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## 'Wow! Did I Have Fun Ma'; Frosh's Handshake Story

By a Freshman

Imagine mother's astonishment when I pulled into home port from the Handshake, all in one piece! I had all my clothes on—most of all, my pants, whose wealth had increased by two wrinkles, which had been diligently pressed in by a crossed knee—and even my tie was still in place.

After a long, lonely ride on the "L", I landed at 33rd St., fighting off sleep for fear of anything that might happen. Last week's paper threatened back-slapping, and a paper doesn't always tell all. When I finally came among the crowds, my eyes were circumscribing circles while filled with apprehension and expectation.

### Just a Little Timid

As a matter of fact, my back wasn't slapped once. Everybody around me seemed about as afraid to shake hands as I was, which resulted in only one or two greetings in all, before the meeting began.

The meeting started off very vigorously, and properly, with the Armour Fight Song. Then C. W. Dunbar, president of the A.T.S.A., acting as master of ceremonies, introduced our old stand-by, Dr. Tibbals; all of our major coaches; and one of the most poetic men I have ever heard, Prof. Amsbary. He brought along a parade of brilliant thought-children, among which were "Ze Captain of Ze Marguerite," "Ze Sail Ze Kankakee," a frog with "dollar bill clothes," and a "modern inconvenience, F.O.B. Detroit, bought on the uneasy payment plan" which had to be taken to a veterinarian, and given "ze twice over once, two times."

### Studies Come First

Then, one by one, each coach gave us his idea of good advice—"Join my sport, but studies come first,"—each pickling up his speech with what seemed to a slight extent to be his favorite jokes—which weren't so bad, by the way. After that came a rushing moving picture of the campus life—in general and otherwise.

Following rush with rush (not to speak of what was to come the next day) the students, thicker than the stars in the milky way, waited for cider and doughnuts like live-stock lining up for slaughter. The big difference was that the mooring, bailing, and grunting was now (finally) supplanted with handshakes and introductions.

In the last part of the program we were given a good tasting sample of wrestling and boxing. Boy! I had to think twice when some of those punches came across: it almost sounded as if I had been hit!

## M. Pantone Elected Players' President

Michael Pantone captured the presidency of the Players Guild after a close election held in the Guild's rooms last Friday. The election was held to run off a tie between Pantone and A. N. Schriber which occurred at the last meeting before the close of school. At this gathering, William Emmerich was elected treasurer and Frank Hanneman, secretary.

It was decided to present the usual series of one act plays to be held before the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays. If acting ability is present in sufficient number, a three act play will be produced, to be given on appropriate evenings.

The one act plays will be chosen from the following scripts: "The Rope," "A Night in an Inn," "A Monkey's Paw," by Mr. Fulghum. Casting for one of these plays will start next week, and all students interested in either acting or production are requested to attend the next meeting.

## Radio Club Chooses R. Colin President for Coming Year

The Radio Club started off its 1937-38 season last Wednesday, with the reelection of Ray J. Colin as president and Joseph Sodaro as vice president. A. B. Henderson was elected secretary-treasurer.

Their rooms are being repainted and considerable new equipment will be added to the club's present facilities. Membership to the club is still open and prospective members should see Professor Moreton.

## 'Ze Captain of Ze Marguerite' Again Delights Freshman Handshake Crowd

Wallace Bruce Amsbary, the dramatic figure who entertained at the last four Freshman Handshakes, has touched the hearts of all who heard his French-Canadian dialect poetry.



"Ze Captain—"

His dramatic impersonation has given Armour men the character "Ze Captain of Ze Marguerite."

Professor Amsbary had a dramatic career on the legitimate stage. At nineteen, he joined the Casino Opera Company and in the three years that he was with them he sang in twenty-two operas, playing some twenty-nine parts in character and comedy.

