

Trackmen Find Coach; Hold Practice Today

Roy McCauley, instructor in metallurgy in the department of Mechanical Engineering has been appointed provisional track coach by Director of Athletics John J. Schommer.

The first move of the new coach was to call a practice meeting for 5:30 Monday in the fieldhouse to survey the available talent. Team selections probably will be made after the first week thus enabling Navy men to be excused from P.T. classes. No excused P.T. will be permitted until the team has been selected, stated McCauley.

McCauley, captain of the Cornell (Mount Vernon, Iowa) track team for three years, volunteered to assist Dr. Wilmer Rhinehart in the coaching of the track team. However, when it became impossible for Dr. Rhinehart to coach because of Armour Research Foundation policies, McCauley was given full control pending the assignment of a full time coach.

"Mac" as he is known about the campus competed for eight straight years prior to his graduation from Cornell. In high school his talent was turned to the short dash distances. Upon enrolling at Cornell he started to train for the longer distances.

The move was a wise one for he reigned as Midwest Conference Champ in the two mile in 1939 and 1940 and was cross country champ in the two mile for 1938, '39, and '40. His events and times were half mile—2:00, mile—4:26, and two mile—9:40.5.

"Mac" served as semi assistant coach in his junior and senior years and worked out under Glen Cunningham, who is the present athletic director at Cornell.

While taking graduate work at IIT, McCauley tapered off at the University of Chicago Field House. He hopes some day to get back into competition but a 25 hour teaching schedule at the present time is not inducive right now.

Thursday Limit IM Softball

All team entries for this term's softball tourney must be in by Thursday at 5:30, announced Henry Dirksen, intramural manager. Play in the 16-inch slow pitching tourney will start by next Monday.

Entries should be placed in the Intramural Box in the Student Union Lobby. Teams must be composed entirely of players from one class and department. Freshmen, however, do not have to follow this rule and may have teams composed of men from all departments.

Each squad may have a maximum of 15 players and must choose a captain. Also accompanying each list of team members must be a schedule of playing times for that team. This is essential so that schedules may be drawn up.

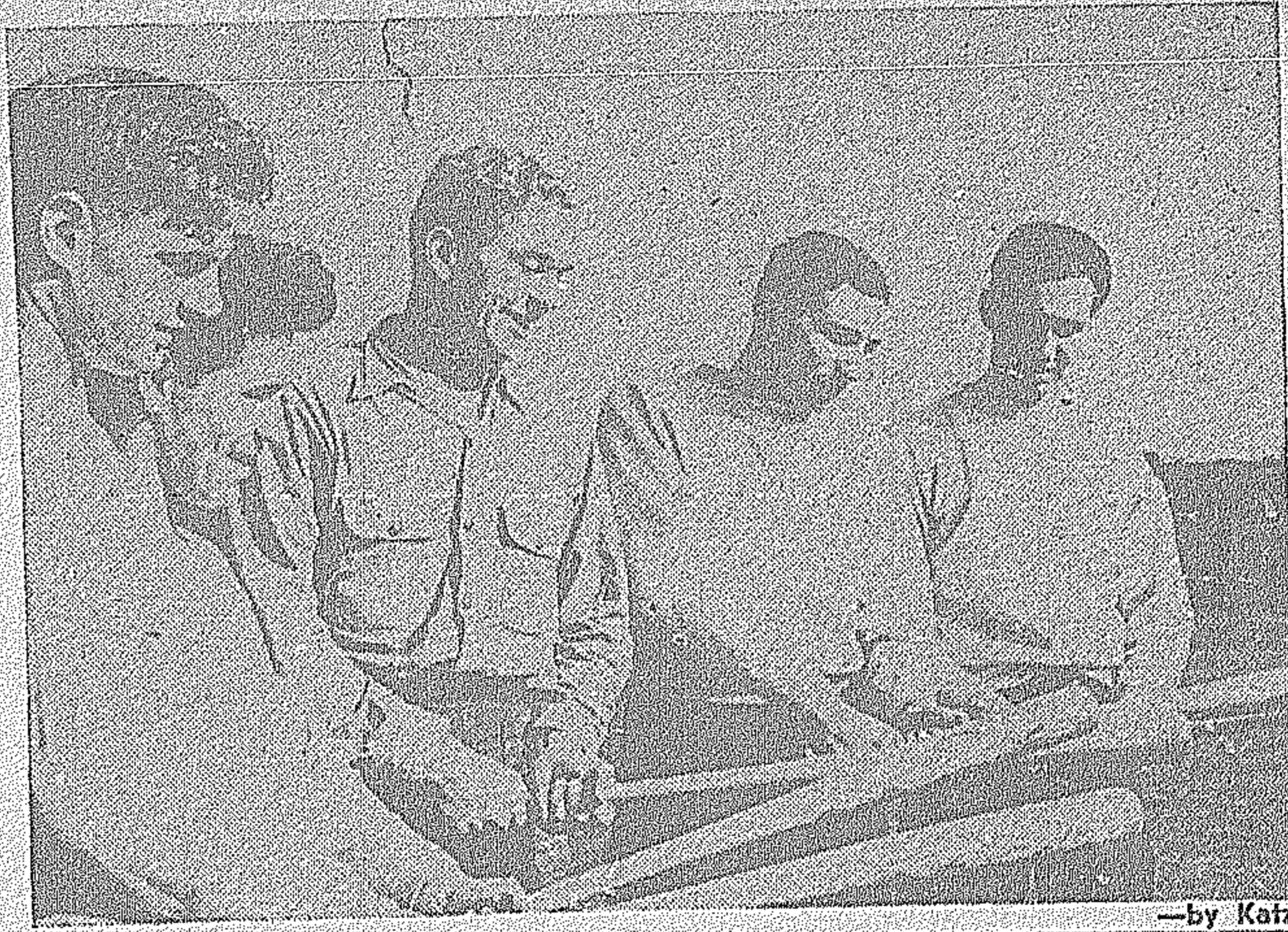
A round-robin type of schedule will be made and the team which goes through undefeated will be the winner. If no team remains undefeated at the close, the top four teams will play a round-robin for the title. Medals will be awarded to all members of the winning team.

