

Swimmers face Bradley tomorrow at Valentine pool

By Hank Bubley

At 2 p.m. tomorrow, the Illinois Tech mermen will officially open their season when they swim against Bradley University at the Valentine Boy's club. John Makielski, swimming coach, expects this contest to be one of the toughest and hardest fought events of the season. The mermen will be out for revenge, having lost last season to Bradley by the score of 49-32.

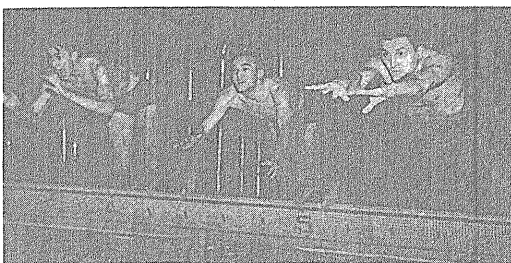
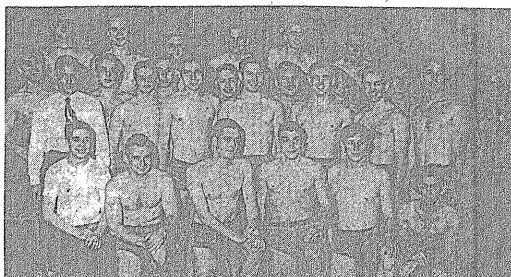
Leading the Scarlet and Gray into action will be Co-captains Theodore Amberg and Ramon Klitzke. Amberg will be swimming the freestyle sprint events and will probably swim as anchor man on the 400 yard freestyle relay.

Holding down the diving post for the Tech men will be, as usual, Klitzke, defending his title as 1948 city collegiate diving champion. Freshman Evans Brown will be Tech's other entry in the fancy diving event.

In the other positions, Makielski has tentatively put Ted Erickson, Ron Watson, and Ted Spath in the freestyle distance events, Jerry Zichterman and Len Carlman in the 200 yard breaststroke, and Bob Campbell in the 140 yard backstroke.

Listed below is the official 1949-1950 swimming schedule:

- Dec. 10—Bradley (H)
 16 Loyola (T)
 Jan. 6—U. of I. (Navy Pier) (H)
 7—DePue (T)
 13—George Williams (T)
 Feb. 10—North Central (T)
 11—De Pauw (H)
 15—Univ. of Wisconsin (T)
 (Milwaukee Extension)
 17—University of Chicago (T)
 24—Illinois Wesleyan (H)
 Mar. 3-4—University of Chicago City Collegiate Champs (T)
 11—Midwest Invitational Championships (T)
 10 & 11—Central Collegiate Championships (T)



TECH VARSITY SWIMMERS look pretty for the photographer in the top pic. They are (front, left to right): Grannan, mgr., Carlman, Amberg, Klitzke, Nelson, Witkowski; row two: Makielski, coach, Lindahl, Bellman, Watson, Spath, Brown, Rogers, Ivaska, mgr.; row three: Bubley, Rigas, Hayes, Bovy, Barlum, Wallis, Postak; row four: Christian, Frank, Jenista, Smuckler, Zichterman, Strathair. In the bottom pic, three tankers get a fast start in a practice sprint.

Marshall defends title; Tech tournament draws 35 teams

By Larry Shapiro

Thirty-five quintets will vie for the crown in the third annual Illinois Tech Prep Basketball Tournament for Chicago public high schools to be held at the Stockyards International Amphitheatre, December 26 to December 31. Leading the record number of entries (last year saw a high of 31 squads) into this year's battle royal are the defending champion Marshall Commandoes, winners in both of the two previous Tech tournaments.

Marshall will have a "tough row to hoe" as it tries for its third consecutive title due to two prime factors. First, the caliber of play is expected to be improved with the appearance of seven new "faces" on the roster of squads. Secondly, the Commandoes go into the meet minus their brightest star of last year, Irv Benoras, All Tournament choice at forward, and holder of the tournament scoring record.

