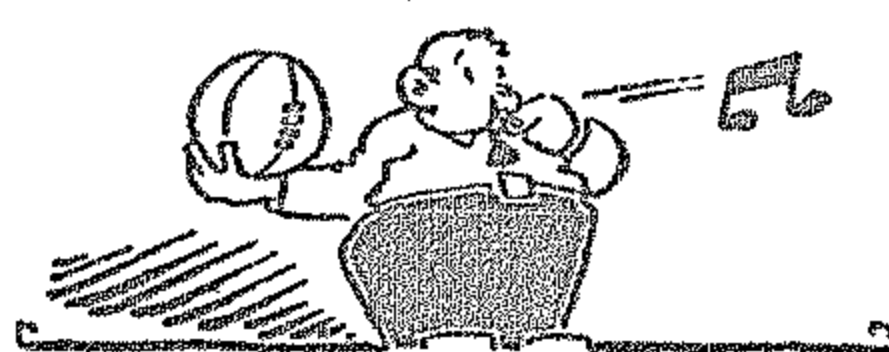


## TIME OUT



By Warren Spitz

Their hearts aglow like an evening star,  
Five hundred athletes from near and far,  
Ran round the track, jumped over the bar,  
At the Thirteenth Illinois Tech Relays.

The Midwest's cream in the classic supreme,  
Giving their best to win for their team;  
Put on a show, like you've never seen,  
Another successful Tech Relays.

It's one more year, 'til they're again here  
To be spurred on with a yell and a cheer,  
John Schommer all Illinois Tech will revere  
For the Thirteenth Annual Tech Relays.

Let us take *Time Out* to consider the magnitude of people represented at an event such as the Tech Relays. Forty universities and colleges sent over five hundred athletes to participate in the games. If the average institute of higher learning has an enrollment of about 2000, then the Illinois Tech Relays represents more than 50,000 students alone plus thousands of Chicago sports enthusiasts, officials and business men.

Almost everything about the meet Saturday night set a new record in the series of Tech Relay's successes. The number of schools and athletes participating excelled all expectations. The audience was large and the competition was keener than ever.

The crowd was surprised at the poor showing of Bill Williams, Wisconsin pole-vaulter, but few knew that Bill was suffering from a leg injury and every step was a noble effort. Injuries kept Myron Piker, Northwestern sprint ace, and many other notables on the sidelines. Don Olson, Illinois hurdler and Big Ten Champ, bolted his team and went to another track to steal honors there.

We can definitely say that for many of the athletes their participation in the Relays was the greatest event in their lives. This certainly holds true for Bob Kincheol of the University of Chicago. Bob is a sophomore and had never vaulted above thirteen feet. Saturday he made thirteen feet, six inches and everyone will remember Bob's unsuppressed joy as he hugged Coach Ned Merriam after attaining the best effort of his career.

Many other participants and non-participants experienced thrills during the night, as event after event ran off smoothly and with the precision and fine caliber of one race excelled only by the next. Congratulations, John J. Schommer, upon guiding another Illinois Tech Relays to a glorious success.

Honor I, Illinois Tech's athletic honorary society, opens this season's social activities with a theater party. The active members are going to see the outstanding movie of the year, "Fantasia." March 26 has been set as the date for the event.

All actives are requested to make reservations with Roger Mueller, Bill Bauch or "Sonny" Weissman.

## Swimming Team Ends Season, Lose Meets To De Pauw, Beloit

### Huxhold Elected To Captaincy Of Squad

By Fred DeMoney

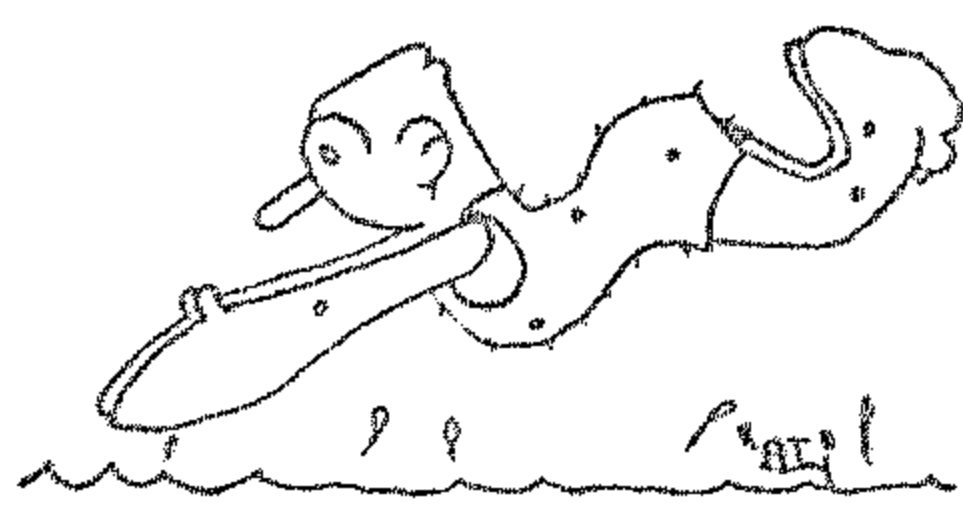
Culminating a season's effort fighting the green waves of Bartlett and other pools, the Illinois Tech's swimming team held its last meet of the current year against DePauw university last Saturday night at Bartlett Pool of the University of Chicago. The Techawks put up a valiant battle, which rose to a keen pitch at the finish but the Hoosier's power was too great, and the lads in Scarlet and Gray went down in a glorious 40-26 defeat.

