

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS

September twelfth, nineteen twenty-one, was the date on which some two hundred twenty-five young men embarked upon their college career. Embarked—because a few days at Armour put most of them at sea. Though time pressed with thoughts of “descript” and “college algebra,” the members of the class organized early, electing S. L. Cartwright President, Joseph H. Wynn Vice-President, Harry P. Whitehill Secretary, Carl Olsen Treasurer, and Milton Westerberg Athletic Representative.

Soon after the class was organized, the Freshmen put in their bid for the Inter-Class Indoor Baseball championship, with a snappy though hastily organized team. Having but little practice they met the Juniors, Seniors and Sophomores, but due to the organization of the older classes, the Freshmen had to content themselves with the small end of the scores.

During the baseball season, the Freshman Handshake was held at the Hyde Park Y. M. C. A. A fine program was presented consisting of The Antics of Sailor Scotty, the boy who “grose,” a talk by Dr. Scherger, on the Y. M. C. A., short talks by the representatives of the Armour Engineer and Cycle, and a description of the A. I. T. Clubs by E. Walter Geisler. Floyd Brown of the Freshman Class gave an exhibition of modern mysticism and Blausfuss’ orchestra entertained with high class jazz music. Refreshments were served and the pleasant evening was concluded with a game of basketball.

The Inter-Class Basketball Games showed the “makings” of the Freshman Class. Its team, picked from some thirty high school champs, met the Juniors in the Armour Gym, and retaliated for the trimming received in baseball. Having carefully watched the game, the Seniors refused to play when their game was scheduled. The Sophomores, however, by extraordinary playing carried away the championship by two points. Przbylski, Jacobson, Plocar, Greenleaf and Springer are the men to whom credit is due for the good showing made.

About this time, a bee began buzzing somewhere, and lit on a Junior, stinging him with the idea of getting a *free show* out of the Freshman Class. The Junior Class heartily approved the idea, the Deans O. K.’d it and C. W. Hauth put it up to the Freshmen. Although the idea as presented November 16th, was rather vague, the Class sanctioned it and elected Chas. C. Kruse Chairman of the Committee to stage a “Frosh Frolic.”

From November 16th until December 7th, The Gym Belles, Sophie Tucker and The Lure of the Wild Doughnut were names that aroused considerable questioning around the school. While staging the rehearsal and getting ready for the show, the Committee had its troubles, but managed to present the First Frosh Frolic, December 7th, 1921, in the Armour Assembly Hall.

Dean Raymond suggested to the audience that the Frosh Frolic be made an annual affair and received their unanimous approval.

The annual Freshman Dance was held April 21st, in the Red Room of the Hotel LaSalle. It was very well attended and those who participated enjoyed themselves immensely.