

# Willie Grosse Injured As Nine Loses To North Central, 8-7

## Ninth Inning Rally Fails For Techmen Bus-driver Bailey Peps Up Detroit Trip

By Ira Lifshutz

Tragedy swept across Ogden Field last Wednesday afternoon as Illinois Tech played its first home game of the season against North Central college. Bill Grosse, popular third sacker of the Tech team broke his left leg in the fifth inning of the game, after running smack into the fence while chasing a foul ball. He will be out for the remainder of the season and this leaves a gap in the infield which will prove very difficult to replace. Bill batted .315 in 1940, and was batting close to .300 before the accident occurred.

Always a consistent fielder, he was one player who could always be counted on to come through in the clutch. Illinois Tech was always proud to have a man of Bill's quality representing its colors on the athletic field. It is the hope of every Tech student that "Willie" will recover quickly and get back in his "lab" in a hurry.

**Injury Shakes Team**

Al Dambros, Illinois Tech pitcher, was leading North Central 6 to 1 before the fatal fifth inning. His "slow" stuff had the North Central batters breaking their backs on every pitch. In five innings he allowed but three hits. It was not until Bill was injured that the Tech team became strained and blew up their lead.

Illinois Tech made two runs in the first inning on Hackbarth's double to left field scoring Bauch and Grosse who had walked. Four runs were scored in the fifth inning. Bauch singled to center and stole second. Mueller walked. Pfeffer was safe on a fielder's choice filling the bases. Krause walked forcing in a run. Hackbarth singled to left scoring Mueller and Pfeffer, and when Bonne, North Central's left fielder, left the ball roll through his legs to the fence, Krause scored also.

North Central scored its only run in six innings in the third on a series of Illinois Tech errors. In the seventh they scored three more on a home run by Wadsworth, third baseman, a single by their second baseman, Cooper, and some more Illinois Tech errors. The same procedure was followed in the eighth when another three runs were scored. Only one hit was made that inning, yet three runs scored due to bad fielding on the part of the Tech team. They managed to get in another run in the ninth inning on a hit by Anderson and some more Illinois Tech errors. Out of the eight runs North Central scored, only three were earned.

**Thrilling End**

Illinois Tech went into the ninth inning two runs behind. Mueller started off the inning by walking. Pfeffer walked putting men on first and second. Krause singled sharply to right scoring Mueller and putting men on first and third with no outs. Hackbarth struck out. Yursis batted for Guetzow, and was ordered to bunt on an attempt to bring Pfeffer home on a squeeze play. As Shatzer the North Central pitcher wound up Pfeffer was half way down to the plate but the ball was thrown into the dirt and Yursis couldn't get a piece of it and Pfeffer slid right into the catcher's mitt which incidentally had the ball in it. Pfeffer almost beat the umpire up when he was called out at the plate but soon cooled off when the Ump told him he wasn't kidding either. Yursis bunted out from Novatny to Bishop, ending the game.

By Dick Guetzow

"Yeah Bailey! Yeah Bailey! Seven Rahs, and a Yeah Bailey" seemed to be the theme of the 1941 baseball squad as they traveled the highways and byways enroute to Detroit, Ypsilanti and all points north. Bailey, a rollicking fun-loving lad of 34, or thereabouts, was the driver who piloted Illinois Tech's luckless nine on this unforgettable trip.

**On To Detroit**

At about 5 last Thursday, each man on the squad was graciously presented with his eatin' money which was to be used on the trip. Then, a delicious repast was enjoyed in the luxurious dining room of the Hotel Student Union. (Price \$.50) 5:30 p.m. On to Detroit in a palatial bus piloted by the one and only Bill Bailey. A very uneventful, but not uninteresting trip was had as Baily vowed the boys with his inimitable parlor stories. 1:30 a.m. (Detroit time)