Lose to Beloit

On the night before the DePauw fiasco, the McGillivraymen dropped a tight meet to Beloit in a return engagement. Illinois Tech drove to within six points of whipping the Wisconsin lads as the score 36-30 indicates. In the Beloit contest, Tech relay squads won. The medley event of Huxhold, Koos, and Rademacher paced the Beloit trio. Later Earl Huxhold swam his best time of the year in the 100-yard back stroke as all entries touched in a blanket finish. "Hux's" time was 1:11.2

From the very beginning to the moment when the lads heaved manager Dick Larson into the drink "with" clothes on etal, the DePauw encounter was without a dull moment. Each race was close, and Tech set an "unofficial" varsity record in the 120-yard medley relay.

George Rademacher took a third in the 40-yard free style, Carl Koos flipped his way to a close second behind the unbeaten Jack Ketcham in the 100-yard breast stroke, and Dick Talcott and Earl Hux-



hold finished second and third, respectively in the 100-yard back stroke race. In the diving event only a matter of four points separated each of the first three men entered.

Tech Wins Relays

After the diving, the score stood at, DePauw 40, Illinois Tech 14. Then came the medley relay. Huxhold got off to a quarter length's lead over Johnson in the back stroke. Then Koos plunged in and kept the margin the breast stroke leg. With perfect coordination, the Koos-Rademacher exchange sent the free styler into the blue. After Rademacher had churned the waves to a frothy white and had finished ahead of Paxton, the Hoosier flash, it was announced that the locals had traversed the distance in 1:08.4, an unofficial Techhawk record.

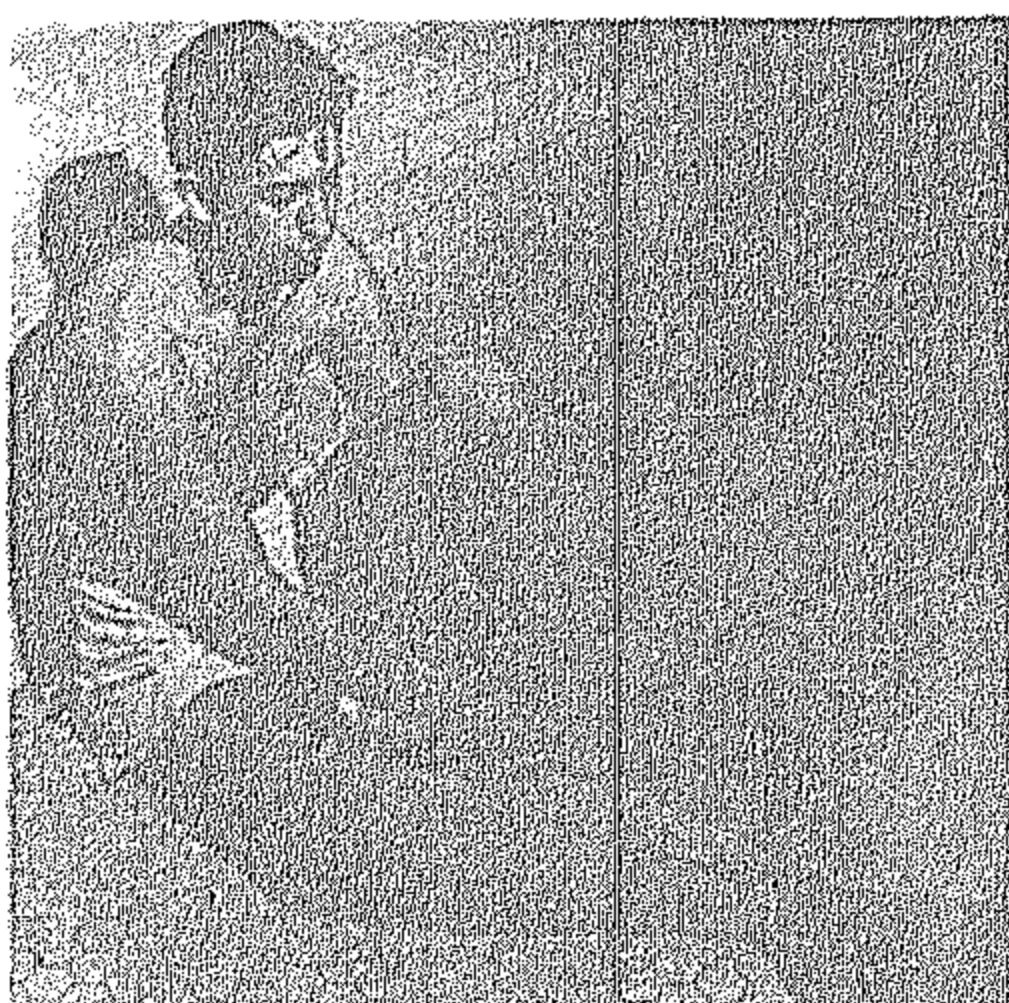
In the 160-yard free style relay, the Taylor, Mankus, Talcott, and Blume combine whipped the DePauw quartet in as tight a race as ever has been granted in Bartlett. These last two wins gave the Techawks 12 more points for their total, and made the final score 40-26. After the meet, the team promptly gave Dick Larson the time-honored dunking ceremony. In a brief meeting that followed the swimmers elected Earl Huxhold, junior civil, to lead them in next year's campaign. Jerry Bunce, junior chemical, was elected the new manager.

