

Urgent Need For Better Athletic Facilities Cited By Outrageous Conditions Prevailing On Campus

Illinois Tech has a building for the gas institute. The next building that is to be erected is a library and class room building. These edifices are good. They mark forward steps toward making the institute a bigger and better school.

But—when students have to play cards on the steps of the Student Union for exercise and entertainment, there is something wrong. However, they can not go any other place. How can a fellow go up and work out in Armour's gym? If classes are going on, there are thirty to fifty men in the "box" on the fifth floor during a gym period. When gym classes are not scheduled, all the equipment is locked up. Results—a nice floor to play tag. There are no bars, rings, poles, dumbbells, or boxing rings. The floor is too small for basketball or soccer.

Fieldhouse the Answer

The only answer to this disreputable condition is a new fieldhouse. A place with a swimming pool, basketball courts, and an inside track.

"The engineer should be sound of body as well of mind," says John Schommer. He goes on to say that sports and an active participation in extra-curricular projects is just as important for citizenship as are any classes.

Nothing Done!

With this great need for an athletic center nothing is being done. The Illinois Tech swimming and track teams still have to go to the "hard to reach" University of Chicago fieldhouse. The boxing and wrestling teams have no ring and the basketball team has to play and practice in the armory. Hockey games must be played on the far west side.

We need a field house and we will get it. **NO MORE CARD PLAYING ON STEPS FOR EXERCISE.**

TECH SHORTS

By John Butkus

Milt Pleva, Tech's new intramural manager, is calling for between ten and fourteen men to act as "official referees" for the coming touchball season. They will be distinguished from men acting as referees in previous years by the fact that they will be the only ones that may work in that capacity. Furthermore, Milt has assured us that shirts or jackets will be used during the games.

Any men interested in obtaining more information should speak to Pleva.

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Art Minwegen announces that the golf finals will be held at the Southmoor Country club. The lettermen will play the non-lettermen, team for team. From indications, says Art, the new men are favored to put up a very good showing.

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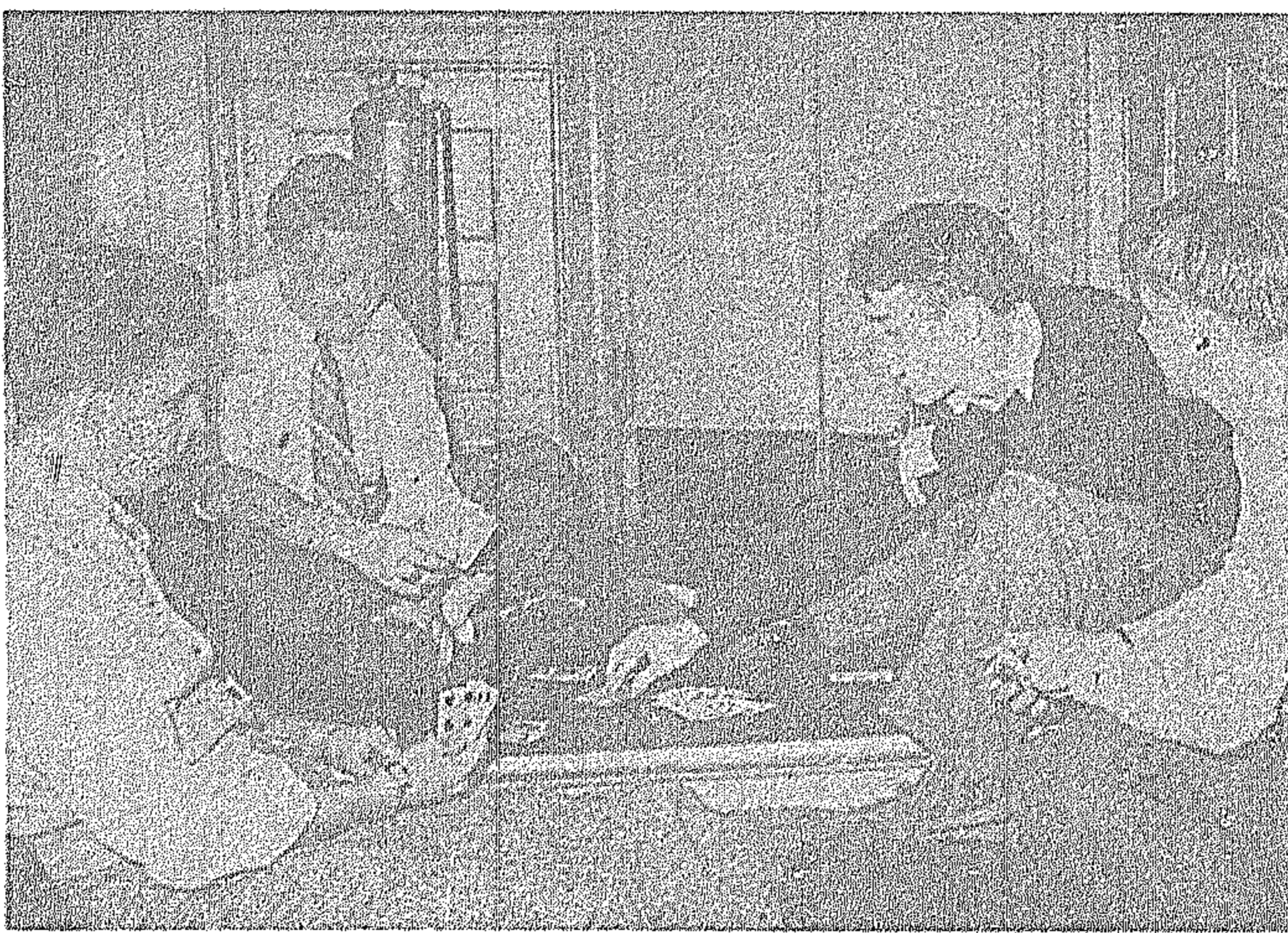
Boxers and wrestlers who didn't attend or sign up at the last meeting, Monday, October 6, may do so this coming Wednesday or Friday in the small gym. Especially needed is a junior to act as assistant to Jim Walker, boxing manager. In his senior year he will be expected to take the responsibilities of Jim's job.

