

WILL OLD ORDER TOPPLE IN FRATERNITY MIX-UP?

**Stempkowski Weighs Facts
Pro and Con But Upsets
Still Loom Large**

INTERCLASS FRAY ONE-SIDED

By C. L. STEMPKOWSKI

Prior to the commencement of inter-school basketball competition, there is a great deal of comment and discussion centered about the underdogs and favorites who contemplate entering the race for class or fraternity honors.

The vital question that now flourishes within the sport circles of the school is, "Can last year's champs, Phi Pi Phi, and the Juniors, retain their prestige as the big guns in the coming scholastic contests?"

The answer to this question is bound up in the record that they will establish this season, and will not be divulged before that time. The passing of time soon plays havoc with school teams, and they are forced to relegate their past records to a shelf up in the attic and start anew in reconstructing and rebuilding before they are qualified to play a role in the popular picture.

Phi Pi's Champs for 10 Years

For the last ten years the Phi Pi's have enjoyed a reputation that has not yet been paralleled. Three school generations have made up the Phi Pi roster and each has carried on the unfaltering work of its ancestors. They have blotted out all other fraternity teams during these ten consecutive years and have retained the much coveted floating trophies. Today, they are in permanent possession of three cups for basketball, and have already garnered one leg on the trophy which is up for this season's competition.

Other Teams Strong

But somewhere, some place, there may be a big surprise that will loom up and upset the predictions of local basketball prophets. The forthcoming season as yet conceals a great deal of the hidden truth, but should there be a sudden, unexpected revelation of the secrets kept subrosal by the other fraternities in regard to their teams, the dope bucket will get an awful wallop.

At one time, the present champs were entrenched in the rut and were unheard of as far as basketball supremacy was concerned. But their stock rose rapidly to lofty heights until it reached a mark well over par; then it refused to drop and thus the Phi Pi's maintained their premier distinction.

Gamble and Dawson in Charge

John W. Gamble, '29, director of inter-fraternity basketball, is reluctant to advance any opinion on the outcome of the ensuing campaign, but believes that the present champions will mix in more bitterly contested affairs than they ever have in the past.

Seniors Favorites

As for inter-class competition, the Seniors are considered the favorites and the Juniors will probably be forced to bid adieu to their championship hopes.

The Seniors have a great advantage over the other teams inasmuch as they have captured the honors last year while they were only "three-year-olds."

James Dawson, promoter of inter-class competition, foresees good qualities in the Juniors and Sophomores, but feels as though the Seniors have a marked advantage.

Schedules Will Be Drawn Up Soon

At present, both Gamble and Dawson are drawing up schedules for the annual fall games and hope to have something definite in a few days. The games will be played on the same order as last year. Two sections will be drawn up in both inter-class and inter-fraternity games, and the winner of each section will compete for the coveted honor.

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Class Teams Recruit Array of Notables

If signs aren't deceiving, or if signatures don't lie, then the coming interclass basketball rivalries will be a free-for-all in which we will find a smattering of every kind of a notable, from literati to boxing champions, and from super-seniors to teachers' pets.

All this information was contained on the bulletin board in the main building, and the signatures of these high-hatted gentlemen as they appeared on the application blanks. Since such prominent men have added their John Hancocks to the recruiting list, the coming interclass entanglements will probably be mapped out with a neat program consisting of an inaugural speech, a song, and then a few bloody rounds of boxing which will end up in a shooting duel.

For instance, the senior class offerings contain among their recruiting list the famous tennis wizard, Jennings; the captain of the golf team; about three men of the staff of the "Engineer"; the editor of the "Cycle"; a track star; a leading member of the senior Social Committee; the school boxing champ; and a few of the school politicians.

At present the freshmen lead the other classes in the number of aspiring candidates. Seventy-six signatures and two X's (presumably a few frosh struggling yet with their ABC's) appear on the bulletin board and are awaiting the whistle which is to throw the combatants into action for supremacy.

Larkin Returns After Appendicitis Operation

Maxwell C. Larkin, '31, captain of the boxing team, was back in school Monday morning, after being indisposed for two weeks because of an operation for appendicitis. Larkin was taken ill on Oct. 29, and was forced to undergo an operation. He was out only two weeks. Larkin is a

Grid-Iron Queries

By Professor John J. Schommer

(Ed. Note: Professor John J. Schommer, conference umpire, and leading authority on football, will answer through this column, any questions on football which are puzzling our readers. Questions should be dropped into the NEWS contribution box, located on the first floor of the main building.)

Question 8: What are the duties of the officials? (C. J.)

Ans.: The referee is responsible for the ball and the umpire is responsible for the men. The head linesman is in charge of the yard stick and measures off the distances gained or lost. The field judge keeps the time and is an assistant to the referee and umpire.

Question 9: Side A has possession of the ball and throws a pass which is intercepted by B and in the meantime, a man from side A commits a foul on a man from side B. Does the side B have a choice of taking possession of the ball or will side A be given the penalty and resume offensive play? (J. H.)

Answer: Side B, the offended team, may elect either to take the gain or give side A the penalty.

Question 10: If a man from side A punts the ball and it does not cross the line of scrimmage, is it a free ball? (R. E.)

Answer: Yes. If B recovers, it is B's ball, and if A recovers it, it is A's down. Furthermore, if this circumstance happens on the fourth down the ball goes over to B at the point of recovery.

member of Phi Kappa Sigma.

With the return of the captain, the boxing team will again be able to resume its activities with proper zest.

Thru The Hoop

By J. R. Yount

Coach Kraft has started something new in basketball at Armour—he's cutting the squad.

At Armour a man isn't supposed to be cut, he just naturally stops coming out.

However, there are four Tau Bet's on the squad this year, not to mention a few lesser luminaries, and it is hoped that these men will keep the team average up.

