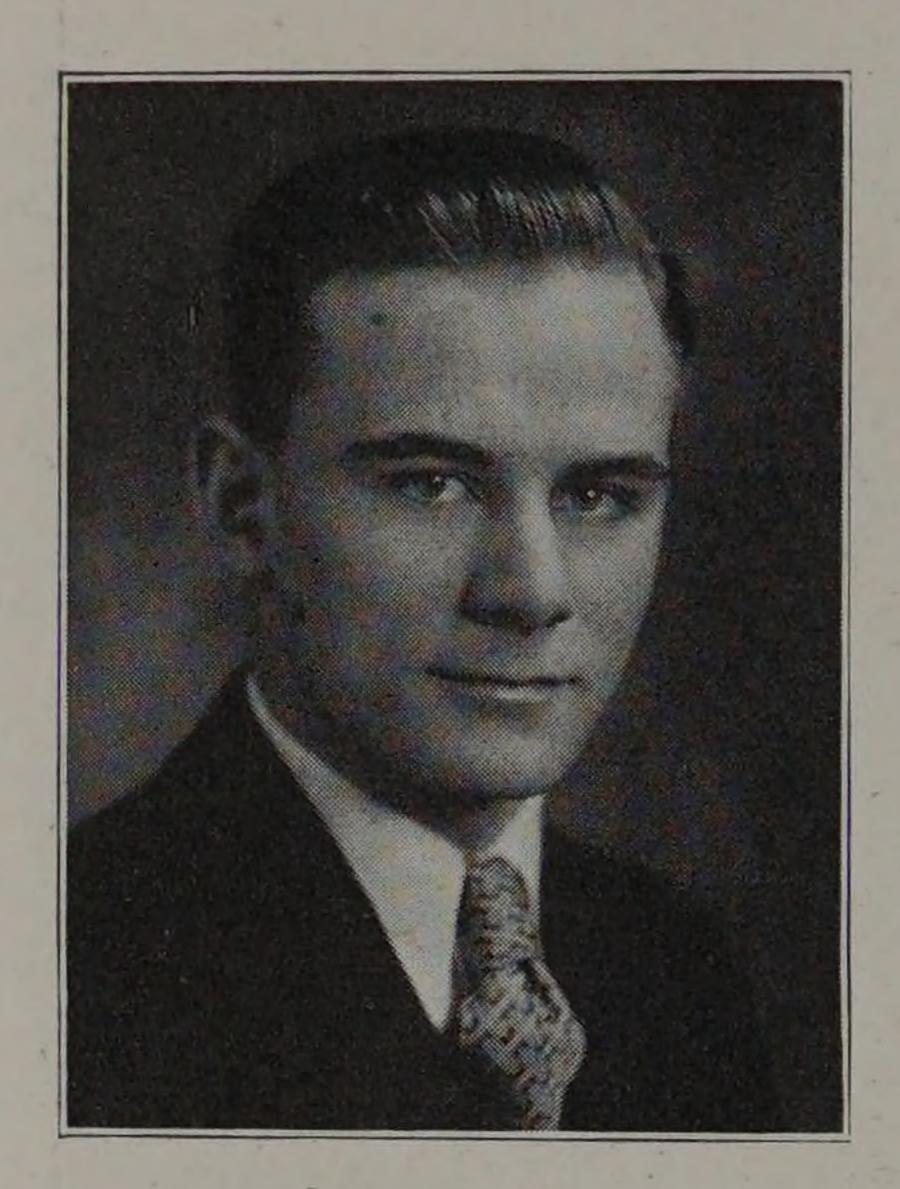
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The school of architecture of the Art Institute of Chicago was founded in 1889. It was one of the branches of the Institute in their courses of instruction in art. The students in architecture were to have surroundings of artistic culture.

By 1893 a two year course was offered and as stated in the school catalogue of the season, "The Art Institute course in architecture will be extended to three years immediately and to four years as soon as possible."

At this time the instructors included Louis J. Millet, Walter Shartuck, William Otis and other men and women of equal prominence in the art of architectural circles of Chicago. The collection of architectural casts sent by the French Government to the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, "The Tracadero Collection" were turned over to the Art Institute and were used by the architectural students. The library of the Art Institute included about 200 books on architecture.

