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Open House Tops List of Junior Week Activities

Junior Dance at Itasca Closes Program

Presenting an elaborate display of modern technical exhibits, the thirty-fourth annual Open House, a week from tomorrow night, will be one of the main events of Junior Week under the direction of Head Marshal Jack Clark.

With a sigh of relief Armour students may toss aside their books, forget home work and quizzes, and energetically enter into the many activities of Junior Week.

In tune with the holiday spirit which characterizes the week there will be a stupendous hobo parade. Gorgeously attired in anything from gunnysacks to threadbare B.V.D.'s, the pseudo Weary Willies will present a sight to behold as they parade before the appraising judges. Also there will be prizes for the fellows who can grow the largest beards during Junior Week.

Feature Obstacle Race

Another event that will attract much attention is the series of obstacle and freak relay races. The teams will be comprised of six men from each class. Some of the featured events scheduled are: pick-a-back race, peas on a knife, cracker eating, three-legged and many other grotesque relays. The winners will be awarded individual medals.

According to ancient and honorable tradition, there will be the junior-senior tug of war, egg fight, inter-frat track meet, inter-department skits, and the inter-fraternity sing, which promises to be an event of utmost importance. Interclass baseball is another of the events that is being pepped up this year.

Another attraction will require election of men from each department of the junior and senior classes. This will be the annual pie eating contest. Last year Robert Jaffee was declared the winner with record breaking time, but other contestants and spectators claim that he should have gotten more in his stomach and less on his face.

Potter to Pitch

Professor Potter has been signed up by the faculty for their pitcher in the faculty-senior baseball game. It has been rumored that he has gone through strenuous and extensive spring training and can now put the ball right over the center of the plate on the third bounce. Our seniors are boasting that they can win easily and

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New Frat Officers Elected Last Week

Fraternities on the campus at Armour have been putting less work or rushing in the last week, and thoughts have been turned once more to the election of officers for the coming team. Triangle and Delta Tau Delta reported last week; and Rho Delta Rho and Phi Kappa Sigma held their elections during the past week.

Only one house reported pledging men. Phi Kappa Phi last week pledged Dale Wilman, F.P.E., class of 1942.

Monday evening, April 24, Phi Kappa Sigma held their semi-annual election. Jack Clark was chosen president, and the other officers were as follows: Rushing Chairman, Donald Charleton; Scholarship, Bob Ettinger; Pledge Guardian, Bob Lange; Treasurer, Ronald Smith; Recording Secretary, Paul Huebsch; Epsilon, Bob Greenberg; Corresponding secretary, Charles Proctor; Sergeants at Arms, Hobart Bunce and Henry Bittner; and Housemanager, Dick Taylor.

Rho Delta Rho's election was held Friday evening, April 28, and the following men were elected to lead the house for the coming year: President, Leon Epstein; Vice President, Bernard Sternfeld; Treasurer, Sidney Silverman; Secretary, Joseph Heller; Social Chairman, Ernest Mandel.

Mock Interviews By Personnel Man To Be Held May 5

Gray Jewitt, personnel director for Western Electric Company, will conduct mock interviews of two seniors next Friday at 10:30 in the Auditorium. These men will be selected by the personnel and placement department here at Armour. They will have filled out the usual application blank before they come and each will be given the usual fifteen minute interview. At the end of the program, Mr. Jewitt will discuss where the men made mistakes, and at which points they made the most successful impression. Following this the meeting will be thrown open to the questions of attending students.

Open House Plans

At the meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Management last Friday, the plans for the societies exhibits and the student participants for Open House were selected. The exhibit which will be held in Room 2W of the Student Union, will include two new ideas in exhibits in addition to the usual social science displays. The time and motion study demonstration has been amplified and improved. One of the new features will be a typical example of the hiring technique employed by personnel men. This will be conducted by one of the faculty members and several of the students. In connection with this a psychological examination will be distributed, and the audience will be shown how to classify themselves. The other new feature will be a class discussion in elementary economics lead by Professor B. E. Goetz. The audience will be invited to participate with the students.

At the meeting, in addition to the discussion of the plans for Open House, President Tom Collier, picked a steering committee for the next year. The men selected were J. Waber, W. Groundwater, A. Pocius, and D. Wessels. They will make arrangements for the early meetings next year. In addition, this committee will draft a constitution and serve as a nominating committee for the officers next fall.

