

By Warren Spitz

Art Jens, writing in Tech Shorts of last week's issue of Technology News, made an inquiry as to why Honor "I" had not conferred a letter award upon John J. Schommer, Illinois Tech's revered athletic director. We will take time out to correct Art and reveal a few facts concerning Honor "I" and John.

We presume that when Art mentioned Honor "I", he was also considering its predecessor at Armour college, the old Honor "A". This organization was originated over 30 years ago and one of the men behind the formation was the same John Schommer.

In 1915, Mr. Schommer was made an honorary member of the group. At an Honor "A" alumni banquet held in 1939, he was awarded a sweater and letter award in recognition of his many years of service to Armour.

Of course, Art Jens, has made a good point in that John Schommer has not been presented an "I" representing sports service to our new school, Illinois Tech. For that matter, no one has as yet,, been awarded an "I" letter award.

The Illinois Tech Student Association has it under its jurisdiction to make letter presentations. We therefore propose that the ITSA, and its president Dick Larson, take it upon themselves to present the first "I" award of IIII. nois Tech to John Joseph Schommer, being as he is III's number one man of athletics.

We also propose that from time to time the ITSA honor other men at the Illinois Institute of Technology who have so faithfully served their school and certainly deserve a letter award in recognition of this service, whether it be in athletics or otherwise.

Many men have given valuable years to athletics at Tech. Witness the dozens of years that Professor Charles W. Leigh coached the golf team. Dr. Leigh is retired now a professor emeritus of mechanical engineering. As head of the golfers he received little more than his own satisfaction which we know he derived from teaching many young men the fundamentals of the golfing game.

There are of course many others. They are modestly going about their work at Illinois Tech and have been performing their duties, either at Armour or at Lewis. Let's bring these people to the fore and at least honor them with the insignificant and yet what we hope will become a most treasured award, the "I" of Illinois Tech.

BASEBALL TEAM STARTS PRACTICE

Plunk! Put her right in here! Watch that curve! Such are the cries as the Techawk baseballers practice everyday in the Armour cheesebox, better known as the gym. Regularly for the past several weeks the heavers and receivers have been patiently practicing their chores in preparation for the coming hardball season.

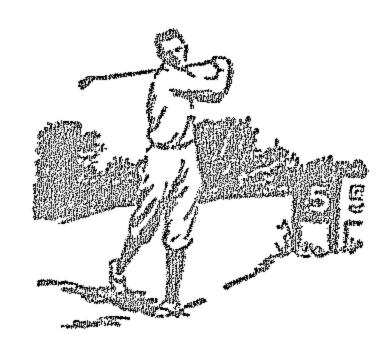
Next week the lads will move out into the open and will get to practicing in earnest. Since the spring zephyrs are now starting to blow across Ogden field and the field will soon be in excellent shape for playing, we should see some real workouts in the near future.

Illinois Tech's Track Team Wins Over Wheaton in Indoor Meet

'Spring Is Here' Golf Swings Out

"Begorra, my lads, the spring zithers are starting to whisper across the green lands of the country heather." Thus, spoke the bonny Scotchman as he dusted off his golf clubs and hiked off to the fresh green of the old golf club. As the Scotch do, so do the close relations of the Scotchmen, the IIT golfers.

Coach Sammy Bibb, the sly old southern gentleman of the math department, is the official



representative of the old Scotch pastime here at Illinois Tech. His squad of golfers will soon start to make the mats resound as they practice their best strokes in the cage in the fifth floor Main golf course. As soon as the lads can even wade around the course they will be on the greens digging up the sod as they whip their rusty limbs and strokes into shape for the competition of the coming golf season.

Bob Olson Captures Tech Ping Porg Title

A three week stalemate in intramural ping-pong was finally broken last Friday as Sam Falk, Art Goldberg, and Robert Olson fought to settle upon who's head the ping-pong crown should set.

In the first round, Olson had a long, tough and close fight in beating Falk in the first round of the roundrobin. The first set was in favor of Faik 21-16. Olson took control for the remainder of the match by scoring three wins, 21-15. 21-19 and 21-18. After this battle, Falk came back to play Goldberg. Evidently Art had sat on a fire for he was really hot as his scores show, 21-12, 21-13,

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This match eliminated 21-12. Falk and set up Goldberg against Olson. In four hard fought matches, Olson finally triumphed, 21-16, 21-12, 15-21, and 21-17.

Double Champs Unknown

With the singles champion crowned, there only remains the doubles championship to be settled in the ping-pong tourneys. There are two teams remaining in the doubles, the Newman-Kruse combination and the Goldberg-Maihock couple.

Rowling Rolling

Bowling is rolling right along with three weeks to go. The Coalitions average looks good but maybe it is the competition they have been meeting. Soph Mechs and Bugs will probably fight it out for the first place berth before the tourney is over.

Bob Osborne Runs 440 Yards in :51.9

Illinois Tech's rapidly improving track team came from behind last Wednesday night to beat the powerful Wheaton college squad 50 1-3 to 44 2-3 in a post season meet.

The mile relay team clinched the meet for IIT in one of the most thrilling races ever seen in the U. of C. fieldhouse. The quartet of Matthews, Sauer, McCullough and Osborne nosed out the Wheaton team by a scant yard to win in the fast time of 3.38.0.

Dick Barry, Illinois Tech's hurdle star, took both hurdle races to be high point man of the day. Bob Osborne totaled 9½ points by means of his first in the 440 second in the 60 and superb anchor leg on the relay. Harry Heidenreich picked up 8 points for the Techawks with seconds in the high jump and shot put, as well as his tie for second in the pole vault.

