

# Relay date nears; students admitted free

## Defending champions return

### Teams from eight states participate

Returning to the scene of their last year's victory, defending champs Michigan State and Loyola are sending full teams to defend their Illinois Tech Relay titles. The University of Chicago field house has been prepared for this the 15th annual running and John Schommer has announced the complete list of officials for the event.

Adding to the list of thirty teams that are already in the event, are Albion College, Bradley Tech and Prairie State College of Hempstead, Texas.

### Thirteen universities enter

An all-time high of thirteen university entries has already been established. The entry of Notre Dame's entire team, which recently carried off honors at the Michigan State Relays, promises this meet the color that an event of this type requires.

Missouri, defending champions in Big Six indoor track, and Drake, perennial track champions of the Missouri Valley, round out the university entries already assured.

Having run their championship meet last Saturday, the Big Ten will be in its usual good form when it enters our Tech Relays. Chicago, Illinois, Northwestern, Purdue, Ohio, Wisconsin and Indiana have indicated that they will enter the meet.

### Schommer speaks

"This strong field and the large number of advance entries have certainly given us a vote of confidence for not letting the Relays be a war casualty," says Schommer. "We are grateful, and we are happy to have the opportunity of continuing the games as an aid to the physical fitness program and as an incentive to boys to compete in indoor track."

In the college class, usually the highlight of the Illinois Tech Relays competition, it had been expected that entries might be down because of the abandonment of sports by the smaller schools, but indications are that even this may not be so.

### Many stars entered

Some of the individual stars that will perform in this year's events are Jack Preston, pole vaulter of North Central, and Elmer Aussicker of Missouri, who, since winning last year's relays, has thrown the shot-put two feet over his winning mark. James Milne of Michigan State high jumped four inches over last year's relay record. William Scott, the Michigan State mile star, is also returning. Cornell's miler, Dave Clutterham, is expected to repeat his sensational performance of last year.

And so we could write columns of facts on these individual stars but space does not permit. Past records of the Relays show that it is not always the expected that happens. Records are likely to be broken when least expected and by those who have not shown previous outstanding performances.



Presenting Illinois Tech's best basketball team since the consolidation of Armour and Lewis. Reading from left to right in each row are—first row: Bill Smart, Casey Puchalski, Captain Jackson Byrne; second row: Jack Sheppard, Tom Gavin, Tom Kilgariff, Vinco Haughey; third row: Bob Kidd, Jim Oldshue, Carl Bergstrom, Ray Tubergen and Jim Gibbon.

## Teckawk track squad trains under new coach

About thirty members of the track team met and decided on holding five or six triangular meets with the big schools in the vicinity. They have mapped out a tough schedule and it appears even tougher considering that there will probably be no junior colleges represented.

In practicing for the Tech Relays, they are handicapped because of the restriction the Navy has placed on the time allotted. The Techawk sprinters are limited to practice only one hour a day. Coach Rinehart is spurring the boys on and is doing a great job. The boys have been practicing for over a week and are improving rapidly.

The best four running times of the following fellows will probably make up Illinois Tech's entry in the two-mile relay, Art Schmidt, Oscar Anschicks, Tom Paulsen, Ed Johnston,

## Seasons baseball schedule given; team wants men

IIT's baseball team has again come into the limelight with the advent of March and the initiation of spring training. The local horsehide wallopers are at present on a part time practice schedule. They are limbering up at the Armory on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from four to six o'clock. This practice schedule will continue in effect until March 15 at which time a five-day practice week will be instituted.

Candidates for every position will be considered and all newcomers will be given a chance to show what they can do. There will be no cutting from the team until batting practice is well under way upon Ogden Field.

The team is anticipating a grueling fourteen-game schedule in the season to come. Among the teams Tech will face are Concordia, Lake Forest, and Wheaton. The four veteran diamonders Captain Al Dambros, Jack Byrne, Joe Gleason, and Warren Furst will be the main pegs on the team. The majority of the new men that are out thus far come from the ranks of the underclassmen, but the juniors are welcomed to prove that the showering of the hapless freshmen is not their only athletic accomplishment.

Jack Haberkorn, and Tom Kilgariff.

Bill Parks and Bill Cooley are entered in the high jump event. Parks has proved his abilities as a letter winner on last year's track team.

## Officials of Tech Relays

**Committee:** John J. Schommer, Chairman, Bernard Weissman, J. K. Anderson, Paul O. Ridings, Norman Root, R. J. Spaeth, W. T. Rinehart.

**Referee and Starter:** Dr. W. J. Moniaw

**Judges of Finish:** George Donohue, Head Judge, D. H. Brown, T. M. Metcalf, Judge Hugo Friend, W. C. Kraft, A. H. Pritzlaff, G. N. Stenger, Racine Thompson, J. I. Yellott.