## English Department Adds Pulitzer Prize Winner to Faculty

George Dillon, winner of the Pulitzer prize for poetry in 1931 and editor of the magazine, *Poetry*, has been added to the staff of the English department. This announcement was made last Friday by Professor Hendricks, head of the English department. Another addition to the department is Mr. M. G. Christopherson, a graduate of Northwestern University.

Mr. Dillon, who has been called "the most promising of America's younger poets," received the Pulitzer award when he was but twenty-four years old for his book of poems, *The Flowering Stone*.

### Attended Chicago University

He spent his early life in Kentucky and St. Louis, attending the school of Fine Arts in that city with the intention of becoming a painter. His family moved to Chicago when he was 16, and he entered the University of Chicago that fall. He associated with a poetic group, and as one of their active members was among the founders of the poetry magazine, *Forge*. In 1925 Dillon was awarded the John Billings Fisk prize for the best poetry at the University.

In this same year he received the young poets prize given by *Poetry*, and was invited by Harriet Monroe to become an associate editor of the magazine—and he but an undergraduate.

### Awarded Guggenheim Fellowship

When he graduated in 1927 his first book of poems, *Boy in the Wind*, was published. In spite of the enthusiastic reception given his work, Dillon became a writer of advertising copy, since he was poor and tired of poetry. The tables were reversed in 1930 when he became tired of regular employment, and since that time he has supported himself with free lance work.

After receiving the Pulitzer prize, Dillon was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship which enabled him to do creative work abroad. In 1933 the fellowship was renewed, and Dillon travelled to Africa.

## Group A of Co-ops to Hold Term Banquet at Lawson 'Y'

At an important meeting of the co-op Economics club last month, the members discussed and planned a term banquet. This affair will be held at the Lawson YMCA next Friday at seven o'clock. The officers of A groups of co-ops have been invited to attend. It is hoped that they will try to organize a similar group among the fellows in their groups.

## Enrollment Figures Total 3204 Students

Enrollment has shown a striking increase in both day and evening school classes for September, 1937, as compared with the corresponding term in 1936.

Of the 3159 students enrolled, the day school possesses 1115, while the evening division has 2044.

When compared to the total last year of 919, day school students number 17 percent more than last year. Evening school attendance has leaped 47 percent, from 1420 for September, 1936, to the present number.

### Large Freshman Enrollment

A large part of the increase is due to the freshman enrollment of 319. However, the Institute has facilities for the present increased enrollment in both day and evening divisions. The increase also meant that several hundred students had to be refused admittance. In fact, some courses in the evening division have a waiting list of nearly a hundred students.

To take care of the demands, Dean Henry T. Heald pointed out that several new instructors have been added to the Institute staff. In addition to the additions to the faculty previously announced, several members of the staff of the Institute Research Foundation have been pressed into service to properly facilitate the problem of instructing these day college students and to maintain a high standard of education.

### Add Several Instructors

The evening division, on the other hand, has a far greater increase. In that division a greater number were refused admittance to classes, according to Dr. B. B. Freud, and, as in the day division, it was found necessary to add several instructors to the staff in order to meet the demand of the increased enrollment.

Among the many prominent scholars who received an appointment is Mr. George Dillon, Pulitzer Prize Winner for poetry in 1931, and present staff member of a poetry magazine, who joins the English department. The others are: Mr. Hilton, Mr. Doll, and Mr. J. M. Sachs, who join the staff of the mathematics department. Dr. Perlin, a member of the day college mathematics department staff, will also serve the evening division.

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## Officers Introduced at A.I.E.E. Meeting

Introduction of the officers of the Armour branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers was the feature of its meeting last Friday. A discussion of future activities and an appeal for increased membership by the guest speaker, Mr. Warren, rounded out the program.

J. F. Sodaro, president of the branch, opened the meeting. He was followed by Geo. M. Ives, vice president, who delivered a report of the summer convention of the A.I.E.E. held at Milwaukee. The remaining officers, William Kiefer, secretary; and Richard Ansel, treasurer; were also introduced. Plans for future technical and social activities were discussed in an open forum.

