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**The Liberal Trend**

That the days of the hard bitten, profane mouthed, rough and ready engineer are gone forever was vividly demonstrated by President Heald in a recent talk before the Chicago Association of Commerce. Mr. Heald stressed the increasing demand for engineering graduates with ability to speak persuasively before public gatherings, and for engineers with social consciousness—with the ability to understand and get along with groups of people. Not only must the modern engineer be a leader and a psychologist, but he must know the methods of accounting, he must understand the fundamentals of business organization. The expression of these ideas in concrete form at Armour has met the approval of nearly everyone connected with the school, with the possible exception of those teachers of technical subjects whose courses have been more or less discarded to make room for "liberal arts" subjects.

However, all is not sweetness and light in the scholastic line. The past year has seen a rather ominous increase in student resentment against those who administer the new curricula. It is apparently the belief among controlling authorities that these new courses, being supplementary in nature, do not require the scholastic setup used for classes in purely technical subjects. Since we believe that the purpose of such courses as English, Social Science, Economics, Accounting, or Law is defeated if students are induced to take a resentful attitude toward their studies, we wish to make the following criticisms of present conditions.

(1) Classes are far too large. Since courses of a "liberal" nature are more usually subject to differences in opinion, the individual must be given ample opportunity to express his views and have them discussed. This is absolutely impossible in a large class, particularly if it contains 60 or 70 students, let alone 40. The usual result under the present overcrowding is either a complete stifling of all opinion contrary to that of the instructor, or the monopolizing of all available time by one or two "star speakers."

(2) The amount of homework piled on students in some of these courses is outrageous. This complaint is heard most consistently from the accounting classes. If the outside work required of one of these "supplementary courses" is so great as to seriously hamper the performance of work in technical subjects, then something is seriously wrong. It is highly probable that this fault has been a direct result of large classes, as it is much more difficult for the instructor to gauge the true capacity of his class and he feels he must make up for lack of individual recitation by increased written work.

(3) The lack of proper instructor-student contact has resulted in the wasting of much valuable class time in straightening a multitude of misunderstandings which could be easily avoided if the instructor understood his class as individuals. The tendency in many courses is either for the instructor to waste hours of class time answering a flood of questions and winding up at the end of the semester with the course only half completed, or for him to stifle questions so as to proceed with the work in hand. Then he may proceed to get so far ahead of his class that it gives up in desperation, some members being forced to use unethical methods to pass examinations.

If Armour Tech is sincere in its belief in the value of non-technical subjects, the courses must be more efficiently designed. This is a case of whole hog or nothing. Either the job must be done right or not at all.

# "The Slipstick"

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

Yo-Ho heave ho; yo-oo heave ho. After hearing the comments that went around last week about the jokes, we're just wondering about you guys. If you don't like it this week God save the King. . . .

## LOVE CAKE

\* \* \*

1 pound of love  
2 red lips well pressed  
2 hands clasped  
1 shady tree  
1 narrow bench  
Stir well and serve after dark.

\* \* \*

"I had a girl friend once who was arrested because her balloon dance was so daring."  
"What did she do, let her common sense get away from her?"  
"Naw, she let the balloon get away from her."

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"If that couple over there got clothes to fit them, they wouldn't always have to be hitch-hiking."  
"I don't get it. Whatcha mean hitch-hiking?"  
"He's always hitching up his trousers and she's always hiking down her girdle."

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The boy in the darkened movie whispered to his sweetie, "This picture is making my flesh creep." The girl snapped, "Okay, but why does it always have to creep towards my knee."

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*There was a young lady from Trent  
Who said she knew what it meant  
When men asked her to dine,  
Offered cocktails and wine,  
She knew what it meant—but she went.*

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Dixie Duncan: "When I grasp you in my arms, sugar, doesn't something seem to snap?"  
Loretto: "Yes, usually my shoulder strap."

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Resourceful

A young man was applying for a job as usher in a theatre. The manager had asked him many questions to determine his qualifications. Finally he inquired:  
"In case of fire, what would you do?"  
"Don't worry about me," replied the applicant. "I'd find some way to get out."

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## The Process

Eva: "First it was love. He fascinated me — and I kissed him."  
Evaline: "Yeah, I know, and then he began to unfascinate you—and you slapped him."

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"The stag dancer blushed all over when the cops arrested her."  
"Then she's modest?"  
"Modest? Gosh, no! Otherwise how would I know she blushed all over?"

