

## Sophomore Class History

Although somewhat depleted in numbers, the class of 1917 returned to Armour Institute September 8, 1914 to continue their memorable career. They threw off the cognomen, now repulsive to their ears, of "Freshmen" and donned the much more imposing title of "Sophomores," won by a year's earnest endeavor. Early in the year, the Sophomores got together and chose their officers for the year. There were two candidates for president, W. Wollaston and H. Ingraham. Wollaston was elected on the first ballot. E. P. Strandberg was the successful candidate for vice-president. E. A. Zack was re-elected secretary and L. E. Hayes won the election for treasurer. A second meeting was necessary to elect the social committee for the first election disclosed several "stuffed" ballots. In the second election, G. L. Andre, our last years' president was elected Chairman of the social committee. The other members were: A. N. Dryden, L. R. Starkel, H. G. Ingraham, and R. L. Paskill. T. P. Strauch was elected cheer leader and G. W. Cloidt member of the freshman smoker committee.

The "Sophs" soon had their attention called to the impudence of the freshmen who attempted to beautify A.I.T. with some crudely painted 18's. The Sophomores decided that something must be done to curb the boldness of these unsophisticated "frosh" but they patiently waited until the night of the Freshman Smoker, November 20. Then they spirited away the two leaders of the freshman band and made them appear at the smoker, the "Sophs" administered a further setback to the brazenness of their rivals.

Her duty to the "frosh" accomplished, the wearers of the "17" returned to struggle with their Physics and "Math". Some devoted their energy in other lines. On the Fulcrum there are Paskill, Ingraham, and Tronvig. In the field of athletics, "17" eclipses them all. The "Sophs" began to show their athletic prowess early in the year. At the Freshman Handshake, September 18, the "Sophs" swamped the freshmen in a basket ball game by the score of 10 to 0. Then they took on the seniors, who had defeated the juniors and cleaned them up 4 to 0. Again, in the interclass track meet, October 30, the Sophomores showed up the other classes, winning out with a total of 50 points. Tierney and King were the two individual stars. Tierney won the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard dash and the 440 yard run. King won the 100 yard high hurdles and the 220 yard low hurdles. Marvin won the high jump and Williams the half mile. The other point winners were Morse and Schreiber. Last year "17" boasted of three men on the varsity base-ball team. All three, Paskill, Bruce and Hall, are with us again this year. In interclass basketball the "Sophs" were represented by Stafford, Pomeroy, King, Ingraham, Paskill and Shriner. "17" can also boast of the school golf champion, Maguire.

An important sophomore class meeting was held Monday, January 11, 1915, at which a class dance was discussed. Last year "17" gave such an elaborate dance that many hesitated about giving another this year. But so many pledged themselves to go to the dance this year that the most skeptical admitted that we should make it a success. The social committee has secured the Colonial Club for Feb. 26 and indications are that it will be one of the best attended dances this year. At any rate there is the true "17" spirit back of it, a spirit that will make "17" one of the most memorable classes at A. I. T.