

## Senior EE's, Soph Civils triumph

The king is dead! Long live the king!

The highly touted Senior fire extinguishers went up in a cloud of smoke before a fleet and fighting gang of Soph Civils last week, to register as the major upset of the week. The Firemen, playing listlessly, appeared as though they had been up all night reading the previous Tech News' notices of their prowess, and figured that somehow they were invincible. But alas, the Sophs evidently couldn't read.

Capitalizing on the same type of effective blocking that has featured the Civils' play throughout, Jim Hinde exploded through the center of the Firemen's line early in the first half. Once in the open, Hinde veered to his left, used his blockers to the utmost, and outdistanced his pursuers to the goal; a run of some fifty yards. It's getting to be pretty much of an old story to Jim, however, as he was merely duplicating a feat performed against the Junior Mechs last week.

Most sorrowful was an ever so docile "menace" Lease, a chubby lad whose "Bubbles" had burst, and an ex-track star who found too many hurdles to clear. It brought tears to our eyes to behold these lads painfully dragging themselves out of the mud and back to the approximate vicinity of the next play.

Moving from tragedy to comedy, we find the Senior Mechs in a 45-0 romp over a confused gang of Junior Chems. Before the Chems had figured out who was on their team, (see TOUCHBALL page 8)

## Hockey team gets funds for new rink

Just as the Russians pray for snow, so do our hockey enthusiasts. Oh, what they wouldn't do for a bit of frigid weather. Everything is ready, from hockey sticks and pads to tentative schedules. And what do you think, guys and gals, we have a new hockey rink. Yep, our now active ITSA board appropriated a sum of money that will go towards building an ice rink for our skaters.

The call is again being given for all interested in this sport. All members, prospective and active, are to meet this week and every week on Ogden Field from Monday to Wednesday. There between the hours of four to six these men will undergo various conditioning exercises. Hockey requires that those participating be in tip-top shape so that injuries may not occur. Under the leadership of Dick Metcalfe and Bill Watson, Co-Captains, ye who are interested will soon get those creaks out of your weary bones.

Manager Bob Burkhardt has been corresponding with various teams in and around Chicago and he has prospects of a tough schedule. Definite dates have not been set as yet for games because there is no way of knowing when it will be cold enough. Some of the teams that have been contacted are: The University of Chicago, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, City of Lake Forest, the South West Falcons, George Williams College and Culver Military Academy.

## Honor I greeted pledges

Honor I officially initiated its pledges last Friday night at the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house. The pledges were firmly impressed with the principles and ideals of the organization by all of the actives. After this home session refreshments were served.

The formal initiation will continue all of this week and next week. For the information of new students and some of the older ones, the latest in campus fashion will be shown by the pledges during the initiation period. A sneak preview would spoil your complete enjoyment of this spectacle, therefore we impress our desire to give you the details.

Bernard Weissman, advisor to Honor I, consented to act as honorary pledge captain to help in directing the orientation of the new men. Sonny entered into the spirit of the thing in his usual energetic manner and is continuing to help see that justice is done. Mario Silla is the active pledge captain entrusted with duties of grave importance, viz., paddles, costume, etc.

## Sid Sher takes over

Sid Sher has been selected by the Lewis Student Council and confirmed by the ITSA board as the new intramural manager at Lewis.

The Lewis gym will be open to all male students on Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 1 and 5 o'clock. The equipment is supplied and will be doled out by the new manager and Hank Pachowicz.

Sid wants all entries for the intramural touchball tourney to be turned into him before Friday. The entries should be accompanied by a schedule of available playing time of the team. As soon as the schedule is completed it will be published in the Tech News



## TECH TALLIES as found by Don Keigher

As I sit here contemplating a paddling within an inch of my life within two or three hours, life looks gloomy indeed. And our poor, already racked and weary body not yet recovered from the actions of those youthful civils. Drat 'em!

According to page one of last week's Technology News, this department, namely the sports section, is now under the tutelage of this writer. 'Course variety makes life more interesting and in times of emergency beggars must not be choosy. Be it as it may, these pages are under new hands.

We only hope that our efforts will match the fine sports sheets that our former ed Bechtolt has turned out week after week since last February. We know without a doubt that Bob has been the most prolific sports editor this sheet ever had. He likewise was the "writingest" editor, whose versatility and journalistic ability has contributed much to Illinois Tech. May we do as well.

Praise of the week goes to the ITSA board for all the fine things they did for the athletic set-up here at IIT. The hockey rink was really needed, both for the team and for the use of the student body. The sum of \$175 should quite adequately handle the erection of the rink. We were very happy indeed to see the recommendation of our last week's column, given such speedy attention, namely the special athletic awards to Watson and Metcalfe. The increase of funds for the intramural activities is another commendable fact. But—

Why was track not noted funds for next spring in the approved budget of the ITSA board? Why was this one sport discriminated against? Track is one of the three major sports on the campus and has certainly contributed to Tech's mark in the athletic world.

Granted there is a war on and transportation will be limited. But our team can still meet Northwestern, Loyola, Wheaton, Elmhurst, North Central, Lake Forest and the many junior colleges in the metropolitan area. All of these can be readily reached under the strictest rationing of transportation.

Granted Ogden Field probably won't be available next spring for track. But it's not available to any other activity either and they were appropriated funds. Outdoor track can be held at any one of our many city park tracks. Hardin Square Park at 26th and Wentworth has a good one-sixth mile cinder track and shower facilities, too. Both track and showers are far better than our own facilities have been here the last few years.

