

## Freshman Class History

**B**EFORE the class had become organized, the Y. M. C. A. showed the members a good time at the annual Freshman handshake. We were the guests of the Hyde Park department, and were treated royally. It was a genuine handshake, and the fellows knew each other like old friends before they left. Everyone enjoyed Dean Monin's talk, in which he gave us considerable information which has been of value to us. The swimming exhibition and contests were enjoyed, as were the basketball games and the talk by a "Y" man on his experiences overseas.

Our class had an experience which was unique in the history of Freshman classes. There never was a class which had the army enter its life as this one had. From authentic reports, the Armour branch of the Students Army Training Corps was the best in the country, and the Freshmen had much to do with its success. Many men came to Armour because of the chance to be in college and in the army at the same time, and so the ranks of the unit were swelled considerably by Freshmen, who comprised about one-half of the total number. The men were benefited in many ways by their army life, and they had many enjoyable experiences. Among the notable happenings during the régime of the S. A. T. C. were the big dance and Peace Day, which will never be forgotten.

On December 19, 1918 the class held its first meeting. Mr. Rensch gave us a start on our political career, acting as chairman until we elected Edwin G. Walker as class president. We then elected Robert P. Burns, vice-president; Jeff Corydon, secretary; Henry W. Herbst, treasurer and Howard S. Faber, sergeant-at-arms. Walker appointed Vickers as athletic representative, and Maguire, K. G. Sedgwick, Carlson, Gray and Vanderbee as members of the social committee. The following yell was suggested and immediately adopted by the class:

Show your pep! Watch your step!  
 We're the class that's got the rep!  
 Son—of—a—gun! Son—of—a—who?  
 Nineteen—twenty—two!

The class basketball team was made up of good men, and although they were working under heavy odds, they came out as well as the Sophomores, for which the class bought them numerals.

We should have liked to have a chance to clean up the sophs in the yearly rush, but circumstances were such that the rush could not be held, and so we made up for it by our stunts on circus day.

The last, best, and biggest thing of the year for the Class was the Freshman Informal. It was a regular old Armour dance, given where regular old Armour dances were always given, at Hotel La Salle. Our class was the first since the close of the war to revive the old custom of giving these affairs at the La Salle and we certainly returned like the prodigal son. The dance was a genuine success, and much credit is due to the social committee as a whole and especially to Chairman Maguire, whose indefatigable energy made our dance the great success of the year. There was a good floor, good music, good refreshments, and good dancing partners. What more could there be in a dance but these? Even the upper class men condescended to say that it was a real dance.

Taking everything into consideration the Class of '22 had a full year, despite the fact that the S. A. T. C. interfered considerably with the usual order of affairs.