

COACHES CHANGED, ADDED IN ATHLETIC SHAKE-UP

Meyer New Quintet Mentor; Sonny To Take Over Baseball

Starred For Maroons In Baseball, Basketball

Recognizing the need of a larger athletic staff and in answer to various complaints, Athletic Director John Schommer has announced the reorganization of the coaching staff and the addition of a new member. The latter is the well known and highly regarded Bob "Remie" Meyer, formerly of the University of Chicago. "Remie" steps into the post vacated by Grant Stenger, namely, basketball coach.

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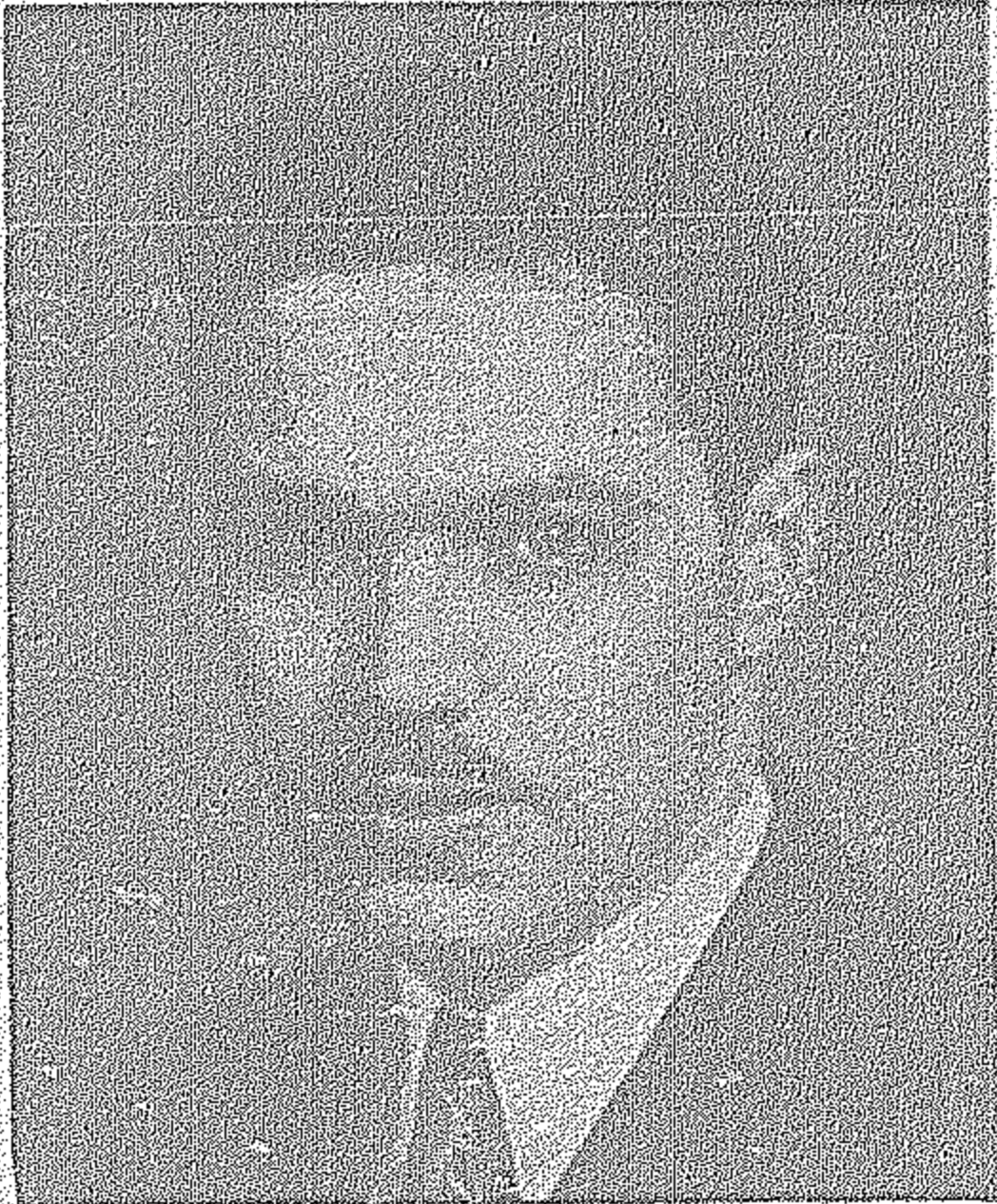
Techawks of a few years back can recall the blond star of the University of Chicago for he played a leading role in several contests against the men from the Institute. While in attendance at the Midway to which he earned an honor scholarship, Meyer was honored with nine athletic awards. Football, basketball and baseball found him a participant but it was in the latter two that he starred. In his senior year he was acting captain for half the season and his court achievements culminated in his being selected on the second team of the Herald-American's all Big Ten squad.

