

History of "The Class of 1907"

As the subject implies, this is to be solely a chronicle of the happenings of the past four years, in which the Class of 1907—as a class—partook. Discarding all of the braggadocio of self praise, so common to such a document as this, we have striven to recall briefly those more important events in our college life, in which as a class we have achieved or failed. With this short foreword we will come at once to the record of that class, whose final numeral has stood for good fortune and a very fair degree of successful endeavor.

As Freshmen

On September 21, 1903, two hundred and thirty-five men, about forty of whom were from the 1903 class of Armour Scientific Academy, registered as freshmen at Armour. This was the beginning of a strong class organization, whose first struggle came on September 27th in the rush with '06. The many incidents which occurred on the night before this struggle and indeed in the struggle itself resulted very creditably to '07, even tho the decision in the rush favored '06. Many a man of each side ate the dust of Thirty-third Street under the bridge on that memorable day. But closely after this came perhaps the greatest achievement of class spirit that the institute ever saw. All will remember how, on October 16, 1903, the Class of 1907—not yet a month old—almost to a man marched four abreast to the American League Grounds, with its uniformed brass band leading to the football game with '06. The subscription for this band had been raised from these almost unacquainted freshmen in less than a day before the game. Here for the first time the colors, red and blue, were shown, each freshman wearing long ribbons of each on his coat. We lost the game, score 12 to 0, but in class spirit and organization we had reared a mighty monument. Wachs led the freshmen. As a result of the closing events of this day, there was a hole in the west fence thru which '06 was ushered after the game. Officers were elected, Blenkinsopp being chosen to guide our freshman ship of state. On January