\* \* \*

*Said the runner to the stocking,  
"Let me through, let me through."  
Said the stocking to the runner,  
"I'll be darned if I do."*

\* \* \*

"May first and June second," said the Sultan, as he started looking over the his dates.

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"Does Jack ever tell you any questionable stories?"  
"Oh, no, mums darling, I always understand them all right."

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Clerk: Yes, Madam?  
Lady: Have you any Lifebuoy?  
Clerk: Set your own pace, madam, set your own pace.

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## All Knotted Up

The fat man was all bent over, struggling with something, and the curious old lady was watching him intently.

"Oh, so you're tying your shoe," she said sweetly. Red in the face, he looked up in disgust.

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## 'Twould Be Nice

Two small London boys were gazing at the shop windows. Presently they came to a butcher's shop and one of them pointed to a number of hams hanging from a large branch. "Look a them 'ams a-growing up there," one boy exclaimed.

"Get away," said the other. "'Ams don't grow."  
"Well, that's all you know about it," said the first scornfully. "Ain't you ever 'erd of a 'am-bush?"

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*She: Would you kiss me, even if I told you not to?  
Me: I sure would.  
She: Oh goody! Then I can mind mama.*

\* \* \*

A surgeon, an architect, and a politician were arguing about the relative ages of their professions.

The surgeon related that Eve was made out of one of Adam's ribs and that implied surgery.

The architect claimed that the arrangement of matter out of chaos indicated architecture.

The politician beamed, "But it took some one to make the chaos."

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Mary Grant: "So you have learned to love me?"  
Danny Miller: "Yes, I've watch all the other boys do it."

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A-by-sinnia

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# Other Campuses

By Charles I. Ball

*Finnish soldiers were seen near Manilus, New York. They turned out to be only the R.O.T.C. ski unit of the Manlius School.*

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*Some sore-footed individual figured that the average college parade band member marches about 160 miles in formation during a football season.*

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*The University of Texas collects hair from the heads of famous writers and statesmen.*

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*Tau Beta Pi, honorary fraternity, is celebrating its 35th birthday here at Armour; the Armour chapter was founded on May 22, 1906.*

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*Courses in Library Economy were offered in '24, under the leadership of Miss Steele.*

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More than 225 pounds of bread are baked in the Arkansas A. & M. College bakery. That's a lot of dough in any man's language.

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*A young British Columbia student, Ted Underhill, snapped a quickie of the king and queen on their friendship tour. The snap sold 20,000 prints and financed a year of his education.*

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All in all there are over 450 colleges who have started and discontinued America's favorite sport, baseball.

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Some of the students at the University of Toronto have a real sense of allegiance to their country. They are giving blood to be used by the Canadian soldiers at the front.

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*Green Hats, formerly worn by the Freshies, were introduced at Armour eight years ago by a public vote of the class which showed 92% in favor of the move.*

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*Our student union, better known a few years ago as "The Mission," was originally the site of a Sunday School Church. This last statement bears back to the tender age of 1886.*

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*Interclass interdepartmental softball was given its staff here at Armour by the sports' department seven years ago.*  
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*A publicity committee consisting of a faculty advisor and a reliable newspaperman was begun with much enthusiasm in 1934. The need of publicity was finally realized and steps were taken to remedy the situation.*

# Arx News

*It won't be long till ye ARX will be swinging and trucking, and I mean swinging . . . If you haven't heard the gory details here they are:*  
Place: Student Union.

DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 19.  
What: The A.A.S. Party.

*So peel your eyes and pick your girl . . . She's gotta be good, the competition is going to be stiff.*  
*Coming back to the dance, ah me, . . . waltzes . . . Fox trots . . . etc., etc. . . entertainment, refreshments, you can't afford to miss it . . . See that gal eyeing you . . . She's jus dying to go . . .*

Specs.

# CO-OP NEWS

E. P. Hanuska

O, we are the B group Co-ops  
And we're back in school again.  
We number one hundred and eighty-five  
Good men and true and quite alive  
Our only thought: "We must survive  
The Co-op course."

Now we started this term on April first  
With our pockets full and ready to burst.  
Then Allison came, but that was no joke  
When he grabbed our dough and left us broke;  
To our tale of woe the profs we must add,  
Davy and Cowie and Sir Galahad,  
Giddings and Harris, et cetera  
But why go on?  
You know the rest  
I've done my best  
So there!

