

# History of the Freshman Class

THE History of the Class of '08, covering as it will, an eventful four years, is still in its infancy. This infancy is, however, assured of a speedy and successful maturity by the events that took place on Freshman Tuesday, because these events were important factors in the enhancement of '08's prestige, inasmuch as they revealed the resourcefulness, courage and tenacity of purpose, of the material of which the class is composed. The conduct of the Freshmen during their somewhat informal, to say the least, initiation into college life at Armour certainly is an illustration of what loyalty and enthusiasm will do for a newly organized class, even though it be pitted against an organization whose knowledge of the gentle art of rushing is very practical, because of previous training by the Class of '06.

In order to fully appreciate the skill with which the Freshmen handled themselves in the rush, the fact that they utilized a natural condition of the field of battle to divert the first terrific rush of the Sophomores must be known. This legitimate weapon, with which Nature so kindly assisted '08, was mud. When the ponderous mass of Sophomore hopes reached the Freshman line, the momentum they had gained could not have been resisted by a stone wall, and in order to compensate for this advantage, the Freshman formation quickly fell away, thereby causing the Sophomores to plow into the mud, and lose control of themselves. They reached Dearborn Street before they succeeded in stopping. From this place, '08 quickly drove them back to the Mission. After this exhibition of strategy, and ability to make use of the opportunities presented to them, the Freshmen proceeded to show their strength in hand-to-hand conflict. Every attempt made by the now desperate Sophomores to push the Freshmen back proved unavailing, and as the rush surged back and forth in front of the Mission, the Freshmen responded to "'08 East" as readily as the Japanese to "banzai." Thus the rush progressed until time was called, the end finding the Freshmen still in possession of, and successfully holding, their position.

The very creditable showing of the Class of '08 in athletics, and in all other student activities at Armour, corroborates the statement that '08 history will be such that everyone of its members will be proud that they participated in its making.