

PI TAU SIGMA

Pi Tau Sigma is a national honorary fraternity which was founded jointly by mechanical engineering students of the Universities of Illinois and Wisconsin.

The object of the fraternity is to foster the high ideals of the engineering profession, to stimulate interest in coordinate departmental activities, and to promote the mutual professional welfare of its members.

Members are selected at two elections during the academic year. At the fall election 50% of the senior mechanical class is eligible and 25% of the junior class is eligible.

Scholarship, of course, is not the only basis of selection. Character, personality, and activities are also major considerations.

The colors of the fraternity are azure and murrey and are emblazoned on the pledge button. The button has the shape of the Carnot Cycle which is emblematic of the highest possible efficiency.

An annual convention of the fraternity, as well as a yearly publication called the "Condenser," serve to bind the fraternity together firmly.



THE MAILBOX

January 6, 1937.

Armour Tech News Dear sirs:

In response to the inquiry by the Tech News regarding what the fraternities wanted with respect to fraternity news, the Interfraternity Council wishes to submit the following suggestions.

Fraternities at Armour have several hundred students in their membership, and play a very important part in extracurricular activities.

Very sincerely yours, Al N. Schrieber, Secretary Interfraternity Council.

To be or not to be Fraternity Notes

Fraternity men apparently believe the Tech News to be anti-Greek. To leave the letter on this page without comment would be an injustice to the staff.

It is true that for a number of years each fraternity had its notes under separate heads. The only reason for changing the form of presentation last year was to correlate fraternity events and to make the notes more readable and interesting to the entire student body.

The Tech News does not cater to any campus organization or group. It is true that reporters are not assigned to gather fraternity notes. However it is our understanding that each fraternity has a scribe whose work is to supply the paper with information.

Fraternity notes have not been "ignored." The notes have in a few cases been prepared and ready for publication but have not been used because of a surplus of more readable material from our viewpoint.

Notes as received from the fraternities are often written carelessly on scratch paper. The fraternity notes are rewritten so often that it seems ridiculous to hear complaints of a change in typographical form.

In this issue the notes are written in the form desired by the fraternities. Incidentally five of these seven were written by staff members after our deadline at 5 p.m. last Friday night.

Fraternity notes will continue as a feature at the discretion of the staff. A fraternity editor will be appointed but the Tech News has no intention of disrupting its editorial policies for any individual group.

a bang-up New Year's Eve party were the latest social events at The Shelter.

SIGMA ALPHA MU

Following the close of school for the Christmas holidays fra Al Schrieber and fra Irv Schifke spent a week end at our University of Illinois chapter.

Fra Schifke also attended our national convention at Cleveland, Ohio, over the holidays. The house celebrated the end of 1937 with a theater party to see "Brother Rat."

PHI PI PHI

We wish to congratulate Phi Kappa Sigma on its victory over our team in the interfraternity basketball tournament.

The mothers' club held a monthly meeting last Thursday at the house. They plan to have their next meeting at the Stevens Hotel.

RHO DELTA RHO

We have just finished the decoration of our new rooms in Chapin Hall. A house warming stag will be held between semesters; besides the actives and pledges, the majority of the alumni chapter will be in attendance.

Our tobogganing party scheduled for the Christmas holidays was postponed due to the lack of snow. It may be held between semesters in the event of a snowfall.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Members of the house are elated at taking Phi Pi Phi in a recent inter-fraternity basket ball game. It is the first time in twenty years that the Phi Pi's have been defeated, and we all consider it a privilege to have had this pleasure.

The Slipstick

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

Two more issues and then... Eejay and Zazu write no more! No more will you laugh at their good, clean, funny jokes, sparkling humor, hark to their sagacious wisdom, clip and paste this column each Tuesday night into your diary.

And now, of all times, comes an offer from some H. A. W. guy to supply us with three jokes per week per annum perhaps.

Dear H. A. W.: We love you. You're as welcome as a pledge-captain's broken neck, as... man! You're welcome! Rise and shine!

No. 1

"Did you hear about the girl who went riding and only got one shoe muddy?"

"No, let's hear it." "Well, she reconsidered."

No. 2

"Can I?" "No!" "Well, I will anyhow." "At least I've done my duty."

No. 3

Optimist—A ninety year old man buying a two-pants suit.

Eat Munch-Crunch for lunch, it's good for you.

