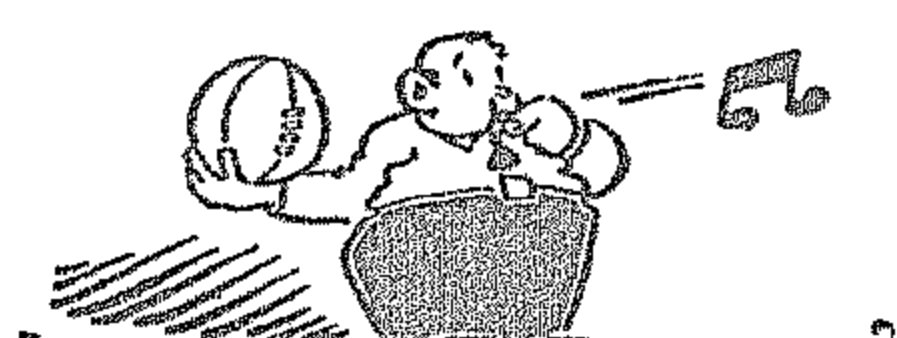


TIME OUT



By Warren Spitz

"Pu-ul-ay Ball!" Yesiree, the great old American 'call of the wild' has been heard resounding throughout the warm-climated spring training camps and finally has wormed its way onto the Illinois Tech campus. That is, of course, dependent upon ole man April's bothersome habit of pouring out his grief in the form of tears over our gigantic Ogden Field diamond.

This week will see the official inauguration of Tech softball and baseball play for 1941. 'Sonny' Weissman leads the varsity nine to Lake Forest tomorrow and 'Chuck' McAleer pushes open the control throttle of the intramural softball meet.

As 'Sonny' pilots the Techawks in their opener it sort of reminds us of the feeling that a big-league manager must have when he first takes over the controls of a team. He's put on a spot and if he makes good he's a real 'big leaguer', but if he flops, it's back to the bush leagues.

Well, here at Illinois Tech, we're building up a feeling that we are somewhat of a 'big-league', maybe not exactly built on the same principles as the 'major' leagues but at least resembling them in certain aspects.

Let's put it this way. The big leagues are a collection of teams representing various sections and competing against one another to determine which one group, throughout a season's play, can come through many obstacles and hurdles with the best record.

Illinois Tech is a league of 'teams' representing their school and different families and sections, each 'team' being, in this case, an individual, who, through a combination of ability and hustle, can also bring home a pennant."

Tech's nine men out there on the diamond are all 'big-leaguers' as is their new coach, Sonny Weissman. If these men get out on the field and put in some spirited fight and hustle, then as far as we're concerned they're winners and we are with them all the way.

Baseball is one game where pep, fight, hustle or whatever you tab it can mean the difference between a nine inning contest and a hard-fought, heart-felt battle. A big-leaguer must have a big heart and the way to show that, is by demonstrating a talent for winning and losing with the same continuous drive every minute on the field.

This is the start of what looks like the best season in many years of Tech baseball. We want to get out there and put up one hell of a battle every game and let the opposition know that they have been up against a team of big-league caliber, win, lose or draw.

Two "Al's" are IIT's big pitching hopes for a victorious schedule, these being Alexander Yursis and Algerd Dombros. Al Yursis is the outstanding twirler from last years squad which rang up a record of five wins as against eight losses. Al Dambros, a newcomer from Wilson Jr. College, is a rangy left-hander with plenty of power.

The only weak spot in the set-up is at shortstop, where Frank Leonard starred in 1940. Frank is gone and will be sorely missed. However, the crop of men out for positions is outstanding and returning letter men in every position will have to fight hard to retain their posts.

Four Lettermen Returning for Illinois Tech Golf Competition

Rifle Teams Place In U. of C. Tourney

Climaxing a successful season, Illinois Tech's rifle teams placed second, fifth and seventh in the Open National Small Bore Championship which was held at the University of Chicago Field House on March 27, 28, 29. All Big Ten and most of the Middle Western schools were represented and IIT entered three teams, two varsity and one freshman squad.

