

## WANT TALL MEN FOR BASKETBALL TEAM THIS YEAR

### Krafft to Issue Call for Basketball Material Soon

#### PIN HOPE ON FRESHMEN

Although football is occupying the sport limelight now, Armour will turn to basketball when Coach Krafft issues his call for material next week.

Krafft has only two major letter men on which to build his team this year. Captain Simpson, forward, and Rossing, center, are ready to hold down their positions. Robin, center, and Ott, a forward, were awarded minor letters and will return this season.

Carlson and Rutkowski, squad men of last year, will attempt to win regular berths. Rumors say that Don Paul, shot-put expert, will be out this year. Don is no slouch at the cage game. Miran, who was forced from the squad because of an injury last year, is also expected to play.

#### Depend on Freshmen

Coach Krafft does not consider the prospects very promising. If a good bunch of freshmen appear for practice he will probably modify his expectations of a lean year.

A couple of hefty guards would fit in nicely, and a six-footer or two would be useful. Last year five games were lost by one or two points. Tall men, with their added ability for follow-up shots, would undoubtedly have saved those games.

The first two or three weeks of practice will be held on the school gym. Last year about 70 men reported for early practice. This squad was carefully sized up by Krafft and soon cut to about thirty. These were drilled on fundamentals for the entire time in the small gym in the main building. Only a few scrimmages were attempted to get the men into condition.

As soon as the squad goes to the Armory it's a different story. Practice is much more intent. Scrimmage occupies a good part of this practice, and the fifteen or twenty lucky men begin a hard winter.

#### Announce Definite Games

Coach Krafft and Manager Faulstich announce that eight out of a probable sixteen games have been definitely scheduled.

#### Tentative Basketball Schedule

Dec. 17, Y. M. C. A. College at Armour.

Dec. 19, Chicago Normal College at Armour.

Jan. 11, Northwestern University (McKinlock) at Northwestern.

Jan. 16, Augustana at Augustana.

Jan. 21, Northwestern University (McKinlock) at Armour.

Jan. 23, Armour at Chicago Normal College.

Jan. 29, De Kalb at Armour.

Feb. 6, Armour at De Kalb.

Feb. 8, Armour at Y. M. C. A. College.

Feb. 14, Augustana at Armour.

Tentative games, according to Faulstich, include the Alumni Michigan, State Normal, Detroit University or St. Mary's College, and Lake Forest. A tentative trip to Ypsilanti and Detroit is scheduled for Feb. 20-21.

Watch the bulletin board for a definite call for practice. Everybody out!

Swimming has now started in genuine earnest. The men report to the University of Chicago at least twice a week for practice.

Believing there should be more cheering and less gossip at Ohio University football games, the authorities have ordained that no longer may the men and women sit together in the stands. An occasional wave of the hand or a shout will be the only means of greeting after the two groups have assembled for the game.

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## Turnout Large for Boxing Squad

Twenty-five enthusiastic aspirants for Armour's purported 1929-1930 boxing team flocked to the gymnasium last Tuesday, responding to Coach Weissman's call for leather punchers.

This assemblage of fisticuffs represented the largest turnout that has ever congregated for such a cause. The galaxy of pugs was composed of a mixture of veterans and debutants. There were men with high school experience and others who received training in amateur fights. Some of the men reported having no previous training but their attitude seemed to signify that they possessed boxing proclivities that could be developed.

The appointment of B. Weissman, a DePaul alumnus, as boxing coach, perhaps served as the stimulant that aroused the overwhelming interest that took root when the clarion was sounded for boxing material.

#### Veterans Back

All of last year's letter men, eight in number, are back and will attempt to regain their former berths. They will be confronted with a good deal of competition, but this will no doubt bring on the elimination of the less talented and prompt the survival of the fittest. Several of the lettermen have taken on more weight and will be obliged to make bids for a position with a heavier division.

No member will be at liberty to assume that he has his position cinched, since there are so many aspirants. This, incidentally burdens Weissman to some extent but when the task of selecting the representatives is completed, better results will invariably arise.

