

Tech Baseball Nine Opens Season; Battle at Lake Forest Tomorrow

'Sonny' Coaches First Game For Illinois Tech

Spring is officially here to usher in another season of that grand old game of baseball. Here at Illinois Tech there is more excitement and enthusiasm than has been prevalent at any other spring preceeding the baseball season. The groundkeepers are feverishly working to get Ogden Field in shape and students and players alike are anxiously awaiting the call of "Batter Up!"

First Game Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon Illinois Tech will play its first ball-game of the 1941 season as the Techhawk nine travels to Lake Forest to take in the Forester's team in what will provide a top-notch thriller for what looks like a great baseball campaign. Last year, Lake Forest beat the old Armour team in two closely fought games, but the Techmen look for victory in Wednesday's tussel. Let's have a real turnout from the school. Take a ride out to Lake Forest and cheer the boys on!

This is the first time that a baseball team will represent the newly formed Illinois Institute of Technology on the playing field. The team is equipped with uniforms, including players' and managers' jackets, designed with scarlet and gray which represent the new school colors. There have also been several improvements in the school athletic equipment including a new batting back-stop in Ogden Field.

During the past years Armour has been competing in baseball free lance, but this year, since the merger with Lewis, Illinois Tech has the distinction of being an integral part of a respectable league, the Northern Illinois College Conference. This conference has as member teams nines from Elmhurst, North Central, Concordia, Wheaton and Illinois Tech. Being a member of a college conference should provide us with the necessary incentive to play for that old "do or die" college spirit.

Outstanding Material

For the first time in years the Techhawk team is blessed with outstanding material. An unusually large number of candidates reported for the first outdoor practice held at Ogden Field, Wednesday, April 2, 1941. This group included a number of returning letter men although the fine showing of freshmen and sophomores insures a real battle for every position. If the breaks go in our favor the Techhawk team should finish high in the first division of the northern conference.

One of the most important items of the coming season for Illinois Tech is the fact that we have a new baseball coach. As you all know by now the man is Bernard "Sonny" Weissman. Whenever there is a new coach the team acquires a revived spirit which frequently produces a better team than during the preceding year. This theory is particularly true when the coach is outstanding. In "Sonny" Weissman, Illinois Tech is getting a man of unusual baseball ability and rare leadership. His understanding of the players and his aptness at getting along with them, coupled with his excellent knowledge of the game, should produce the best results possible.

TECH SHORTS

By Bob Bechtolt

"Calling all athletes, calling all athletes. Report to the gym for workouts." This cry goes up from the chief junior marshal, John Butkus, as he calls all athletes to prepare for the strenuous events of Junior week. This is the chief sport event of the next month and John has issued his call early so that all the boys can shake off that excess avoirdupois before the important week.

Coach Sam Bibb has been doing his part towards getting new athletic facilities here at IIT. Old Sammy, the golfer's mentor, had his picture taken swinging the pill bats for a movie to be presented before the trustees. Sam had a hard time finding the ball and in the process shaved a baseball player's head, missed a few swings but finally got the balls off in fine shape for the flickers.

"Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink." Thus goes the line from the classic "Rime of the Ancient Mariner." The cry of the baseballers have changed this to "Mud, mud everywhere and not a place to play". The nine had been pawing the ground waiting for the advent of warm weather so they could take to Ogden field and really get to practicing.

What happened? As soon as it got warm it also started to rain. So, the poor baseballers, with only one day of good practice under their belts sit in the union and mournfully watch the playing field slowly turn into morass (Mud to uninformed) Maybe all the sunny boys ought to go out and dry up the water?

