

ATHLETICS

The Armour Tech Athletic Association and Student Union

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Although the Armour Tech Athletic Association and Student Union is too young as yet to have acquired a "past," the splendid support which it has received from students and faculty during its first year of existence proves that the principles for which it stands and the enthusiasm which it voices have long existed at Armour. Without such a fine spirit of coöperation such an organization could not exist. An all-student association requires an all-student support and an all-student loyalty so that it may with credit and with success achieve its ambition to be of service to the institution which it represents. The officers who have been honored with the task of guiding this enterprise through the first year of its history realize that, without this splendid encouragement, their efforts would have been of little value. All of the past of the Armour Institute of Technology has in reality been the past of this Association, for with the growth of the school has come the growth of a fine spirit of coöperation. An enthusiastic and harmonious student body, a distinguished and sympathetic faculty, a President who was in hearty sympathy with any movement which was in accord with progress—these were the elements which made the year of 1922 the opportune time for the launching of such an organization as the Armour Tech Athletic Association and Student Union.

The past year has seen the establishment of an activity fee with which it has been possible to promote boxing, wrestling, swimming, track, tennis and golf. Basketball and baseball have become more prominent. All teams have been taking more extensive trips and the most prominent teams of the middle west are now on our schedules. Proper facilities for all our teams have been provided. An extensive football inquiry has been promoted which has resulted in some interesting plans for the future. The Glee Club, under the supervision of the Association, has developed into an organization with an enviable reputation. The song and cheer contest conducted by the Association has given to Armour songs and cheers that will carry on the spirit of Armour in the future. Yes, the Association of the present is an institution of achievement. It has proved its worth and kept its trust.

The possibilities for the future are almost limitless. It does not require the vision of a prophet to see the activities and the usefulness of this organization reaching out until every individual, from the newest freshman to the oldest alumnus, feels the efforts of its endeavor. It should be the mainspring of enthusiasm to connect the active members of the school with those who have gone out into other fields. It should enlarge its scope until its work is of the utmost value to the administrative powers. It should keep pace with the spirit of progress that is at work in the school leading slowly and surely toward a greater Armour.

In athletics this organization has within its power the opportunity to place Armour among the major schools of the middle west. The Association should foster and champion every sport. In student activities this organization has within its power the creation of a spirit that will become the organized and directed energy, the unified purpose, and the driving power of the school.