

# ATHLETES THEN PROFS NOW

By Marvin Larson

Seeing that so many young engineers are taking their physical training courses under the direction of Grant Stenger, the sports staff thought it would be fitting to present a story on his accomplishments.

Coach Stenger was born and raised in Naperville, Illinois, where he went through all the various phases of schooling. While a student at Naperville High School, he won letters in track, basketball, football and baseball. In his senior year he had the distinction of being placed on the all-state football team along with the other greats of that bygone era.

After graduation Grant enrolled at North Central College in Naperville and continued his athletic achievements there. During his sophomore year he enlisted in the army and was called to active duty at the end of the semester. While receiving his army training at Houston, Texas, Grant found enough time to coach the regimental football and baseball teams. After a period of sixteen months with the medical corps detachment there, Grant was finally sent home.

On his return to Naperville, he started his junior year at North Central College where he received his degree as a major in physical education in 1921.

Directly after graduation he accepted the job of coach at Richmond, Indiana High School. In his one year stay there the school's football team won the Eastern Indiana championship.

After this successful entry into the field of coaching, Grant was selected as athletic head at Ottawa, Illinois. Continuing

his success at this new school, Grant's football team came through with the Central Illinois championship in 1925 and the basketball team won the LaSalle sectional tournament that same year.

In 1926 he became head athletic coach at Wheaton High School. Here Grant's wealth of experience in playing and coaching paid off with big dividends. His football team was well drilled in the basic fundamentals of the game and over a three-and-one-half year period they were undefeated. Highlight of this undefeated period was the year in which the team scored a total of 304 points to a zero total for their opponents.

During this period Grant developed three athletes who won all-American recognition in their college days. These men were:

"Ole" Olson of Northwestern U., Paul Poppelreiter of Washington U. and Don Wheaton of DePauw U. One interesting fact about Grant's success at Wheaton was their annual battle with LaGrange High School. The year that he had his best team at Wheaton, the rival team was coached by Grant's brother, "Ollie" Stenger who was also an outstanding athlete at North Central College. An outstanding game resulted and Wheaton squeezed out a victory by the slim margin of 6-0.

After a ten-year period at Wheaton, Grant accepted the position as basketball and baseball coach here at Armour Tech. When his duties as gym instructor and coach became a little too heavy, the administration made him the head man of the reservists and freshman physical training program. At this writing, Grant is devoting all his time and energy to improving the physical qualifications of all the future engineers under his command.

## Mechs lead in bowling race

Only four teams are left as the intramural bowling tournament moves into its final stage. The Soph Mechs emerged from last week's matches as the only undefeated team. They rolled against the 2A Co-ops, and handed them their second trimming, thus eliminating them.

In a close series the Freshmen nosed out the Junior Chems, thus handing them their first defeat in the tournament. Ted Tibutini of the Freshmen rolled a 207 high game in the last line providing the Freshmen's margin of victory, 17 pins.

Because of a bye the status of the Junior Civils remained unchanged. They are one of the outstanding teams in the tournament, twice having bettered 900 as a team. The civils this week will meet their arch rivals the Chems and attempt to avenge last year's defeat at the hands of this team. The Mechs will be striving to keep their undefeated record intact when they meet the Freshmen. The Freshmen, in turn, want to stay in the running and are convinced they can continue their winning streak which has now reached four straight.

### Schedule for This Week

Tuesday—April 6  
Junior Chems vs. Junior Civils, 2 p. m.

Friday—April 9  
Soph Mechs vs. Freshmen, 11 a. m.

### Standings

	W	L
Soph Mechs .....	4	0
Junior Chems .....	4	1
Junior Civils .....	4	1
Freshmen .....	4	1

# REPORTERS of THE WEEK

This week TECHNOLOGY NEWS introduces two of its sports writers, Marv Larson and Ted Anderson. Both are junior chemicals and oddly enough co-captains of the junior chemical softball team, playing shortstop and second base respectively.

Marv came to IIT two years ago, after spending his freshman year at Augustana. When he had been here a year Marv left school for a year to work at Central Scientific Company. He returned to school last summer and immediately became a sports leader in the junior chemical department.

for TECHNOLOGY NEWS. This he did in a grand style. Besides reporting and acting as manager



