

Tuesday, December 7, 1937

Cagers Win Opener 47 to 34; Play Illinois, Arkansas, Lake Forest

Techawks Rally Over Milwaukee To Victor 47-34

Scherer Wins Scoring Honors as Tech Takes First

The Techawks opened their new season of play with a win over the Milwaukee Engineers in the 108th armory last Wednesday afternoon, victorious by a 47-34 score. Fourteen Techmen entered the game, including six sophomores led by Bill Scherer, high scorer, who dropped five baskets and three free throws for 13 points. Co-captains O'Brien and O'Connell netted 17 points between them for second honors.

Small Enthusiastic Crowd

A small but enthusiastic crowd which could have been considerably larger, saw the Techawks roll up 18 points to their opponents' 6 in the first several minutes of play. A free throw by Henriksen, O'Brien's long basket and two slow, dead shots by Scherer gave Armour a handy lead. Both teams swapped points on free throws and a pair of field goals by Reese of Milwaukee. The referees called a large number of fouls on both teams due to overanxious first game tactics by the fives, who couldn't seem to warm up in the all too cool armory.

Techawks Forge Ahead

After surrendering five free throws to the north shore men, the Techawks forged ahead on a pretty rebound rescue shot by Henriksen, Wagner's conversion of O'Connell's pass, and a trio of free throws and another basket by O'Brien and Hofmann. The visitors, although they had the ball a good deal of the time had trouble finding the basket. The Armour offense was effective only through the first shot, as no one seemed to be able to follow up his tries. The Tech forwards had the height advantage but weren't under the basket to take the rebounds and sink them. Tech accumulated its 24-15 lead at half time on some very accurate shooting from midfloor and dropping 9 out of its 10 free throws.

Milwaukee Has Rally

The second period opened with a spirited rally by the Milwaukee five. Captain Gutowski, Nirenberg, and Doig slipped 10 points through the Armour defense, while Henriksen made the only play on a long shot. The score stood at 26-25, Armour, and the victory that seemed so near at the half was now quite doubtful. Kubicka took a pass, dribbled in and sank a shot to ease the tension, while Reese, a keyman in the opposition, was eliminated on personals. To make things look rosier and safer, Co-Captain O'Connell got hot and dropped two quick baskets while he and Norkus tallied a pair of free tosses.

Reserves Are Loosed

Game time nearly over, the Milwaukee coach released his reserves in a futile attempt to find a scoring combination to overtake the Tech five. Meanwhile coach Grant Stenger tried out his new material, playing Eggers, Sher, Weber and Lurz.

Armour Tech (47)	Engineers (34)
O'Brien, f	4 2 3
Eggers, f	0 0 0
Scherer, f	3 0 0
Norkus, f	1 1 1
Swanson, c	1 0 2
Hofmann, c	1 1 4
Henriksen, g	2 1 4
Wagner, g	1 0 4
O'Connell, g	2 3 2
Kubicka, f	1 0 1
Janicek, g	0 0 0
Sher, c	0 0 0
Wagner, g	1 0 0
Lurz, g	0 0 0
Sheehan, f	0 0 0

Interclass Wrestling, Boxing Begins Monday

Class will be pitted against class in the coming annual school boxing and wrestling tourney sponsored by the intra-mural athletic board in co-operation with the school's athletic department. The tourney will get under way on December 13, and the finals will be run off on December 17, the last day before Christmas recess. There will be seven divisions in boxing and eight in wrestling. The wrestling bouts will be one fall or a decision in eight minutes, while in boxing the round will be three minutes

