

Minister's "Million Dollar Sermon" Is Beginning of Armour Institute

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It has often been said "where there is a will, there is a way." This statement has been proved many times. It was proved back in 1893.

Some years before, a young man, Frank W. Gunsaulus, graduated from college and entered the ministry. During the years following, he preached in several churches, and in 1887 he became minister of the Plymouth Congregational Church. It was his ambition to become the head of a new educational institution which would break away from the then traditional method of teaching. It was Dr. Gunsaulus' desire to *teach by doing*, to teach the practical things while at the same time to develop the students' minds.

There was one difficulty — it would take *one million dollars* to establish the type of college he had in mind! He dreamed and planned his ideal educational institution. He worked and planned every detail of organization, but only dreamed and hoped that a million dollars would appear.

After about five years of this, Dr. Gunsaulus stopped, took stock of himself and his plans, and realized that he had completed his plans for organization. He knew what methods would be used for teaching in his planned college.

The statement "I don't know" is one of the most noticeable marks of intelligence. It marks a person who knows what he knows and knows that there is a lot of information which he does not know.

So it was with Dr. Gunsaulus: He knew he did not know how he was to get the necessary money. He then decided that in order to secure the million dollars he would have to do more than just hope, he would have to have a plan and set a definite time limit for that plan to be accomplished in. He decided that he would have the money within a week. He called the newspapers and announced that he would give a sermon the following Sunday entitled "What I Would Do If I Had A Million Dollars." That night he worked past midnight writing his sermon.

Arising in the morning a few days later he paused for a moment and offered a prayer, then rushed off to church. During his excitement he left his notes at home. Arriving at church without his notes he decided that he would have to do without them. He was prepared very well, however, for all his plans of organization had grown and ripened in his mind for five years.

He began his sermon. He explained his plan. He explained every single detail and advantages to be derived for the country. Young men had to learn about steam and steel which would become important in the years to come. He then sat down and the service continued. Slowly, a man got up from his seat, walked up to Dr. Gunsaulus, and whispered something like this. "I liked your sermon and believe you have something there. If you will give me five years of your time, come to my office tomorrow for your million dollars. My name is Phillip D. Armour."

So was founded the *Armour Institute of Technology* in 1892 in what was known as Armour Mission.

When the rest of the country was burdened by a depression Armour Institute was becoming brick and stone and getting ready to open as a technological institute. The theology of the school was made plain when Armour said, "The religion of

TECHMEN TALK

This is a column devoted to opinions of representative Illinois Tech students upon pertinent questions asked by a wandering TECHNOLOGY NEWS reporter.

The question asked this week was: How does returning to studies after leaving the armed forces affect you?

Gene Hodges, first semester freshman veteran: About getting back to



studying, had to say, "If you get down to working on your homework, you can get it done, but there's still quite a bit of it." Concerning his opinion of the number

of coeds on the campus: "It doesn't make any difference to me."

Steve Szynal, second semester freshman, navy vet, E.E. Comment-

ing on registration: "It was worse than induction. They ought to improve it so you don't have to wait so long." Regarding the bookstore: "That vet bookstore isn't a bad idea." As for the homework situation, "Yes, it's hard getting back to studying."

Robert Duke, freshman vet ME.

"I registered in May, took my entrance exams in July. Now I am going to night school here. In February I'll be able to get into day school. Home work, well, it's what I expected."

The classes aren't easy—particularly English."

Gaspere Majorana, sophomore vet, IB: "I had a heck of a time getting classes. Most fellows say the same. I was here from 8:30 to 5:30. Studying comes hard—very much so! As for gripes, they have all sort of worn off."

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Kid brother: "Give me a nickel or I'll tell Pop you held Sis' hand."
Suitor: "Okay, here."

Kid brother: "Now, give me a quarter or I'll tell Pop that you kissed her."

Suitor: "Here, now scram."
Kid brother: "Not so fast. Now give me five dollars."

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A boy and a girl were sitting in the garden in the moonlight. She leaned close to him and whispered: "What would you do if you had money?"

Throwing out his chest with all of the exuberance of his young manhood, he replied, "Why, I'd travel of course!" She pressed her small white hand in his for a moment, then she was gone. He stared after her for a moment and then looked down at his hand. In it was a nickel.

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During the hottest day in July, a third-rate Hollywood actor was walking down the street in a heavy blue overcoat. An old lady about to pass out from the heat exclaimed: "Good heavens, young man! Why are you wearing that heavy blue overcoat?"

"Because," whispered the ham, "I look terrible in brown."

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Mercifully, I have no more jokes. Grandpa just went to bed.
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campus COMMENTS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is for expression of ideas from readers. Letters containing not more than 250 words will be printed. Anonymous letters will not be considered for publication, although a writer's name will be withheld from publication if desired.)

LETTER OF THE WEEK

The excellent way in which the Institute Bookstore is handling the book situation under such conditions of heavy demand is their commendation. The books that are out of stock are listed to avoid repeating to the students that the books are not in. The crowded condition of the bookstore is also a thing to consider.

