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The A.T.S.A. Constitution

With a month of the school year gone, thoughts are turning to the annual class elections. Freshmen have already selected their temporary officers, the sophomores have held their first meeting, and the upper classmen will swing into action before many more days have passed.

While attention is being given to subjects of this sort, let us drag the problem of the A.T.S.A. constitution from the shelf.

For the benefit of those who have forgotten what the proposed changes are, and what the reasons are for their proposal, let us bring them back to mind.

Perhaps the most important revision which is needed is to place some mention in the constitution of the existence of the Student Union, and to provide some means for regulation for it. The first union board was selected by the administration to expedite matters, rather than to go through the rigamarole of an election. Now that we have the time, the union can be included in the regular election at no additional inconvenience, and make the union entirely a student function.

Article V, Sec. 2 calls for the presence of two members of the faculty on the A.T.S.A. board. The new rule provides for only one such member, with the intent to give the students a greater majority of voting power on the questions which come up.

Article VI, Sec. 2, is one of the most important paragraphs in the entire constitution, since it sets up the procedure for the election of officers. As it is now set up, the electing is done by a closed committee in the manner of the old party caucuses. Students vote on men who have been picked for them, there being no true democratic method in use at present. The proposed amendment will put a really democratic system in operation, by allowing any man who so desires to place his name on the ballot.

Another revision in this paragraph is the close ballot rule, requiring that at least three per cent of the entire vote cast must exist as a plurality between two successive candidates before any man may be said to be eliminatd from the running. Reasons for this are obvious.

Article VI Sec. 3 is a small change, providing that the entire board shall conduct the election, rather than the smaller election committee which does the job at present. This is primarily a technicality.

Article VII provides that meetings shall be held on a regular calendar basis. Up to now the practice has been to make the meetings fit the business, calling one whenever it is deemed advisable. It is thought that this is a not too good practice, and that the meetings should be held on a definite schedule so that the business can be made to fit the meetings. Another advantage of this will be that the members will know when the meetings are to be held and can then provide the time for attendance, rather than be tied up with some other meeting that had been planned several days in advance.

All of these items require your careful consideration. When the elections come up in the near future, think the changes over, and vote as your conscience directs. The structure of the A.T.S.A. is in the hands of the students. Let us hope and pray that we do right by it.

"The Slipstick"

Cleave to "The Slipstick"; let
the Slapstick fly where it may

We feel proud to know that Armour has now acquired all of the virtues (and vices) of a large institution of learning . . . a student Union . . . a research foundation . . . new trustees . . . more faculty members . . . a crusading newspaper . . . a crusading editor . . . a crusading columnist . . . Hi Yo Silver . . . a crusading column to fight for all that is clean and upstanding . . . THE SLIPSTICK . . . (thoroughly censored before being printed) . . . COED . . . COED . . .

Mary had a little lamb
Its fleece was white as snow,
And everywhere that Mary went
That lamb was sure to go.
Mary met a black sheep
Whose thoughts were black as sin,
Now every time the white lamb calls
Mary's never in.

He: Well, Babe, you lost your bet, and now I want the forfeit.
She: I don't know what you mean, and besides someone might see us.

Having a few slight difficulties of our own with the men in blue we thought you might need some help as we did. And here are some of the hints you'd like to have handy on your windshield when an officer of the law stops you for speeding and says, "Where's your license, buddy?"

1. My name's not buddy, you stinker; it's Richard Quat-erdeck Harrison, the third.
2. I haven't got the slightest idea; where's yours?
3. Which do you want, hunting or fishing?
4. License—license! What is a license?
5. I haven't got a license, and what's more the car is stolen.
6. How dare you officer! You'll just have to take my word that we're married.

A fraternity is a group of fellows, living in one house, with a single purpose—to get more fellows, to live in one house, with a single purpose.

The manager was showing a friend through the factory. They came to the boiler.
"What is that over there?" asked the friend.
"That's the locomotive boiler."
"What do you boil the locomotives for?"
"To make the locomotives tender."

Eleanor: Do you know what good clean fun is?
Hi Yo: No, what good is it?

The members of an exclusive hunt club decided to hold a fox hunt, and instructed the members to bring only male dogs. However, one influential member owned only a female, and she was allowed to run with the pack. The morning of the hunt they followed the dogs for an hour and then lost them completely. One of the hunters saw a farmer working in a field and questioned him.

