

Touchball meet narrows: Soph Civils set pace

by Cliff Oliver

The Senior Mechs #1 continued to roll on last week, defeating the Soph Electricals by a score of 26 to 12. The Mechs scored first on a pass from Al Dambrose to Chet Swan but failed to make the extra point. The Juicers bounced back in a hurry, scoring on a long pass from Jack Shepperd to Bob La Civita. They also failed to convert. At half time the score was 6 up.

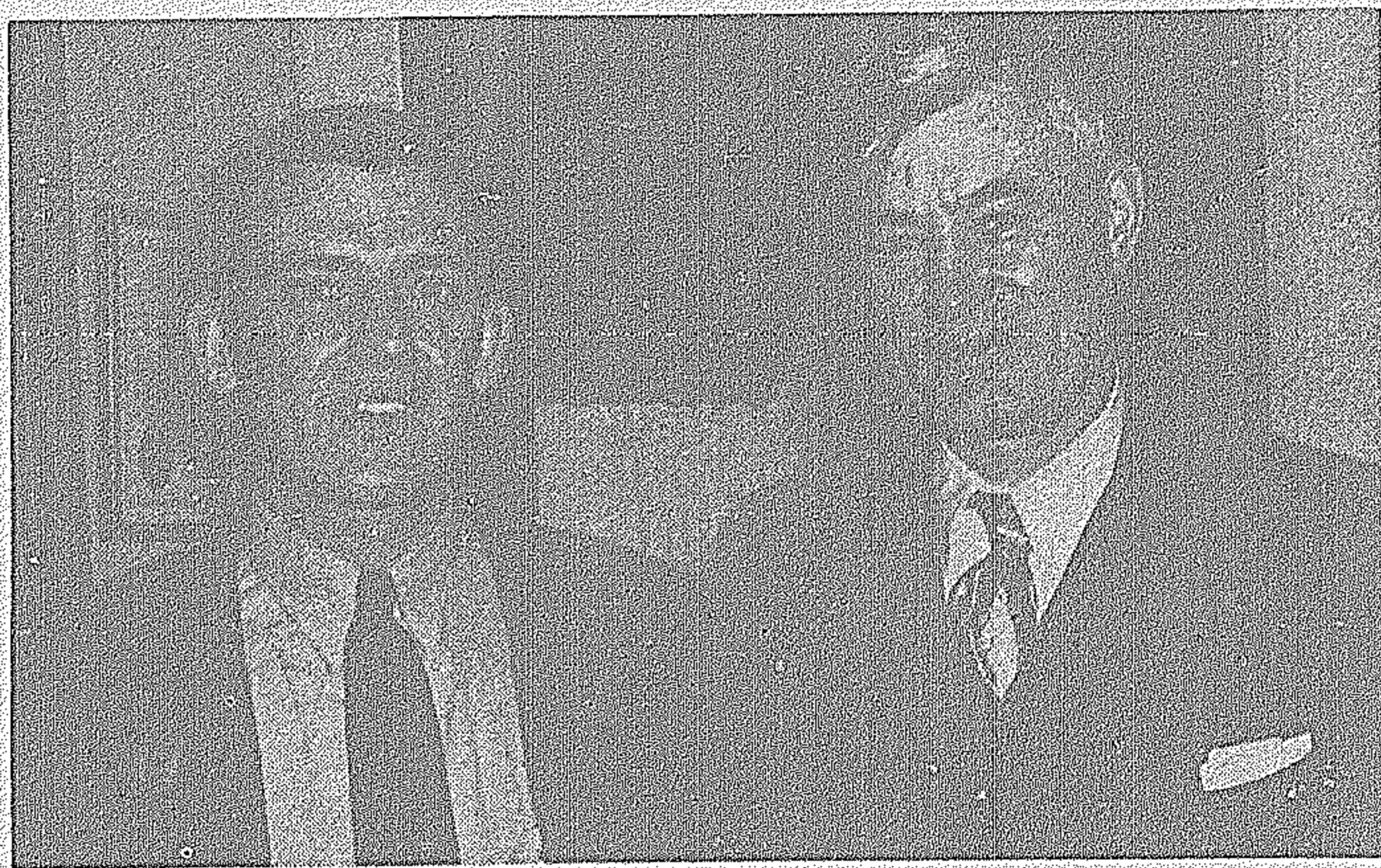
In the second half, the Mechs continued their scoring ways, counting on a pass from Zemaitis to Swan; this time scoring the extra point. With steam roller action the Mechs again moved over the goal, counting on a pass from Chet Swan to Jack Byrne in the end zone. The conversion was successful. By now the soph Juicers had reorganized sufficiently to pull an end run with Bob La Civita toting. This effect was worth 6 points, although Zemaitis retained half of La Civita's shirt on the play. To provide an anticlimax the Mechs pushed over another score on a pass from Al Dambros to Pete Zemaitis, the receiver being in his customary horizontal position.

