

Swimmers End With 9 Wins in 12 Meets

Team Starts With 9 Game Winning Streak; McNerney High Scorer

The IIT Swimmers have splashed around for their last time this season. The '46-'47 season was a victorious one for Tech with 9 wins out of 12 meets. The Squad rolled up 576 points and had only 330 points scored against them.

During the course of the season, the team won over such schools as the University of Detroit, Loyola, North Central College, Lawrence, Chicago Teachers, and Depaul. The season after the probation list came were all defeats and rather hard to take after tasting victory over the winners the first semester. The Tech Swimmers lost to Wright Junior College, University of Chicago, and Depaul.

IIT Tech was represented at the C.C.C. Championships with Kirby Strickland, Ernie Hellmer, and Jergen Schmidt qualifying for the finals with a 300 Yard Medley relay team, the team placed sixth.

The high point man for the season was Jim McNerney with 94 points. The runners-up were Ernie Hellmer, Jergen Schmidt, Joe Peter, John Makielski, Bill Maier, and Dan Nelson in that order.

The swimmers are already looking ahead toward next season with high hopes. The squad is faced with the loss of only one man, John Makielski, their top-notch diver, who graduates this June.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS '46-'47 SWIMMING TEAM			
Meets	Event	McNerney	Points
9	Freestyle	Hellmer	84
12	Freestyle	Schmidt	62
12	Freestyle	Peter	52
11	Diver	Makielski	51
12	Backstroke, free-style, diver	Maier	48
9	Freestyle	Nelson	47
9	Freestyle	Axelwood	37
12	Backstroke	Mitchell	27
9	Freestyle	Madson	25
6	Freestyle	Klitze	23
12	Diver	Beckmann	20
9	Backstroke	Altman	20
12	Freestyle	Strickland	10
8	Backstroke, free-style	Miller	11
8	Freestyle	Nord	4
8	Backstroke	Dymek	4
2	Freestyle		

Sports Personality of the Week

Ernest Hellmer

One of the most active sports personalities on the campus is Ernest Hellmer, high scoring member of the swimming team. Ernie's won three letters at Illinois Tech for swimming and this year scored 63 points out of a possible 79 to place second in the score column.

Hellmer first swam for the Tilden Tech team, was elected captain of the team, won two letters. Between swimming meets, he practiced ice skating, was cheerleader for the avid sports fans from that section of town. To make sure he didn't have any extra time to waste, he worked on their year book, and was sports editor of the Tilden Tech paper.

Ernie's activities are not quite so numerous or varied in Illinois Tech as they were in high school. Studies come first, but he's been swimming since he entered IIT in 1942. Swimming in the breast stroke events, he won 10 first places in 12 meets this year. Before he entered the Navy he was a reporter for Tech News.

In the Navy, Hellmer went into aviation, was discharged an Aviation Machinist's Mate, 2/c after two years service in the States.

A junior in the ME department, Ernie will get a chance to pile up more points for the swimming team. With his scoring ability, Illinois Tech should be even more successful next season than it was this year.

By Art Ballou

Awards Given To 46 Athletes

Erhart, Boand Top IM Keglers

George Erhart and Jack Boand, senior ME's, walked away with the doubles crown in the intramural bowling tournament Sunday. The victors totalled 1094—an average of 182 1/3 per game. Erhart series was 569 while Boand contributed 525.

Richard Arbanas, frosh CE, broke his own high series mark of the tourney with a 579 total. This series plus the 576 he chalked up the week previous gives him the all-events crown with 1155, a 192 1/2 average for six games. In addition he wins the high individual series medal.

Erhart came within a pin of tying the tournament's high individual game when he rolled 210 in his first game. The record stood, however, and Al Knobbe, frosh ME takes that event with the 211 he rolled in the team event. Knobbe's 527 gave him second place in the all-events with a total of 1078.

Only two other 200 games were recorded. Eric Anderson, junior Arch, collecting 202 and 556 and Roland Stancel, junior ChE, racking up a 201. Anderson narrowly missed setting a new high game mark when he drew a five pin railroad in his last frame after two strikes. His total was 197 for that game. Another hard luck bowler was Chuck Trost who started off two games with five strikes in a row but wilted to get games of 183-199-186 for a creditable 568 series.

Other notable series were 529 by George Harkless and 526 by his partner, Eric Gabler for a second place doubles total of 1055. Chuck Banks collected 525 while rolling with his partner, Paul Peterson.

Thirty-two men bowled in the doubles event, held under the auspices of Jake Dumelle. The week previous thirty-one keggers put forth their best efforts in the team event which saw the Soph #1 team win. Wide-spread interest was evidenced in the formation of a bowling league next September and it is hoped that someone will undertake to organize a 5 p.m. weekday league.