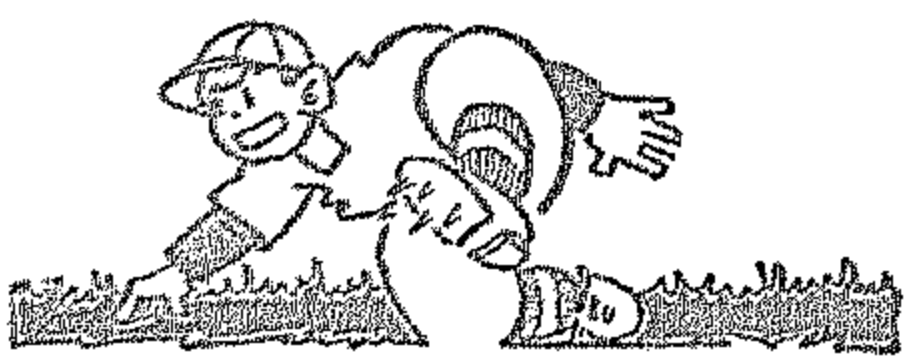
**Friday Night**

Friday night, dinner at Hong Kong Charlies, and our little group went their own merry way. However, all roads seemed to lead to one place — The National — Burlesque deluxe. As our little party consisting of LaGodney, Bay, Silla, Collander, Swanson and Guetzow neared this hotspot they accidentally met Krause and Grosse. Krause, Grosse and LaGodney sought more fertile fields, but the other fellows just had to see the burly.

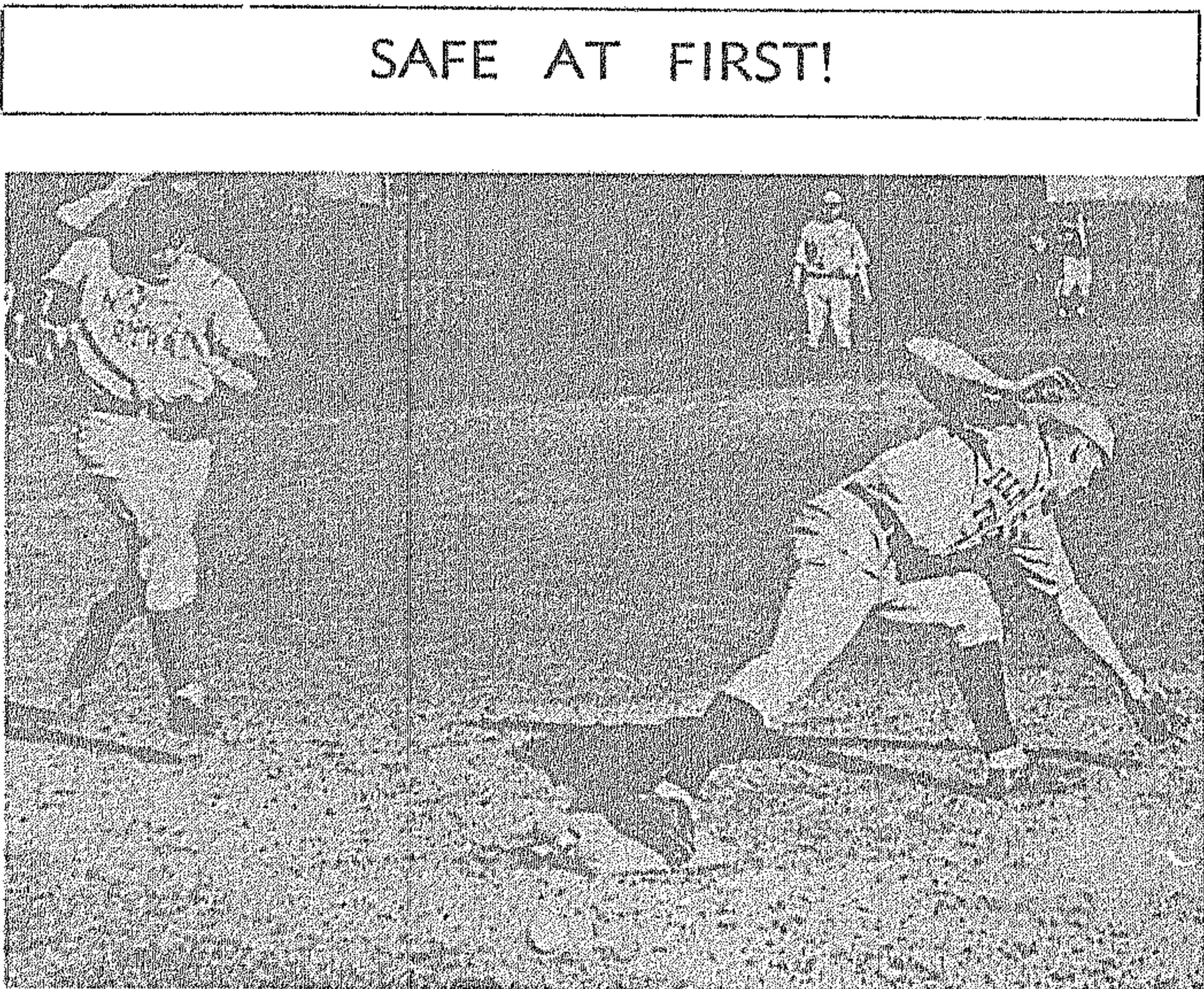
Saturday morning, on the bus at 8 o'clock sharp and on the way to Ypsilanti and Michigan State Normal. Then, blitzkrieg. The Normalites blitzed their way to five runs in the first two innings and proceeded to add four more as the game went on. The Techawks managed to get five hits, one of them a home run by pinch hiter Dambros, and three runs. Final score, 9-3. Had a good feed in Ypsilanti and then back to Detroit. Saturday night, most of the gang had to see a good show; some drank root beer and still others did HOMEWORK.