Plays Pro Baseball

In baseball he played first base and led the Big Ten in home runs. His efforts here earned him a position with Waterloo, a Cincinnati farm in the Three Eye League. Last fall Remie captained the LaSalle Hotel Cavaliers in the Windy City League and led the league in scoring. He has always been a very friendly and likeable gent and sure will have little trouble finding cooperation with his squad.

Norm Root at Helm Of Track Teams For Sixth Straight Year

Greeting potential track greats for the sixth consecutive year, will be Norman R. Root, diminutive coach of indoor and outdoor track at Illinois Tech. Norm will resume active direction of the team with the opening of the indoor season in December. The squad will hold its practices and home meets at the University of Chicago Fieldhouse, which boasts one of the



Norm Root

finest indoor tracks in the country. Norm also serves in the capacity of freshman track coach at the University of Chicago. During the off season, he is engaged in the practice of selling insurance. During the 1935 season Norm took over the direction of the tracksters from A. A. Stagg Jr. and since then has accomplished much

Adds Baseball To Wrestling, Boxing

Mr. Bernard Weissman, Student Union Manager, assistant athletic director, boxing coach, wrestling coach, baseball coach, and known to most of us as just plain "Sonny," is now entering upon his thirteenth year at Armour.

The little fellow with the big cigar in his mouth first claimed attention when he was an eight letter man at Lane Tech, starring in baseball, basketball, track and soccer. In 1924 he entered De Paul University and in 1928 graduated with an A.B. and an LL.B. degree, finding time to box and play baseball during the four years.

Came Here in 1928

In September of 1928, he became Armour's boxing coach, and in 1932, when wrestling was revived, he took on the duties of wrestling coach. From 1928 to 1934 he worked in a law office, still finding time to put out good boxing and wrestling teams. From April, 1934, to November, 1937, he also served the United States as an enforcement officer in the Internal Reve-