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Lewis Tech News representatives reported that west-campus sports activities have not gotten under way as yet. Bosh! Let's get those footballs flying and get up a touchball team at Lewis to shellac the "boys from Armour."

There will be a meeting in the Lewis gym at 2 o'clock today, for all students interested in participating in the west-campus intramural program. Be there!!

CARD PLAYING FOR EXERCISE



Staff Photo by Center

Norm Root Confined To Sanitarium; Students Urged To Send Letters

Alpha Sig's Athletic Supremacy At Stake

"Beat the Alpha Sigs," will be the battle cry in the Armour fraternity circles as the athletic season looms upon the horizon of interfrat activities. Alpha Sigma Phi has walked off with practically every athletic trophy offered during the '40-'41 season. The Phi Kaps and Rho Delts, last year's hard luck frats are swearing vengeance on mighty Alpha Sigma Phi. Both fraternities were nosed out in football, basketball, baseball, swimming, and ping pong.

From all appearances Rho Delta Rho with 22 pledges, the largest pledge group on the campus, will be the outfit to watch this year. Rho Delts are looking forward to big things from Herschell Franks, triple-threat athlete from Austin high school.

First on the calendar of interfraternity sports will be football.

'Remie' Meyer, Next Season's Track Coach

Due to the temporary absence of our fine track coach, Norm Root, the team will be coached by Robert Meyer. Remie will double as track and basketball coach for this season. Even though Meyer has never coached track before, his wide experience in other sports, both collegiate and professional, should help him to be successful.

On road trips and during the winter when basketball and track are both in full swing, John Schommer and Sonny Weissman will aid with the coaching activities. With this able coaching staff the team should go far this coming season. At the ITSA meeting last Friday a motion was passed granting Norm a slight salary for the next nine months. It is hoped that our old coach will be back by this time leading more IIT teams to victory.

A post card or letter would be greatly appreciated by Norm. Those who wish to write a word may place their letters in the Tech News box and the staff will forward the messages.

TOUCHBALL SEASON OPENS ON MONDAY

Next Monday marks the opening of intra-department activities at Armour. It is on this date that touchball competition opens.

Deadline Thursday

"Next Thursday is absolutely the deadline for entries in the touchball tournament," says Milt Pleva, intra-mural manager. All entries should have the names of the men on the team, name of the team, and all possible times which games may be played. One team is allowed from each department for every class. The freshmen are allowed to enter as many teams as they wish.

Captains of all the teams are asked to meet Friday at 10 o'clock in U2W. The referees are also requested to attend. Rules will be discussed and new ones formulated. Except for these changes, the Spaulding touchball rules will be used.

Senior Mechs Favored

The senior mechs seem to be the favorites to win the tournament with the junior mechs running second in popularity. However, both these teams have their weak points leaving the whole field open to some dark horses.

Boxing, Wrestling Co-Captains Take Over New Duties

Yesterday, Sonny Weissman and the co-captains of the boxing and wrestling teams held a pow-wow in the small gym. Plans for the coming year was the main topic of discussion.

Jerry de Giorgi, mech, begins his duties as a co-captain on the boxing team in this, his senior year. His record stands: seven bouts won and two lost. Besides collegiate participation he has been in the Golden Gloves three times. He lost his bouts to the finalists; last year to the winner.

At the helm with de Giorgi is Roy Erickson, co-op and two letterman. His record shows he came out in front eight out of eleven bouts. This impressive record was repeated in the Golden Gloves. A thumb injury broke his winning streak and kept him from further participation. Both boxers had no experience previous to their entrance to Armour.

Selected to lead the wrestlers, the "heavy" sport of Illinois Tech, are two veteran grapplers Fred Till and John Butkus. Fred and Erickson will leave their respective teams this January with the co-op graduation. But with him, Till will take one of the most consistent winning records of the wrestling team. Of 28 collegiate bouts only eight were lost. This record is exceptional since Fred had not wrestled in high school.

John, a member of the civil clan, holds the other half of the co-captaincy of the team. Aided by a years' experience in high school he, during the seasons in wrestling, brought his record to fourteen wins out of twenty starts. Both men have been in action during the year's wrestling highlight; notably, the Wheaton invitational.

Grunters, Groaners To Begin October 13

Illinois Tech's boxing and wrestling prospects look exceedingly bright this year. Coach Sonny Weissman looks forward to a better record than last season's four wins out of six for the wrestlers and a bigger schedule for the boxing team.

Six Lettermen Return

The grunTERS and groanERS have six major letter winners returning. They are: Co-captains John Butkus and Fred Till and Harold Hurwitz, Don Malhock, Jerry Golden, and Bill Daly, managed by Jim Walker. Joe De Pinto, Ralph Jehnke, and Emil De Boe are returning minor letter holders. With all these men returning, only one position is particularly open, that is the heavyweight spot.

Coach "Sonny" announces that he wants everyone who wants to wrestle or box to register with him October 8-10. The first workout takes place on October 13. The exercising takes place from 4-6 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

More Boxers Needed

The boxing team has co-captains Jerry Di Giorgi and Roy Erickson returning with Ivo Buddeke, George Ellis, Bob Merrick, Roy Simpson, and Chester Swan. All are minor letter winners. Besides inter-collegiate meets the boxers enter in the Golden Gloves tournament. Ivo Buddeke took first in the section championship of this tournament in the spring of 1941.

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