"Have you seen anything of a pack of dogs and a fox?"
"Sure. Just a minute ago. They were going that way."
"What were they doing?"
"Wal," said the farmer, "the last I saw of them the fox was running fifth."

She Forgot Her Lamb
Two men and a woman were marooned on a desert isle. The first man said: "My name is John, but I am not a Baptist."
The second man said: "My name is Peter, but I am not a saint."
The woman said: "My name is Mary."

Co-eds are absolutely agreed that yes-men are a great deal better than no men.

And then there is the modern infant who said that if he had his way he'd be a bottle baby, because he was getting tired of getting cigarette ashes in his eyes.

"I hear you've been to a school for stuttering. Did it cure you?"
"Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers."
"Why that's wonderful!"
"Yes, but it's d-d-darned hard to work into an ordinary c-c-conversation."

Hi Yo: I never call on Alice anymore.
Silver: Why, man, there are lots worse girls than Alice.
Hi Yo: Sure, and that's the kind I want.

"Stumpy" Sternfeld says: We've had so many messes in our family that we have a mop on our coat of arms.

Johnny asked—Mary refused.
John begged—Mary blushed.
Johnny pleaded—Mary pouted.
Johnny insisted—Mary gave in.
So little Johnny carried Mary's books for her.

"Do you care for dancing, Peggy?"
"No."
"Why not?"
"It's merely hugging set to music."
"Well, what is there about it you don't like?"
"The music."

This will hardly do with those cigarette ads looking over here from the next page, but in case nobody ever told you—Some girls are like cigarettes, they have to be lit up before you can tell if they're good or bad.

HI YO SILVER.

SHADES OF YESTERYEAR

By Frank Hull

Do all of you new freshmen, and even some of you upperclassmen, know the significance of the beautiful window on the first landing of main building? Mr. Philip D. Armour, Jr., who was associated with the institute around 1899 or 1900 before his death. It is to his memory that the "Memorial Window" was drawn and executed by Edwin P. Sperry.

Remember that the next time you go upstairs! A poem which was written in 1903 is called the "Ballad of the Lonesome Lobsters." It sounds as though it might have been used here last year. Here's part of it:

Coeds, return! Your duty calls;
Life is as dull as dull can be.
Lighten the gloom that around us falls!
There's nothing doing at A. I. T.

Evidently 1903 was the year which terminated the attendance of girls to this school. That's the significance of the above poem. The fellows had a drop in the social calender and the coeds leaving was the reason. The boys didn't realize what a lucky year 1903 was! (Pardon the slam, girls.)

The boys must have had a hell of a year in 1903. In the "Integral," 1903, there are poems about the lost girls all the way through. A stanza of a poem called, "Where Is the Academy of Yesterday?"

I wonder in what Isle of Bliss
Our "coed" friends now charm the air;
(By what display of tactfulness
For Armour boys they spread the snare),
What hearts they harvest and they raid—
Ah! Time has lured them all away—
We sigh for the fair Academy maid,
Where is the "coed" of yesterday?
There was once a professor named Perry,
Whose footsteps were light as a fairy,
His assignment of text
Was, "Please take the next,"
Which is neither warm nor hot-air-y.

Integral 1903.
"Around the turn of the century Armour's baseball team was so good the University of Chicago refused to play us because we used to beat them all hollow," quotes Prof. Libby, '02.

FRATERNITY NOTES

At the last Inter-fraternity Council meeting, held Oct. 11 at the Alpha Sigma Phi House, the council voted on a modification of the present rushing rules. Under the present ruling, the freshman not pledged during Rush Week may be pledged after Nov. 1, instead of having to wait till Thanksgiving. The Council also announced the interfraternity touchball schedule, so that all the teams are now settling down to serious practice. The Delts, winners of the cup for the past two seasons, face serious opposition this year from strong Rho Delt, Pi Kap, and Phi Kap teams.

Initiations were held during the past week by three fraternities. Triangles on October 8, initiated; William Logue, James Lawrence, and Kenneth Yardley. Professor Minark was the guest speaker at the banquet that followed the initiation. Rho Delta Rho held the initiation ceremonies at their house on Oct. 11 in honor of Edwin Franks, Phillip Rosenberg and Aaron Holom. At the "Legion" Beta Omega Nu initiated, George Miles, Ed. Wideman, Glenn Bachman, Hobart Bunce, and Jack Shanley.