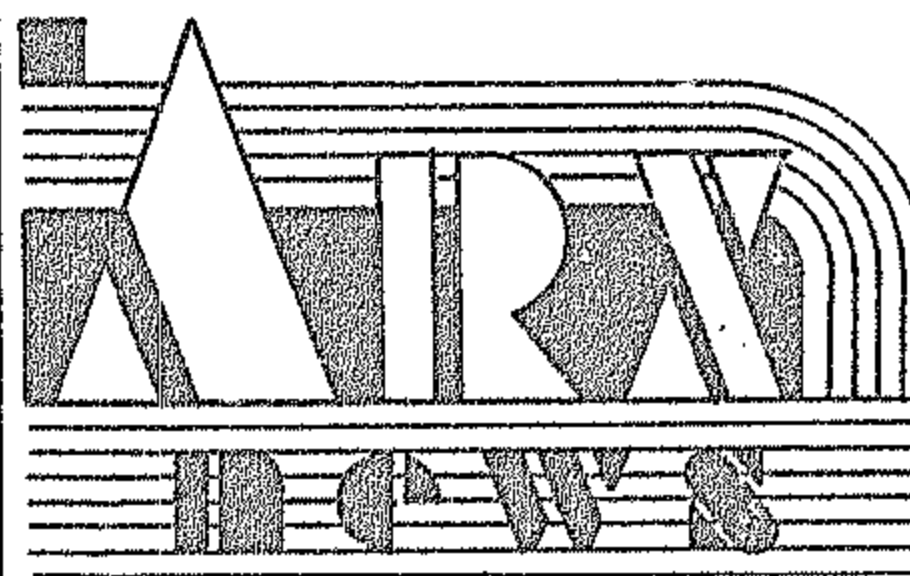
Sounds in the Night

"Okay, kids, move along!" "Please shut up so Uncle Jerry can sleep." "Now I know what the prof meant when he said I was dumb." "Mama, Pa's sore." "Gosh!"

Free Testimonials

Eejay—"I keep mentally alert by eating Munch-Crunch. And it grows hair too!" Zazu—"My scholastic standing, my sense of humor, all I owe Munch-Crunch."

Munch-Crunch for lunch. Eejay and Zazu.



The belated Christmas present that the seniors received on the Emerson Prize was not all lemons and grapefruit. Litwin got a Mention and Davidson and Cunningham received Half Mentions.

These same marvelous seniors went out to Skubies' summer home for the day, catching up on their ice-skating. The exuberant SONJA BAKER gave an exhibition, but had only one pair of skates and they were on his feet, so he had a hard time doing some of his tricks.

MISS PARKHURST is an expert mathematician... MR. HARPER was once lost in a fog while flying and finally landed in safety with but one quart of gasoline left in the tank.

Horton, although he is a sophomore, still wears his gloves baby-fashion—with the string through the sleeves like you once wore.

Skating reminds me that MR. MELL is being put on ice very soon by a fair lady that he met this summer. He says that the wedding can't come off until he has the sophomore problem finished.

This last bit may make you thirsty. The mild Lumber Tycoon of River Forest went out New Year's Eve and somehow or other just couldn't find his way home for the longest time. This is where I'll try to find my way home.

ART GUM.

Cold Blooded, Ironical Professors Prove Impervious to Pathetic Pleas

By Robert Perry

The process of submitting to a quiz is not precisely pleasant and apparently a professor after long years of delivering quizzes becomes completely impervious to the anguished cries following the announcement of each quiz.

The whole examination system is fundamentally wrong in any event. A simple application of the scientific system which all engineers know, and proceed assiduously to forget, since the application cuts seriously into the time spent in the local dens of iniquity will definitely prove this.

The original subject two parentheses marks back, was the feeble cry of protest from one who has suffered abominably under the ana-

chronistic system. The redletter day the quiz was switched from that given two periods previously, and the day that the quiz for which all essential formulas would be given turns out to be a quiz for which the Professor regards all essential formulas to be embodied in the philosopher's stone of one solitary formula.

Women Who Love Work Are Kidding, Says Psychologist

Chicago, Ill.—(ACP)—According to a Loyola University psychologist, Dr. Alexander A. Schneiders, the bachelor girl who tells you that she simply loves her work and wouldn't think of leaving for home or family, is kidding at least 50 per cent of the time.

"It goes back to Freud's theory of the free will," he said. "The girl may have had a frustrated love affair, she may fear that the man she marries will dominate her or she may have a dozen other reasons, all in her subconscious mind, and none of which she will admit."

"The chances are that she will say she simply is not interested in men or perhaps that the right man never came along. In her case no man would be the right man."

And after hurling this gauntlet in the face of emancipated women, Dr. Schneiders leaned back, safely ensconced behind his psychology books.

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Fraternity Notes

TRIANGLE

Brother Richert, national chapter inspector, paid us a welcome visit just before the holidays. He visited the school and talked with the professors concerning our standings.

The New Year's Eve party was quite a success if that is to be measured by noise produced. On the day before the party, when no one was around, Brothers Hock and Macdonald, motivated no doubt by some impish impulse, strewed mistletoe about the house with a free and lavish hand. The erring brothers reaped the full reward of their foul deed. Otherwise all was quiet and peaceful.

PI KAPPA PHI NOTES

Our Christmas Dance was very successful and was a fitting climax to our 1937 season. We held a smoker Wednesday the 28th which was well attended by the town men.

The Pi Kappa Phi Eleventh District Conclave will be held here at Alpha Phi Chapter this February, probably the week-end of the 16th. A tentative program has been set up, and the Committee on Arrangements has promised many excellent speakers and a well planned entertainment program.

DELTA TAU DELTA

We are pleased to announce the pledging of Delano Wessels, '41

Although election of officers comes off next month, Paul Ransel has been elected treasurer for the coming year. The new ping-pong table purchased by the house is now competing with those increasingly numerous reports for a few minutes of time now and then.

A mothers' club card party just before the vacation and