Two softball tournaments were run off last year, one in the spring semester and one during the summer term.

Bad weather forced the cancellation of the spring tourney with the Cicco Wizards and the then Junior Chems tied for first place. Last summer saw the Senior Chems winning over the Senior Mechs, 14 to 11 in an eighth inning overtime to capture the title.

"The softball tourney is usually the most hotly contested of all intramural athletics", according to Dirksen. "The outlook for a close tourney seems again apparent."

Baseballers Look to New Season



—by Katz

Final Illinois Tech Baseball Squad Selected

Twenty-one Players Chosen; Team Includes Experienced Players

Twenty one men were chosen by baseball coach Bernard "Sonny" Weissman this past week to represent Illinois Tech on the diamond this season.

This team was selected from 63 men who responded to the baseball call at the start of the season. This was one of the largest turnouts for baseball that Illinois Tech has ever enjoyed.

With the large number of men reporting competition for positions has been stiff and the best has been brought out in every man.

The 21 wearers of the spiked shoes are:

Pitchers: Bill Steward a/s, Edward Puchalski, Dick Holstrom a/s, Tom Gavin a/s, and Dick Kravolec a/s.

Catchers: Vince Bicicchi, Vic Mieszkowski a/s, Bob Sielaff a/s.

Infielders: Ogden Clemens, Julian Fanslow a/s, Jack Burns a/s, Gordon Fleischer, Bob Lichtman a/s, Len Slazinski a/s, John Hiramoto, Dennis Ogeary a/s.

Outfielders: Roy Schimmelpfenig a/s, Ernie Krause, Captain Warren Furst a/s, Jim Oldshue, and Joe Maciejewski a/s.