Continue Free Movies in May

Continuing its program of free movies on Saturday afternoons, Armour Institute plans a new series for the month of May. These movies, which are shown in the auditorium of the Student Union, begin at 1:30 p.m. and last for about an hour and a half.

Especially intended for young men who are interested in engineering, the films have been selected to cover a variety of scientific subjects as well as those of general interest. Copies of the programs have been sent to all Chicago high schools.

Scheduled for May 6 are "Alchemist's Hour Glass," the story of abrasives; "Bridging San Francisco Bay"; and "Laurentine Lures," a fishing film.

On May 13 will be shown "Romance of Iron and Steel"; "Finding His Voice," the story of telephone wires; "Tenderfoot Trails," a fishing film; and "Snow Fighters," showing developments in highway control.

In the latter half of the month, May 20, will appear "Frontiers of the Future," picturing the advancement of science; "Safety's Champion," Indianapolis Speedway tests; "Golfing With the Masters"; and "Tigers of the North," a fishing film. Ending the program for May, five interesting movies will be presented on the 27th. They are "Modes and Motors," dealing with motor car design; "Facts Behind the News," March of Time; "Progress on Parade," a story of transportation; "Diesels Working on the Railroad"; and "Fishing Gamely for Game Fish."

Organized by Irving Footlik, the programs thus far have been well attended. The May movies are expected to attract even a larger audience than last month's.

Musical Clubs Give Group of Four Concerts

Spreading far and wide the fair name of Armour Institute, the Armour combined musical clubs undertook a full day program last Friday at Dwight, Illinois. Yanking themselves out of bed early, the boys left the Art Institute in chartered buses at seven a.m.

On arriving at Dwight, the clubs gave what could be called a double feature program for the boys of the Pontiac Reformatory. Due to the inadequate size of the hall the inmates were entertained in two groups of twelve-hundred each. During the intermission between the two concerts, the lads were guests of the institution for a delicious luncheon topped off with ice-cream and cake. Thus fortified the boys entertained the second group of twelve-hundred in fine style with a group of selections similar to the first. Especially enjoyed by the lads of the reformatory were the novelty numbers of Ted Gromack and Herb Hansen on the Russian guitar and accordion, which received a rousing ovation.

Dedicate Auditorium

These concerts were of particular significance for it was the honor of the combined clubs to dedicate the new auditorium of the reformatory which was opened for use the same day. Many prominent social and political figures also distinguished the dedication.

Late afternoon the men returned to Dwight and were the honored guests of a large reception committee. An invitation to present a short concert at the Federal hospital for war veterans was immediately accepted and the next half hour was occupied in entertaining an appreciative audience of confined veterans.

At five p.m., the music-makers were dinner guests of a prominent women's lodge. The presence of several attractive high school senior gals who served as waitresses made life quite interesting for a while, but the lads were soon whisked away to the high school auditorium where, at eight o'clock, the day was climaxed with another concert. Many prominent men from various walks of life came from surrounding towns to welcome back O. Gordon Ericson, the combined clubs able director, who at one time conducted the choral society in Dwight. The boys performed excellently before the large gathering and at the end of additional entertainment following the presentation reluctantly climbed into the buses for the long ride home.

After a day of rest, the musical clubs journeyed to Harvey Illinois, Sunday afternoon, where, at two p.m., a concert was rendered before the Men's Brotherhood Group of North Harvey, whose reputation for sponsoring unusual speakers and music is well established. Following this the boys were guest of this same group at a tea in their honor.

Plan Program of Placement Talks To Advise Seniors

Senior students are to be treated to another in the series of talks designed to help them in finding jobs, when Mr. M. J. Evans speaks to them this afternoon at one o'clock on the subject of "Engineering Positions."

Mr. Evans is a member of the firm of Evans Associates, Inc., an advertising concern here in Chicago. He has done considerable work on placement problems of the type included in his topic for today. All the seniors are excused from their one o'clock classes to attend this lecture, in accordance with the notice posted on the board in the main lobby.

Continuing the series of lectures designed to aid the graduating seniors in securing jobs, another lecturer will be presented on May 16 at the same hour as today's talk. The speaker will be Chester A. Creider, secretary of Butler Brothers, who will speak on the important subject of "How to Advance in a Position." As in the case today, all seniors will be excused from their classes at that time.