(Apologies to Dr. Olson)

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The incoming class of fifty-seven freshmen brings the number of Co-ops to its maximum number for the first time. We cordially extend to these exceptionally intelligent looking young men a very hearty welcome.

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The fourth year class is now taking a course in economics—the first such course in two years—and is

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# STEAM SHOVEL

The European influence has spread its choking and filthy talons to the "Towering Halls." The slimy and sinister Satyr, Censorship, has grasped the helpless Shovel with its grimy and ghoulish gauntlets. The Sun, piercing rays of Truth, has been eclipsed by the cadaverous shroud of "Blackoutism." "Freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of religion" are our inalienable rights, guaranteed by our revered institution. This tyrant must go . . . censor's Note—"Who me?"

Students are complaining that the (censored) substance of this enlightening column, in place of receiving its status in the Shovel, has been spread o'er the greensward of our fair campus . . .

Hold on to your hats . . .

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"Expenses, expenses, expenses," wails Frank Pfeffer "All I get is expenses." What in (censored) is Frank going to say now that the engagement has been announced? This came as quite a shock to both Frank and the crowd attending the Penguin Parade of a week ago Friday.

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There is a dismal and blighted ambition walking about this knowledge Emporium in the person of "Front Row Maxwell. For nigh on to six months "Chubby" has been saving his pennies for a trip to the Koo Koo Klub After amassing a bankroll he finds that they've closed for remodeling (!). Fondest sympathies and condolences are forthcoming.

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"Tiny" Peterson tried to do a hand stand on his little finger. The result was a broken finger and a trip to the "Bone Bruiser." Bone is only bone and even bone will break under stress and duress, and 300 pounds is a lots of stress and duress.

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The Chicago Motor Bus Co., has entered suit against R. Z. Miller. The claim is theft of 95% of their south side business. He does it all with a '31, 7 passenger Graham.

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"SpppSppp-spppspppsppp" Donahue startled, amazed and amused the jeeps at the Junior Jump. His reputation as the man with the horsehide larynx took more than a rapid rise. We know that the offering was original and impromptu and new . . . but we wish that someone would write him a new script.

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The award of the week goes to J. W. Calkin for his consistant consideration of his early morning students. His admirable and esteemed record of arriving late is hailed with acclaim by the late sleepers of his 8 o'clock class. Joe Bloop, freshman, says "Dis is Utopia."

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Flash! Flash! Don't forget the Green Cap Dance! When? Friday, April 26, Knickerbocker Hotel. Pierson Thal and his boys will entertain.

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And then there is the guy that takes two hours to say good night. The walking vacuum is one "Stinky" Mays. When a guy like "Stinky," short for "Stinkeroo," takes that long the object must have been a (censored) case. Of course "Stinky" may have been out of practice lately. It is men like this that destroy the Armour standards.

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Pointek claims he'll spend the night changing records, but keep an eye on him or he'll be dancing with your date . . . Coyle is back in good graces with that gal in Lake Forest, he claims that seeing as she has a new

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# Fraternity Notes

The fraternities are paying particular interest to their mothers' clubs this week. Triangle, Phi Kappa Sigma, Alpha Sigma Phi houses were hosts to parties over the week-end. The Deltas are spending the money donated by the mothers' club on a new set of silverware and on crested china to complete the present set.

At the Triangle house the election last week resulted in the following new officers who will take over on April 15th:

|                                |                         |
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| Bob Sweeney                    | President               |
| Bob Ericson and Harold Johnson | Vice-president          |
| Charles Wallace                | Treasurer               |
| Vernon Johnson                 | Steward                 |
| Herbert Curry                  | Recording Secretary     |
| Edgar Clark                    | Corresponding Secretary |
| Dick Roberts                   | House Manager           |
| John Wood                      | Chapter Editor          |

The Delt officers also were changed. Dick Talcott vacated the office of treasurer. Don Knief resigned from the office of Vice-president to fill the position. Warren Umbright was elected vice-president to fill the gap.

Beta Omega Nu had a small but, much enjoyed meeting. Harry Shaw and Ernie Harrison continued their enjoyment at the expense of their brothers at the Alpha Sigma Phi house upon their return. Ben Lease, and others, got in training for the Phi Kappa alumni banquet Thursday night, at which John Schommer was the principle speaker.