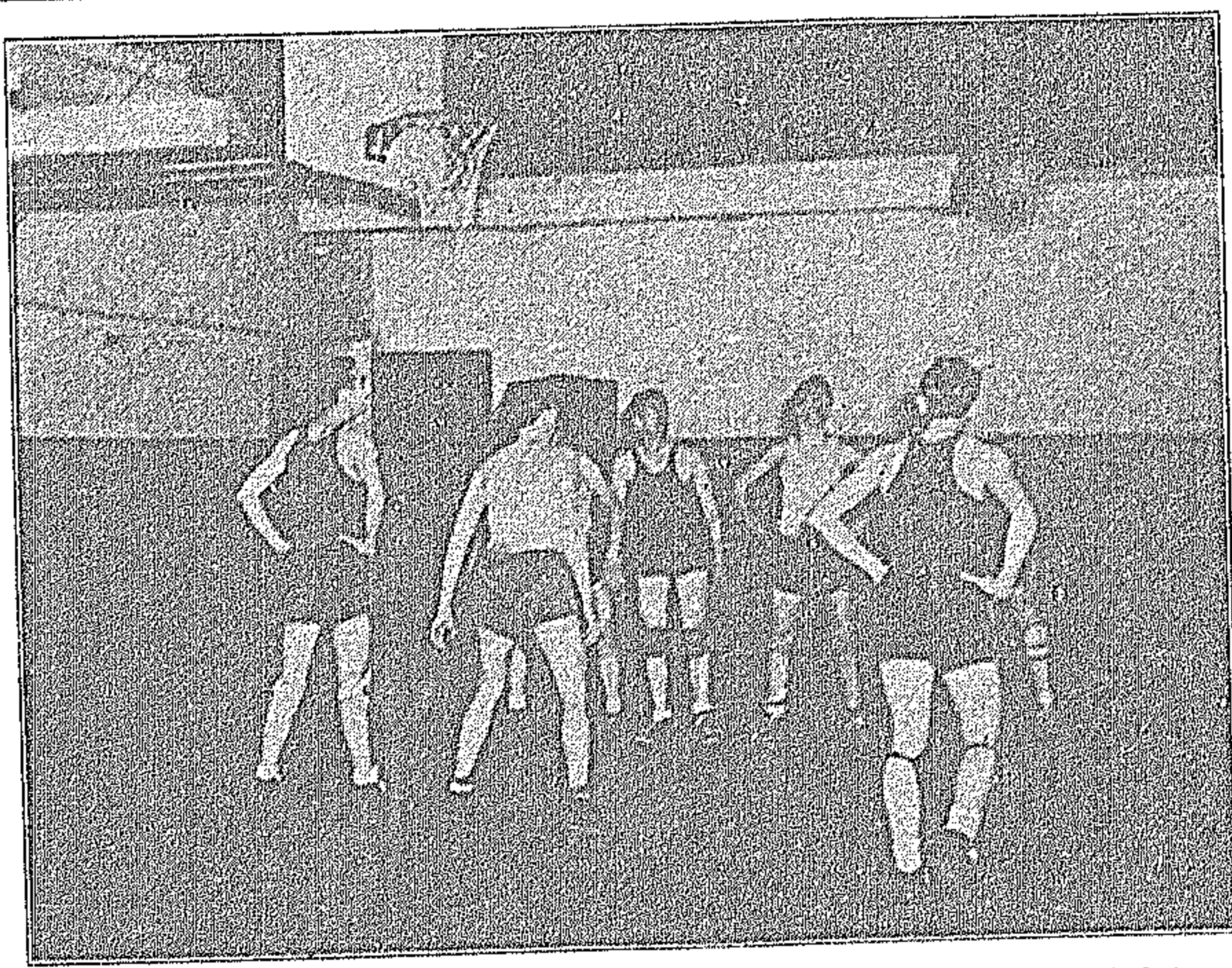


Photo by Mehringer

Another point being added to the Tech score in their opening victory over Milwaukee Engineers 47-34 last Wednesday.

Frosh Basketeers Train for Opener

Coached by Gene Heike, last year's captain, and high-scoring forward, the freshman basketball five is gradually being worked into a well-rounded quintet. There have been six practices to date, the first being held on Nov. 15; they will continue to be held on Tuesdays and Thurs-

days for the remainder of the season. Uniforms have been given out already to the first five men, with more for the second squad on the way.

The lineup consists of H. Fisher and H. Leave as forwards, G. Whitehead and W. Futterer as guards, and D. Long in the tip-off berth. Long was injured during the holidays but will be in shape in time for the next practice, his position being ably filled by A. Shapiro, first of the reserves.