Nine Points Out

Out of a possible 1600 points the first varsity team, composed of George Borre, Ed Dost, Henry Dryer and Ray Smith, made 1572, a score only exceeded by Iowa which fired a total of 1581. The second varsity squad, Joe Hartman, Robert Peterson, Robert Zelin and Richard Eck placed fifth in the tournament.

Freshmen Show Promise

The freshman team, by placing seventh, gave hope for future great IIT rifle teams. It is composed of Joe Hind, Robert LaNier, Robert Bell, and Robert Civiak. Scores of the second and freshman team have not yet been released.

The Rifle Team had a good year, winning six out of eleven dual matches.

Face Wayne University In Opener April 18

With the advent of spring Coach S. F. Bibb announces the opening of the golf season. The members of the team have been practicing for the last month in the gym and are finally ready to show their stuff on the greenswards. Although the team has lost Ralph Schmal, last years captain, it can boast of four capable lettermen in co-captains, Mel Korrell and Al Brediau Harry Sieg and Adam Jemsek who will play this year and are also available next year.

Season Starts April 18

Manager Le Roy Goetz, who has been busily preparing a schedule for both the first and second



teams, announces the season will open on April 18, with the varsity entertaining Wayne U. at Southmoor, while the B team will travel down to Wabash on the same date and then play at Terre Haute on April 19.

The varsity members will be hard pressed for their positions by the B team which is composed of Bob Sundstrom, Dick Taylor, Wally Russanowski, and John Wagner.

Tournament Postponed

Due to the small turnout for previous Spring tournaments Goetz has decided to run it later in the season when everybody has had a chance to do a little practicing.

Eleven matches have been scheduled for the varsity squad and eight for the B team. The feature event comes during Junior Week when the varsity travels to Michigan for a four day trip.

Intramural Softball Season Opens Today

Today, weather permitting, the annual intramural softball tourney will get under way under the able direction of intramural manager Chuck McAleer. Entries are now in, and they point to competition as keen, if not keener than last year's with most of the stronger teams signed up.

From where we sit, it looks like a toss-up between the Sr., and Jr., and the Soph Mechs, with the Employees team and the Stardusters as dark horses. The Sr. Mechs have the same team that finished third last year, and the Jr. Mechs have the same men that lost to the Boosters in the finals. However, the Soph Mechs formerly the Comets, have acquired several additions.

All of the games will be played on one official diamond; the southwest corner of Ogden field. The games will be seven innings long and the officials will be selected by the mutual consent of the participating teams. There will be twelve medals awarded to the winning team. A ruling introduced by the ITSA board last year makes all baseball letter men, both major and minor, ineligible for competition in the tourney.

ALPHA SIGS COP FRAT BASKETBALL

With a squad of varsity caliber sharpshooters the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, romped off with the interfraternity basketball crown. In the finals, the Alpha Sigs trounced a fighting Delta Tau Delta squad, 31 to 12.

In the final game, the Alpha Sigs jumped off to a 9 to 0 lead at the end of the first quarter. They held this lead throughout the game and consistently added to it.

Hussander Stars

Leading factor in the Alpha Sig victory was their unpenetrable defense. They held the Deltas to a mere five baskets and two free throws during the whole game.

Leading sharpshooters for the Alpha Sigs were Hussander with 10 points, Mc Collough and Hackbarth with seven and six respectively.

An Old Story

Winning the basketball crown is an old story with the Alpha Sigs. During the last 23 years of inter fraternity basketball, they have won the title 21 times. The two times they lost were last year when they lost to Phi Kappa Sigma and when they were defeated in 1938.

Lewis Softball Play Opens Mon., April 14

Lewis' intramural softball season opens on Monday April 14. In order that the games may start on this date all team entries must be turned in immediately to Coach Stenger. Medals will be presented to the team that places first in tournament. A team will be formed from the Lewis college which will have its primary objective the humbling of the Armour college softball team. Other games may be scheduled for the team.