Sonny Weissman

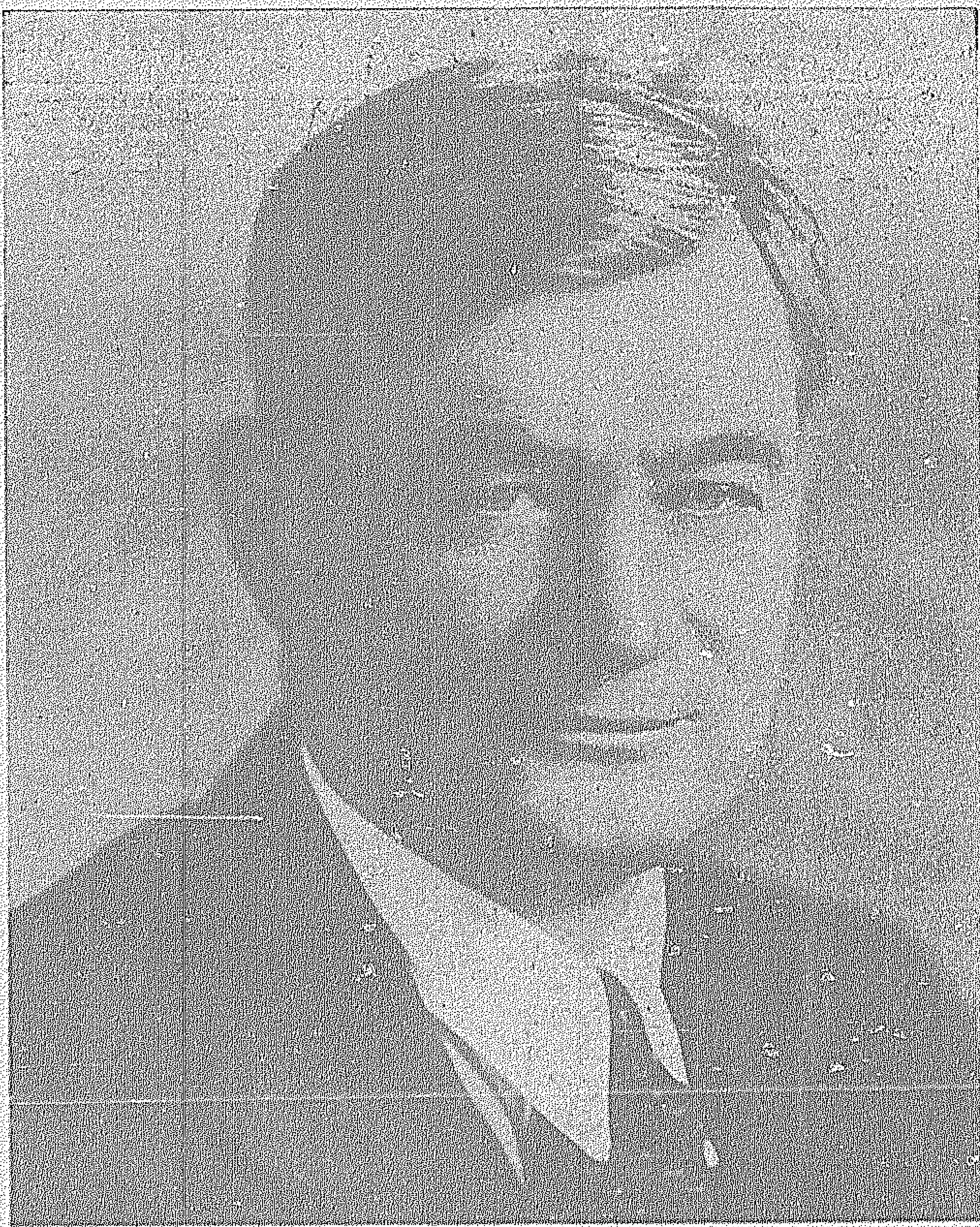
nue Department. In December, 1938, Sonny was appointed Student Union Manager and in 1939 he became assistant athletic director to John J. Schommer, athletic director of Illinois Tech. This fall he has added baseball coaching to his many activities.

Mr. Weissman is well known as a referee, having held a National Amateur Association license to referee since 1934. He has refereed the Chicago Golden Gloves tournaments in Springfield and Davenport every year for the past five years. Since 1936, he has been chief second in the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions in Chicago. In February, 1939, he began refereeing professional fights at both the Marigold and White City boxing emporiums.

Baseball Coach Now

During all the years that Sonny has handled the wrestling teams, the teams have always ended the season above a .500 average. This year Sonny will have to practically rebuild his wrestling team, since many lettermen were lost by graduation, but this shouldn't phase him.

in the development of track and field men at Armour. The outstanding success of the trackmen was their record in the 1938 Tech Relays in which Armour placed third and captured two firsts. Last year's team had a fair season and this year a number of the stars will return and these will be fortified by recruits from the Lewis campus.



John Joseph Schommer

To all former Armour students and present students of Illinois Institute, John J. Schommer, athletic director and director of placement, looms as the inspirational leader, adviser, and friend among friends. His integrity, fearlessness, good-nature, and staunch tongue has hallowed his name. Described as a "big man with a grand smile," Mr. Schommer is one of Middle West's most popular luncheon and dinner speakers.

"Uncle John" as he is wont to be called by the students received his B.S. degree from U. of Chicago in '09. While at the Midway he was a four letter man in football, baseball, basketball and track. He captained the intercollegiate champion Maroons in '08, and was an all-Western end in football.

Mr. Schommer then moved his books and slide-rule up the street a bit and enrolled at Armour in ChE department. He received his degree in 1912, and became a professor in Industrial Chemistry. After a bit J. J. became athletic director and also basketball coach. A few years ago Mr. Schommer was made director of placement, a job which he particularly enjoys.