Eight of the above listed men are either major or minor lettermen of IIT. The previous "I" winners are:

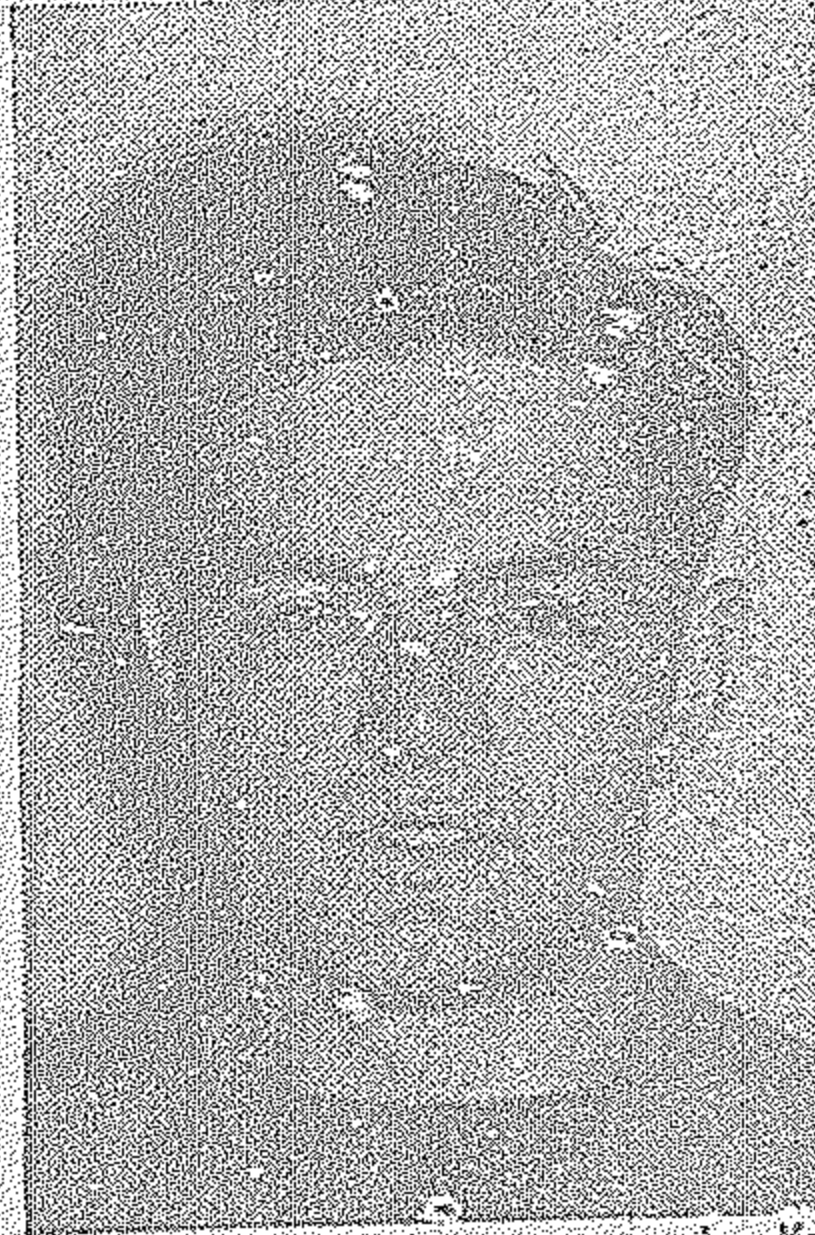
Captain Warren Furst, leading hitter in his freshman year and winner of the Honor I freshman athletic award; Jim Oldshue last year's third most powerful batter; Clemens, Fleischer, and Lichtman members of last season's infield; pitchers Gavin and the only southpaw, "Casey" Puchalski; and Ernie Krause outfielder.

Several V-12 men on the squad have had previous baseball experience. O'Geary played first base for the University of Virginia varsity nine, and Holstrom was a University of Illinois freshman pitcher.

Vic Mieszkowski and Roy Schimmelpfenig were team-mates on the Michigan State freshmen nine. Fanslow, North Park College, Slazinski, Lawrence Tech, and Steward, General Motors Institute are all experienced navy ball players. Steward, formerly a catcher, now pitches.

Baseball Team Elects Captain

Playing for his third year at IIT, Warren Furst a/s was chosen as captain of the 1944 Illinois Tech baseball team.



—by Katz

As a freshman, Furst was one of the hard hitting outfielders in the 1942 team, possessing an average of 0.312. Last season however, he had a bad slump and fell below his usual hitting ability.

Furst also plays basketball and as a freshman earned his numerals. He was chosen as the outstanding freshman athlete by Honor I for his ability in baseball and basketball.

IM Track Meet Postponed; Type of Competition Changed

Due to the few team entries received by Henry Dirksen, intramural manager, the intramural track team meet planned for this Thursday has been postponed for one week.

