

TIME OUT



By Warren Spitz

Never in the history of our institution has there been as fine a banquet as was the ITSA dinner held last week at the Lake Shore Athletic Club. Perhaps, rather than the notables assembled, the most predominate factor in making the affair a success was the spirit which prevailed.

It is the first time in many a year that our school could really say that it felt 'big.' We believe that the 'time has come,' but definitely, for Illinois Tech to actually feel and act 'big.' There is no getting away from it. This IS a large school and some of us had better awaken to the fact, and give a little more of our time and our spirit to make it live up to that bigness.

Congratulations are in order to President Dick Larson and especially to his right-hand man, Earle Huxhold, who so capably handled the details of the night. And, of course, without John Schommer, the evening would have been a failure, for not only did he arrange for the guest speakers, but he kept the meeting in good humor with his own wit and speaking ability.

The ITSA plays a very important part in Illinois Tech affairs. One thing only does the organization lack and that is the full-hearted co-operation of the entire student body. Every student, who pays a student activity fee is a member of the Illinois Tech Student Association and consequently should take an interest in it.

One way, and perhaps the best, to show your interest in your student organization is to come out to the annual elections and vote for the officers. The prelims of such an election are being run off tomorrow and we sincerely urge every student to participate.

This column was probably the first source to urge the presentation of Tech's first athletic award to John J. Schommer. The ITSA went one more step and honored our number two man of athletics, "Sonny" Weissman, with the second award. We repeat our hopes that some day the Illinois Tech letter award will become amongst the most cherished honors of its type and we know that even now, in this first year at Tech, the letter winners of last week will feel a genuine pride that they are "charter-wearers" of the "I" of Illinois Tech. It stands for initiative and shows that the wearer has "it."

Your columnist was a little under-the-weather last week and wasn't around for the Junior Week festivities. Hats off to Head Marshal John Butkus, who so capably led the junior marshals in their direction of the week's activities. John also acts as our assistant sports editor and does a fine job. Special plaudits to Sports Writers Bob Bechtolt and Morgan Fitch Jr., for their fine work on the last two issues.

The Molecules, winners of the Lewis softball tournament will meet the Junior Mechs of Armour in a game to be played at Union Park today at 2:30. On Thursday the Molecules are scheduled to face another team at Armour, but the identity of the opponent is unknown at this writing.