Ted Anderson

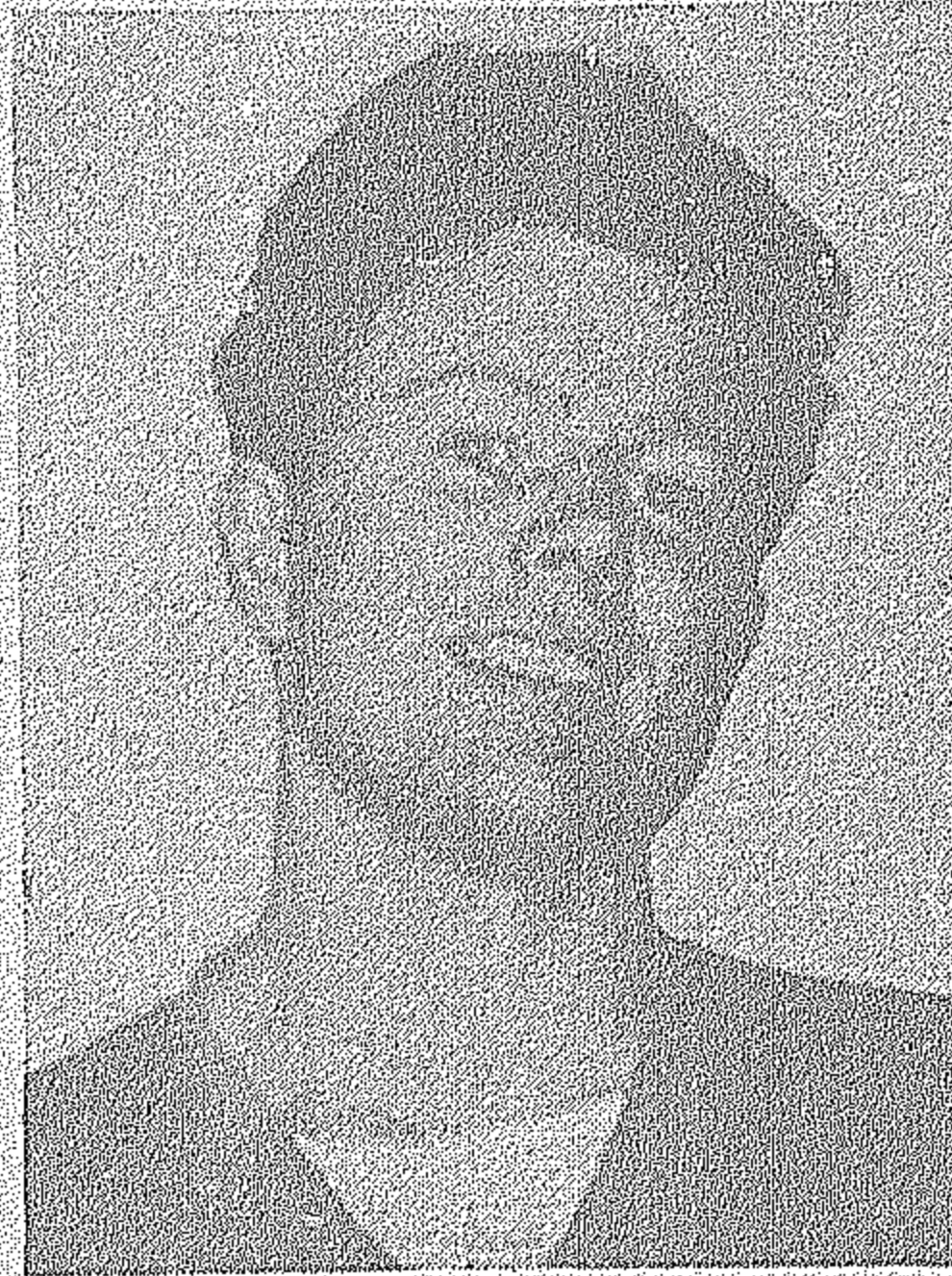
of the basketball team Marv is an active member of AIChE.

Ted, the other half of the Larson - Anderson combination entered IIT in February of '41 upon his graduation from Lane Tech.

He came to IIT on a one year scholarship. Besides his activities on TECHNOLOGY NEWS, Ted is on the board of directors of the Co-op Bookstore. He has been a member of this organization since its conception.

Last semester he was elected to Alpha Chi Sigma, the professional chemical fraternity, in recognition of the high caliber of his work. He served as president of this organization until just recently.

Ted is also known for his attention to the game of chess, at which he is somewhat of an expert. He is one of the men who have challenged the entire school to a tournament of chess.



Marvin Larson

Besides playing baseball last summer he played on the chem football team, until sidelined by a broken arm, and later on the chem basketball team. The accident to his arm prevented Marv from playing with TECH's basketball squad, but couldn't keep him away from the game. He became manager of the basketball team and as such he was in a position to do the reporting of all basketball games

## Nineteen teams vie for softball crown

A total of nineteen squads have entered the intramural softball tournament which will begin soon. The freshmen have entered five teams which again have been colorfully named the Joy Boys, Dodgers, Gremlins and the ever powerful Cicco Wizards. Soph teams entered are the Chems, Juicers, Mechs and Co-ops while the juniors have these plus a Civil team entered. Representing the upper classmen are the Senior Archs, and the fourth and fifth year Co-ops.

This tournament promises to be one of the best yet to be seen at IIT. Interest this year has been keen with over 2550 students taking part in it. All but baseball letter men are eligible to play. Meals will be awarded to all members of the winning team at the end of the tournament.

## Tennis squad limbers up for new season

Illinois Tech's tennis team once again is well on its way for a repetition of the successful season enjoyed last year.

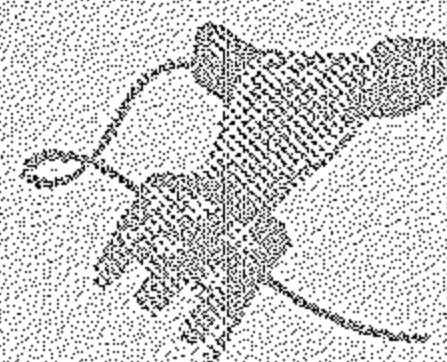
The team is now working out every night of the week, with the exception of Tuesday, from 4:00 to 6:00 in order to attain the best possible condition for its first meet with the University of Chicago on April 19.

The men most likely to appear in the first match have already been selected. They are as follows: in the singles division: Capt. Dick Larson, Robert Bokosky, John Knox, Art Greenwald, and Robert Davis. The only doubles team at the present consists of Capt. Larson and Bokosky. These men will have to show some superb ability in order to beat Chicago's A team. Previously our men were scheduled to play their B team and were always beaten.

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