The seven neophytes are Austin, Lane, South Shore, Steinmetz, Taft, Von Steuben, and Wells. Other schools returning to the tournament are Semu (runner-up to the Commandoes), Amundson, Bowen, Calumet, Dunbar, Du Sable, Englewood, Farragut, Fenger, Foreman, Harper, Harrison, Hirsch, Hyde Park, Kelly, Lake View, Lindholm, McKinley, Morgan Park, Parker, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sullivan, Taft, Tuley, Vocational and Washburne.

Play sessions will start at 9 a.m., Monday, December 26, and will continue through the afternoon and evening. On the 27th, 28th, and 29th; games will be held both in the afternoon and evening. The semi-final round will be played Friday evening, December 30, and the championship and third place contests will be held the afternoon of the 31st.

Pairings for the first round will be announced December 17th, and the Chicago Prep Sports Writers Association will nominate an All Tournament team at the close of hostilities.

Plenty of vital games are coming up in the next few weeks which should throw a lot more light as to where the strength lies. Sticking our neck out now, it would seem that it's going to be a fight between Theta Xi, Sigma Alpha Mu and Alpha Sigma Phi, with Delta Tau Delta as a strong dark-horse in a close race.

Fraternity Row

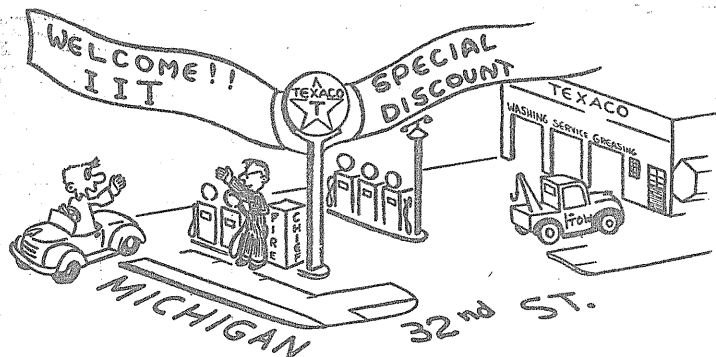
By Sid Doppelt

Off to a smashing start, the hoopers of Theta Xi and Sigma Alpha Mu emerged from the first two weeks of interfraternity cage play as the teams to watch, by virtue of impressive victories in their opening games.

The boys from TX squeezed by a vastly improved squad of Alpha Sigma Phi cagers by a narrow 34-33 score. Playing without the services of Bruce Tennant and Ray Van Zeist, the losers fought the defending champs to a standstill during the normal playing time but couldn't maintain the same pace when the game was forced into overtime. With Charley Gentzel running wild on the floor, the victors looked mighty good and should certainly be considered as having a good chance to repeat for the cup laurels.

Reinforced by a basketball-minded pledge class, the Sammies of Brown Hall rolled over Pi Kappa Phi by a 46-12 score. Paced by "Mr. Big" and Mr. Small, namely 6' 4" Sherwin Small with 17 points and 5' 6" Joe Bass with 10 tallies, the victors were never pressed. The score at the half was 25-4 and after that it was just a matter of how high the final score would get before the final whistle blew. It looks as if Sigma Alpha Mu may give Theta Xi a bit of an argument before conceding any championship.

Phi Kappa Sigma bowed to Tri-angel in another thriller last week, by a 28-25 margin. The game was one of those nip-and-tuck affairs but with Tom Dolan and Dick Munson leading the way the victors came from behind in the second half to clinch it.



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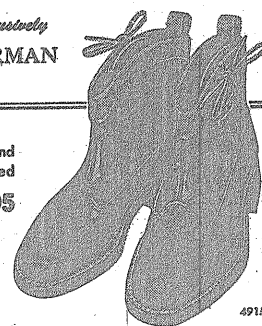
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