

History of "The Class of 1909"

It is generally assumed that the Sophomores are by far the most conceited students in the college. Perhaps they are, and if any of their esteemed fellow collegians maintain such an opinion of them it is with the assurance that the highly distinguished men comprising the class of 1909 have ample cause to value their worth.

Without wishing to bore you, kind reader, they cannot refrain from mentioning that September 18, 1905, figures as an eventful day in the college history. Two hundred and fifty eager and ambitious young men came here as Freshmen. That a brilliant star was added to Armour's galaxy of classes was apparent. This constellation gained in ascendancy and has been rising ever since. The whole college has its eyes on it—the great, glorious, wonderful, and dashing class of 1909.

Looking over their unfinished history, there are revealed many striking characteristics which all tend to prove the infinite superiority of '09 over every class that has entered Armour. The brilliancy of its achievements is Napoleonic. While commencing their strenuous work in the class room, they found time to drive the '08 contingent from Ogden Field when they met them in the class rush. Later when they met their "Lords and Leaders"—the class of 1908—on the gridiron, they defeated them with the whole college as spectators, and the score was 23 to 0. Already recognizing their worth, the upper class men tendered them a smoker in order that they might have the honor of meeting them face to face. The president and the members of the faculty were evidently imbued with the same spirit.

Again they paused from their work of mastering engineering in order to win the college bowling tournament. Of course, the player they gave to the Tech basketball team account for the success of that organization.

March 2nd of last year showed that any one privileged to write "Armour '09" after his name is equal to the occasion, whether in the field, in the class room, or gliding over the polished floors of the Colonial Club with a pretty girl. In passing, it might be said that they furnished seven players on the college base ball team.