Pi Kappa Phi has announced the pledging of the following men: E. H. Collender, Edward Farrell, Stuart Olson, and R. F. Smith. Delta Tau Delta has announced the pledging of Wally Jordan. Ed Moore and Earl Huxhold were pledged to Beta Omega Nu last Wednesday night.

Dances were the order of the day last Saturday as Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, and Triangle held informal dances. The pledges of Rho Delta Rho held the annual pledge formal at their Hall last Saturday night.

CO-OP NEWS

By E. P. Hanuska

Last Tuesday Prof. Roesch and the 4B class of Co-ops spent an enjoyable afternoon at the branch sales and service department of the International Harvester Co. at 611 W. Roosevelt Road. The class saw a cut-away section of an International truck engine of latest design in addition to many important details of truck construction. . . . In the service shop they saw in actual use special repair equipment for major overhauling jobs and apparatus for testing finished clutch assemblies, for replacement of bushings in connecting rods, and for the rebor-ing of brake drums.

The trip was under the guidance of Mr. Mongeau, sales representative, and Mr. McCarty, branch manager. The class is very grateful to these men and Prof. Roesch for arranging the trip.

Other Campuses

To prevent any more "goldie" forays, Los Angeles City College members of Matrix Table have organized a Society for the Protection of Goldfish from College Boys.

Connecticut State College has recently been graduated to the University of Connecticut by order of Governor R. E. Baldwin.

New York City's four municipal colleges enroll more than 52,000 students yearly.

During 1938-1939, 200 colleges created about 300 scholarships for foreign refugees.

University of Wyoming students spent \$23,373.75 last year for the national dues, pins, and initiation fees encountered in student organizations.

Of the 1,500 different types of positions for which the U. S. civil service commission offers examinations, only approximately 200 require a college degree or its equivalent.

The top hats worn by the boys at Eton have been discarded in preference for peaked skull caps. They simplify the wearing of gas-masks in spite of being veddy, veddy irregular.

Henry Skull, Northwestern University junior, works his way through college by winning prize contests. His "take" for the last five years has been \$3,500.

Wilson College just received 800 pounds of dead cats for use in the vertebrate anatomy course at Teacher's College.

STEAM SHOVEL

By Charles Schulte
Greeting my children, and you shall hear,
All of the dirt that is close and dear.
And here we bring our umpteenth colyum
Another to add to our worthy volume.
But now, to our victim's great consternation
For we are attacking with greatest elation.
Yes, foes are we, but it's all in fun,
For after all, what is done has been done.

We still are looking for those lights for one of the two gigantic (accent on all syllables) rooms the NEWS now occupies. It seems that the boys haven't taken up the "touch-typing" system on the typewriters, hence light must necessarily be shed on the keyboards when they peek away.

While on the subject of typewriters (as per above item), may we add that we now have three and one typewriters to dash stories out on. The "one" refers to "Lena," who jumps along three spaces for every key wacked. Two of the other machines were acquired last week.

"Penny Serenade"—BILL HASSKARL, soph arch. out on a date with one of the co-eds.

An orchid to Petty's drawings:
Petty's work comes out in good shape most of the time."—Prof. PEEBLES, Esq.

The freshman class has a skoit for a class officer. Sis-sies!!! ELY VON MUELLER is the one who will take care of all the boys' minutes.

Without the presence of the well known shot-gun, WILLIE KRUSE and BERNDT LYCKBERG, '39 grads, are contemplating lifelong worries in the near future.

The editorial last week caused a little friction. HANK (FIDEBUG) VANDERWALKER, volunteer fireman tried to burn down the organic lab last week.

HARRY (BIG EYES) SORENSON and BILLIE (OH BOY) HELLER, junior mechs, are among the weekly patrons of the Rialto. "BIG EYES" claims the big blonde in the front row of the chorus makes eyes at him.

If you want to find out why Minnesota lost to Nebraska, jus ask "Uncle John" SCHOMMER, who umpired the game. Opinions on other big games are forthcoming.

Our IRVIN DZIKOWSKI, senior chem, is really putting on the dog. He has a genuine radium plated cigarette holder. Pish tush.

Minneapolis Official P. D. Report—
Messrs. DAHM, SHAVER, REHWALDT visited our beautiful police station under official escort. HMMM.

HARRY (DEW POINT) QUANDEE almost drowned himself at squirt lab last week by pointing a hose down a drain pipe whose c-pacity was about one-half that of the hose. The resultant "back fire" of hydraulic head was *!?!*!!