Captains O'Brien, O'Connell Head Personalities of '37-'38 Cage Squad

By E. Worcester

Wee Willie O'Brien, commonly known as "Bull," has been playing basketball a long, long time. Besides his three years of play as forward with the varsity here at Tech, from which he holds three major letters, O'Brien played forward on the Mt. Carmel lightweight team for two years and held the same berth in the heavy-weight five in his last two years. Bill was also a track man at Mt. Carmel.

When he wasn't busy sinking baskets at school, he spent his time dribbling and passing with the C. Y. O. league. He played with this organization for two years. If experience, then, is the criterion for a good basketball player, Bill should be one of the best—and he is.

Fair Sex Interest Bill

A senior mechanical, O'Brien has his mind on a few other things besides gears and Diesel engines. The fair sex has long been a source of interest to Bill, and in characteristic manner he shuns none of them, and even promised one a gift of fourteen little O'Briens. She hasn't seen him since. Besides basketball and being enrolled at Armour (which is a big enough bill for anyone), Will is working in the stoker research and is a member of a number of active groups in the Institute.

Scored 123 Points Last Season

O'Brien is six feet 2 1/4 inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. He tallied 123 points last season to carry off scoring honors for the team. Bill is a great asset under the basket and in spite of half the opposition literally hanging on his neck, he just reaches up and drops 'em in. O'Brien isn't a stylist on the court, but he gets results; witness, ten points in the season's opener last Wednesday. O'Brien's offensive game is stronger than his defensive and when there are points needed, it's Bill who leads the boys into taking them. And it's this leadership that has made Bill an integral part of the Techawks for the past three seasons. It's Bill's endurance, skill and leadership that have rewarded him with co-captainship of an Armour squad that promises a brilliant season at home and away.

The sponsors of the tourney plan to have at least one man from each class—freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior—entered in every weight division in order that the champion of each division will be representative of the best in the school.

Jack O'Connell, alias "Mouse" and "Dumpy," may be fat, but he's fast. And it's this speed coupled with a lot of basketball sense that has made him a co-captain of Tech's basketball team. Jack's clever fake set-up shots and snappy passes have fooled a number of defeated opponents. Five feet and nine inches isn't much height for a college basketeer, and consequently Jack doesn't fare too

well under the basket, but he certainly makes up for it on the floor. His fast foot work and accurate passes have started a number of Armour rallies.

O'Connell is a dead eye on long shots and free throws, most of his 33 points of last season being shots from the floor on the black line. Jack can pep up a team when it needs it, and when the home boys are trailing and the time is short, he's just the man to keep the team level-headed and shooting straight. And basketball players like this are very few today.

Playing For Six Years

Jack hasn't stopped playing the game for six years now. A hard-surfaced court on the side of his house has made it possible to keep in practice the year around, and in any weather. Jack likes the game, and always has, but the St. Rita high school coach told him he was too little. However, the C. Y. O. felt differently, and he was in competition in their group for a year. After graduating he stayed out of school and worked for a year before coming to Armour to study chemistry and play basketball. He added some weight and played on the varsity in his second and third years here at Armour, and is now a two letterman.

Jack Has Disappointment

Jack's greatest disappointment is Eleanor. She snubs him. (She ought to see him play basketball.) However, on out-of-town games the case is greatly different, and he draws no snubs from the gaping females. O'Connell's last wish before leaving Armour is to have a big crowd out at the Armory for home games. "A team that has a good coach, two Irish captains and a student body to back it can win any title." And Jack's right, especially about the captains. Drop in at the Armory and watch the boys win their games and notice who is in there leading them—those two Irishmen.

Track Year Opens; Equipment Issued

The track season definitely got under way Monday, November 29, when Coach Root held the first meeting of the season. The meeting was well attended, and judging from the number of new men who have come out the team should present a strong well-balanced front to all opposition.

Coach Root explained the need of real team spirit in this sport which is made up largely of individual endeavor. He said that starting with the interclass track meet some time in January there would be some form of competition for the team each week.

He also made arrangements to give talks of general interest to the squad every other Tuesday at five o'clock, provided enough men showed up to make it worth while.

Uniforms were issued last week, and practice began December 1. Practice is held at the University of Chicago Fieldhouse between 3:30 and 6:30 o'clock. Any new men who want to try out for the team should see Manager Monson this week to obtain equipment.