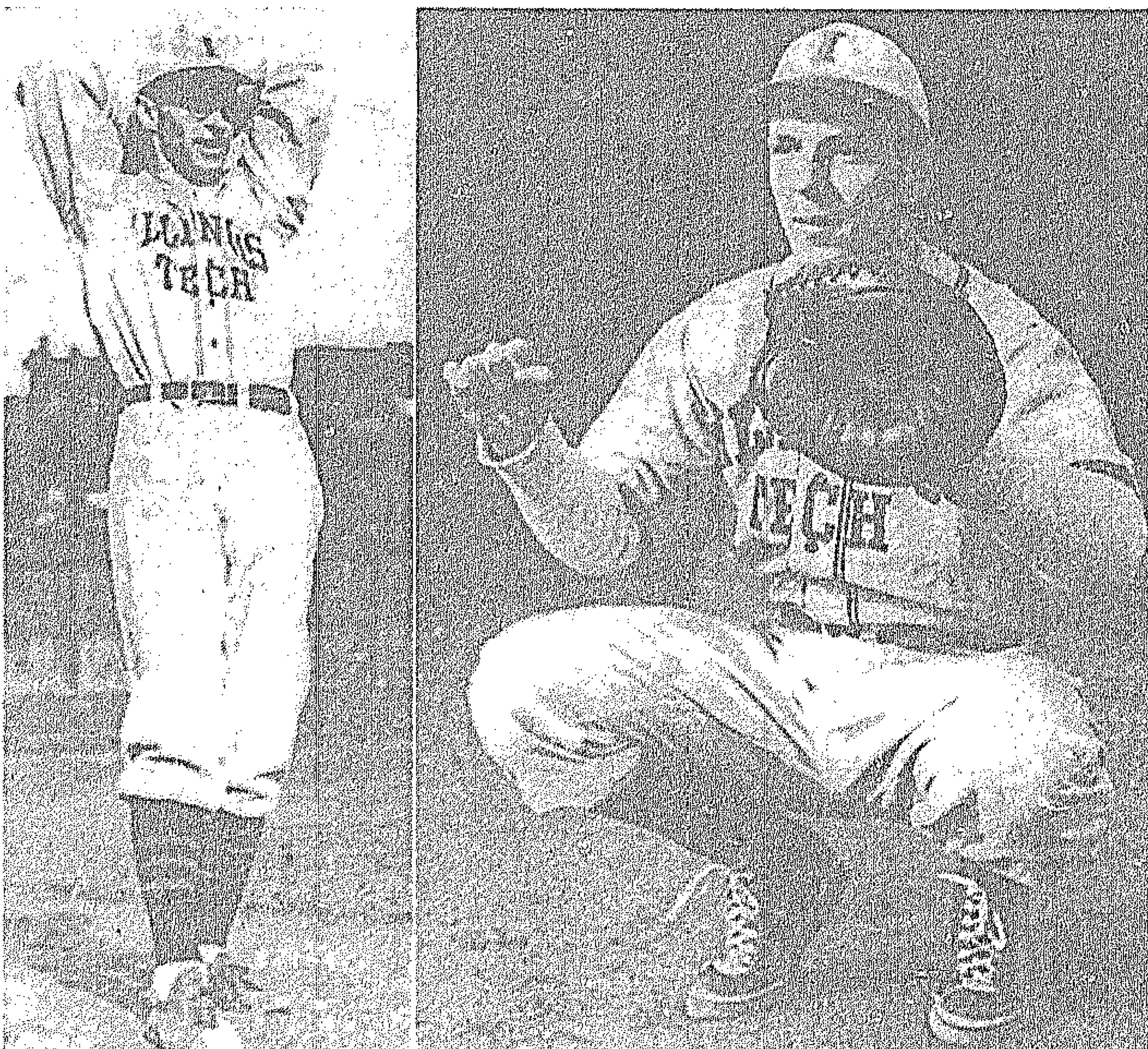
Coach Davey, this time representing the tennis team, has decided to kill two birds with one stone. Seems he made a Lenten vow not to smoke during this religious period. So, he has stopped smoking both as fulfillment of this vow and as an example to the boys on the tennis team. Any one catching "Doc" stealing a smoke may put the pinch on him for a "weed."

Whitney Pearson, ace frosh swimming star of last year, will return to the campus of IIT next semester. His return should put the mermen back on the map. The 41-42 team will be much strengthened by Whitney's return in both the relay and free style divisions.

Pete Zemaitis, Bill Watson, Jack Belluomini and others of the Soph's have been getting into trim for the coming baseball season by luring unsuspecting (?) Freshman into the gym. After getting the poor boys into the "cheese-box" they are unceremoniously depantsed and then sent back to the 5th floor drafting room as prizes of the battle and as an example to other rash frosh.

"Doc" Hal Davey, versatile prof of the economics department, has turned his hand to the gentlemanly art of high pressure salesmanship. Last week he was seen coercing his class members into buying tickets for the Hockey Hop. Reports current before last Saturday, the night of the affair, had credited him with persuading seventy five suckers (no harm meant) to buy tickets. It is through his efforts, though, that the Hockey team has been as successful as it is and he deserves much credit for this. Nice going, Doc.

LET 'ER FIRE!



