure them that its fate will not parallel that of other hypothetical elements, as Britannium, and land in the garbage can.

Its properties, as yet known, are unique. Its atomic weight has been partially calculated, indications seeming to prognosticate a value of 2.5. It is so rare in an unconfined state, that its percentage in the atmosphere to three decimals is .000 plus.

Experiments have shown that it obeys the gas laws unconditionally, this conclusion being limited only to the accuracy of the experiments. This characteristic is so evident, in fact, that one of its discoverers has suggested calling it the ideal gas itself.

The big obstacle in the proof-completion is the complex difficulty of ob-

Increased Rigid Frame Use Told by Speaker

Giving his annual talk before the WSE, Mr. Henry Penn, member of the engineering department of the United States Steel Corporation, spoke last Friday on the growing tendency toward rigid frame construction in steel designs. Most of the use so far has been in bridge structures where the construction adds greatly to the beauty of the structure, a more and more important factor now that the age has passed when the idea was merely to get a structure over a water span.

The tendency has also moved into the airplane industry where this type of construction adds much needed head room and yet eliminates space where it is unnecessary.

taining its spectrum. It was found as 50 per cent of the residue of a pure vacuum, and, incidentally, is indicated in the brains of lazy people. Its existence was unintentionally announced when Dr. C. A. Tibbals illustrated inert gases by "Neon, Argon, and So-on."