Illinois Tech Loses Coach Norm Root For Remainder of the School Year

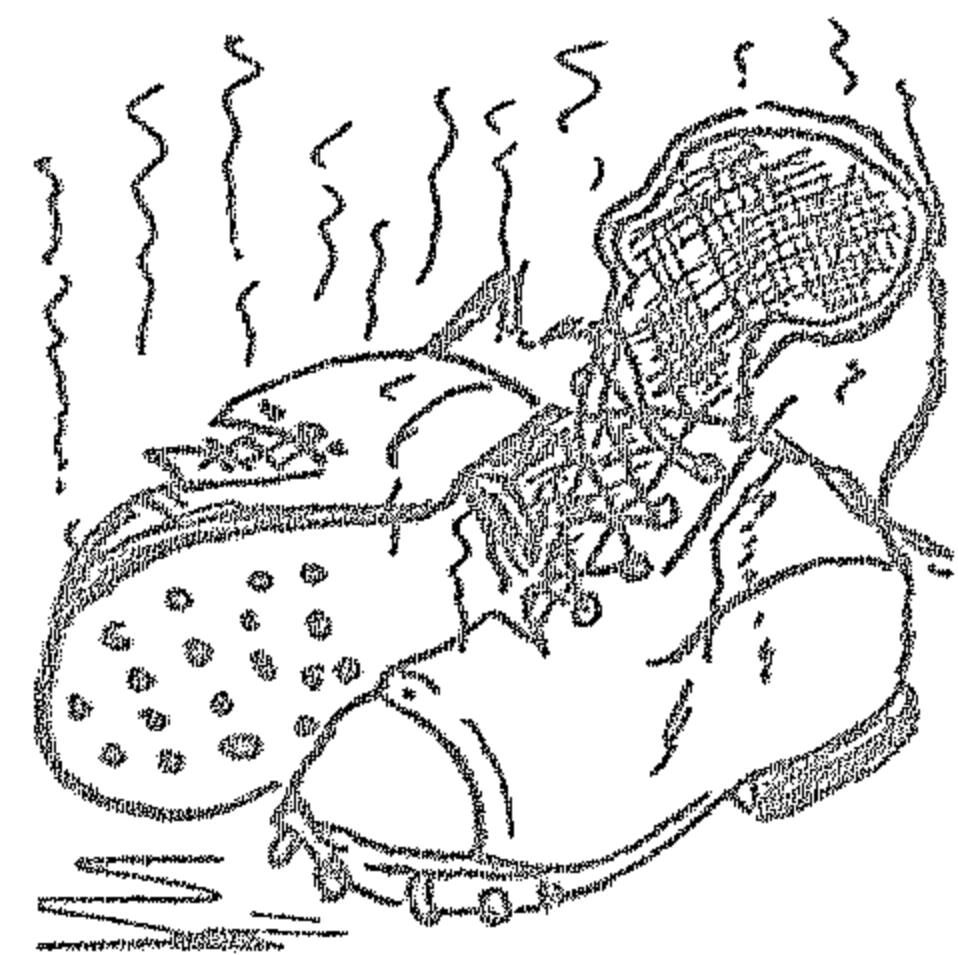
Loyola University Whips Track Squad

A late season slump has hit the track squad which has produced two mediocre showings in the last week. The fifteen entries in the Elmhurst Invitational were able to produce only one point, and last Thursday afternoon the team absorbed a 89%-40% defeat at the hands of their north side rival, Loyola University.

Mile-Relay Wins

Only the mile-relay team of Matthews, Sauer, Bagdon and Osborne prevented the Scarlet and Gray from going scoreless in the Elmhurst meet in which twenty-two mid-west colleges competed. Hard luck dogged Captain Heidenreich and Jack Tregay in the javelin and discus, respectively. Both were seventh in qualifying rounds whereas only six qualified for the finals. Heidenreich and John Elwood made eleven feet in the vault which was just outside the scoring range.

Against the Loyola team the Techawks were able to score only three firsts, all of these in the field events. However, Lancaster and



company dominated the track events. Jack Tregay sparked the team with eleven points on the basis of a first in the javelin and second in the discus and shot put. Captain Heidenreich took the pole vault at 11'3" and second in the javelin. Frosh sprinter, Bob Osborne had to be satisfied with two seconds in the dashes as did Dick Barry in both timber races. The team was somewhat crippled by the absence of McCullough co-op distance man capable of points against the very best.

End Season Today

The squad closes its current season this afternoon against Wheaton college on the Crusaders' track. This same team outscored the Techawks 60 11-15 to 60 1-15 in a triangular meet between Illinois Tech, Wheaton, and Elmhurst which tallied 48 points.

In order to facilitate the handling of the first few issues of Technology News next year, we request that anyone interested in writing for these sports pages during the 1941-42 term, please contact the sports editor as soon as possible. We are proud to say that we have a very well-balanced sports staff, but due to the graduation of some of our finest writers, there will be some openings. Please write a note specifying your qualifications and place it in the Tech News box, either at Lewis or Armour.

Last Weeks Softball Results

Sr. Chems 14-Sharks 0
Jr. Mechs 10-Jr. Juicers 3
2-B Co-ops 11-3-B Co-ops 6
Sr. Mechs 8-Sr. Chems 7
Soph Civils 10-Soph Juicers 1

Track Team Led By Captain And Manager

Illinois Tech suffered a severe blow last week when it was announced that due to illness Norm Root would not complete the '41 season as coach of the Tech team. Coach Root was found to be a victim of tuberculosis and immediate hospitalization was recommended. Three to five months rest should bring about a complete cure.

