

Navy Cadets To Participate In IIT Sports

All Men Eligible To Take Part After 16 Weeks Basic

"Navy students will be able to participate in Illinois Tech's sports program." These were the words of Ensign George Martin when asked of the Navy's stand on this question.

According to Ensign Martin, the first 16 week term will be a basic training period, and all sailors will be required to take gym one hour a day for six days a week. These gym periods are in addition to a twenty minute a day period of calisthenics at six o'clock in the morning.

As sailors, these boys must know how to swim. The Navy classifies a man who can swim 50 yards as a swimmer. This distance is considered enough to get a person away from a sinking ship and consequently the dangers of the ship's suction taking him to Davey Jones' locker.

Those who are swimmers take one hour of swimming a week, while the "submarines" take three hours. Illinois Tech's Navy men showed a superiority over the rest of the Navy when 17% flunked the 50 yard swim. The Navy average is approximately 33%.

During the first 16 weeks, a sailor may try for a varsity team, providing he is in the upper 25% of his class and he obtains the permission of his commanding officer.

After the 16 week basic training, any Navy student who is in good scholastic standing and who can find the time may participate in varsity sports. These sports include basketball, boxing, wrestling, six-man football, and possibly hockey.

Ensign Martin, who was transferred from the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, is assisted by three Petty Officers and Coach Grant Stenger. The Petty Officers, Fred Godfrey, John Shannon, and Hiram Fearey, have all come to Tech via the Naval Training Station at Sampson, New York. This staff will have full charge of civilian and Navy physical education, and they will conduct monthly tests to determine and record improvements in the students' records.

Eleven Varsity Sports Open To All IIT Athletic Aspirants

"Sports for sports sake."

Long a familiar cry among some sports fans, this saying depicts exactly what John J. Schommer, director of athletics at Illinois Tech, and one of the all-time sports greats of the nation, has given students at the Institute.

Without what could, in the usual sense of the word, be called a major sports team, Illinois Tech still has a major sports program, one that is far more extensive than that usually offered at most colleges and universities.

Eleven sports—but no football eleven, except for an unofficial football team which has been organized for each of the past two seasons—are included on the varsity program.

These include: basketball, swimming, boxing, wrestling, fencing, hockey, rifle, baseball, track, tennis and golf.

All of these are activities which are provided for men who love to play for the fun of playing. Techawk teams in each of these sports compete in no organized conference but simply fill out a season of activity with all the competition that neighboring schools have to offer.

Greatest success enjoyed by any Illinois Tech teams probably was that belonging to the baseball team which in 1941 won the national championship

Illinois Tech's Coaching Staff Boasts Many Former Stars

Headed by John J. Schommer, whose name is familiar to every pro football fan in the nation, Illinois Institute of Technology has a well rounded sports staff of 11 coaches.

Schommer, who was selected all-time all-American in basketball, all-Western and all-American mention in football, an Olympic selection in track, and a leading hitter in baseball, is director of athletics.

"Long Jawn" Schommer, the first man in the history of the University of Chicago to win letters in four sports, is still active in athletics. In addition to his Illinois Tech activities, Schommer is a football official...one of the professional league's most colorful arbitrators.

Assistant athletic director and director of a string of activities on the IIT campus is Bernard "Sonny" Weissman. "Sonny" graduated from DePaul University in 1928 with an A.B., a law diploma, and major letters in baseball and boxing.

A familiar personage in the Golden Gloves tournaments of Chicago, the "dean" of the Student Union is a member of the rules committee of the Illinois Boxing Association, the National Amateur Athletic Union and the Illinois State Boxing Commission. His coaching activities include baseball, boxing, and wrestling.

A former Indiana University athlete leads the track team of the nation's largest engineering college. Wilmer T. Rinehart, former Big Ten javelin champion, graduated from I.U. in '29.

Rinehart, who is assistant physicist at the Armour Research Foundation, was added to the coaching staff this year. While doing his graduate work at Indiana, Rinehart was also assistant track coach.

Techawk champions, both of them, Edward F. Wagner and Michael Schultz, are the only two coaches to return to their Alma Mater to direct in the athletic program.

Wagner, who played guard with the Techawks cage squad from 1936 to 1938, will begin his second year with the basketball team this winter. Until his own team bettered the seasonal average this year, no IIT squad has finished with more victories than defeats since Wagner's own playing days. Wagner is teaching chemistry in addition to his

coaching and graduate work activities.

Schultz, '42, now tennis mentor, was Illinois Tech's net captain for 1941-42. While playing No. 1 position during the 1940-41 season, Schultz led the team to the top in the school's net history. The records that year included 14 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie. Schultz is also doing graduate work and assisting in the automotive laboratory.

The swimming coach, E. W. McGillivray, has been coaching Techawk tanksters for the past 19 years. In addition, he's also Chicago University's coach. McGillivray tank record reveals he was champion breast stroke swimmer in A.A.U. meets for three years and a member of a record relay team representing the Illinois Athletic Club.

The rifle squad, which this year will open its 23rd season, is directed by Charles E. Martin and Dr. J. F. Mangold. Martin, an expert rifleman, has shot with several rifle teams including the Yellowstone Rifle Club of Billings, Montana. Mangold has been a sponsor and coach of the Techawks for the past 20 years.

Samuel F. Bibb, the Techawk golf coach for the past 12 years, is associate professor of mathematics. Before coming to Illinois Tech, he was on the coaching staff of North Dakota University.

Grant N. Stenger and Arthur E. Wright, both graduates of physical education, are in charge of the physical education programs of the campus. Stenger, former IIT baseball mentor, has charge of the south side program, and Wright, the west.

Chicago

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nue, 1122 South Wabash Avenue, and 975 East 60th Street. Incidentally, the latter U.S.O. is just beyond bounds for you freshmen at George Williams College.