## Sophs Crack Down on Freshmen; Poor Benny Plebes Lose Trousers

### Sophs Enforce Green Cap Rule Effectively

The events of the past week make it apparent that the sophomores have the pants well in hand. I mean, the green cap situation well in hand. To illustrate let us take the case of Benny Plebe, who came to Armour, listened to the sincere appeals of the sophomores to wear the green tapers, heard of the seemingly impossible tortures which befell those who took it upon themselves to defy the edict of their upperclassmen. Like many a freshman, he pooh poohed with utmost unconcern. "Pure talk," he said, "nothing to it."

Verily, Benny Plebe went so far as to challenge any six sophomores; did I say six? Yes indeed, any eight sophomores. He actually defied that number to remove so much as the dust off his coat. He went so far as to say that the sophomores should be made to wear yellow caps and that furthermore, freshmen should enforce the rule!

### I'll Take Any Eight Sophs!

Now Benny made it plainly known that he would not be subjected to the will of any class, particularly the sophomore class. Of course such courage does not pass unnoticed. Before long Benny had a large group of freshman followers about him in front of the main building where he was preaching the doctrine of survival of the fittest. The boys were sure they had a potential leader in their midst.

Last Thursday, strangely enough, he stoutly denied that he ever chal-

lenged any sophomore! He no longer thought that sophomores should wear yellow caps. The sophomores are a "nice bunch of fellows" he told those around him. "I hold absolutely no enmity toward any soph whatsoever," he replied to the many questions. The attitude of this frosh was surprising, to say the least. I doubt if we may ever know what prompted Benny to change his opinions so abruptly. Benny himself wouldn't tell. No sir! Haven't we said he wouldn't be dominated by any class, particularly the sophomore class? Why should he answer the question of a sophomore reporter?

### Still—No Pants

Incidentally, before I forget to mention it, Benny had no pants on Thursday morning. It seems some one wanted to inspect the quality of the goods at close range or something and the fellow forgot to return the pants—so Benny tells us. The last I saw of Benny, he was slowly edging his way to the book store, being very careful to see that no one observed him, although it wasn't this condition which he seemed to be concerned about.

An unmistakable jingle of money issued from the book-store, about forty five cents worth, and then Benny emerged still without his pants but with a broad grin on his face. As he passed by with as much nonchalance as possible, he hid away into a corner of his brief case, one very green object. Ask V. I. Mason, honorable freshman, to introduce you to Benny Plebes.

## Fraternities Await Formal Pledging Tomorrow Evening; Expect Bumper Pledge Crop

There will be a meeting of the senior class on Friday, October 8, at 10:30 in Science Hall.

There will be a meeting of the News staff at 12:30 today in the News office. New men interested in joining the staff are invited to attend.

## 'Armour Eye' Elects L. E. Kent President

Election of officers brought a record crowd to the "Armour Eye's" second meeting, last Tuesday in the Physics Lecture Room. Those who participated in the election gave L. E. Kent the presidency, E. C. Grundwald charge of the treasury, and R. F. Newhart the secretaryship. Twenty new men will double the former membership and give the new officers the largest group to work with in the "Eye's" history.

L. E. Kent, the new president, is enthusiastic over the prospects for the coming year. He has outlined a series of lectures and demonstrations, to be prepared by the program committee, which will review the fundamentals and give some of the finer points of the shooting and developing of pictures. Later these lectures will be extended to include color prints, sound recording, movies, new techniques and other items of interest to the members.

The next meeting, scheduled for 12:20 today in the Physics Lecture Room, will acquaint the new members with the "Eye's" studio and darkroom in Chapin Hall.

## A.S.M.E. Organizes Plan at Initial Meeting of Year

The first regular meeting of the ASME was held last Friday at 10:30 in Science Hall, to organize and lay plans for the current year.