For the remainder of the season the squad is being jointly guided by Captain Harry Heidenreich and Senior Manager Earl Huebner. Athletic Director John Schommer announced that no successor would be appointed as Norm will return next season.

Coach Since 1935

Root, a widely known sprinter and low hurdler in his collegiate days, has been coach since 1935 when he succeeded A. A. Staggs Jr. For many years he has aided in the production of the great Illinois Tech Relays. Over this period some of Armour's best trackmen and teams have been developed, the best being the undefeated squad, which in 1938, was third in the Tech relays. Star find this season is Bob Osborne, recipient of the freshman athletic award.

Due to his incapacitation, Coach Root is also giving up his freshman coaching position at the University of Chicago, where he was once Big Ten indoor sprint champ. His insurance work will also be dormant for the time being.

Back Next Fall

The coach expects to be back next fall and be in trim for the first call of track candidates, December 1. With the fondest hopes and best wishes, the entire track squad of this season said good-bye to their mentor and await his return next year.

Illinois Tech Launches Official Yacht Club

Trim your sails, me laddies, the Yacht Club is being launched upon the green waves of Lake Michigan. Forming around the nucleus of two expert sailors of IIT, the club will endeavor to teach the fundamentals of sailing to any who care to learn. So far, thirty five men have been signed up by the co-founders, Bill Parks and Jack Kasman.

The first meeting will be held Friday, May 22 in U2W, at 10 o'clock. At this time the leaders of the club will meet all the prospective members from both Lewis and Armour. Any "old salts" on the faculty are invited to come around and participate.

Arrangements have been made to use the sailing dinghies of the Chicago Park District. At present, these are kept at the Calumet Yacht Club and therefore the waters around the club will be the site of the embryo club's activities.

So far this year the sailing team, not to be confused with the new club but composed of men who will belong to the club, has won the mid-west championship and placed eleventh out of twenty-one in the national meet held two weeks ago. The IIT boys have matched their skill with several outstanding schools in the country. Dartmouth, Yale, MIT, Michigan, and Wisconsin have all been numbered among the competition.

Molecules Whitewash Eradicators, Mohicans To Gain Softball Crown

Taking both ends of a double header last Tuesday, the Molecules swept the Lewis intramural softball tournament with a clean slate. Clinching first place with a 13-7 win over the Eradicators in the first game, the Molecules then slaughtered the Mohicans by a score of 39-12.

Three Consecutive Doubles

Drawing first blood in the second inning, the Eradicators scored two runs on a single by Chuck Reinhardt and a home run by Bob Meyer. Bouncing back in their half of the inning, the Molecules counted four runs on three consecutive doubles by Jack Chakorian, Art Petterino, Joe Minga, and a home run by Frank Lucatorto. The Molecules continued scoring in the third, fourth, and fifth innings. In the fifth frame the Eradicators scored two runs on three hits and an error, and in the final inning they put across their last three runs on a walk, three errors, and a single. Hank Pachowicz and Lucatorto, of the Molecules, each had a perfect day at bat, while Reinhardt, Meyer, and Steve Mendak did the hitting for the Eradicators.

In the second game, pitcher Lorna Boone, who stopped the

Engineers two weeks ago, was ineffective against the slugging Molecules. Blasting her out of the box in the second inning with a barrage of fifteen hits and fourteen runs, the Molecules continued to knock three relief hurlers for the remaining 25 runs.



Horseshoe Tourney Gets Under Way

Despite the rain of the past week the horseshoe pitchers have succeeded in pitching ten singles and two doubles matches in the intramural tourney. Most of the matches were one-sided, but competition should get keener as the ranks are made thinner by increased eliminations.

The closest match was one between Leland Olson and Tom Williams. Olson won in three games 21-18, 19-21 and 21-16. Charlie Kadlub, the elevator operator, trounced that star freshman, Ivo Buddeke 21-12 and 21-14.

