

## Senior Class History

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DO we, the members of the Class of 1919, not remember that momentous day of September 7, 1915 when we sought our way from all parts of the world to the Armour Institute of Technology at Thirty-third and The Tracks, where we were to spend the next four years at faithful labor in an effort to prepare ourselves for our life work? It was with a feeling of great expectation not unmingled with a feeling of apprehension of what was before us that we registered and started upon our courses of study.

It was somewhat later than usual for the organization of the Freshman Class that we became organized. This action was due to the initiative of Lou Yoemans, who obtained permission from the Deans for holding our first class-meeting. Yoemans was elected to guide our destinies throughout that year.

Early in the year the upper-classmen wished to show their welcome to us, and held the Freshman Handshake, which was well attended and gave us an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the men who had been through the troubles which were just beginning for us. The next event of importance was the Freshman Smoker which was held in Grand Boulevard Hall. After the entertainment at the hall, in which entertainment Bob Lorentz was forced to participate, we all adjourned to Washington Park where we proceeded to show the Sophomores that we were good fighters even if we were green. Other events of the year were the banquet which was held at the New Morrison Hotel on Tech Night and the Freshman Dance which was held in the Red Room of the La Salle Hotel.

In September 1916 many of us were able to return to school, but there were several whom we missed. Too, there were several new men who had joined their fortunes with ours.

We did not take much part in the Freshman Handshake, for we wished to reserve our welcome for the Freshies until later. This year the class scrap was held in the form of a sack rush on a vacant lot west of the school. We were outnumbered and beaten, but not a member of the class of '20 can say that they had an easy time of it. It ended with a good spirit between the classes and, together with the smoker which was held after the rush, marks one of the successes of the year.

The Soph banquet was not the success which it should have been but the dance and all other social activities which were undertaken were surely great, and those who did not attend these affairs missed some mighty good times.

The Junior year was filled with many activities which detracted somewhat from the usual course of events but not nearly to the extent to which things were interrupted during the Senior year. However, many activities were given up in order to prepare ourselves for service for our country; therefore no one regrets any of the pleasures which he was forced to give up.

During the Junior year we had charge of the Cycle, which was necessarily smaller on account of existing conditions; we had two very successful dances and