Programs of this sort have been set up by the institute as a means of letting the seniors know what will be expected of them after they graduate. The committee in charge of the arrangements is headed by I. M. Footlik, assisted by Abe Zarem and Harold Anthon.

Armour Hams Expand Work 20 Meter Band

Armour's Radio club, W9YW, has recently blossomed out on the 20 meter 'phone band by virtue of new equipment which has been donated by Marvin Camras. This field is an entirely new one for the club members as they had previously been confined to the 40 meter band and had used only code.

Only the more experienced of the members may use the new transmitter, in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. Five of the nine districts in this country have already been worked and the Q S L cards are beginning to roll in. Powered at 200 watts, the station can get through to almost every station on this continent if conditions are favorable.

Newer men in the club have been active on the old 40 meter code station, getting their practice and experience for the advanced license. A larger and larger DX log is being built up through their continuous working of new and old "ham" stations.

Clarence Russnak, a junior mechanical, has been pledged to Rho Epsilon, the radio fraternity, on the basis of the interest which he has shown in the club activities.

Life At Armour Open Book to Newcomer, Tells All After Beating By Student Mob

Som ob de Engleesh dat dees boys at Armour Tech speek has taucht me wrong. Anyhow, let's get back to normal and I'll tell you my story.

I've only been here at Armour since mid-semester, but I've been kicked around, scratched, burned, bumped, knocked over and have been in a position to hear more about what's going on in this school than many a student or faculty member. In fact I have had the beans spilt over many head many a day, morning, noon, or night.

If you don't believe that I know plenty about you too, just ask me. But I won't answer because I'm one of those things, which only talks through newspapers and such.

My typical day starts early in the morning, when I am cleaned and stand waiting for things to happen. Everything starts at a little before 8:30 at which time groups of students throw books on me and guzzle doughnuts and coffee over my head. This goes on throughout the morning with intervals of "I bid two hearts" and "Straight Flush wins."

At noon the fun begins. Man after man flings paper, food, trays, garbage and what not after me, while conversation glides glibly from lip to lip of Armour students. Sometimes I can't near myself think. For instance:—

"Why that *!:œæ&! test was unfair. That darn professor doesn't know what the score is. Well maybe I should have read the book. So what?" "She's some babe, huh? What do yuh think of her sister?" or maybe "I heard a good one. One fellow says to the other . . . ." Sometimes some of this talk gets down right interesting.

Well, my day is closing, so I'll see you tomorrow, when you throw your lunch on the new cafteria table, which is I. P. S. Sometimes I write some of the dope I know, under the alias known as the "Steamshovel," so you'd better watch out.

Twelve Honor Men Pledged By Tau Beta Pi At Open Assembly

C. B. Randall Speaks At First W.S.E. Meet

Combining a Tau Beta Pi pledging and a widely known speaker, the newly reorganized W.S.E. presented its first general assembly in the Student Union Auditorium last Wednesday. The pledging ceremonies were under the direction of Mr. S. M. Spears, faculty adviser, and the speaker was Mr. Clarence B. Randall, vice-president of Inland Steel, who talked on "What Does Industry Demand and Expect of College Graduates."

Mackey Presides

Don Mackey, president of the W.S.E. presided over the assembly, greeted the student body in the name of the society, and explained briefly the plans and purpose of the new organization. Mackey introduced Mr. Spears, who then conducted the traditional pledging of the new Tau Beta members. As part of the ceremony the qualifications necessary for membership were read, and many of these, curiously enough, were later repeated in a slightly different form by Mr. Randall as his basis for the evaluation of a man's worth to industry.

List of Pledges

Those pledged by Tau Beta Pi this semester and their qualifications are:

Reginald I. Bush, Senior Electrical is President of the Eta Kappa Nu, a member of A.I.E.E., and was a Junior Marshal. He has worked for 3 years in the Research Foundation and has earned all of his tuition and expenses.

Marvin Camras, Junior Electrical, is a member of Rho Epsilon and the A.I.E.E., is pledged to Eta Kappa Nu, and is on the **News** staff. He was an honor Marshal and has earned all his tuition.

