

# 58 Men Turn Out for Basketball

## Six Lettermen Return to Lead Techawk Squad

### Eleven Teams Carded As Opponents for This Year's Cage Schedule

#### Basketball Coach



**SPORTS MENTOR**—Robert Meyer, recently discharged from the navy, who will be the new basketball coach.

Heading the parade of varsity athletics, which will share the sports-light for this term, is basketball. A near record turnout of 58 men responded to the first call, including six lettermen. Assistant Athletic Director Bernard "Sonny" Weissman is acting coach pending arrival of the squad's newly appointed coach "Remie" Meyers.

Returning lettermen from last year's squad are A/S Pete Browning, regular guard, A/S Gene Evers, alternate guard and A/S Howie Poulter, reserve forward. Resuming their studies at the Institute are Bergstrom, B. Smart, and W. Sommers who won varsity letters on Techawk cage squads before entering the Armed Forces. Bergstrom played on the 1940-41 squad while Smart and Sommers were on the 1941-42 squad. These six veterans will form the nucleus of what looks like a solid team. As soon as Coach Meyers screens out the candidates he should have a well rounded squad since quite a few freshmen with impressive high school records have turned out. Since there is no restriction on freshmen playing college basketball, satisfactory entrance to the school qualifies them for competition. Now that the war is over and civilian enrollment has hit a new high, Tech is sure of some new hopefuls. They should uphold the prestige garnered by the Scarlet and Gray in the preceding years and reap new laurels for Illinois Tech on the hardwood courts in the season to come.

Last year, with a squad of 11 Navy men and 2 civilians, the Techawks displayed a fighting team which competed with such schools as the nationally rated, number one collegiate team DePaul University. The squad emerged with an all-time won-lost average in the history of the school, registering 17 victories with but 5 losses for a .773 percentage. The Techawks closed the season with a 13 game winning streak. This year's team should duplicate this feat, although a tough schedule confronts the squad. New additions to this year's

schedule include Wayne University, Lake Forest College and the Shore Patrol Fives. Games to be played this campaign follow:

- Dec. 1 Chicago
- Dec. 5 To be filled
- Dec. 8 Lake Forest
- Dec. 10 DeKalb
- Dec. 12 Chicago
- Dec. 15 Illinois Normal
- Dec. 19 Concordia
- Jan. 5 Shore Patrol
- Jan. 8 Illinois Normal
- Jan. 9 Lake Forest
- Jan. 12 Lawrence
- Jan. 14 North Central
- Jan. 18 Wayne
- Jan. 19 To be filled
- Jan. 23 Shore Patrol
- Jan. 25 DeKalb
- Jan. 30 Chicago Teachers
- Feb. 1 Wayne
- Feb. 2 Lawrence
- Feb. 6 North Central
- Feb. 9 Concordia
- Feb. 13 Chicago Teachers

A record of the 1944-45 team follows:

Ill. Tech.	77—Wilson Colege	36
" "	54—U. of Chicago	29
" "	46—De Paul	65
" "	42—De Paul	62
" "	35—Glenview NAS	54
" "	43—U. of Chicago	51
" "	34—Gardiner Hospital	44
" "	56—Camp McCoy	39
" "	45—37th St. Navy	48
" "	63—George Williams	45
" "	55—North Central	36
" "	48—Lawrence College	36
" "	73—Concordia	44
" "	36—Camp McCoy	35
" "	53—Chicago Radio	37
" "	54—Illinois Medical	40
" "	65—37th St. Navy	63
" "	50—Concordia	39
" "	55—37th St. Marines	45
" "	43—Glenview NAS	40
" "	65—George Williams	48
" "	37—North Central	27

## Meyer Returns As Cage Coach

Coach Robert "Remie" Meyer is returning to Illinois Tech sometime this month and will resume his former duties as basketball coach. Until his return, "Sonny" Weissman has charge of the basketball squad.

At Hinsdale Township High School Remie received four letters in basketball, four in football, and three in track. He was All-West Suburban Conference in basketball three times. In his senior year Remie was honored by being placed on the second All-State team in basketball. In track, Meyer was one time holder of the West Suburban Conference 120 yard high hurdle mark of 15.8 seconds.

Coach Meyer was graduated from the University of Chicago Business School. At Chicago he received nine letters; three in basketball, three in football and three in baseball. He was second team All-Big Ten in basketball in 1939. During the 1939 season Remie was baseball captain and led the Big Ten in home runs. He played end and quarterback in football, forward in basketball, and first base in baseball.

Meyer spent the summer of 1939 playing professional baseball with a Cincinnati Reds farm team in Waterloo, Iowa. In professional basketball he captained the La Salle Hotel Cavaliers hardwood team. He was the leading scorer in the Windy City League in which the Cavaliers played. Remie also played semi-professional baseball with the Chicago Firemen.

Remie coached basketball at Tech for two seasons before entering the navy in 1942. He was a physical fitness officer at Iowa Preflight before being assigned to duty in the Pacific.

