

TECH NEWS

A student newspaper is a necessary item on every college campus, if the dissemination of current campus news and expression of vital student opinion is to be effected. With this need in mind, the first issue of the Armour Tech News appeared April 9, 1928, under the guidance of Professor Walter Hendricks and the sponsorship of Sphinx, honorary literary society. It pledged "... our only aim will be the aim of our great Institute. Our only hope will be to have something vitally important to say, something about ourselves, and something about our school. We will serve no group, save the group to which we all belong." Since then the paper has constantly grown and flourished until today its distribution represents a high point in the campus week.

A new staff is elected each year to manage the affairs of the paper. Each has added its individual touch to the style and formation of the News and has left the mark of its personality upon the paper. The average student little realizes the enormous amount of work and time which goes into the publication of an issue. Assignments, coverage of news sources, writing of the stories, proof-reading, re-writing, linotyping, checking for linotype errors, re-setting, final checking, page makeup, page proof-reading, printing, and final distribution to students ... all of these must be done weekly by the staff.

General news, sports, editorials, and the never ending specials and features all help to make the final paper. Tom Hunter and his hard working staff combined to make the thirty-one issues of 1939-40, including the "scoop" edition announcing the Armour-Lewis merger, a great success. The new staff, headed by Peter Woods, bids fair to maintain those standards and practices which have made the News an inseparable companion of student activities.