Coach Weissman has designated Alex Yursis (left) and Captain Bill Bauch as the starting battery of the 1941 baseball season. The Techhawks battle at Lake Forest tomorrow afternoon in the opener of a bang-up season.

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Coach Norm Root Calls Trackmen For Opening of Outdoor Season

Five Teams Remain In Bowling Tourney

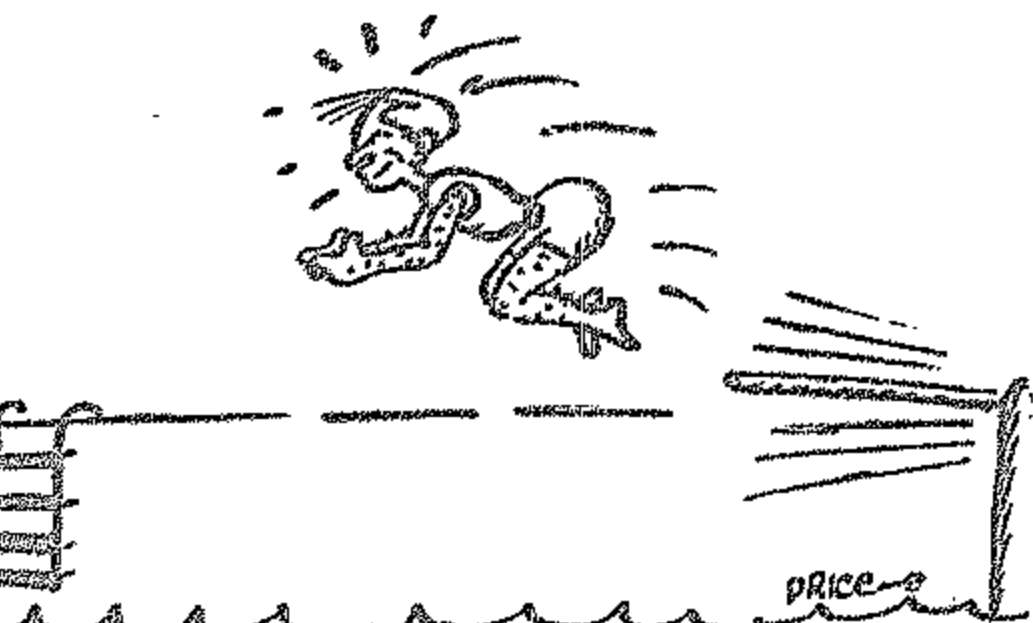
With less than two weeks to go, the bowling tournament still has five teams left who have a chance to get to the top. One team has finished the complete schedule of thirty games. This team, the Bugs, has won 22 and lost 8 for an average of .733 and is one of the contenders for the title. The other teams that will finish their schedules soon and still have a chance are the Soph Mechs, Sr. Mechs, Jr. Mechs and the Sr. Chems No. 3.

Semi-Final Round

Pitted against the Soph Mechs for this week are the Junior Mechs, while the Sr. Chems will take on the Sr. Chems No. 3. This is the semi-final round of the tournament and the last round will be run off next week. After the complete schedule has been played by each team the winner will be determined and the winning team will be rewarded with medals for its efforts. The handicaps for the various teams competing in the final rounds are: Sr. Chems No. 3, 195; Sr. Mechs, 159; Soph Mechs, 149; and Jr. Mech, 141.

SWIMMERS ATTENTION

Today is the day for the intramural swim at the University of Chicago. This meet is run by classes with as many men from each class as care to enter. Entries were closed last Friday and the respective captains have



whipped their teams into shape for the event. The captains are Elliot Gage for the Frosh, Ted Meinhold for the Sophs; Ed Colender for the Juniors with Dick Larson and Fred DeMoney, for the Seniors.

Illinois Tech Indoor Track Season Ends

Illinois Tech's track team finished a successful indoor season two weeks ago when the Wheaton Crusaders fell before a powerful onslaught. The encouraging point of the Tech record is the comeback the team staged to reach the climax. From a depleted mediocre squad sprinkled with a few questionable freshmen the team has developed into a formidable group.

Win Half of the Meets

The tracksters took a terrific lacing from North Central early in February and then were nosed out by Wilson a week later. Then on the last Wednesday in February, the team found themselves. Chicago Teachers and Morton were soundly trounced that day as the Teachers ran up a very good score. The seemingly invincible Loyola team managed to just eke out a win from the Techawks. But for the rest of the dual season only wins were chalked up when Wheaton and Elmhurst were beaten by safe margins.