Interfrat Cagemen Open Warfare Today

Anybody interested in watching a couple of spirited basketball games may indulge in this whim by waltzing up to the fifth floor cubby-hole around four o'clock, that being the hour set for the opening game of the interfraternity basketball tourney. Not being hampered by the niceties observed in the inter-collegiate games, the fraternities present a floor show that is a delightful mixture of rough and tumble and steam roller tactics; much to the glee of the more blood-thirsty spectators. Phi Pi Phi, winners of nineteen straight previous tourneys, will start the ball rolling when they meet the Sammies. The Phi Kaps and Deltas will take over the show at five o'clock and do their bit.

The curtain will be rung down on the first round of play Thursday, as Triangle goes forth to do battle against Theta Xi, and the Rho Deltas meet the Pi Kaps. On the following Tuesday the semi-finals will be played, and on Thursday the final game will be played and the victor crowned.



By Ray Braun

The Techawks opened their 1937-38 season in great style last Wednesday with their 47-34 triumph over Milwaukee Engineers and gave us our first glimpse of how fast the game really is now being played.

With the new rule eliminating the center jump after baskets are made the game has taken on more interest from both the spectator and the player angle. Now a team must be well rounded out and the value of good substitutes has become very important factor.

After the first game we find Scherer in the top scoring position with five baskets and three free throws. And closely following him are the two co-captains with ten and seven, respectively. The statistics are as follows.

	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Scherer	5	3	13
O'Brien	4	2	10
O'Connell	2	3	7
Henriksen	2	1	5
Hofmann	1	1	3
Norkus	1	1	3
Wagner	1	0	2
Swanson	1	0	2
Kubicka	1	0	2

In the bowling world we find the sophomore chemicals issuing a challenge to any class in school. How about making them prove their mettle bowlers, or better yet, this might be a good time to get a bowling tourney started.

Cagemen Play U. of Illinois Tonight; Meet Arkansas Here on Thursday

Travel to Lake Forest Saturday Night

Illinois' "fighting Illini" will be hosts to the Techawks at Urbana tonight, when the local cagers invade the town in contemplation of their second victory of the season. A full squad from Armour's armory will leave on the Illinois Central at 1:00 o'clock today.

The strong Big Ten squad will divide itself into two complete teams of equal strength. Carroll college will be the contenders of team A, while Armour will be pitted against team B. The game for the Techawks will get under way at 6:45 in the fieldhouse.

Stenger to Send Large Squad

Coach Grant Stenger will take a complete squad including all of the men who opened the season in the game with Milwaukee. These will include O'Brien, O'Connell, Norkus, Swanson, Hofmann Henriksen, Wagner, Kubicka, Janicek, Sheehan, and Sher.

To continue their heavy schedule of the week, the Techawks will return to the Armory Thursday and face an invading five from Arkansas State. The teams will open battle here at 4:00 o'clock.

Out for Third Arkansas Win

This will be the third consecutive year that Arkansas has traveled to the local floor. Their policy has been to play the Loyola cagemen, and then face the Armour quintet before turning home.

The cagers will be looking for their third consecutive win from the Ar-

kansas hill-billies for the three years that they will have played them. Two years ago they quelled these invaders by running up a 44-19 bill against them, while last year they were satisfied to win 37-28.