Golf Team to Begin Play Soon

Dr. Samuel Bibb announced today that golf matches are being scheduled with Chicago, Northwestern, Loyola, Elmhurst, and possibly Bradley, and Notre Dame.

Even though there is only one man returning from last years team, the team seems to have a very bright outlook. The navy has given the team a big boost by giving them the former #2 man on the Notre Dame Golf Team, a/s Fred Fitchey. Other men that look to be good material, other than Leonard Baness, the teams only returning man, are Bill Atcheson and Bob Negele.

Dr. S. Bibb also announced that Leonard Baness is the new manager of the team. The team hopes to schedule a match for this coming Saturday.

Any navy or civilian student who is interested in playing on the golf team should contact Dr. S. Bibb on the west campus or Leonard Baness on the south campus.

For this reason the type of meet has been changed from team competition to one of individual rivalry. All contestants' entries must be in the intramural box in the Student Union by Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. Entries must contain the individual's name and the events he wishes to enter.

Each contestant may enter only two track events and one field event. This provides a more even distribution of points.

Intramural awards are to be made in the following manner. The winner of each event receives an award. These men are then excluded from the five other awards to be made. The added five awards are to be given to the five men who aggregate the highest number of points.

The order of events is as follows:

- Shot Put
- High Jump
- Broad Jump
- 100 yards
- One Mile
- 440 yards
- 220 yards
- 880 yards

The Official National Collegiate Athletic Association Rules of Track and Field Athletics (1943) will be followed on all decisions.

Eleven Become Honor I Actives

Eleven men have been accepted as actives of Honor I, lettermen's honorary fraternity, announced Gordon Fleischer, president.

The men finished out their pledge period by carrying paddles and collecting each active's autograph. In so doing, the pledges discovered the purpose for which the paddles had been made.

The new actives are, Ronald Ailara, Bill Cooley, Bob Kasnicka, Tom Kilgariff a/s, Hank Koci, Bob Lacivita, Don Lange a/s, Bob Lichtman a/s, Victor Mieszkowski a/s, Glen Neiswander a/s, and Jim Oldshue.

Fraternity Softball To Begin This Week

Triangle meets Pi Kappa Phi tonight in the first game of the 1944 interfraternity baseball tournament.

Rho Delta Rho is the present holder of the championship but they will have to defend their right against Triangle, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Mu, Alpha Sigma Phi, and Delta Tau Delta.

Henry Dirksen, Interfraternity Council Athletic Chairman, stated the tournament would be of the round robin type with games scheduled for specific times. "Strict adherence to game times will be the tournament rule and must be adhered to," said Dirksen.

Soph Mechs 13-7 Over Sr Mechs

Playing the semi-final game of the intramural touchball tourney, the Sophomore Mechanicals trounced the Senior Mechanicals 13 to 6 to emerge as leading contenders for the Touchball Championship.

When the Soph Mechs meet the Junior Civils this week to decide the title holders, the long drawn out touchball tourney will have come to a close.

