



THE CLASSES

Freshman Class History

The beginning of the school year of 1915-16 brought to light a very promising collection of Freshmen. It was on September seventh, nineteen hundred fifteen, that the memorable class of '19 began its career of four years solid work at Armour. After calling upon the Hon. Dean Raymond, each student was requested to visit the Registrar with whom we were supposed to have some very important business. This engagement having been fulfilled with some embarrassment, we were ready for a visit to the school store. It was here that we invested in those manuals of useless information, known as text-books. We then repaired to our homes and spent the remainder of the day contemplating as to what the following year would bring forth.

It would not require long for anyone endowed with a common degree of intelligence to realize that our class was "up and coming." The class, for some unknown reason, was a little late in getting organized. Our first meeting was brought about through the initiative of Yeomans. Lou thought it about time that things began to happen, and consequently visited the Dean and arranged for the meeting. He is only one of our splendid examples of a fellow possessing the true Armour spirit. The Hon. Dean Monin presided at our first meeting. After delivering a short address of welcome, he gave the class some advice regarding the choice of officers. He also warned the Architects about their support of the class. The Architects showed their strength in the election when the following officers, Yeomans, president; Alexander, vice-president; Wickes, secretary; and Stone, treasurer, were elected, two of whom are Architects. The committees were to be appointed at the next regular meeting. The class colors chosen were Maroon and Gold. The meeting then adjourned.

The upper classmen, seeming to be intent upon meeting the Freshmen as early as possible, decided to hold the annual handshake early in September. Accordingly, the affair was scheduled for the first Friday evening of the school year. This was a great success and certainly was enjoyed by the Freshies. The elder Armourites showed their skill at entertaining by providing a sociable time.

At about the usual time the annual decorating fever broke out among the Sophs and Freshies, and it was paint at all costs. However, it was seen fit to depart from the usual custom of decorating viaduct and fences for the more practical diversion of waterproofing the sidewalks in the district surrounding the school. Which class accomplished their task with the highest degree of perfection is hard to tell, but where the Sophs procured that particular shade of green is a more doubtful question.

It was not long before we began to hear of whisperings concerning the Freshman Smoker. There was an air of secrecy about things. One of the dignified Seniors, when announcing the event, made an unsuccessful attempt to throw a scare into our midst, much to his disappointment. All the rumors came to naught, and with the exception of the tatooing affair, everything was with the Freshmen. It is hard to tell what a mess there might have been if one of our number hadn't relieved the Sophs of their aged ammunition, which was reposing in a vacant lot.

The chairman of the social committee next announced his intention of holding a banquet. His proposal was supported by the entire class. Many of the pessemistic upper classmen said it couldn't be done, but it was, and if you don't believe that the Freshman Get-together Banquet was a success, ask any Freshman. It was held in the New Morrison Hotel, on Tech Nite. That is not all, we are going to have another before school closes. Watch and see.

The Freshmen showed their colors and true Armour spirit by the way they turned out on Tech Nite. The enthusiasm of those who were there more than accounted for those who were unable to be present. Did we help in the cheers? Well, I guess.

The Freshman Dance was held in the Red Room of the Hotel LaSalle, on the seventh of April. We all know of the excellent music which Chappell's Orchestra provided. Everyone present seemed to enjoy themselves, and the dance will long be remembered by all.

The class has some very fine athletic material in its possession which has not yet come to the surface. In baseball we were not represented, since the class was not organized. However, in track we took third place, and in basketball were able to win two of the six games we played. Our friend "John" has an idea concerning a certain hurdler in our class, and saw fit to hold two of our number on the basketball squad.