Granted our season has been forshortened by cutting out indoor track. But we have always laid off between indoor and outdoor season, which required getting in condition all over again. Also the majority of Tech opponents have only had outdoor cinder teams.

Track is definitely a body-building, and endurance-building sport. Distance running, weight-lifting, jumping, etc. are all very vital to military conditioning. They teach endurance, agility, co-ordination and alertness. Must a sport be more than this to be worthy of war-time physical culture programs?

Think again, ITSA board members, and appropriate funds, at your earliest opportunity, for the track team. If you need more reasons on this matter, see any trackman in school. (see TALLIES page 8)

## Compulsory physical education starts

### Battered Techawk tells newest woes of football player

As I lay there in my comfortable hospital bed, I can remember when life at Illinois Tech was peaceful and serene. But, with the coming of fall and the merciless onslaught of demoniac touchball, the moanings and groanings of injured gridders puts to shame the agonized cry of a sophomore to whit, "ya mean dere gonna draft me?" Well, fall hit me and so did the knee of a fiendish fireman.

It would help a lot if the long awaited kidney pads would get here before the season ends. Nearly all the blocking done is by the body and the kidneys are on the receiving end all too often. Here's hoping those leather bustles arrive before any more injuries occur. Not that being in a hospital is bad, it's far from it. I got caught up on a lot of back reading (that Police Gazette certainly is interesting), beautiful nurses are at my side to satisfy my every whim, almost. But a horrible little fiend in a white smock is continually sticking thermometers in my mouth and mercilessly probing my mangled body. A thought just struck me: once I get out of here I'll quit school, resign from the draft, and enlist in the Swiss Navy.

As week after week passed by and no relief was in sight, I began to plead and beg to be released from the clutches of those grinning sawbones, but, as the nurse put it as she calmly strapped me into a straight-jacket, "this is for your own good, sonney, and soon you can get back to your beloved studies." That's when I turned over and went back to sleep.

Now where the heck did my Spicy go. I'm going to speak to the head nurse about the conduct of the nurses around here. All my cigars are gone too and I'm suspicious of that bulge in the nurse's pocket. Now what would she want with my cigars; she certainly wouldn't smoke 'em. But, you can never tell. That nurse is built just like George Martinek and I wouldn't put anything past her.

### TOUCHBALL SCHEDULE

for week of October 26

#### MONDAY

11:00 Frosh Co-ops #1 vs. Architects  
1:00 Frosh Co-ops #2 vs. Frosh "Iron Men"  
2:00 Senior Mechs vs. Soph. Juicers

#### TUESDAY

3:00 Junior Civils vs. Cicco Wizards

#### WEDNESDAY

11:00 Senior F.P.E. vs. Junior Mechs

#### THURSDAY

11:00 Senior Mechs vs. CH—MPS

#### FRIDAY

11:00 Soph. Mechs vs. 2A Co-ops  
11:00 Frosh #1 vs. 3A Co-ops  
2:00 Frosh #2 vs. Graduates  
3:00 Soph. Chems vs. Frosh. Mechs

The need for a physical education program has long been realized at Illinois Institute of Technology but with the lack of all facilities except the gym on the fifth floor of the main building it has been almost impossible to organize compulsory physical education. The students themselves have been unresponsive toward any ideas of adoption of such a course so a tech student continued to acquire an excellent mental education while his health was impaired by lack of organized exercise.

This all came to an end when John Schommer, at the general assembly of Tuesday, October 20, explained the new physical education program to the students. In connection with the new program it was announced that the armory would be at our disposal from 4:00 to 6:30 in the afternoon for five days a week. With the acquisition of the armory the tech student has the long awaited equivalent of a field house. The armory can accommodate hundreds of students at a time and all facilities including lockers and showers are at the students' disposal.

The program as outlined is, starting with Monday, Oct. 26, 4 hours of gym per week in the armory and all reservists must take 5 hours of gym per week. The latter is an army and navy order that is designed to help condition future service men. The gymnasium on the fifth floor of the main building is to be open from 8 to 12 and from 2 to 3 for five days a week and the reserves are expected to use the gym at school for their classes. It is wise to keep in mind that this program is not an elective for the freshman and the reserves but is compulsory, so if you have not as yet signed up with Grant Stenger on the fifth floor do so immediately. All sophomores, juniors and seniors not in the reserves must not take this to mean that they cannot sign up for these classes because ALL of them are sincerely urged to try to take advantage of at least a few hours of gym per week if at all possible.

Some students have already asked as to what exceptions there are to be made. There are only two exceptions—either very poor physical condition so as to make it unwise to take exercise, and the other exception concerns those who are on one of the teams as boxing, wrestling or the like. But it must be kept in mind that no student is excepted from gym for a sport until practice for that sport is at hand and as soon as the season closes the student must report back to his gym class.

As for the administration of the program all students must realize that a close check will be kept on attendance and those who fail to abide by the rules will be dealt with severely. As for the reserves it is a military order and therefore they must adhere to it.

The equipment necessary for gym classes consists of an athletic shirt, gym shorts, gym shoes, socks, towel and lock. Students must have their equipment with them for the first session they attend.

There have been many inquiries as to the reason for such a program (see HEALTH page 8)