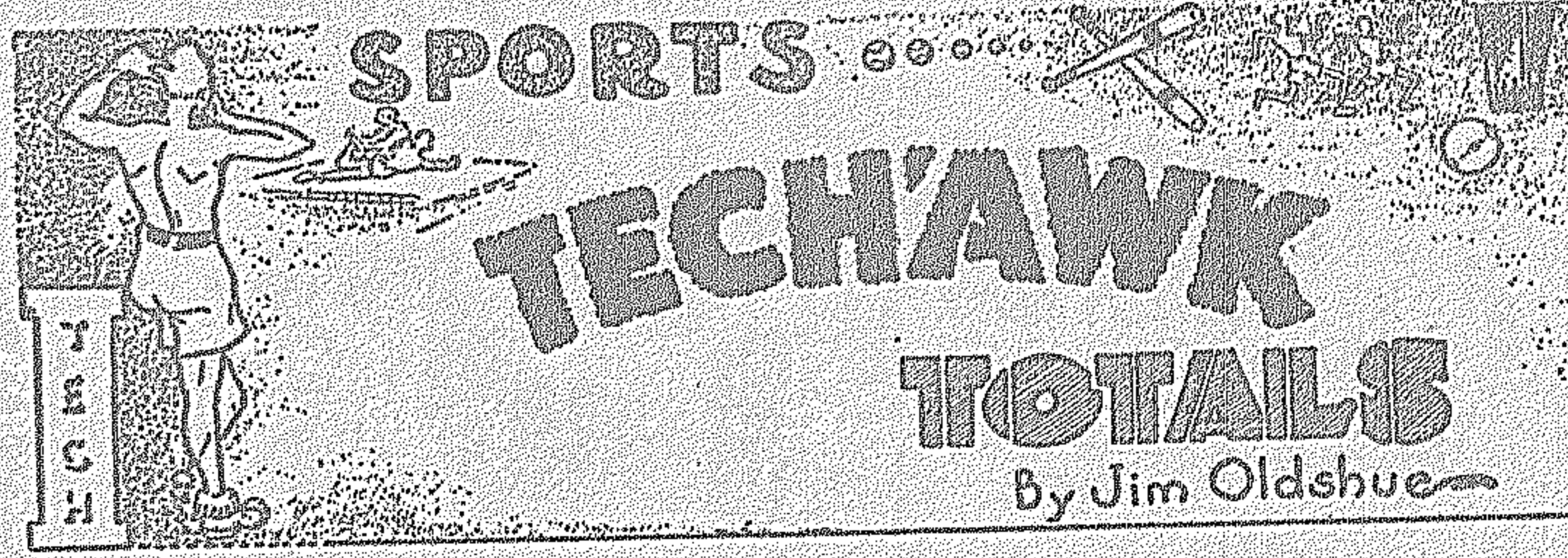
Superior speed and rushing ability were the deciding factors in overwhelming the power-house attack of the upper-classmen.

The first score of the game came in the first quarter by the Senior Mechs on a long pass from George Soya to Joe Rimac. The conversion failed.

Later in the first half the Soph Mechs drove down the field and in five plays had scored and converted. The scoring play was on a short pass to Leo Polivka in the end zone from Tom Kilgariff. Converting on another pass to Leo Polivka from Don Lange the Soph Mechs went into the lead 7-6 as the half ended.

The only score of the second half was on a Senior Mech punt which was blocked by charging Hank Reberman. Aggressive George Slaughter fell on the ball in the end zone for a Soph Mech score. The conversion failed.

Outstanding in this contest was the play of the linemen. Rushers and blockers like Bob Negele and Bill Lenzi were the deciding factor of the game. Added to this was the running and pass-receiving of Tom Ruck.



At last the Soph (now Junior) Mechs have finally reached the finals in the intramural football tourney. They now have played a total of six games (including tie games) to gain their berth in the finals while their opponents, the Junior Civils, have only played four games. This condition shouldn't have come about, but it proved that the Soph Mechs really deserve a place in the finals.

It seems that the only class in school with any spirit is the Junior class. The plans for the intramural track meet had to be changed because only three entries were received. And all three entries were from Junior teams. There's no excuse for other classes to lose all interest in intramurals.

When speaking of class spirit, the 3A Juniors are the ones to be commended. In preparation for their coming volley ball game with the 3B Juniors, 20 of the 3A's turned out for practice, or one-third of the class. Of course I must remind them that spirit alone won't win the game this Wednesday.

An acute shortage of bats is threatening to hinder the efficiency of IIT's baseball team. Coach "Sonny" Weissman is hoping that this bat shortage is an indication that the boys have been powdering the ball unusually hard, but he is afraid that this is not entirely the case. He has a slight suspicion that the quality of wartime bats is responsible for the shortage. Whether the hitting is powerful or not, it looks like the team will have a flashy infield. In practice this past week, the infielders were showing exceptional skill and really giving the pitchers good support. If the pitching can come through, Tech should have one of its best seasons.

With the selection of a track coach, IIT's track season can get underway. For the last month, IIT has had a one man team, Bill Cooley. He has been running in several meets held near Chicago for the last few weeks, but now IIT will have a complete team to represent them in meets. It's too bad that Coach Wilber Rhinehart couldn't be retained this season for he was one of the best developers of track talent to be seen at IIT. However, Roy McCauley should have plenty of material to work with and everyone is hoping for and anticipating a very successful track season.