### 'Arnie' Blume Ends Four Years On Team

Free styler, back stroker, then free styler—that's the cyclic nature of Arnold E. Blume, the captain of Illinois Tech's swimming team.

Arnie was a free style man at Maine Township high school. At the time Mr. Blume was a Des Plaines B.M.O. and Maine was state champion in the aquatic sport. For three straight years Maine kept the cup, symbolic of supreme swimming prowess throughout the state.

After Arnie graduated from dear old Maine he enrolled at Armour in the Architectural dept. That was way back in September,



Captain 'Arnie' Blume

1937. He immediately went out for the swimming team, and won a berth not as a free styler, but as a back stroker. For three years Blume swam upside down, winning his specialty, the 100-yard back stroke. Then this year, after being elected captain he turned over and started to swim on his tummy again. He now swims the 40-yard dash, the 100-yard sprint and anchors the free style relay team.

Holds Two Major Letters

One minor and two major letters has Arnold Blume. He sports them not unfrequently in the presence of his artist friend, Ginny Allrecht, red-headed native of Des Plaines also. During the summer months Arnie works as a life guard on the city's beaches. As a member of Honor "I", Mr. Blume fulfills the purposes of that organization by representing to the student body that type of an athletic leader whom all fellow athletes admire.

### MARQUETTE MAN RUNS 70 YD. DASH PRELIMS IN :07.2

Nine hours of thrilling track and field events began at three-thirty last Saturday afternoon. Thirty-nine colleges and universities adorned the University of Chicago's fieldhouse at the time.

In the preliminary 70-yard dash, Littler of Nebraska went the distance in :07.3 but Millen of Marquette did it in :07.2. Millen's time was 1/10 of a second slower than the Relay record. Taylor of Wilson and Mayer of Iowa Teachers came through with :07.4 in the college division.

IIT was able to qualify Barry in the 70-yard low hurdle but he missed out in the semi-finals. Again, Horvath and Kahler came through with fast time in the university division. Mayer of Iowa State Teachers pulled down the honors in the other section with a :08.3. Mayer then turned around, walked back to the start and won his heat in the 70-yard dash semi-finals. Taylor of Wilson won the other heat. Both men were timed at :07.4.

### Eugene 'Red' Littler Proud To Establish Tech Relays Record

By Earl Sherman

Just a smiling little redhead; a mere 160 pound young man. But every pound is loaded with dynamite, for this is a description of Eugene Littler, Nebraska's great sprint star who competed in the Illinois Tech Relays last Saturday.

In 1940 as an unheralded sophomore this speed demon came to the Tech Relays and pulled a startling upset by coping both the 70-yard dash and 440-yard run titles. This began a series of phenomenal victories for the Nebraska flash.

Breaks 440-yard Record

Last Saturday at the Relays, Littler returned to the scene of his first conquest. This time he shone even more brilliantly in easily taking the 70-yard dash, and then setting a new Tech Relays record in winning the 440-yard run, in the speedy time of 49.3 seconds.

After winning Littler said to your Technology News reporter, "I'm glad I cracked the record in the 440 to give an added thrill to this fine meet. I was trying especially hard to get the record as this might be my last year at the Relays."

Rogers Upsets Favorites

Another unheralded star rose to fame by upsetting the advance predictions at this year's Relays. He was Winston Rogers of Lincoln College, who soared to great heights in the high jump. This tall colored lad from Jefferson, Missouri easily jumped 6 feet 3 3/4 inches to annex the open high jump championship.