**Saturday, Yawn!**

Sunday morning up at eight o'clock and out to the ball park to try and play Lawrence Tech.



In the first inning, with one run in and men on first and third, rain came pouring down and the game was called. So we took another shower and started for good old Chicago. Once more our man Bailey entertained the gang with his anecdotes, and ran one poor driver off the highway in the process. Then, about four miles out of Elkhart, Indiana, sputter, sputter, no gas. Our hero, Bailey, then said "Don't worry I'll switch on the reserve tank." He did, but alas and alack no gas. So a hitch hiking Bailey went. Upon arriving back at the bus, with the gas, he found, much to his sorrow, that it wouldn't start, so all hands had to get out and push. Wot a life. After five minutes of this the motor coughed and sputtered its way to life once again and away we went. Arriving in Chicago at about 9:30, our gang finally disbursed and each man went his merry way; to a telephone; why? Why to call up the little woman.



Ray 'La Goose' LaGodney stretches for a low throw against North Central in the game played Wednesday. Ball may be seen in lower right of photo.

## Rain Slows Down Softball Tournament

Rain . . . Rain . . . Rain . . . Too much of it ruined the earlier part of the week for the baseball men. But, as all things happen, the skies cleared to bring a stretch of exceptionally fine weather. Thus the tournament went back into full swing. Many hot and wild games were played as is evident in the box score. Several strong teams were eliminated, much to the surprise of the audience.

The schedule for the coming week shows quite a number of good pairings. With this in mind, it would be worth your time to see these miniature wars.

WEEK OF APRIL 28	
MONDAY	
Time	
12-1	Jr. Arx-Soph, FPE
1-2	Sr. Mechs-Jr. Mechs.
2-3	Soph. Civils-Jr. Civils
3-4	Sr. Chems-Whizz Kids
TUESDAY	
12-1	Sr. Chems-Greencaps
2-3	Sharks-Frosh Arx
3-4	Co-ops-Jr. Mechs.
WEDNESDAY	
10-11	Sr. Juicers-3B Co-ops
1-2	Sr. Chems-4B Co-ops
3-4	Jr. Arx-J. Juicers
THURSDAY	
12-1	Jr. Chems-4B Co-ops
FRIDAY	
10-11	Frosh Arx-3B Co-ops
12-1	Greencaps-Whizz Kids

## INTERFRAT SPORTS START TO ROLL

"Greeks" are now fighting for supremacy in softball and track. The softball tournament is run by elimination, while points are counted in track.

Softball is now in full swing with games being played on Ogden Field. Last year's champs, Theta Xi, will have strong competition in trying for another fraternity title. The championship game will be played sometime during Junior Week. A beautiful award will go to the winners.

Inter-frat track events take place during Junior Week. These are the 100, 220, 440, 880, mile runs, shot put, relay and other track events. Each participant must be entered in three or more events.

The frat winning the relay will receive a wooden plaque for their achievement. Interfraternity manager, Bob Ettinger, wants all fraternity teams to watch the bulletin boards for the time and place of events.

## TECH SHORTS

By Morgan Fitch

Seventeen teams remain in the softball schedule out of the twenty seven which opened the season. The soph mechs, supposedly one of the stronger teams, is among the ten now absent from competition. The employees are also out despite the fact that they had the baseball coach playing with them.