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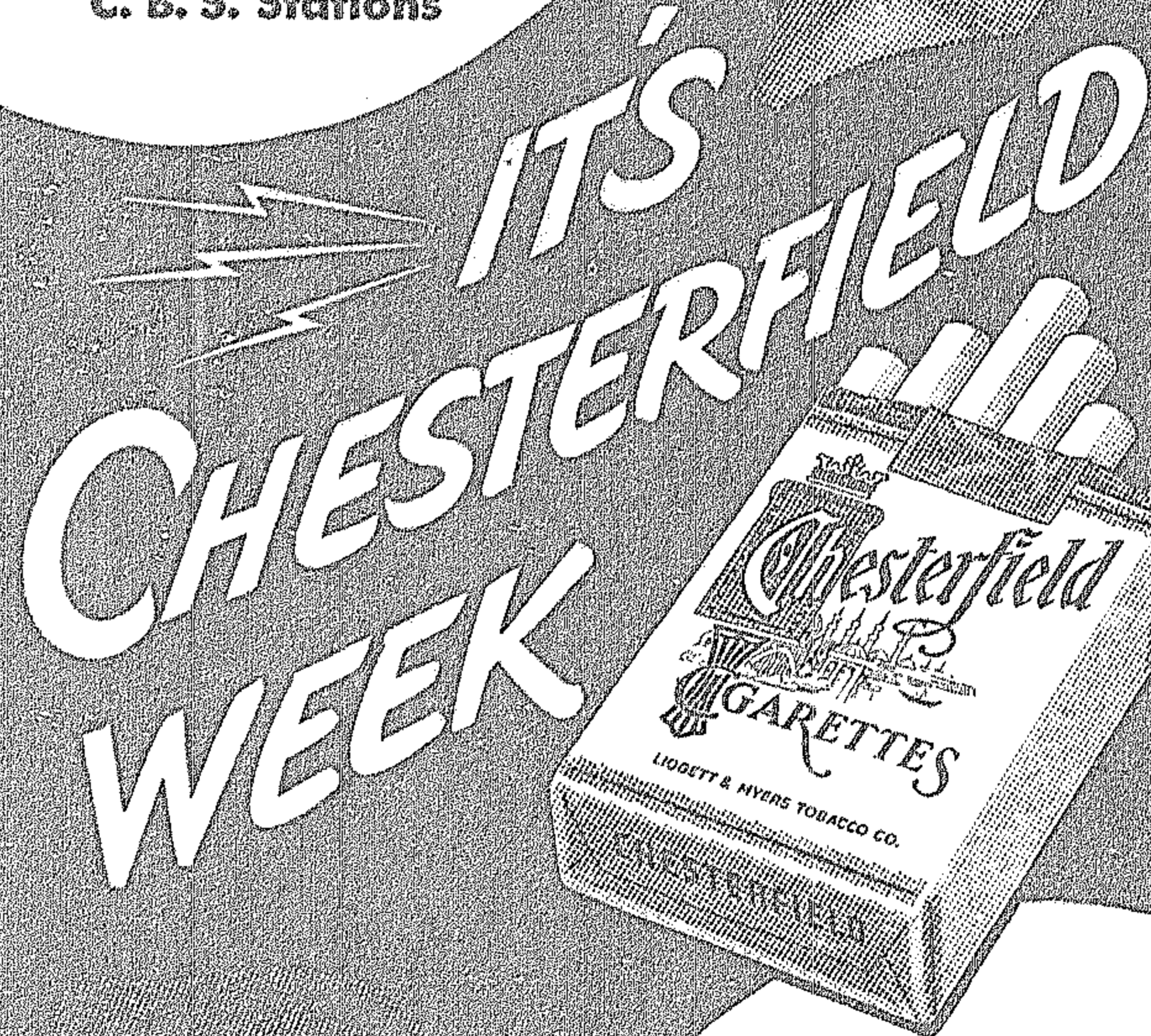
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