Since his arrival at 33rd and Federal, John J. Schommer has been president of the Alumni Association, a post which he resigned last year after many years of service. He has also been a member of the Board of Trustees for some years.

He has been an official of the Big Ten since 1910, and is a national authority on intercollegiate athletics. As a regular speaker of the Monday morning quarter backs Mr. Schommer, by virtue of his umpire's capacities, enlightens fellow "quarter backs" on just why the Golden Bears pulled a reverse on the third down while on the 22 yard line.

Mr. Schommer's fall schedule is an impressive one. Mixing both business with pleasure, the Athletic Director and Director of Place-

UMPIRE SCHOMMER'S SCHEDULE

(Follow the pigskin parade with John J. Schommer)

Oct. 5	College of Pacific vs. Notre Dame at South Bend, Indiana
Oct. 19	Minnesota vs. Ohio State at Columbus, Ohio
Oct. 26	Penn vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan
Nov. 2	Army vs. Notre Dame at Yankee Stadium
Nov. 9	Iowa vs. Nebraska at Lincoln, Nebraska
Nov. 16	Iowa vs. Notre Dame at South Bend, Indiana
Nov. 23	Indiana vs. Purdue at Lafayette, Indiana

ment will give a variety of talks before various groups, meeting both personnel men of industrial concerns and alumni before or after his "working" hours on the gridiron.

At the Minnesota-Ohio State fracas Mr. Schommer will meet the Columbus alumni, among which Ed Swanson, '38 quintet captain is a member, and enlighten them on the new Illinois Institute of Technology. After the Penn-Wolverine game the Director of Placement will chat with representatives of the Dow Chemical Co. On the Friday before Army battles Notre Dame Mr. Schommer will address personnel men of Eastern concerns regarding placement of IIT graduates.

Fencers Start EPEE Practice

Fencing is in the air again! All guys and gals who are interested in this most graceful of strenuous sports are invited to attend the first meeting of the Illinois Tech Fencing Club to be held Thursday, October 3, at 5:00 P. M., in the school gym of the Armour College campus. This will be primar-

ily a business meeting and it is especially urged that Lewis students attend. After this first meeting, notice of the first practice session will be posted on the bulletin boards.

The fencing club is herein presenting a real opportunity for the students to get together in real fun and at the same time enjoy one of the most wholesome indoor sports available to an athletic minded person.

'Mac' Celebrates Fifteenth Term As Swim Coach

The dean of the Illinois Institute's coaching staff is Coach McGillivray. For the past fifteen years he has been the mentor of the swimming teams at Armour and now he is to take up the coaching of the Illinois Institute's aquatic teams.

Former Breast Stroke Champ

Coach McGillivray is a round, jolly man about five feet ten inches tall who in his day held the breast stroke championship at the Illinois Athletic Club for three consecutive years. His favorite stroke is the crawl but at the time of his championships he swam the breast stroke because there was another man on the team who was more proficient at the crawl than he was.

He is very well qualified as a swimming coach. During the years that he has been coaching he has given many talks and demonstrations about swimming all over the Middle West. These talks have been before every sort of gathering including swimming teams and conventions of coaches. These talks were always very well attended and mimeographed copies of his methods and speeches have been requested by coaches all over the Middle West.

'Mac' Highly Regarded in Country

He has also been president of the Big Ten Swimming Coaches Association several times during his career as a coach. He received this job because his primary place of coaching is the University of Chicago and the coaching of the Armour and Illinois teams has been a side line. In spite of this fact the swimming teams at Armour have always been among the best as far as wins and losses are concerned.

He is looking forward to a good season and would like to see a good group of lads out for the swimming tryouts.

Southern Gentleman Sammy Bibb Greets Golf Proteges Again

In 1934 Samuel Fletcher Bibb took over the duties of Prof. Leigh as golf coach and since then has handled this activity with growing success. Golf has had a hard time of late due to the heavy



S. F. Bibb

curriculum and the distance to a suitable golf course. However, the pleasure of playing with Coach Bibb has kept many a member on the team who otherwise might have dropped out.

Golf and Math Mix

Golf seems to be a mathematician's plaything, for both Prof. Leigh and Coach Bibb are math profs. However, this is a serious (continued on page eleven)