

Junior Class History

Early in the month of September, nineteen hundred and fourteen, a large number of young men began their career in Armour Institute. The initial unfamiliarity which they naturally experienced soon wore off as they were drawn into closer relationship with one another, and before many weeks had elapsed they met and formally organized as a Freshman Class. Beaumont, who at this meeting was honored with the presidency, demonstrated his ability to successfully pilot his class during the ensuing year. The class spirit rapidly developed and evinced itself with a display of paint which was well executed. Numerous social events followed which were loyally supported by the Freshmen. The daring and bravery of this class was well illustrated, when it upset all traditions by holding the first dance of the year in the form of a "Freshman Mixer" dance. The affair was a big success in spite of the fact that the "Sophs" attempted to "muss up" things. This class also furnished a number of athletic "stars" during the year of which the following won school emblems: Sandroff, Hullinger, and Evans.

The following September, the Class of '18 returned to Armour for their second lap of college life. An efficient corps of officers was chosen at an early meeting of the newly "branded" Sophomores. Evans was elected president, and filled his position with a dignity and skill which was highly commendable. At the Freshman Handshake which was held at the Hyde Park Y.M.C.A., the Sophomore Class was well represented, and did its share in creating a fraternal spirit with the incoming freshmen. Perhaps the greatest social accomplishment of the year was the Sophomore Dance which was held at the Congress Hotel. This dance was a marked success independent of the fact that it was well attended. Chairman Shotwell and the other members of the class social committee were largely responsible for the favorable outcome of this important event.

In athletic competition the Sophomores surpassed their good performance of the previous year. Anthony won the fall tennis tournament in a field of thirty-two entrants. The various class athletic teams were chosen contenders for the championship in every branch of interclass athletic contests. Kerr, a more recent member of the Class of '18, distinguished himself on most of the "Tech" teams, as a first class athlete. Sandroff, Kerr, Taylor, and Hullinger were awarded "A's" for their service on school teams. Shortly before the school year expired a class meeting was held for the election of members of the present Cycle Staff. Stevers was presented with the chief editorship.

After having endured the hot summer weather most of the class members decided that school, after all, was the more favorable form of torture. About ninety started this year by "labeling" themselves Juniors. The annual Freshman Handshake was well attended. The Armour Quartette sang several songs which were heartily enjoyed by all. Mann, a Junior representative on this quartette, proved himself invaluable as a vocalist. The election of class officers was soon held. Those elected were: Puschel, president; Taylor, vice-President; Marx, secretary; and Johnson, treasurer. A number of Juniors acted as referees in the Freshman-Sophomore sack rush. The plans for the rush were promoted by a joint committee of the upper classes. The program was carried out without a hitch, and furnished abundant amusement for the spectators. The annual class dance this year was given December 15, in the Red Room of Hotel La Salle.

The Juniors started the athletic season by furnishing a champion golf player in the person of W. S. Eagle. The class basketball team was unfortunate in losing the championship. Captain Kerr's team was tied with the Seniors at the end of the series with seven games won and two lost. The "play off" game was won by the Seniors. The Junior indoor baseball team has administered two defeats to outside teams. The first game was won from the Sinai social center indoor team with a 4 to 3 score, and the second game was won from the Palmer Park team with a score of 5 to 2.