

ATHLETICS

The Armour Tech Athletic Association and Student Union

In the three years prior to 1922, the need for some sort of an organization which would bring the students, faculty, and alumni closer together, and which would organize and thereby strengthen the activities of the college, arose. This need which had long been felt to a lesser degree, was gradually making itself obvious to the entire body of people interested in the welfare of the Institute. The climax came in the year 1922, when some of the students with more vision than their fellows began to exchange ideas and views, and to take steps towards organization. As a result of the ideas these men stirred up, Harold Munday was appointed with six other men, to constitute the representative body of the students in the forming of what was to prove to be an organization of greatest benefit to the school.

The time for the organization of such an institution as the Athletic Association was most propitious. An enthusiastic student body, a sympathetic faculty, a live Alumni Club, and a President who would back them to the limit, all were waiting for the launching of just such a scheme as was proposed, that unity might lead to strength.

The avowed objects of this organization were manifold, and covered many fields. It intended to foster a unified Armour school spirit; to organize and systematize inter-class and inter-fraternity relations; to establish new and maintain the old class and school customs and traditions; to make certain the place for athletics at Armour; in short, to serve as mediator between the faculty and student body, between the student and the Professor. Although its name was Athletic Association, it took under its wing and lent help to all activities. The musical clubs, the literary clubs, and the teams representing Armour in the various sports—all owe an account to the A. T. A. A.

The question of control was settled by vesting the management of its affairs in what is known as the Board of Athletic Control. This Board at present includes three faculty members, an Executive Council of three, and six student representatives, one from each class, one from the musical clubs and one from the Athletic Association. Then there are two managers, one of whom handles inter-class contests and one of whom takes care of inter-fraternity relations.

Although the Association and Student Union are still young, much has been accomplished by their efforts. There is a greater interest being taken in all the activities, the teams are going on longer trips, are playing bigger teams some of whose reputations are feared all over the middle west. There is keener competition in the inter-class and fraternity sports. And besides this we have more tangible evidence of the work of the organization. Under its direction the school tennis courts were made. Its hand chooses the cheer leaders who are to organize the rooting and so on.

If the past accomplishments are any indication of what we may look for from A. T. A. A. in days to come, its future is full of hope and promise.