The large turn-out of pugs however, has not settled Weissman's problem of finding a good heavy-weight and featherweight. There is a great need for men to fill these vacancies and all candidates desiring tryouts will be given a cordial welcome.

Armour's veteran staff of boxers is composed of N. D. Buehling, Capt. Sandstrom, J. Taylor, Schwartz, Larkin, Whitfield, Nelson and Strauch. The managerial position is held by Leon J. Steck, '30.

Practice session hereafter will be held regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays in the gymnasium.

Students returning to Ohio University this fall viewed for the first time the new \$185,000 football stadium, with a seating capacity of 12,000, now virtually completed. The stadium is supposed to be one of the most beautiful in the state of Ohio, the greater part being faced with brick to harmonize with the California redwood seats.

Airplane equipment valued at \$10,000 has been donated to the University of Pittsburgh by the War Department for teaching and research work. The War Department furnishes all universities with equipment to be used and studied and also a complete list of all obsolete parts upon request. This equipment is not to be used for flying.

"Have a mint, Senator?"

"Certainly not, I'm not open to bribery."

## Gridiron Queries

By Professor John J. Schommer

(Editor's note: Professor John J. Schommer, star player, conference umpire, and leading football authority, will answer through this column, any questions on football which are puzzling our readers. Questions may be submitted to the Sports Editor, A. H. Jens, or they may be placed in the Armour Tech News box which is located in the main building adjacent to the elevator on the first floor.)

Question 1: Man of offensive team is about to receive a pass. Player of defensive team on seeing that he cannot intercept the pass or "break it up" makes a diving tackle at the player thinking that the ball was caught. His tackle interferes with the catch causing the ball to hit the ground. What does the referee rule?

Answer 1: If defense tackler strikes the receiver of the pass before the ball is touched, the official rules interference. Penalty in this case—"loss of ball at spot of interference." So the offense would procure the ball at spot of interference with first down.

Question 2: Player of offensive team is running for a touchdown, he drops the ball then picks it up and continues for the goal line. Does the new fumble rule deprive him of the right to do this?

Answer 2: The offensive can always recover a fumble and run with it. For the defensive the ball is dead at spot of recovery after ball strikes ground.

Question 3: Coach of offensive team sends player on the field to substitute for another. If the offensive team in the meantime makes a play before the player reports to the referee, can the defensive team rule that twelve men were on the playing field?

Answer 3: He can, but the rule says the referee need not penalize unless the twelfth player interferes with the play.

Question 4: What is the maximum penalty that a referee can impose upon a team before another play is made following the one in which the offense was committed?

Answer 4: Suspension of a player from the game and loss of half the distance to the goal line.

Question 5: One of the rules in football prohibits a player who is substituting for another to talk until the next play is completed. Is he subjected to penalty for saying something so insignificant as "Fight," "come on," "let's go," etc.?

Answer 5: Yes, because these words may convey a signal which is to be used.

Question 6: What is meant by possession and control?

Answer 6: "Possession and control" of a ball means the ball is not juggling nor slipping but that the player has such control he can handle the ball at will.

Declaring that the dictation and enforcement of freshman rules should be in the hands of the faculty, one professor at Victoria University recently forbade the freshmen to enter his lectures with the required yellow ties.

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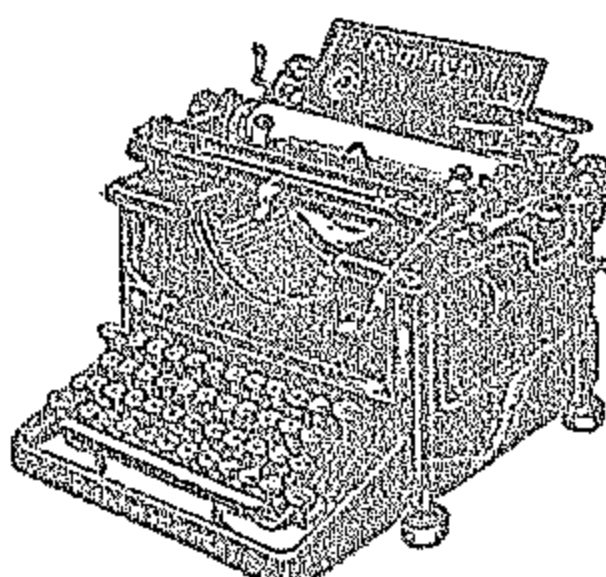
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## Sophs Best Bet for Cage Title