It was reputed that Rogers had gone as high as 6 feet 7 inches this year. The highly touted University jumpers, Don and Jimmy Smith of Northwestern, Moreau of Wisconsin and Ray of Chicago, were expected to take this college upstart, but when the high jumping battle was over Rogers was found to have gone a wee bit higher than his rivals.

Kahler Whips Horvath

Another upset occurred in the 70-yard low hurdles. Bob Kahler a lanky Nebraskan shot to victory in a thrilling race. This Nebraska upsetter beat the best efforts of Horvath and Finch of Northwestern, Towle of Wisconsin, and Hale of Illinois, the Big Ten's outstanding hurdlers.

Leading the Wisconsin squad to a team victory was that stellar trackman and All-American full-back, George Paskvan. This soft spoken giant put the shot 47 feet 9 inches to give Wisconsin its only first place while winning the University team title of the Tech Relays.

Fouls Prevent Record

Paskvan expressed his opinion that the large number of athletes blend perfectly with the many individual stars to make the Tech Relays an impressive meet. Big George seemed disappointed that he didn't come close to the record for the Relays of 51 feet. Several of his throws were slightly over 50 feet, but he had the misfortune to foul on these.

Later Paskvan said, "Too bad my Big Ten rival Archie Harris of Indiana isn't here to really make the competition keen. I just beat him in the Big Ten indoor meet with a throw of 50 feet, and will be lucky to repeat when we meet outdoors." Here's hoping for George's continued success.

## TECH SHORTS

By Art Jens '31

Editor's note: This column is being written once again by Art Jens, FPE '31 who was the first sports editor of what was then the *Armour Tech News* in 1929. He originated the sports column *Tech Shorts*. Year after year the *Tech Relays* are a success and year after year, Art Jens is on the job officiating, writing and representing Illinois Tech good-will.

Lucky thirteen in the long succession of Tech Relays went into the dust of the University of Chicago field house last Saturday with any number of notable performances but without a single record breaker of importance. It has come to be expected that the Tech meet would in the course of events produce new records each year that would attract the attention of the track world. Perhaps the answer may be found in the lofty heights these records have already reached and any wholesale revision will be dependent upon a superman athlete of the class of Jessie Owens.

After a frantic round-robin session of coaches, officials, managers, clerks and directors to assign positions in the many events making up the program the first event, the two-mile college relay, was started at 3:30 p.m. and ended eight minutes sixteen and four-tenths seconds later with Michigan State Normal in the winner's position. With this excellent start the Michigan lads kept piling up points and for the third consecutive time were declared the winners in the college division. Thus with their team victory in 1934 Michigan Normal stands as the only four time winner in the Relays.

Man Among Men

John Schommer, Tech's indefatigable director of athletics, is the man about whom the Relays revolve. It was his idea in concert with former track coach Lonnie Stagg that the first of these meets was held. The present eminence of the meet is due largely to the efforts that John has expended. Your correspondent spent an hour in the University of Chicago trophy room last Saturday and was amazed to find the name of Schommer on more trophies than that of any other of Chicago's famous men. It is impossible to measure the contribution that Schommer has made to Tech since he entered the old Armour in 1912. He is revered by every man that ever entered the Institute's doors. We have often wondered why the Honor "I" has never conferred a letter award upon him.

Officiating at a track meet, especially picking the place winners in a short dash or hurdle race, is a task that would try the patience of most men. Frequently the runners would come up to the finish line so that a blanket could cover all of the competitors. It is then that the judges meet together and decide who wins the coveted medals. Generally two judges are assigned to pick each place and whatever their decision is, it is taken as final. There were no protests Saturday which is sufficient evidence that the officials did a tough job in an acceptable fashion.

After Twelve Years

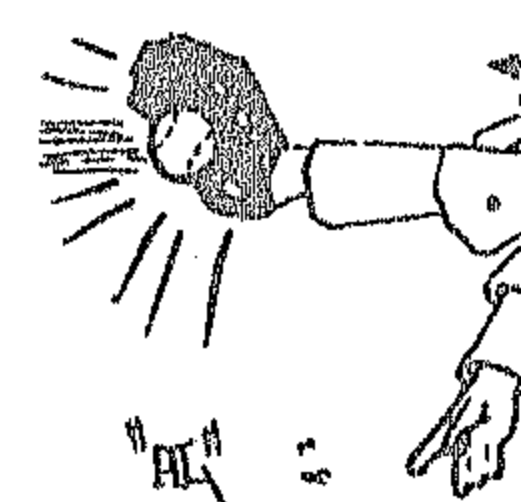
Thus for the 75th time your correspondent has put together a Tech Shorts column. We always look forward to the annual running of the Relays and we always hope that the next one will be greater than the last. For 1942 our hope is for a bigger meet and for the Institute a greater year. All signs point in this direction. . . .

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