Practice Meet to Determine Golfers

"There's nothing better than watching a man swing his club and sock that ole' ball, to tell how good he is," said Coach Samuel Bibb as he announced the new schedule for the Golf Team. "That's the reason we're holding these first two Inter-School elimination tournaments."

Rather than count total scores, Coach Bibb and manager Ed Konecl plan to watch the play at each individual hole, thereby checking each man's performance.

The first and most important meeting of the season will be held Friday at 5 p.m. in Room 108 Chapin, and all those interested are definitely urged to attend.

One of Chicago's best managed courses has been chosen as the site of the home games. It is Westgate Valley at 131st and Ridgeland. There will be many cars driving out to each match. Several out of town matches have also been scheduled.

Following is a list of the 1947 program:

- April 5—Elimination Tournament
- April 12—Elimination Tournament
- April 19—Alumni
- April 23—Valparaiso (there)
- April 24—Wabash (there)
- April 25—DePaul (there)
- April 26—Indiana State Teachers (there)
- May 3—Indiana State Teachers
- May 6—Lake Forest (there)
- May 8—Chicago (there)
- May 10—Bradley (there)
- May 13—Lake Forest
- May 18—Bradley
- May 22—North Central (there)
- May 24—Western Michigan (there)
- May 31—Loyola

Jumping The Season

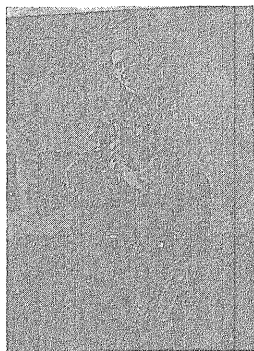


Photo by Neuman
TWO HARDY TECHAWK baseball aspirants, Vince Biccichi (catching) and Bert Amstad (baiting), determined to have some outdoor practice, tried to work out on Ogden Field last Thursday.

Tennis Team Begins Outdoor Practice

With the opening of the 1947 varsity tennis season slightly more than two weeks away, the Techawks netters began outdoor drills at Armour Square yesterday in preparation for their April 12 date at Valparaiso, Indiana.

Leading a large turnout are six former letter winners, including a quartet of starters from last year's squad which won eight of eleven starts, Captain-elect Bob Hall, Carl Bergstrom, Jim Ferguson, and Bob Davis. Eddie Radek, who held down the number one berth in 1944, and Don Eckert, who also played for Tech in '44, are another returning lettermen.

Topping the newcomers who have worked out thus far are Irv Buchstaber, a former Oak Park star, and Bob Zeitlin, a Crane Tech product, both of whom are making a strong challenge for starting berths.

The complete schedule:
April 12—Tech at Valparaiso
April 15—Lake Forest at Tech
April 19—Concordia at Tech
April 22—George Williams at Tech
April 25—Tech at Marquette
April 26—Tech at Wisconsin
May 3—Tech at Bradley
May 6—Tech at Chicago
May 15—Tech at George Williams
May 17—Bradley at Tech
May 22—Chicago at Tech (Tentative)
May 24—Valparaiso at Tech
May 27—Tech at Lake Forest
May 30—Tech at Concordia



HONOR I, the honorary athletic society on the campus, has adopted a resolution to the effect that no Freshmen should be allowed to participate in varsity athletics, nor should any Freshman teams be sponsored by the school. This resolution comes after several seasons of observation as to the scholastic record made by the Freshmen who have played on the Varsity Teams.

Most entering Freshmen do not realize the big difference in college studies and in the high school courses that they have just left until it may be too late. The first year of college is a rather crucial one for every student; if he gets off to a bad start, he has a very tough time trying to get back on a par with his work.

PLAYING ON ONE of the varsity teams takes up valuable time which could be spent in boosting up school work. Therefore, it is very desirable, in my estimation, to let the IIT Freshman have a year to get adjusted to the rigors of the work here. Then when he is better able to decide whether he can devote the necessary time to athletics, let him try out for the team.

Since Illinois Tech is not an athletic conference, there are none of those regulations to determine whether the first year men are eligible. But since IIT does belong to the NCAA, they will probably follow whatever regulations are laid down by that body for the fall semester. However, I think that as a scholastic protection to the Freshmen no Freshman participation in any form of varsity athletics should be allowed, regardless of NCAA Policy.

30 Men Receive Majors; 8 Awarded Senior Jackets

The ITSA last week approved 46 awards to Techawks athletes in four winter sports, basketball, wrestling, swimming, and boxing. Major awards were given to 30 men, with 8 seniors receiving Senior Jacket awards.