The Cicco Wizards, a freshman organization, whipped the Junior Civils to the tune of 26 to 13. The Wizards sparked by the passing of Tom Kilgariff and the sprinting of Vince Haukey, proved to be an irresistible force. The valiant Civils, abetted by Warren Sadler, Joe O'Leary, and Bill Parks, played a great game, scoring twice, but they lacked the reserve strength which might have stopped the Wizards. The Wizards look like the dark horse of the tourney.

The senior Firemen continued in the winning ways by defeating the Junior Mechs. The Fire Protects scored 13 points to the Mechs' 6. The Mechanicals counted their lone tally early in the first quarter when Ralph Arboe outdistanced the Firemen's secondary to take a long pass to score. The attempted conversion was unsuccessful. The Extinguishers couldn't get started during the first half, although they were on the Mechs' one yard line as a result of a penalty. The second half, however, turned out to be all Fire Protects'. The terrific rushing of Bob Bechtolt and Bob Duerrstein had by this time softened the Mechs. The first score of the Firemen was made by Joe Pruzinski who was on the receiving end of a pass from Bill Lease. All hopped up, the Fire Protects produced another drive which was climaxed by a pass from Joe Pruzinski to Bob Funk. This pass was set up by a fake run. The same maneuver produced the conversion.

In a game featuring safetys, the senior Mechs' No. 2 nosed out the Ch—mps by two points. The Ch—mps were led by two giants, Carl Bergstrom and Jim Oldshue, which combination produced the freshmen's single touchdown. The Mechs' only tally came when John Knorr spotted his man in the end zone. Because of poor passes from center, the result of an effective job of rushing by the human tank, Hal Hurvitz, the Ch—mps were forced (see TOUCHBALL page 7)

Schommer greets new coach



TECH TALLIES

as found by Don Keigher

Roses, bouquets, and orchids. That's right. Maybe flowers are not in order on the sports page, but they are deserving to the powers that be. Plaudits are due for the many improvements in the athletic scene at IIT during the last week.

First, and foremost, is Ed Wagner's appointment as the new basketball coach. Also, practice has been called and the basketball situation clearly straightened out. Now, backed by an enthusiastic and spirited student body, our team should go places.

Ed was indeed a wise choice for the post, to succeed our "Remie" Meyer. He has gone through the mill here as a Tech student and athlete. He knows our problems and can deal with them accordingly. Also, not to be overlooked, is the fact that Ed knows his basketball from the player, the spectator and coach angles—but thoroughly!

Congratulations, Wagner, on your appointment. May your energies and efforts be well rewarded by a smooth quintet and a peppy student following.

Those new kidney pads were given a very thorough test last Thursday and Friday, and found to be most satisfactory by everyone. We're certain "Laddie" Ladivich and "Midge" Goluska feel that their long stays in the hospital from kidney injuries were not in vain. Someone must be a victim before a remedy can be made. Midge and Laddie were that. But their painful and expensive experience has borne good fruit.



Always one of the most popular sports with brawny Techhawks, wrestling has this season found one of the largest hordes of grunters and goaners ever to zest after resin and mat burns. That the boys are getting expert tutelage in the sweaty art is attested by Ed Johnston's snap of Jackie Eulitt and Ed Ozimek going through their paces.

Zemaitis' and Jacobs' collaboration in turning out needed revisions in the touchball rules is commendable. There is no reason for football games interfering with classes; and the new rules adequately cover that.

We have it direct from Schommer that the track team will be appropriated money in the next few months. The reason for withholding funds, says John, is to wait 'till spring when it can be determined what money would be needed. There definitely will be an outdoor track team, and Norm Root will probably be the coach. The latter fact we fervently hope to see.

CUFF NOTES: As far back as we can determine, only two captains of Tech teams have not received degrees. These two didn't because of the war emergency, and may some day come back and get them. . . . Ed Wagner became a father only three short weeks ago. Say, where are the cigars, coach? . . . Competition for basketball this year is indeed stiff; what with frosh eligible for varsity ball. . . . Jack Byrne, Jack Tregay and Ray LaGodney are the only Techmen in school now, who are major lettermen in two sports. . . . Sorry sights indeed are the perspiring serious taking daily physical education after these many years of dissipation and laxity. Keep it up, men; worse Tech wrecks than you have been reformed by the officers' training courses. . . . **Don't forget the all-star poll coming soon in the touchball tourney. . . . But more on that next week.**

P.S.—We survived the Honor I pledging last week-end.

