

THE A. T. A. A. INFORMAL DINNER 1931

The Second Annual Armour Tech Athletic Association Informal Dinner for the athletes of Armour was held on the evening of May 25, 1931, in College Hall of the University Club.

In the spring of 1930, the A. T. A. A. conceived the idea of having an annual banquet in honor of the men who keep the spirit of athletic competition alive at Armour. To it are invited all those men who have earnestly tried for a place on one of the Tech teams, whether or not he has won an award.

The site of the banquet was ideal, being as it was, in an atmosphere of collegiate activity and influence. The one hundred thirty-two young men present were greeted with a beautiful vista of shining damask-clad tables and glistening silver and glassware as they entered College Hall. At the speakers' table, on a slightly elevated dais, were reserved places for President Raymond, Dean Penn, Athletic Director Schommer, Mr. Allison, and the officers of the A. T. A. A.

Professor John J. Schommer served as an excellent and highly successful toastmaster, making an interesting short talk regarding the athletic possibilities at Armour. Dr. Raymond gave a really humorous discourse on his own athletic career, and Dean Penn, bringing the topics down to a more serious vein, spoke of his policies as regards athletics for the undergraduate, and especially the technical student.

JUNIOR FORMAL

Armour conducts only one formal dinner-dance during the school year, and this glorious finale' to Tech's social activity is under the direction of the Junior class. Holding to tradition, the formal was presented as a brilliant climax to Junior Week, and was on the evening of Friday the thirteenth of May.

The Junior social committee had wisely selected the very beautiful ballroom of the

Drake Hotel, and had obtained the services of Johnny Maitland's orchestra.

The dinner was indeed a piece of culinary skill, and with the artistic and delightfully unusual favors presented to the feminine guests, is it any wonder that the memory of this rapturous evening will live long in the hearts of each young couple in attendance.

FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE INFORMAL

For the first time in Armour's social history, an informal sponsored by two classes was presented. This dance, the third of the season, sponsored by both the freshman and sophomore groups, was held on Friday, April fifteenth.

The committee, under the able leadership of the co-chairmen, F. E. Headen, '34, and G. W. Wheaton, '35, selected the gorgeous Gold Room of the Congress Hotel as an ideal setting. Our informals have always been presided over by prominent orchestras, and this time as "Tweet" Hogan and his orchestra were at hand to provide the necessary melodious strains.

INTERHONORARY DANCE

Social activity is not the purpose of the organization of any of the honorary societies at Armour. However, even the brilliant scholars, journalists, and musicians of Tech must seek recreation at times. The Honorary Fraternity Council has annually presented an informal dance, the privilege of attendance being accorded only those boasting membership or pledgeship in one or more of the honor societies.

The attendance was, of course, entirely of juniors, and seniors, and it seemed almost inevitable that a slight feeling of melancholy should prevail; the men realizing, as they do, that soon they will leave behind them such enjoyable pleasures as this, and such solid friendships as are cemented by kindred interests and fraternity brotherhood.