There still remains many doors open for improvement; for instance: the out of stock book list could be very much shorter. The Bookstore should have placed orders for the purchase of these books many weeks in advance. The number of students to be at school was known a long time before school began. Since the subjects and the books that these students would require were known, there is little excuse for not having the books on time. Thus many students and in some cases the entire class is falling behind because of lack of books and other equipment.

When a student, especially a freshman, has to hunt all over town for drawing boards, instruments, other equipment, and books his impression of the bookstore is very low—although it's really its own tough luck. It usually happens that a vet or civilian after waiting in line at least a half-hour finds out to his utter disgust that his time was wasted; for they answered him with "We're all out of them."

One improvement that should and must be brought about in the bookstore is the availability of more space. On the student's side up the counter much space is taken up by extravagant stands for post cards, greeting cards, and magazines. Both this cluttered floor and counter space should be cleared. This way more vets and civilians would be

able to at least get near the counter and sales would proceed more rapidly.

A sales counter should be built where the magazine rack is now kept. This would increase counter space and since that space is not being used to the students advantage anyway, conditions would be improved.

A list of all the Institute Bookstore's shortages should be posted, where it can easily be seen. This would save much of the time of the sales personnel and the students.

SAM MEETINGS

Now, more than ever, there is a greater interest in the Society for the Advancement of Management because of the newly inaugurated "Management Option." Last semester I personally talked to, and knew a considerable number of men who sincerely wanted to join this organization but who found it utterly impossible to attend meetings because they were held around 6 p.m. at night.

This organization would accomplish a great deal more if they would hold meetings at 11 a.m. during the free days now on the schedule (Wednesday and Friday). Many sincere and earnest individuals would therefore be able to attend and become active.

I hope some definite action can be taken on this matter.

Sincerely yours,
M.O.

Fraternities & Sororities

TRIANGLE

Triangle held a formal initiation last Sunday for the new actives. The men are: Howie Baum, Sam Curiale, Bob Enroth, John Horn, Frank Koditek, Joe Malek, Ken Newhauser, Lorenz Schmidt, Henry Seaman, and Ken Turner. The initiation was followed by a banquet held at the Como Inn, 546 N. Milwaukee.

Three men were pledged at the Triangle meeting last week; they are Walter Bay, Ken Koch and Don Kraycraft.

Plans are being made by Arnie Kunst, social chairman, for a Halloween Party to be held at the house.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The Phi Kaps concluded the Rush Week activities with an orchestra dance which was attended by the actives of the chapter, rushees, and members of other fraternities on the campus.

After the smoke and fury of Rush Week was over, it was noted the Phi Kaps had pledged twelve new members. The new pledges are Emil Bandovich, Bill Barrows, Larry Boecher, John Carberry, Dave Hutchinson, John Keiser, Ernie Kracht, Bob O'Keefe, Bob Parsons, Bob Roberts, Dick Slusser and Fred Wild.

The Skull house is now busy getting its football team in shape for the coming inter-fraternity competition.

SIGMA ALPHA MU

A rushing social was held Saturday, September 28th at 6200 North Sheridan Road. Present among the guests were James C. Hammerstein, National Executive Secretary and Sam Callner, Regional Council. Mr. Hammerstein complimented Sigma Epsilon on the well planned affair. Music was furnished by "Wreck" ords and his "Solid Senders."

Nineteen men were pledged recently. They are Jona Cohn, Sid Doppelt, Richard Furor, Donald Gimpel, Donald Goldsmith, William Grant, Dave Halperin, Ernest

Heiman, Ol Hollander, Marv Leon, Albert Malis, Ernest Partos, Bernard Peller, Harold Rechter, Leonard Schraiber, Marshall Stein, Leonard Lev. With many men returned from service, Sigma Alpha Mu now has thirty-five actives, and will be well represented in the coming interfraternity athletic activities.

Last semester this chapter was awarded the IFC Scholarship Cup.

Leonard Rabins, chairman of the social committee, has announced an active social calendar for the coming season.

RHO DELTA RHO

The Rho Delta Rho men are looking forward to a house warming to be held in the fraternity house at 3218 S. Princeton. This house warming will mark finis to many hectic weeks and months of cleaning, painting, decorating and repairing. The date of the affair, although not definitely set, will probably be in the next few weeks.

Scheduled for Saturday night, October 26, is the fraternity Halloween Party which will be in the form of a hayride at Edgebrook. Al Eaton, Rho Delta social chairman, said that since almost all of fraternity brothers have indicated their intentions to take part, the affair would be expected to be a great success.

Arrangements are also going forward for the annual election of officers next Monday.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI

On completion of a gratifying Rush Week, Alpha Sigma Phi has become more active by the addition of twenty men in the pledge class. Of these, John Scapin, Bob Shuldes, Ray Peterson, Bob Ellis, Leslie Hardison, Bob Bartlett, George Gallagher, Kenneth Polc, Carl Anderson and Napoleon Perkowski are "town men" who live in or near Chicago. These men eat their noon meal at the house and have study facilities available to them at all times.

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