Wagner named cage coach; Practice begins

Season opens Dec. 4 at home

With the first game only a month away, embryo cage coach Ed Wagner started the ball rolling immediately following his appointment. Co-ordinating with manager Larry Nadel, he is rapidly formulating the plans for the coming season so the squad can be off to an early start.

The first action to be taken toward the building of a well-knit cage squad is the calling of a meeting for all candidates. An important change in the eligibility rules is the announcement that the "freshman rule" has been abolished. This means that every hopeful cage candidate, on either campus, who is scholastically eligible, should report to room U2W, 5:00 Tuesday.

Plans now call for daily workouts from four until six P.M., starting within the week, so that the team will open its thirteen game schedule in top form. North Central provides the opener on Dec. 4, and if the Cardinals present a team approaching their usual, it will take a lot of hard work to iron out all the wrinkles before the first game.

As a nucleus upon which to build the coming squad, Coach Wagner will have Co-Captains Wally Futterer and "Jackson" Byrne back in uniform, as well as Bob Kidd, Al Dambros, "Goose" LaGodney and Ray Tubergen. In addition to these men there should be quite a number of skillful ball handlers among the seven hundred freshmen, while the upperclasses undoubtedly hold a number of men adept in the art who will be able to provide the remainder of the squad.

Intramurals branch out, ping-pong next

With the sight of the mud of Ogden Field mixed with the blood of many of our valiant intramural football men fresh in their mind, the ITSA set aside the money to purchase 24 hip and kidney pads. Only through a fortunate accident was the school able to obtain the last pads in stock at Lowe and Campbell.

The pads are now school property and starting Monday, November 2, they may be obtained in the field house. Head of the football referees, Jack Mahoney, is in charge of the equipment. All persons using the pads must sign out for them and they are responsible for them all of the time while in their possession. The intramural officials also want to impress on all players that wearing the pads is compulsory, but with that goes a note of warning to the effect that the pads are not designed to allow a rougher game, but are merely for a protective purpose. All borrowers are asked to keep in mind that the pads represent a sizeable investment and that it is practically impossible to replace them at any price.

The latest communique from the intramural sports office reveals that (see INTRAMURALS page 7)

'38 Tech star returns mentor

by Dick Larson

Returning to coach the cage squad he sparked but four years before, Ed Wagner, Ch.E. '38, last Friday took up the guiding reins officially when Mr. John J. Schommer appointed him to the post vacated last spring by Ensign Remy Meyer.

After graduating, Wagner remained at Armour until he had acquired an M.S. degree in Chemical Engineering, before he began work at the Standard Oil plant in Ohio. This fall IIT found him returning in the capacity of Instructor in Chemistry while working toward his doctor's degree. Thus it was that Mr. Schommer didn't have far to look for capable hands to mould the coming cage squad.

While still an undergrad at Armour, Mr. Wagner found plenty of activities to occupy any spare time he might have had. Four years of varsity basketball and baseball earned him seven letters, but his athletic ability wasn't confined to these sports only.

Intramurals found him competing in nearly every sport in which he was eligible, and as Golf Coach Sammy Bibb put it, "He could have played on nearly every team on the campus had not his two favorites overlapped on the others". Sammy insists that "Ed" would have been just as impressive teeing off at the eighteenth hole as he was on opposing pitchers. Co-Captain during his last season on the diamond, Ed found opposing pitchers so soft that he pounded their offerings at a .377 clip while holding down the short-stop berth.

Although athletics played a prominent part in his activities here, they were by no means his only interest, as his name is permanently recorded in the annals of Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering fraternity, and Phi Lambda Upsilon, the honorary in his field of study. He was Alumni-Treasurer in the latter organization, and managed to administer the activities of Honor A and Alpha Chi Sigma as president. He was also a Tech News reporter for two years.

Honor Marshall twice, Assistant Junior Marshall, and Secretary of the Junior Class, were other honors conferred upon Wagner, but graduation found an even greater one awaiting him. Ed was named as one of the "Honor Edition Men"; one of the ten top men selected from the graduating class on the basis of leadership and service, to be honored on the pages of the annual.

Despite this impressive list of achievements, Ed is an extremely modest young man. As almost every effort to get Mr. Wagner to talk about himself resulted in failure, nearly all of the information presented here has been dug from past files. Ed has one real pride, however, and that is in his daughter of three weeks.

To Mr. Wagner we extend a real "welcome back", with every hope that he will have as much success with the team as coach, as he had when he pounded the "hardwood" himself.