

# Cagers face State

## TECH SPORTS

### Seek to avenge 55-45 loss

By Marks Levy

The Techawks will be facing one of their toughest opponents when they take the floor to play Milwaukee State Teachers tonight at 7:30. Saturday night they were downed by State, 56-46.

Capitalizing on fast breaks early in the second half, State pulled away from a 27-25 lead at half-time and led by 10 points at the end of the third quarter. This margin proved too much for the Scarlet and Grey to overcome, and State maintained its lead until the final gun.

Leading scorer for the night was Bob McCue with five baskets and three charity tosses for a 13-point total. Close behind McCue were center George Scalamera with 12, and forward Carl Matson with 11 points. High point men for State were forward Gunderson and center Belz, each with 11 points.

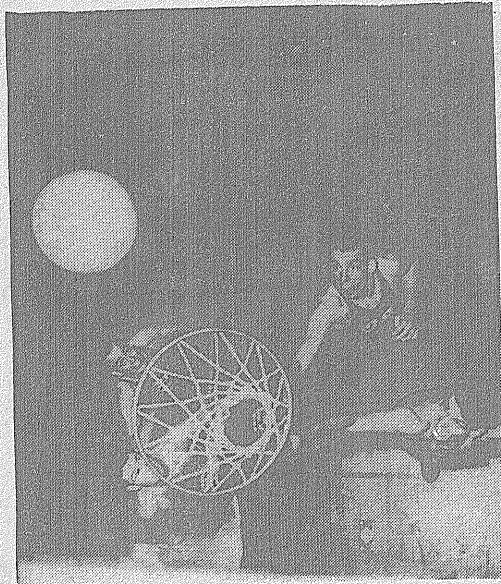
Tech had one joyful note. Leo Kiley was back in old form after a two-week absence due to illness.

George Scalamera, brilliant pivot man for the Tech quintet, has broken the old school record of 231 points set by Frank Lake in the 45-46 season in 18 games. Big George has so far hit for 243 points in 16 contests with two games to go.

An easy 68-40 win over Navy Pier Wednesday night removed any chance that the season percentage will drop below .500. With only two games remaining, the won-and-lost record stands at nine victories and seven defeats. Big George Scalamera proved too much for the Illini, scoring 22 points.

Probable lineup for tonight's game:

IIT		Milwaukee State Teachers	
Player	Pos.	Player	Pos.
Matson	F	Lemmer	F
Leiser	F	Morris	F
Scalamera	C	Bolz	C
McCue	G	Rahn	G
Kiley	G	Fricke	G



TECHAWKS' MATSON (31), Scalamera (34), and Leiser (37) get set to snag a rebound away from Yawger (22) and Zitzer (23) of George Williams. Tech went on to win the scrap, 60-51.

## Gay blades with steel nerves form foil squad

By Bill Furlong

Wayne Johnson surveyed the jagged end of his foil during Illinois Tech's fencing meet with Wisconsin last month and shrugged philosophically.

"It's been a dull day," he said. "I broke only three blades."

It is a matter of record that Illinois Tech has lost more fencing blades than fencers—a fact about which Coach Seymour Bezell is justifiably proud. That Illinois Tech has also lost a few meets does not greatly diminish that pride.

Bezell points out that Notre Dame resorted to some rather vague mathematics to whip the Techawks, 20 to 7; that Wisconsin had to beat off a determined Illinois Tech rally to eke out a 15-to-12 decision; and that, although, Chicago trimmed the Techawks, 18-9, the Maroons were beaten in the foils—"for the first time in two or three years," according to Bezell.

Collegiate fencing bears little resemblance to the athletic demonstrations of the movies. In fact, a burst of action of ten seconds is as rare in college fencing as a machine gun burst of the same length. But in Will Nerenstein, Illinois Tech has a man to match the agility of Errol Flynn, the wavy hair of Doug Fairbanks, and innocent eyes of Margaret O'Brien. He is a constant source of annoyance to rivals who consider his bobbing and weaving somewhat unorthodox.

"He drives 'em nuts," booms Bezell enthusiastically. "He may suddenly cock his left foot out at a ridiculous angle and, while his opponent tries to figure out the significance of this maneuver, Willie simply reaches out and clunks him on the top of the head."