IT'S CHESTERFIELD WEEK

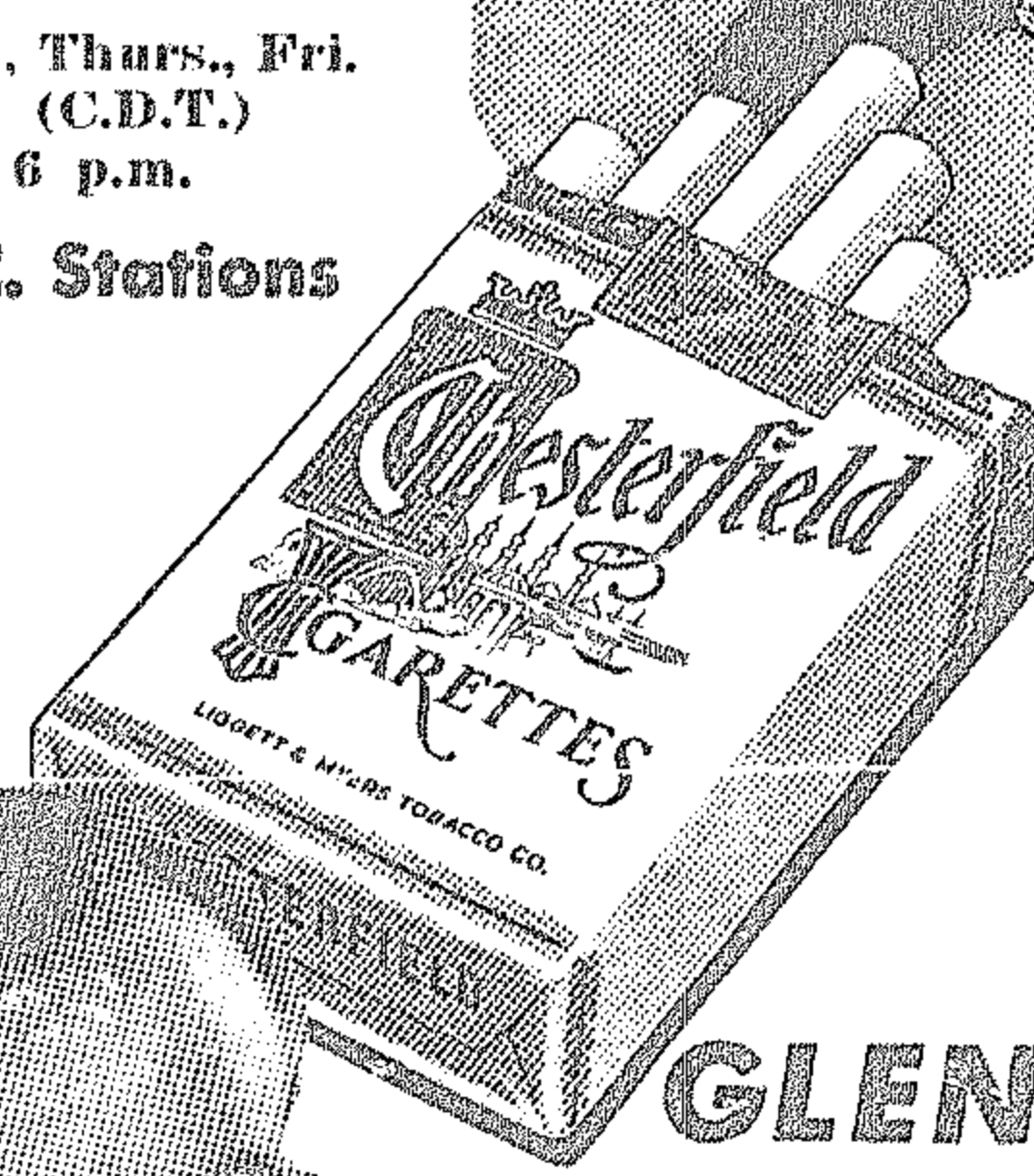
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