Forty Out For Baseball Squad

From a turnout of forty plus candidates Coach Sonny Weissman has the job of picking a winning combination.

Among the group of aspirants are eight returning lettermen. These include such sluggers as Jim Oldshue, an outfielder whose batting average in 1943 was .345, Bill Burns, a flashy second baseman who batted .322, and Roy Schimmelfeng, whose long distance hitting has provided many a scoring punch and has an overall batting average of .294.

The aspirants also number three former first string catchers. They are Warren Melgaard of the '43 squad, Vinc Biccichi of '44, and Charles Swanson, 1946 backstop. Dennis O'Geary and Ernie Krause are also back from the '44 squad. Krause batted .278 as an outfielder and O'Geary batted .208 as an infielder.

To date the biggest weakness of the squad to date seems to be the mounds corp. With no returning moundsmen and no outstanding new talent being uncovered, manager Chuck Connel is reported to be scouting any body who can throw a paper wad ten feet.

If the mound talent shows up Weissman thinks the Techawks can look forward to a bright season, so come on you hurlers!

Edwards Victor in IM Paddle Tourney

Bryant Edwards demonstrated his proficiency in wielding a ping pong paddle by carrying off the singles crown in the recent intramural tournament. Edwards was the winner in the final round robin which was conducted on the basis of 3 out of 5 games deciding each contest. He battered his way to the title by defeating Harold Cotta in the three straight matches: 21-19, 21-17, 21-16, and taking Julian Labow in stride, 21-18, 21-15, and 21-19.

Seniors John Makielski, Jim Oldshue, Dennis O'Geary, Roy Schimmelfeng, Joe Melek, Vic Mieczkowski, Ned Grable, Ray Murphy, and Glen Neiswander won major letters for the second or more time, and were awarded jackets.

Coach John Ahern awarded 8 major letters to his swimmers; Makielski, Jim McNerney, Ernie Hellmer, Joe Peter, Bill Maier, Dan Nelson, Jergen Schmidt, and Manager Cliff Nelson.

Eight swimmers received minors: Dick Axelrod, John Mitchell, John Madsen, Ray Klitzke, John Beckmann, Art Altermann, Ken Strickland, and Bruce Miller.
Fifteen Cagers Get Majors

Fifteen cagers on the '46-'47 team, which fell to a .222 season average, were given major awards by Coach Bernard Weissman. The players honored were John Daley, John Fleck, Grable, Melek, Murphy, Neiswander, O'Geary, Oldshue, Schimmelfeng, Bill Smart, Charles Swanson, Carl Bergstrom, Charles Futterer, Warren Sommers, and Manager Jim Gibbons.

On the wrestling team, Mieczkowski, Ray Sabol, Harry Himmeklaw, Julian Snyder, Don Johnson, Bob Monblanc and Manager Bob Schulte received majors.

Seven other wrestlers were awarded minors: Bill Kunick, Jim Norini, Lyle Taussig, Jim Fitzpatrick, Joe McArdie and Ernie Smith.

Schulte received a minor for the only award made by the Boxing Coach, Jim Ladd.

IM Basketball Play Started: Campsters Meet 48er's Today

The fight for the championship of Illinois Tech's intramural basketball tourney began last night in the eaves of the Main Building, and will continue for the next few weeks, announced Larry Shapiro, tournament manager.

Any team which does not furnish its referee by the end of this week, will be withdrawn from the tournament. Referees are to report to Shapiro in Weissman's Office between 12 and 1 PM on any weekday.

There are 13 teams entered in the meet, and of these, seven are strictly freshman groups.

However, even though there is a preponderance of frosh ballclubs, the upperclassmen have entered several strong and well-seasoned units. This situation points to a wide open tourney with any team likely to annex the championship, added Shapiro.

SCHEDULE OF GAMES
Week of March 25 to 31
Tuesday: 48ers vs. Civil Campsters
Wednesday: ME Red Hots vs. Navy Frosh
Thursday: Cons vs. Giants
Friday: Soph. Arch vs. Bohemian's Bohats
Monday: Frosh Players vs. Iversen's Frosh

Alpha Sigma Phi Victors In Table Tennis Match

Alpha Sigma Phi defeated Phi Kappa Sigma 3-2 in the only IF ping pong game played last week.

Al Zadravetz and Georgy Schuitz won singles sets and Zadravetz and George Hettenger a doubles set for the Alpha Sig victory.

SCHEDULE
Wed 8 p.m. Rho Delta Rho vs. Sigma Alpha Mu at Phi Kappa Phi
Wed. 8 p.m. Dandelions vs. Froshians at Delta Tau Delta
Thurs. 8 p.m. - winners of above games at Alpha Sigma Phi