I. Thomas, president, opened the meeting, and introduced Professors Huntly, Peebles, Roesch, and Nachman, who spoke about the advantages of membership in the organization. They emphasized the fact that only by associating with ASME can young engineers keep up with new engineering ideas and make valuable contacts in the profession in which they are interested. They also pointed out that the ASME has a technical library in New York, and will upon request, send material to student members. It also sponsors contests among student branches, and publishes technical books and magazines.

At the next meeting, the program will consist of a lecture, "Heating Elements in Engineering", accompanied by slides of Stoker and Boiler Plants.

## Wagner Elected New Alpha Chi Sigma Head

At an election of officers held by Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical fraternity, last Wednesday Edward F. Wagner, '38, was chosen president for the coming semester. The other officers elected were William Kruse, '39, vice president; William R. Marshall, '38, reporter; Edward Berger, '38, treasurer; John D. Keane, '39, recorder; Henry Bodnar, '38, master of ceremonies; and George Thodos, '38, alumni secretary.

The Armour chapter has received an invitation from the Zeta chapter at the University of Illinois to hold a joint initiation at Champaign on November 20. After the initiation, members will watch the football game between the University of Illinois and the University of Chicago. In the evening a dance will be held.

## Week of Entertainment, Dinners, Rushing, Nears End

Termination of Rush Week tomorrow evening will probably see one of the largest number of freshmen pledged to one of the eight social fraternities at Armour. Formal pledging tomorrow evening will bring to a close the gala events staged during the week by the fraternities.

Phi Kappa Sigma held their traditional Skull dance on Saturday evening with a large group of rushees in attendance. Tonight a father and son meeting will be held. Luncheons and dinners were given all week. Delta Tau Delta's Monte Carlo party saw many rushees amass a fortune of several million dollars in one evening. Unfortunately "stage money" was used exclusively. The Triangle house had several novel events planned for this week. Prof. Spears exhibited motion pictures of campus life around Armour at a smoker held Friday evening. This evening a preview of a United Artist picture will be shown.

### Alumni Attend Dinner

Rho Delta Rho held a dinner Friday evening that was followed by a smoker with several alumni members in attendance. Guey Sam's restaurant in the heart of Chinatown preceere the formal pledging tomorrow evening. Faculty sponsor Professor Nachman and Coach Sonny Weissman will be the main speakers. Pi Kappa Phi's rush program included luncheon and dinner all week with a swing orchestra on Saturday night helping to liven the tempo of the rushees in attendance. Motion pictures were shown last night.

### Luncheons and Smokers

Sigma Alpha Mu arranged for its rushees a luncheon on Wednesday and Friday. On Monday a smoker was held with many alumni members in attendance. Phi Pi Phi held their traditional rushee dance on Saturday with a fine orchestra. The chief attraction of their program was Prof. John J. Schommer's talk on Friday night. Theta Xi had a smoker on Friday night, and a dance in the fraternity rooms on Saturday. On Tuesday night, the rushees were entertained at a theatre party in the loop.

## W.S.E. Meets New Faculty Members

Last Friday, October 1, in B Mission, Professor J. C. Penn opened the first meeting of the current semester with a short talk on the purpose and benefits of the W.S.E. Professor Penn urged all the civil engineering students to join the Armour branch and later, upon graduation, to join the parent association.

At the request of W. F. Schlax, president of the W.S.E., Professor Penn introduced the men who are this year new in the department of civil engineering. Dr. L. E. Grinter is the new director of the option and dean of the graduate division. Dr. Grinter came directly from the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical School where he has taught for some years past.

Mr. C. O. Dohrenwend, instructor of mechanics, was formerly at Rensselaer. Mr. Dohrenwend has had an unusual training, having a B.S. degree in both physics and mechanics.

President Schlax outlined briefly the program for the current semester and urged all members to participate in activities. With the promise that Professor Spears' film of the camp activities would be shown at the first opportunity, the meeting adjourned.