Captain Johnnie Manz is president of Tau Beta Pi, and Ray Stellar, Novo Ewing, and Jeff Rowley have been sporting Tau Beta pledge buttons.

Practice has been switched to the Armory at 35th and Giles.

The baskets at the Armory are few and far between.

The fact is, a man running from one end of the floor to the other gets his "second" wind a little way past the center.

Glass backboards have been installed so that things are just like in the big leagues—only not quite so good.

We play Notre Dame at South Bend on December 10, and although Armour has never beaten Notre Dame in basketball, you can't sometimes never always tell, things usually happen when you least expect them most.

Well, there being nothing further to say, we'll say nothing further.

Since cigarettes are taboo with the candidates, the main entrance should not be littered up the way it has been in the past.

Stan Ott says "this game's a game of grace". He's right. Good gracious! Some of the men are "graceful."

Instead of fighting the ball, most of the fellows had trouble keeping their hands and feet from getting twisted. What's wrong? Aen't they mates?

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Now Work Out At Armory

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During the past two weeks Kraft has been taking things easy, while the eighty volunteers, by a process of self-elimination, boiled down to a workable number, thus saving him the embarrassment of cleaning house of the large number who only thought they knew how to play basketball.

Knee-Caps Need Elbow Grease

Even the regulars have a good lot of rust to scrape out of their knee joints, for a long summer of leisure and laziness is certainly not conducive to speed on the basket floor. For a while the coach looked seriously worried for fear that in spite of the fact that he had eighty turnouts, he would not be able to find a handful that could locate the hoop.

His wrinkled brow was not long in smoothing over, however, after he saw a few of the men in action, for the squeeks and groans of the knee caps and elbows rapidly took their place with the moth balls.

A home and home game with Northwestern College of Naperville, the latest addition to the schedule, is the announcement which Cal Johnson, the manager of the team, has to make.

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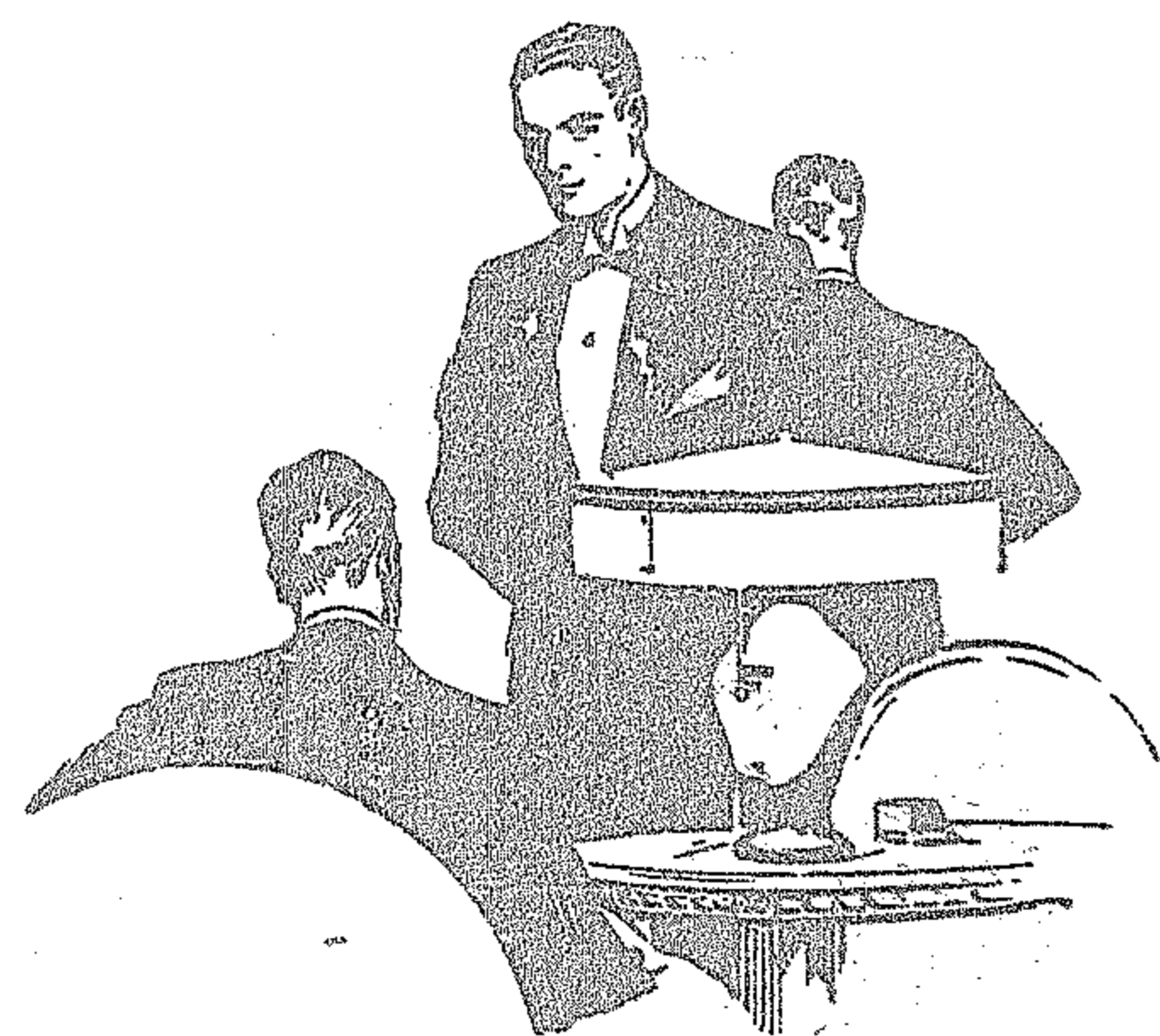
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