Osborne was unable to beat Wheaton's Cottone in the sprints, but came back to win an easy first in the quarter mile. McCullough was too tired to match strides with Captain Cooper of Wheaton in the mile, so, had to take second after a hard race. The two-mile, a repetition of the mile, found Erkert faltering in the last laps only to relinquish the race to Daughters in the very good time of 10:53. When the Wheaton trio swept the half mile the chances of a victory were quite remote.

The Techawks piled up enough points in the field events to give the team a scant 2/3 of a point lead. Elwood and Parks scored firsts in the pole vault and high jump on good performances in both. Heidenreich grabbed second's in all three field events as Sanowskis pushed the shot to a third place mark and Watson shared a third in the high jump.

Then came the hotly contested relay that settled the meet. George Matthews, running his leg of the relay first, put the Techawks into a 5 yard lead. Roy Sauer maintained the lead in his leg to give the baton to Wayne McCullough with a 4 yard advantage. Tired after two previous races in the meet, McCullough was unable to cope with his fresh opponent and was forced to relinquish the lead. Bob Osborne started his anchor leg with a 5 yard deficiency and lost more ground on the first 220. Then rounding the final curve the unstoppable Osborne strated his kick.

Osborne's time in the final quarter was :51.9 which is three tenths of a second faster than his third place quarter in the Illinois Tech Relays.

BUMMARY

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70-yd. Low Hurdles Barry (HT), DeVries (W), Sutty (W)

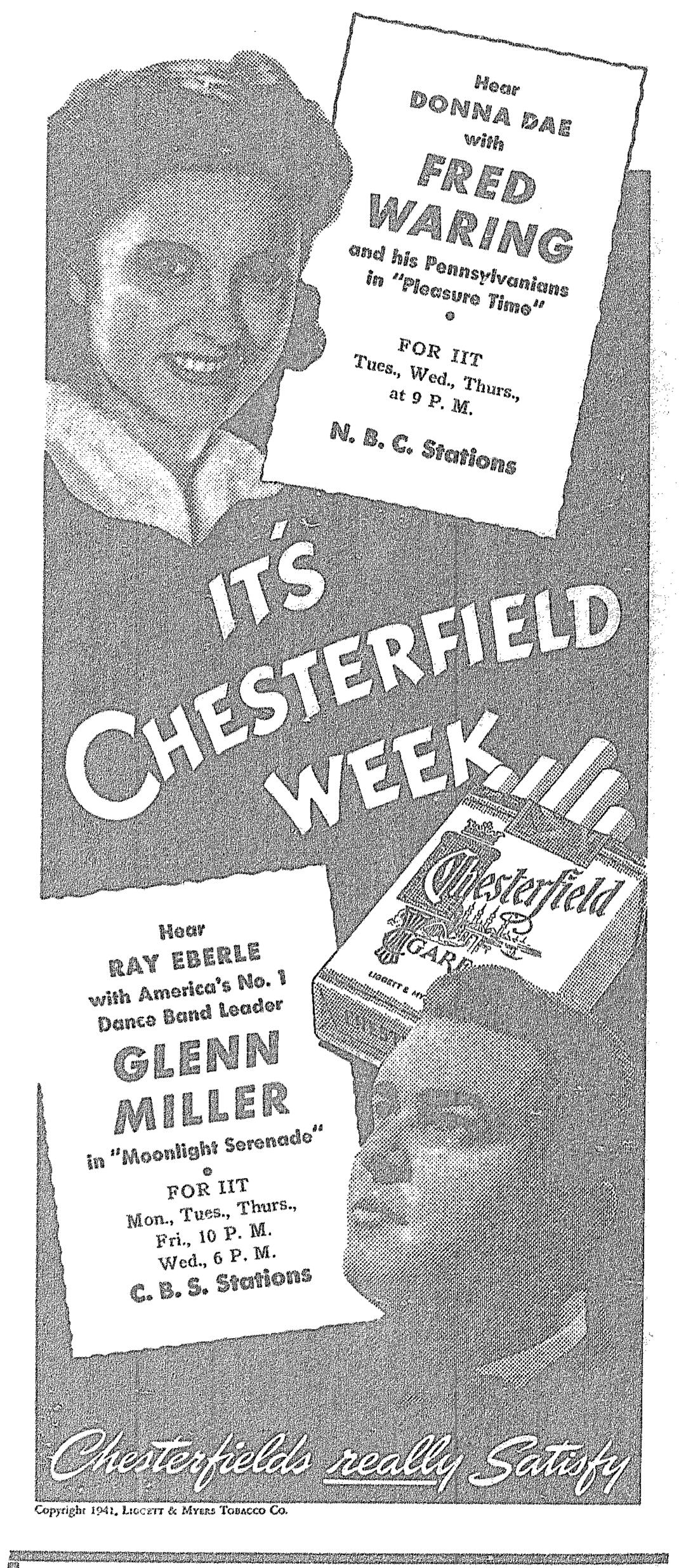
Stewart (W), Clauson (W), Grigg (W)

Shot Put Elliot (W), Heidenreich (IIT), Sanowskis (III) Pole Vault

Elwood (HT), Christenson (W) & Heidenreich (HT) High Jump Parks (HT), Heidenreich (HT), Watson

(IIT) & Clauson (W) & Christenson (W) Mile Relay Illinois Tech (Matthews, Sauer, McOullough, Osborne)

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