Armour's next inter-class meet will be shifted to Coach Krafft's emporium, the school gymnasium, where the four class teams will endeavor to settle their class basketball supremacy.

Actual competition will not get under way until the latter part of next month, but the selection of managers and players will begin very shortly. A full month's time for training should prove very advantageous to the respective teams, for then their games will be truly representative of their relative strength.

If last year's results are to have any bearing on this season's outcome, it can be safely predicted that the sophomores loom up as the most serious contenders for the forthcoming interclass meet.

Last year's conquerors of the inter-class basketball contest have graduated. The runners-up are the sophomores, while the juniors who are generally conceded a probable chance of winning don't seem to have that chance this year, inasmuch as they were eliminated last year by this year's sophomore class.

It will be further remembered that the Sophs while only freshmen last year nearly defeated the seniors. They led the graduates 11-10 at the end of the third quarter and did not relinquish their lead until the last four minutes of play.

Carlson, a regular of the Varsity squad, McClellan, Laden, Billings, Stalzer and Leichtenberg will probably form the second year squad. Rowley and Smith are delegated to handle the brunt of work on the senior team. The juniors will have Mago, Miran, and Rutkowski.

Little is known of the freshman team, but they will no doubt place a good quintet on the floor.

All managers for the class teams will be selected by the class presidents. It is expected that the selections will be made within the next week.

## TECH SHORTS

Now that the Juniors are crowned Baseball Champs, athletic competition between classes will remain at a standstill until the annual basketball feud is fought.

Basketball seems to have started with a bang around Tech. Krafft will issue his first call; the fraternities are spending their idle evenings tossing the ball around; the classes are deciding who is going to win the big inter-class series.

The inclement weather of last week washed out all hopes of any cross country practice. Too bad Tech does not possess an indoor track where the boys could keep in condition regardless of weather.

We hear that Don Paul is going to try out for the Black and Yellow basketball squad. Don is really an accomplished athlete. Besides performing with the 16-pound shot, Don plays a good game of football, as a baseball player he can hit home runs when only home runs count, he certainly is no slouch on the basketball floor, he may be rated as an expert high jumper and is a good dash man.

Swimming got a premature start last week when C. D. (Cistern Diver) Brown went splashing around in the 20,000 gal. cistern of Underwriters' Laboratories. It seems that "Bus" knocked a hose nozzle into the slimey depths of the tank and that said nozzle could not be retrieved without fancy diving and an inverted back stroke. Ed Knox of swimming team fame was at hand to see that all operations were conducted according to Hoyle.

The question is asked, "Do Tech students have time for football?" Our answer to this is an emphatic affirmative. On Saturdays 150 Tech students spend 4 to 5 hours at the University of Chicago ushering at Chicago football games. Why couldn't they devote this time to the support of their own team?

Trognitz will again swim the breast stroke while Knox will splash the 40-yard crawl. Capt. Strauch will perform off the end of the diving board.

This year's basketball team will be captained by W. King Simpson. With only one other major letter man on the team, Rossing, things don't look quite so bright at the present.

If Krafft has as many candidates as were present last year for the initial practice he should find little difficulty in picking the 1929-30 squad.

Students at Henry Ford's old school will have to study by oil lamps to preserve the atmosphere.

To think of 70 men attempting to play basketball in the 2nd gym of the Institute is pathetic to say the least. Especially since Krafft is going to teach fundamentals.

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