**Judges of Shot Put:** M. C. Cook, C. J. Plocar.

**Scorer:** Arthur Jens.

**Marshall:** W. E. Parker.

**Clerks of Course:** J. K. Anderson, Head Clerk; W. H. Hebert.

**Timers:** J. J. Lipp, Head Timer; E. H. Felt, H. E. Hagen, E. E. Haser, Ed McMillivray.

**Inspectors:** Arthur, Head Inspector; J. Cavanaugh, Ed Wagner, Mike Schultz.

**Judges of High Jump:** P. A. McFarlane.

**Judges of Pole Vault:** S. F. Bibb, W. M. Colvert.

**Press:** Paul O. Ridings, U. Backas, T. O'Leary, B. Kirk, M. Burkhart, L. R. Oaks.

**Custodian of Prizes:** R. J. Spaeth, Al Schreiber.

**First Aid:** Dr. J. F. McNamara, Bob Burkhardt.

## Matmen and boxers affected by war!

After spending long hours practicing and getting into shape, the Techawk matmen had the disappointment of seeing their regular schedule cut to a three meet season. Some of the matches were dropped because of lack of ready transportation while others were postponed by our opponents when their teams were called into the armed services.

Of the three matches, two were with Wheaton and the third with the 87th street Navy Training school.

The first meet with Wheaton was there and was the only match out of the city. The match was run off in the new Wheaton field house and Wheaton christened the field house and the season with a 18 to 16 victory.

This match was followed by a lay-off period for Illinois Tech while Wheaton met Iowa Pre-Flight, Northwestern, and the University of Chicago. Illinois Tech met Wheaton for the second time in the "band box." This time the Techawks were soundly beaten, garnering only three points while Wheaton scored twenty-nine.

The Navy Training School at 87th street provided the opposition in the final meet of the season. The groaners from IIT nosed out the Navy in a close match by a score of 12 1/2 to 9 1/2.

The outlook for next year is pretty gloomy because the lack of meets will probably be more acute than ever. Letter awards have been made and a story on these is found elsewhere on this page.

## "Golfers get glad garbs" - Gillespie

The golf team will represent Illinois Tech on the fairway this year looking like a college varsity squad should look. Coach Bibb authorized the purchase of six new jackets for the golf team this week and officially opened the season. The new jackets are wind and water proofed and will make playing in the early parts of the season more pleasant.

Pre-season forecasts agree that this year's team will be able to match shot for shot with some of the universities in the Big Ten. This year they will also look like a college varsity squad for the first time since anyone can remember.

Those fellows that missed the meeting last Tuesday can still show their interest if they will hand in their name, address, phone number and status in the armed forces to Coach Bibb or Manager Gillespie.

A newcomer to the team, Jac Chamberlain, is twice winner of the Chicago Amateur Open Title. Returning to the team are Paul Dalenberg, Harry Gillespie and winner of last year's intramural golf tournament, Don McMillan.

## "TECH HAWK TALK"

by BACKAS

This week the running of the fifteenth annual Tech Relays definitely makes it the biggest week in sports at Illinois Tech. All of you sports fans will have the opportunity to see your Techawks in action. Due to the war it has been really impossible to view the athletic teams in active competition this past year. Saturday will offer the chance that we have all been waiting for; that of cheering ourselves hoarse for dear ole IIT. Let's get a real cheering section. Come one and come all. Bring your fathers, mothers, wives and girl friends. Married or single, freshman or senior be there! The admission for students of Illinois Tech is the presentation of your tuition receipt. That's right; admission for students is free. Your girl friends and any outsiders will pay fifty cents. The scene of the meet is the University of Chicago field house. The date and time are this Saturday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Coach Grant Stenger received a postcard from one of his former physical education students who is now in the Army Air Corps at Sheppard Field, Texas. This fellow says that about a dozen fellows from Tech are taking their basic training at the field and that the C.O. complimented the group by saying that they had the makings of being the finest group of soldiers that he had seen. Because of the training they had received here in the reserve corps gym program the whole group was in physical shape and they have taken any and all of army hardships as they came.

The moral of this story is that all reserve corps and freshman students (not to mention you flabby upperclassmen) should attend gym classes regularly and with zeal.

At the last ITSA meeting many steps were taken to improve the sports conditions on both campuses. A board was appointed whose job it will be to pick a new intramural manager for Lewis. As yet no news has been received as to who this will be, in fact no news has been received from Lewis pertaining to sports since I have taken over the position of sports editor.

The ITSA approved the awarding of a minor letter to Ken Jacobs, former intramural manager. The question of awarding letters to deserving hockey players was referred to Honor I, the honorary lettermen fraternity.

Intramural manager, Cliff Oliver, asked and received the permission to award medals to the intramural basketball and football champions.

There is no news of the intramural bowling tournament due to the fact that there was some question as to the fairness of the handicaps that were given to each team. A meeting of all captains will be held this week to determine a better way of figuring handicaps.

The Junior Civils got hot this week and bowled the best series and highest individual scores yet reported. They massed a total of 900 pins while Bill Parks bowled high game of 214 and a 557 series. Indications are that this team will uphold the championship that is now held by the Civils.

Jim Furgeson, former Techawk tennis star, visited the campus last week and renewed old acquaintances. Jim has just finished signal corps school and is waiting for his assignment to active duty.

Coach Wilbur Rinehart of the track team has made quite a name for himself with the track men. They say he is tops and I only hope they will give him all they have so the team can again take its place in IIT sports.

Having drooled another issue, I draw the curtains on the sports scene of Illinois Tech. See you at the Relays. Until then I leave you with a toast to the future Techawk track team that will win its own Tech Relays.