Meet Lake Forest Saturday

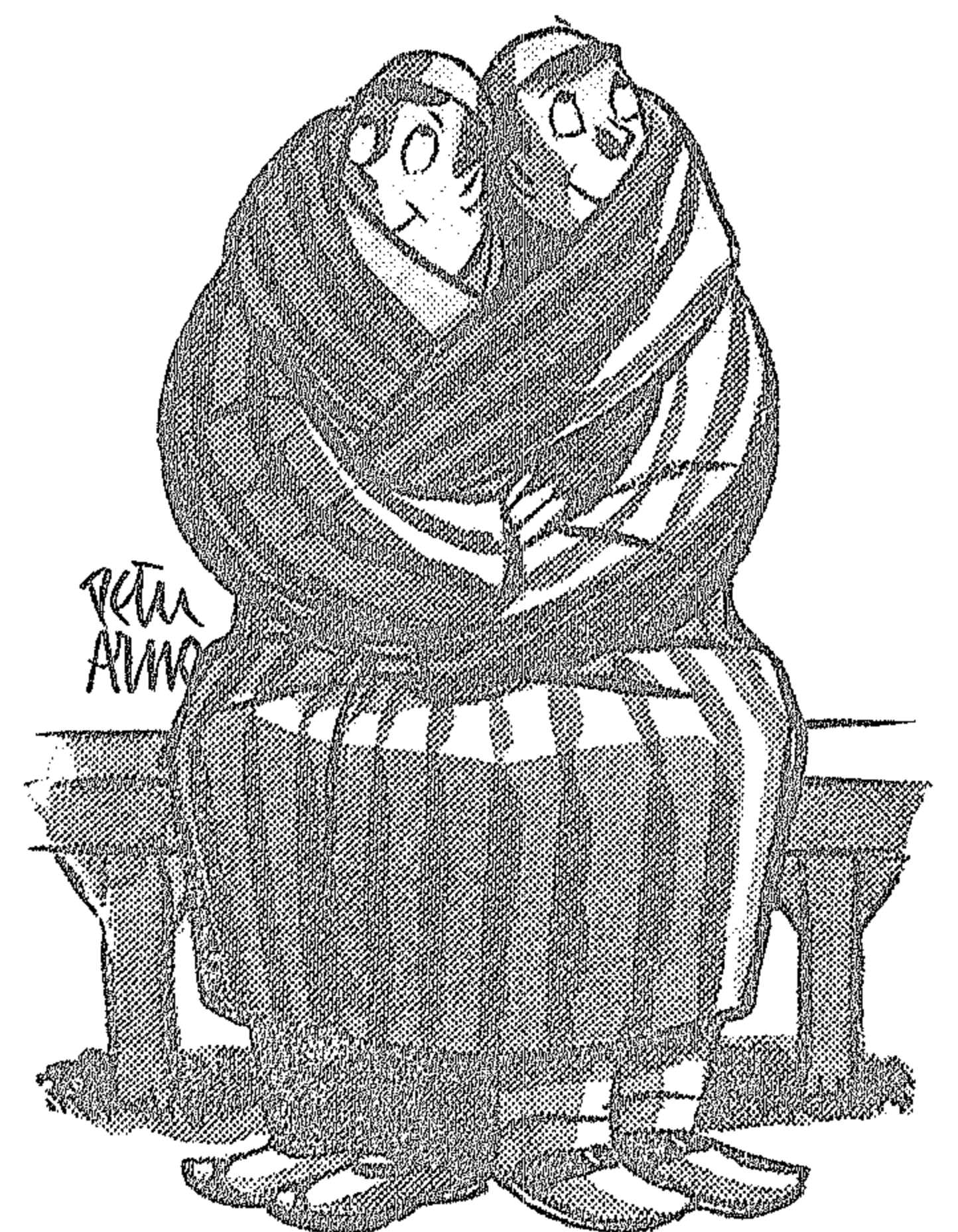
The climax of the week will be the Saturday night game with the Foresters of Lake Forest College. It will be the Techawk opener against teams of the Chicago area. On this list are some of the toughest contests of each year's schedule, from which originate especially the rivalries with North Central, Wheaton, and Lake Forest aggregations.

Last year the Armour five traded victories with Lake Forest, each squad winning on its own floor. Lake Forest were first to set the trap when they invited the Techawks to their floor and won 34-31. Armour, in the reciprocity, trimmed them 36-27.

Lake Forest Boasts Good Squad

Lake Forest, like Armour, boasts this year of an all-around good squad, of no outstanding individual stars, but of each one a dependable man. Four lettermen have returned to the Foresters. Among these are Bob Stickels, a forward from last year's squad, who has a good eye for the basket, having won the free throw trophy of the college last year.

This game will be the opener for Lake Forest which has dealt only with its alumni in a game to have been played last night. Armour's first and third on their list of college foes. After a game with George Williams, they invade Armour's floor for the return game on January 4.



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