The tennis team lost to Chicago Teachers college recently but the defeat was not as bad as the record books show. CTC played their team backwards, that is, their number five man played our number one man, etc. Undaunted by this type of sportsmanship Coach Davey and Manager Hauswald will bet anything up to steak dinners on the outcome of the next match.

The track team was forced to draw on the swimming team for talent in their meet with North Park and Morton Junior college. Jack Tregay took first in the javelin and second in the discus, Roman Mankus placed second in the shot, while Bill Parks pulled down third in the discus.

Illinois Tech was represented on the high seas last Sunday. Bill Parks and John Kasman sailed in the National Inter-Collegiate Sailing meet. The boys took the Mid-west championship last fall.

Speaking of tennis, the team of Dick Larson and Mike Schultz are unbeaten in intercollegiate competition.

The junior arx have decided to stir up an audience for their softball games by adding the feminine touch. Cheer leaders now grace the team in the person of Mary Elizabeth Spies, Eugene Lane, and Dorothy Frye or otherwise known as Lizzie, Genie, and Dottie.

The junior juicers have played two games, won two games, and eliminated two teams. You better stay away from that team, its a jinx.

Best game of the week was the 2B co-op game. The senior juicers got one hit. This was number four for the co-ops.

The co-op team, playing on Ogden Field Friday, was threatened with a neat bit of throwing competition, when an over-the-fence foul landed in the hands of a negro lassie of about 17, and she heaved it back with as much force and skill as any of the team could.

## Tech Tennis Men Suffer Second Straight Loss

By Art Hauswald

Amid cold winds and beautiful coeds, the Illinois Tech tennis went down before the University of Chicago "B" team last Wednesday on the Midway courts by the score of 5-2. It was the Techawk's second straight loss of the year as against three wins. The maroon netmen took all but one of the singles and split the doubles matches in their victory over the Techawks.

In the singles, Mike Schultz, playing No. 1, lost to Jimmy McClure in two sets, 6-3, 6-3, after leading 3-0 in the second set. Jim Ferguson had trouble with his backhand in his first set with Grove Daly and lost the set 6-4, but came back to win the second set 6-4, only to drop the third 6-1.

**Captain Lange Loses**

Captain Bob Lange lost in three sets with Ralph Johanson, after winning the first set 6-4, and dropping the next two, 6-2, 6-4. Dick Dunworth failed to win a game as Stanley Levy of the Maroons won in two sets 6-0, 6-0. Earl Sherman, playing No 5, was the only Techawk to win in the singles. Ed Ide was his victim in three sets 7-9, 6-4, 6-4.

In the doubles, Schultz and Dick Larson paired to beat Chicago's No. 1 combination of McClure and Daly 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 for the only other Illinois Tech win. Ferguson and Lange went down before Levy and Johanson in three sets 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

**Face George Williams**

Tomorrow, the netmen play George Williams college, with the Junior Week trip in the offing next week. Five matches in five days is the tennis picture next week. On Monday and Tuesday the netters play host to Lake Forest and Chicago Teachers college, respectively. On Wednesday, the tennis team embarks on a three day trip, traveling to Terre Haute, Indiana, to play Indiana State Teachers. On the following day, they face Butler University at Indianapolis, and on Friday they wind up a busy week with a match with Purdue University.

## Wayne University Trounces Golfers

Wayne university beat the Tech golfers on April 19, 13 to 5. The match was played at the Southmoor Country club, Illinois Tech's home club.

Playing No. 1, Bill Bredloe shot a fine 79 but lost 2½ to 1½ to Egleston of Wayne. Adam Jemsek of the Techhawks, dropped his match to Pikulinski, 3 to 0. Jemsek and Bredloe lost 3 to 0 in the doubles to the same men.

At the No. 3 position Harry Sieg lost to Lotos of Wayne, 3-0. Shooting an 83, Bob Sundstrom beat Howard of Wayne, 2½ to 1½. In their doubles match, Sundstrom and Sieg beat their men 2 to 1.

Sorely felt was the absence of Mel Korrell, the No. 2 man, who shoots consistently in the 70's. Bredloe also is expected to shoot consistently in the 70's.

In a match against Bradley Tech, the following day, IIT golfers were leading 5 to 1 at the end of nine holes in a slight drizzle. Then a deluge of rain came down and the match was called off.

Although the season is still young, Coach Sammy Bibb optimistically predicted, "This is one of the best teams I've had in years and I'm expecting them to win many meets."