



History of the Class of 1912

Freshmen to the right of them,
Freshmen to the left of them,
Freshmen in front of them,
Hollered and thundered;
Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to turn and fly,
Sophomore one hundred.

The Freshman class of 1912 began its college career under great difficulties, being unable to organize in the beginning of the year and having to hold their first meetings in the open field. However, due to the efforts of the officers of the previous year, with the assistance of the class of 1910, the Freshmen prepared for the coming rush with the Sophomores.

The first demonstration of the superiority of this class was made on the morning of September 13th, at 3 A. M., when five Freshmen raised their first banner on the flag pole on Ogden Field, under the very noses of a mob of Sophomores and several policemen. This flag was removed by the janitors, but the following morning another '12 banner graced the pole and hurled defiance at the awed and bannerless Sophomores.

On Monday night at 12 o'clock about seventy-five Freshmen met at Forty-third street and Indiana avenue, and from there proceeded to where they had their paint and brushes. At the corner of Thirty-third and Calumet the Sophomore "rabble" was encountered. Here was fought the biggest battle in the history of the Institute. After a half hour of fighting most of the Sophs were subdued, and, had it not been for the interference of outside forces, would not have been seen at school the next day.