The Service Men's Center has similar attractions and more, too. At the main center, 176 West Washington Street, fourteen floors are devoted to numerous diversions... all for you.

Here you may dance every night and those interested in the more boisterous form of the Terpsichorean art will find a special room where jitterbugs thrive. If you're more interested in less strenuous amusement, you may read in the spacious lounge, listen to classical music, or attend the movies. A limited number of free tickets to the leading movie, the legitimate theater, opera, or concert may be secured here.

The center also maintains an open air branch in Lincoln Park off Fullerton Avenue, where you can swing and sway to the ripples of Lake Michigan and other suitable accompaniment, of course. Here you can also play golf free of charge, go swimming, or view more movies. Another branch, the Auditorium Hotel at 480 South Michigan Boulevard, also offers many of the same pastimes... plus free bowling.

Stranded downtown, you may arrange to sleep at the exclusive Palmer House at the rate of one dollar per day. Incidentally the U.S.O. will furnish shaving facilities for strayed souls.

All of this is for you, you lucky gob. Remember, however, to wear your uniform or to carry satisfactory credentials to prove you are sailors and not refugees from a draft board.



by BACKAS

There have been some changes made on the south campus of dear ol' IIT, and I am inclined to think that they are for the best. Uncle Sam's Navy has arrived and the situation is well in hand. On behalf of the sports staff I would like to give a hearty welcome to all you men in white.

Now that you are an important part of our student body you probably want to know what type of sports exist on the campus.

We have no million dollar football teams or grandstand-filling basketball squads. You will see that the time required to develop teams like these cannot be furnished in an engineering curriculum. Most engineering schools that possess football teams with great names include a physical education course from which they draw their candidates.

And last, but not least, IIT does not give "rides" to athletes.

What we do have are good and better than average college teams. We are called the Techawks. In previous years we have been a member of the Northern Illinois College Association.

Every student gets a chance to make the varsity squad, and, as most of you will see, the chances for making a team aren't hindered by any prejudices. If you have a better than average ability, you have every chance of making a varsity team.

Last year's best teams were the swimming, tennis, golf, and basketball squads. The swimmers were heralded as the best in the middlewest until the air-corps took two of the mainstays. Up until the last game of the season, the basketball five hadn't lost a home game. These are samples of what the Techmen can do.

Who are our competitors, you may ask.

Are they a bunch of amateurs?

Here is a partial list of our opponents: University of Chicago, Northwestern, Navy Pier, U. of C. Code School (Navy), North Central, Wheaton, Lake Forest, Concordia, Chicago Teachers, Beloit, Detroit Tech, Lawrence Tech, De Kalb, Michigan State, Loyola, De Pauw, Purdue, Indiana State Teachers, Valparaiso, St. Joseph and Wilson.

Now just one word to the new civilian students. Some of you have won letters in sports while in high school or at some other college. We congratulate you, but we wish you wouldn't wear them on the campus. Honor 1, the honorary letter men's fraternity, has asked me to inform you that all letters and insignia other than IIT's will not be tolerated on the campus. Come out for our varsity teams and earn one of Illinois Tech's major or minor letter awards.

If and when any of you, civilians or service men, have any gripes about sports or anything else around school, let us know about it. Address a letter to an editor and sign it. We want you to know that this is a democratic paper in one of the most democratic schools you can find anywhere in the country. And when you find something that you are mighty pleased about, let us know about it also.

Cliff Oliver Selected Head Of Intramurals

Intramural Softball Tourney Starts Next Monday; Navy to Play

With Cliff Oliver re-elected as intramural manager for the next two terms, a full schedule of summer intramural sports is now being planned.

Oliver has announced that a two-game elimination softball tournament will be in full swing by July 19, and will be supplemented by golf, tennis, and possibly horseshoe competition later in the summer.

In the softball tourney, entries will be limited to departmental and class teams, but any number of teams from each class and department are eligible. Navy men may be included on any of the teams. No men will be able to play on more than one team.

All team entries must be reported to the intramural manager in Bernard Weissman's office by Wednesday, July 14, and the entries are to be accompanied by a schedule of free hours for each week-day of the entry. All games will be played during school hours through July and August.

The schedule of games to be played will be posted on the bulletin board in the Student Union lobby by Friday. Rules governing play in these games are also posted on the board, and it may be noted that spikes are definitely banned.

Plans for the other sports activities are not yet completed, but details will be announced later.

Other Side

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war tempo long before Pearl Harbor. And now, in addition to training engineers and Navy trainees, the Institute is conducting the most extensive war training program in a single city in the nation and the largest in a privately-operated school. The school also operates the largest and most advanced Signal Corps training program in the Sixth Service Command.

In addition to his administrative duties, Dr. Heald still finds time for active membership in many civic and honorary organizations, including the fraternities, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Tau and Chi Epsilon.

President Heald, who is married and resides at 5844 Stony Island, finds diversion in the Armour Faculty Club. His democratic spirit there once caused Prof. Walter H. Seegrist, president of the club, to remark, "When President Heald folds his long frame in one of the maroon leather chairs, smokes his cigarette and chats with members of his staff, he's just one of the boys."

Leader

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for the nation's more than 600 munitions plants.

Likewise Illinois Tech has also broadened its regular educational program to fit war needs. It was the only college in Chicago selected for both army and navy educational programs. It let its traditional college calendar become a war casualty and sent its regular students to school on the round-the-calendar program of the Navy.

Like Hawthorne's tale of the miraculous pitcher that was never empty, the story of activities at Illinois Tech is still brimming with miracles of the present day.

Its campuses likewise are full to overflowing; in fact, including eight war plants in which it has classes, Illinois Tech is now conducting classes in 23 different locations or "campuses."