Thus the team ended the indoor season with three wins and three losses over teams which have on the whole shown better material, much improved over last season.

Score in Tech Relays

The team was of better calibre than that of last season in the relays. Bob Osborn's third in the 440 was Illinois Tech's only score, but the relay quartet were much improved. The two mile of Wayne McCullough, Edwin Johnston, George Matthews and Nat Ratner ran a very good race. The medley and the mile teams were likewise better. In the individuals, Dick Barry ran fast heats in both hurdle events.

No Records Broken

None of the school records were broken although they were approached in one or two cases. Osborn's 51.9 relay quarter, against Wheaton was only three tenths of a second off Sademan's, '33 mark of 51.6. Barry almost approached

INDOOR TRACK RECORD

IIT	20%	North Central	68%
IIT	32	Wilson	49
IIT	55	Chicago Teachers	30
		Morton	21
IIT	43	Loyola	52
IIT	54	Elmhurst	41
IIT	50%	Wheaton	44%
		280 5-6	280 1-6

:09.2 in the 70 yard high hurdles.

John Elwood did 11'6" twice in the pole vault whereas his own and school record is merely three inches more. Osborn's :06.6 in the 60 is only a tenth of a second shy of a tie. The mile relay team of Matthews, Sauer, McCullough, and Osborn were seconds short of the 3:30.6 mark, but show promises of getting within a second or two of that mark.

All in all the indoor season was a great success. The team spirit is the best in years and there is much potential ability on the squad. Under the coaching of Norm Root the squad should make the outdoor season one of the best in years.

OUTDOOR TRACK SCHEDULE

APRIL	19	North Park & Ma. ton at Staggs Field
	26	Elmhurst at Elmhurst
MAY	2	Beloit Relays at Beloit
	3	Bradley Tech at Peoria
	7	Elmhurst & Wheaton at Elmhurst
	10	Elmhurst Invitational at Elmhurst
	16	Loyola at Loyola
	20	Wheaton at Wheaton

TODAY!!

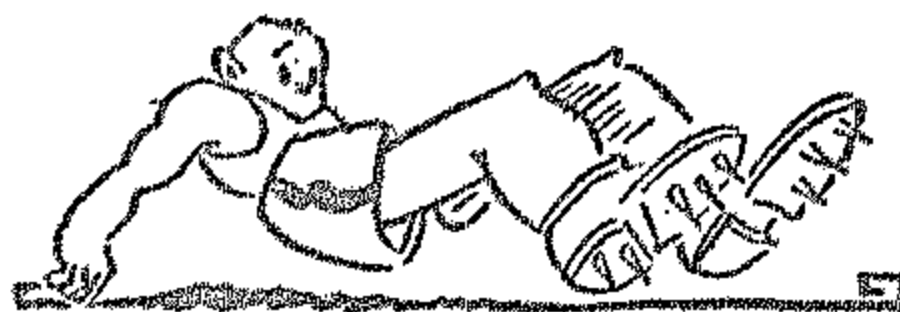
INTRAMURAL SWIMMING MEET
BARTLETT POOL
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
3 P.M. 57th UNIVERSITY AVE.

Captaincy In Hands Of Harry Heidenreich

Coach Norman Root issued his first call for outdoor practice for the track squad last Wednesday at the squad meeting 23 candidates turned out. These included all of the indoor team and two or three men. The meeting was held to formulate plans for the outdoor season, as well as, answer the new meet schedule.

Heidenreich New Captain

The most important item on the program was the election of a captain for the remainder of the season. Harry Heidenreich, versa-



tile fieldman, was elected to the coveted position with George Matthews being his closest rival.

The election was held to fill a vacancy left when Captain-elect Al Bujan failed to return to school this season.

Eight Meets Planned

The dual meets planned include Elmhurst, Wheaton and Loyola, North Park and Marston will furnish competition in the opening triangular meet. Wheaton and Elmhurst will meet the Techmen in a triangular meet which is being sponsored as an annual field day affair. Trophies and ribbons are being given for the meet.

Illinois Tech also will participate in two inter-collegiate meets. The Beloit Relays will see a select group of the Techawks entered in this, one of the most colorful outdoor meets in the country. The full squad will be sent to compete with a score or more of the better Midwest colleges teams in the Elmhurst Invitational Meet.

Trip to Peoria

All of the meets will be traveling except the opener. The Beloit Relays, being a gala night meet, will mark a fine trip for part of the squad. The entire team will make the train trip to Peoria for the Bradley Tech meet.