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Three years ago last fall, some two hundred hopeful high school graduates were making plans to enter Armour. Ambitious and enthusiastic they were all stimulated with the desire to become engineers. They had set graduation from the Institute as their goal. But their goal was breached by a void that was shadowed by four dark years of difficult preparatory training. However, few of this entering class considered this obstacle seriously. Young and carefree they thought only of their final year as Seniors. Cocksure, the warnings that had been given by their friends were considered lightly. It was only after school had been in session a week or two that they realized that life was going to be different than they had expected. Engineering training, they found, was difficult. Descript, Math 101, Chemistry and Chem lab reports required a surprisingly great amount of time. To many of the class the Freshman year appeared to be a hopeless struggle. Discouraged by warnings from instructors, scholarship notices and low grades, a number of men dropped out of the class during the first year. The Sophomore year seemed to be equally hard, and even the Junior year which many expected to be easier required careful study and preparation. Study habits were completely formed as the class emerged as Seniors, and school work appeared to be easier. Now, as the class looks back upon the four years that have been spent at Armour it finds much of the hardship that was formerly faced, hidden by enjoyable times that have been spent at school. Pressed as the class has always been, there has never-the-less been time to engage in a well rounded athletic and social program.

The Class of '38 was most successful in interclass and interdepartmental athletic activities. During the Freshman year of the Class, an untried and unknown team was entered in the basketball tourna-

ment to represent the class. Unfamiliar as this squad was with Armour competition, the team proved to be a combination that was highly successful. Its first game was scheduled against the favored Sophomore squad. Ratings proved to be of no avail to the Sophs, however, as the Freshman team administered a defeat that the entire class enjoyed. The Sophomore class lost by a score of 30 to 19. Encouraged by this victory, the squad anxiously awaited its game with the Seniors. The Class won this game by a score of 18 to 10 and annexed the coveted interclass basketball championship. Jubilant the class awaited the interclass track meet scheduled at the fieldhouse of the University of Chicago. There the Class' representatives captured first place in five major events and won the championship when it floored an experienced team of Seniors.

In the following year the team entered a baseball team in interdepartmental competition. This team secured second place in the contest, and convinced the Class that baseball titles were likewise within reach. When the basketball tournament opened, the Class of '38 was ready and willing to engage in games with any of the remaining classes. This competition title was likewise secured after the Class' squad defeated a strong team of Juniors by a score of 21 to 14. As defending champions in the interdepartmental track meet, the Class received severe competition from all of the opposing teams. The team that was entered emerged victoriously after it defeated the Senior squad. During this same year the Class challenged the Freshmen to an unprecedented and unofficial game of tackle football. In a stimulating contest held at Armour Square, the Class easily won obtaining a score of 14 to 0. The third year of interclass competition found the Class with a strong baseball team as its representative. This group defeated the Senior team 4 to 3 and