



THE CLASSES

Junior Class History

A very deplorable fact concerning the majority of class histories is that they are full of exaggeration and egotism. Why resort to such means? Why not be straightforward and allow one to judge you by your deeds and not your words? It is in its ability to do the latter that the class of '17 rejoices. With this in mind, the following chronicle is written in an attempt to convey to you, in a series of absolute facts, not exaggerated bluff, the achievements of the Junior class.

The class certainly has worked earnestly and energetically, accomplishing much without asking for any earthly praise whatsoever. As Freshmen, they extended their helping hand to every activity in school. In athletics, this hand was strong and sturdy. Without the least antagonistic spirit toward the other classes, we jumped right in the game and nine courteous warriors swamped their champions with the result of annexing the inter-class baseball championship. Three of these brave men (Paskill, Hall, and Bruce) showed such skill at handling the "pill" that they were given berths on the "Tech" team. In track, the class also showed a fighting spirit through the untiring efforts of Tierney, our star dash man, who added further honor by winning many points in the Little Five Conference Meet. In basketball, our standard of speed was as marked as in the other branches, resulting in the production of four varsity men; Lamb, King, Clay, and Greenspahn.

Socially, the class showed a great deal of "pep." The Freshmen dance was one of the most elaborate affairs ever given at Armour. At the smoker, Tech Night, Home Concert, and other functions, the Freshies were always well represented, and helped to make the affairs a success. The Glee and Mandolin clubs certainly had their proportion of '17 men.

Scholastically, the class was declared by the Deans to be the brightest (as measured by grades) that had yet entered the Institute, (no exaggerated bluff). Part of this intelligence was put into the Fulcrum and Cycle.

Before closing this brief narration of our activities in our first year, let me mention the important and extraordinary fact that we subdued our worthy rivals of '16 in great fashion in the annual class "rush," not because we wanted to show them by physical means that we were superior but simply because they were anxiously looking for the whipping they deserved.

Our Sophomore year proved to be more glorious and inspiring than the previous. Our athletic prowess was still evident. Five of our men made letters in baseball, Conway and King being the new additions. Two men made letters in track; i. e. Tierney and King. A victory in the interclass track meet was added to our hall of fame, as well as the golf championship won by Maguire, our lanky "shark," who honored the Institute by winning the Amateur Indoor Golf Championship of Chicago. In addition to these remarkable records in athletics, a victory in the annual "test," the class "rush," was added, the Freshies proving easy "meat."

One certainly was inspired by the progressiveness of the class in its Sophomore year, and could not help but look forward to a most promising Junior year to follow.

The class now has donned the robe of Juniors, and feels assured that from its past achievements they are worthy of the name. It started out with the same barnstorming tactics of previous years, and annexed the interclass baseball championship for the second time. Again in basketball it laid claim to the championship because of its decisive victory over the Seniors, who were the leaders. The interclass track meet was lost by one point, the men, however, showing the same "pep" as of yore. In golf, "Shorty" Maguire again annexed the championship for '17 by defeating one of the most spectacular golf players in this vicinity, our honorable Professor Leigh. Even the indoor championship was added to our laurels. Among the wearers of the "A" in this crowning year of success are King, Conway, Hall, Bruce, and Paskill in baseball; Tierney and Williams in track; Hockenberger and Conway in basketball.

The class was well represented this year in the Rooters' Association, Glee and Mandolin Clubs, and on all committees in charge of such functions as the Smoker, Tech Night, etc.

Taking the situation as a whole, one cannot help but say that the Junior Class has joyfully, honorably, energetically, and enthusiastically gained an unbiased reputation as a true and earnest participator and leader of all activities. From our progression from year to year we leave it to your candid imagination to perceive the deeds of the class when they possess the honorable and deserving name of Seniors.