Since fencing is more a sport of cunning than it is of physical durability, several of Bezell's 20

charges have plotted fascinating methods of training. Willie Clark, for instance, has found that five beers carefully absorbed on the night before a match meets with staggering success the next day.

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WILLIE NERENSTEIN and Manager Bill Clark cross sabers at close quarters in a recent practice match held in the Technology Center gym. Nerenstein is one of the most agile fencers on the squad.

## MEL'S MUSINGS

by Mel Friedlander



At present, there are about 1250 students actively participating in some form of athletics. This list includes the undergraduates enrolled in gym classes, the varsity teams, and the host of interfraternity, and intramural basketball, badminton, and volleyball squads. For an active enrollment of 3,400 students, the record doesn't read too well.

The entire sports facilities on our campus comprise one (1) war surplus gymnasium and one (1) athletic field.

The track on Ogden field was never properly constructed, and the large cinders which protrude from almost every inch of pathway do a great deal towards slowing down our versatile speed demons.

The gym, which is used for winter, late fall, and spring sport seems at times to portray Grand Central station.

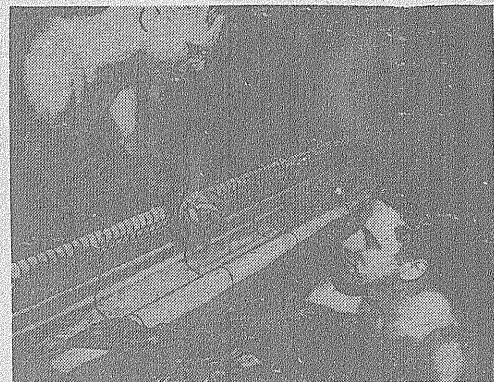
We need more tennis courts, softball diamonds and at least another baseball diamond. Our swimmers are forced to work out at Valentine

... AND PLEASE LORD, A NEW GYM.



boys' pool, and our golf team has no chance whatsoever to hold a decent practice session on campus.

Good teams mean good publicity for Illinois Tech. Witness the write-ups on the IIT prep tournament, and the publicity afforded last year's Tech relays. The administration would do well to consider these points before turning thumbs down on any proposals by our athletic department.



MANAGER CLIFF NELSEN gives Techawk Joe Peter his winning time for the 440-yard free style event in the recent George Williams-IIT swimming meet.

## IIT mermen sink Williams

By Ted Spath

After their sixth win in nine starts, Illinois Tech's swimming team travels to Peoria tomorrow to meet the Bradley Tech mermen. Starting at 3 p.m., this meet is one of the few "away" events for the Tech seals. From advance reports and comparison of scores against mutual opponents, the meet should be very closely contested.

Captain Jim Mc Nerney and Joe Peter led the way with double victories as the team swamped George Williams, 53-22. All firsts were taken by the Scarlet and Grey, giving them a record of firsts in the last 19 consecutive events.

The Tech trio of Emil Valovic, Len Carlman and John Mitchell took a close first in the 300 yard medley relay. Joe Peter ground out the 220-yard free style far in front of the field to take an easy win and reinforce the IIT lead. In the 60-yard free style, Jim Mc Nerney came in first, closely followed by Ted Amberg, who, despite a perfect start, finished third.

The fancy diving contest was taken by Ray Kitzke, with Ted Spath capturing third place. Klitzke's total of 241.6 points for six plunges compares favorably to that of the Big Nine divers and shows the capabilities that the team has when given more op-

portunity to practice for meets.

Jim Mc Nerney took first in the 100-yard free style as Ron Watson was touched out of second place for a third. Freshman backstroke ace, Bob Campbell placed first in the 150-yard back stroke with Emil Valovic taking third.

In the 200-yard breast stroke, Len Carlman flew in for a first with Jerry Zichterman close behind for second place. Zichterman, newcomer to the breast stroke event, is constantly improving and shows promise of providing the seals with the second half of a one-two punch in this event.

The grueling 440-yard free style was won by Joe Peter. Milan Ivaska, although trained for sprint events, swam the 440 and held third place until the last two laps, finally being touched out for fourth. The combination of Ted Spath, John Mitchell, Ted Amberg, and Ron Watson ended the meet by winning the 440-yard free style relay for IIT.