## Hockey Meeting to Be Held Tuesday

A hockey meeting will be held in room 111 Chapin at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 13. All men interested in trying out for the team are invited to attend. Arrangements for practice sessions will be discussed.

## Women's Tea Social Held In Faculty Dining Room

All women students were invited to a "get-acquainted" tea held last Monday afternoon in the faculty dining room.

## Ahern Becomes New Swim Coach; Known For Athletic Feats

The appointment of John J. Ahern of the IIT faculty as swimming coach has been announced by John Schommer, athletic director. He succeeds Coach Ray McGilvary who came from the University of Chicago to coach last year's team.

Ahern has a great deal of swimming experience, having swum in high school meets and as a student at IIT.

His career began at Calumet High on the south side where he swam four years in inter-high and all-city meets. He was elected captain of the Calumet Team in his junior and senior years. The 50, 100, and 220 yard free style events were his specialties. Swimming in city meets, he placed several times while still in high school.

## Swimming Coach



**NEW INSTRUCTOR**—John Ahern, professor of safety engineering, who will assume the duties of swimming coach this term.

In 1930, Chicago ran an all-city pentathlon meet, in which each man swam five events. Ahern placed third in the city that year.

He filled an important position on the Techawk swimming team from his freshman year, and was elected captain as a senior. At present, he is a professor of safety engineering at IIT.

Two of last year's letter men are returning to the squad this year. Whit Pearson, who was a member of the 1941 team, and later swam as a V-12'er in the '44-'45 meets, returns as a civilian. He will fill a spot in the 50 and 100 yard free style events.

John Makielski joined the team late in the season, but his diving pulled in many extra points for the Techawks. In spite of the fact that he was a diver and as such did little to improve his swimming, John entered a meet as a free-

## 46 Report For Fight Squads

Forty-six men have reported for the boxing and wrestling teams this year. This is the biggest turnout in many seasons, and if number and enthusiasm are any indication, it should be a rough season for Techawk opponents.

Only one letterman will be among the matmen this year. He is Bob Freund, eight term electrical and a 165 pounder.

The Techawks won two matches in five last year against such opponents as the Iowa Seahawks and University of Illinois. The Seahawks had at that time, one of the nation's top teams, and the Tech matmen scored the first 9 points yielded by Iowa in that season.

Sonny Weissman's boy held two matches with Wheaton, the first ending up in power-house 25-5 win for the Techawks. The second meeting with Wheaton was a brawl, with Wheaton squeezing out an 18-16 win. A match this year should be one well worth seeing since Wheaton and IIT have been bitter rivals on the mat for several years.

Sonny hopes to have matches arranged for the boxing squad this year. Last season's four man turnout was hardly enough to enter against the larger squads of other schools. Returning members are Bill Newman and Chuck Hatstat. Chuck entered the Golden Gloves tournament last season as a welter novice and was withdrawn after his first win because of an injury to his ear.

With the increase in squad members, it is hoped that more than Golden Glove entries can be made. Sonny promises to "fix the boys up," and the pugilists are hoping he can do it.

## Swimming Team to Meet Today in Gym

The first swimming meeting of the season will be held today at 5:00 p.m. in the gym in Main, manager Don Helbling announced. Any man interested in swimming for IIT is invited to attend this meeting.

It is expected that the pool at Valentine's will be available for practice in the afternoon on week days, starting in the near future.

styler and placed second in it.

Several new navy students and a number of veterans have announced their intention of trying out for the team. There's a big squad out and this time it looks promising, states Manager Don Helbling.



With one week gone in the new semester, and fall and winter sports in the offing, things are looking up for athletics at IIT. The nearly doubled enrollment has provided new manpower for all teams, especially the basketball, wrestling and boxing squads.

A record turnout of 58 men for basketball should give Coach "Remie" Meyer plenty of material from which to pick his team. Six returning lettermen, including three veterans who have played in previous years, will be the nucleus of the squad. Guards Evers and Browning and forward Howie Poulter along with veterans Bergstrom, Smart and Somers, provide a solid base for a fast quintet.

Sonny Weissman's report on the workouts of the new men was enthusiastic. They have been getting in shape the last week in the cheesebox and show great promise. Next week the center of activity will shift to Valentine's Boy's Club.

The boxing and wrestling teams ran into a similar surplus when 46 men reported last week. Sonny expects to start workouts today in the gym and he should be able to pick out strong teams in both matmen and leather-pushers. The outlook is bright, but nothing can be said for sure until several workouts have been held.

Marvin Larson has taken over Hank Pype's spot as IM manager, and he has appointed Ed Arends assistant. Ed recently returned from the armed forces and is also serving as assistant sports editor.

Mary and Ed have announced plans for an IM basketball tourney. The starting date has not been decided but any class group wishing to enter should contact its men and be ready to submit an entry within two weeks. IIT is slated for an athletic boom; the ball's on the way. Lets keep it rolling.



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