George J. Derrig, Senior Mechanical, is a member of the A.S.M.E., Pi Tau Sigma, and the **Cycle** distribution commission, and is circulation manager of the **Cycle.** He was an honor Marshal in his second and third years.

Max Ephriam, Senior Mechanical, is a member of the A.S.M.E., Pi Tau Sigma, Rho Delta Rho, and Sphinx, is chairman of the senior commencement committee, and is the winner of a senior scholarship. He was honor Marshal, a student assistant in the Mechanics Department, and has been active in dramatics, interclass sports, and the **Armour Tech News.**

James Hebson, Senior Electrical,

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Closed Dance to Be Sponsored By Seniors May 29

Climaxing four years of Armour social activities, the senior class of '39 steps out on the dance floor of the beautiful Lincolnshire Country Club for their glamorous farewell dinner dance on May 29. The committee on arrangements has gone forward with plans for a chicken dinner with all the trimmings, said repast to be served at approximately nine o'clock.

Lincolnshire is situated on the south side of Chicago and offers an entirely unusual and beautiful setting for an affair of this sort. Numbered among the facilities of the club are a spacious dining room and two dance floors, one of which is out-of-doors. If the weather is nice, dancing will take place on the outside platform.

An expected 100 couples will find the accommodations completely to their liking and an enjoyable evening has been promised and guaranteed by the sponsors of the dance. There will be no crowding or other inconveniences often present at unclosed affairs.

All seniors attending must pay a deposit of $2.00 to the arrangements committee, on or before May 12. It is probable that nearly $1.00 will be refunded if the expenses run as expected.

As is the usual custom, nearly every senior will try to be present at their last gala farewell social at Armour Tech. May 30 is a holiday, so that recuperation will follow close upon the heels of the dinner dance date.

Newsmen Hold Party Tonight

Tonight the news scribes are to have their annual fling, a real party with women and everything. All of the men on the staff have been invited by the editorial broad to drop around to the lounge in the Union at 8:30 or there-abouts, to have an evening of fun at the expense of the newspaper.

Invitations, which were sent out to the members of the staff, requested that they sign the sheet in the news office indicating their desire to come.

Provisions have been made only for those who signed; any others who may try to come at the last moment will be out in the cold. No stags will be admitted as this is strictly a date party and no wolfing will be sanctioned.

Show Color Cartoon

Movies will be the first item on the program. Four reels will be shown giving a varied program of a light nature, serious subjects having been carefully avoided. "Three Lazy Mice," a cartoon in technicolor will be the featured attraction of the show.

Following the movies there will be a session of dancing, making use of the new radio in the lounge, and also some records brought by staff men. Bridge or other games will be on hand for those who don't care to trip the light fantastic, and cigarettes, not cigars, will be plentifully supplied.

Food and Dancing

Refreshments will be served some time between ten and eleven o'clock. Food will be served buffet style and will consist of sandwiches, ice cream, and chocolate fudge cup cakes. After the refreshments have disappeared, there will be a final session of dancing, finishing up at midnight.

Professor Hendricks, the faculty advisor, has been invited to attend with his wife and has promised to be there. He will be the only man there who will be called upon to make a speech, formalities being reduced for the evening as the intent of the planning committee is solely for every one present to have a picnic for himself or herself.

Charlton Plays For Open Social Friday

Bringing to a grand finale its series of dances, the Armour Tech Dance Club will present its first open social in the auditorium of the Student Union next Friday, May 5, from nine to twelve p.m. Don Charlton and his boys will be on hand to furnish the rhythm and the cafeteria will remain open to satisfy the hungry members of the crowd.

This social is open to all day school students; the admittance charge for all will be 40 cents per couple. All the men must be accompanied by dates as there will be no stag line on this occasion. In order that outsiders may not slip in, students are required to present their student activity cards at the door of the auditorium when they pay their admittance. Dance club members need simply present their membership cards with the 40 cents.

For those who have not yet done so, student activity cards may be secured from the cashier's office on the second floor of the main building by simply presenting last semester's registration receipt at the window.

All five classes at Armour have agreed to help share the expense of the hall in view of the fact that this is an open house. The freshman, sophomore, junior, senior and co-op treasuries have each contributed five dollars, making this the first dance that is truly the result of co-operation between all of the classes.