

Football problems at Tech

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our lads have more difficult and time consuming jobs to obtain a B.S. degree than those in many other engineering colleges.

The records in the past show that a great number of our lads work part time to aid in defraying expenses through college. We are not a rich man's college. Approximately 85% of our students live off the campus and consume two hours of travel coming here and going home, while many students consume much more time in coming and going. Much of an engineer's time is spent in laboratory work in the afternoons from 2:10 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Therefore, football practice for engineers coming from chemistry labs, physics labs, engineering labs, surveying classes, drawing classes, etc., must be held after 5:00 p.m. during week days.

We have no playing field for football. Ogden Field is not big enough for football. Even if it were, would the student body stand for eliminating the track and cross country athletics, the softball games, and touch football played in autumn?

It is essential that all men be out at a set time. It takes a half hour to go to the gymnasium, take off one's clothes, get a rub down, weigh in and put on football gear. It takes longer when men are injured and must be treated and taped up by a trainer or doctor. Yes, injured men hobble through the signals, practice and pantomime offense and defense, but the season is short and there is little sympathy for injured men. The coaches are dictatorial and impose strict military discipline to conserve time.

The squad is ready to practice at 5:30 p.m.—more often it would be 5:45 p.m. at half season, the delay due to attending injuries. At Tech a minimum of two and a half hours practice per day would be necessary, if our season started at the opening date of college. It would be eight p.m. when practice ceased. To run around the track to the gym, take off football clothes, weigh in, rub down and dress another half hour is consumed, providing there are no injuries that require hot soaking, ice baths, electrical massage and doctor's attention for cuts, sprains, bruises, dislocation and possible broken bones.

Finally, our lads would be homeward bound at 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. They would arrive home from 9:30 to 10 p.m. Now, dear mother, night after night, would have to prepare sonny's dinner. It must be a big one. "Sonny boy" has not eaten since 12 noon; at 10 p.m., he will out-eat two lumberjacks. His stomach full at 10:30 p.m., tired, bruised and 'sleazy, he must prepare his reports, write his themes,

prepare for lectures, etc.—four to six hours minimum depending on what was accomplished during the day. It is between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., and our darling must obtain 8 hours sleep—the doctor's and the coach's orders. His professors are not at all interested in how much sleep one obtains, they want the necessary work done. How is "sonny boy" going to get eight hours sleep, do his scholastic requirements honestly and be on time for his regularly scheduled classes? If he neglects football he is dropped from the squad. If he neglects his scholastic duties, and that is the real reason he is here, he is dropped from college.

John J. Schommer

tech timetable

Items appearing in Tech Timetable are those which have been scheduled with the Dean of Students' office

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

Arch department, 2 p.m., 131MC
ACSA, 4 p.m., Des. conf. room
Chess club, 4 p.m., SU lounge
Deans' Coffee Clutch, 4 p.m., Exec. conf. room
Phi Lambda Upsilon, 5 p.m., IHC room
Campus Play s' play, 8 p.m., NU aud.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Career conference, 9 a.m., Exec. conf. room
Faculty w. men's club, 8 p.m., NU aud.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

APO, 5 p.m., 101 MC
Music club, 5 p.m., NU aud.
Polish club, 5 p.m., Exec. conf. room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Mr. Force, 9 a.m., Exec. conf. room
Mr. Geiger—FL 16 men, 9 a.m.
Deans' conf. room
Music clubs, 9 a.m., NU aud.
Placement luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Exec. conf. room
AICHE, 1 p.m., 131MC
ACS, 1 p.m., 118CB
Delta Zeta, 1 p.m., 202MC
IVCF, 1 p.m., 103C
Lutheran Students' association, 1 p.m., AH conf. room
Model Airplane club, 1 p.m., 102C
Optics and Astronomy club, 1 p.m., 103MC
Senior class placement, 1 p.m., 100MC
Senior class placement, 2 p.m., 115CB
Radio club, 1 p.m., 101MC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Westinghouse placement group interview, 9 a.m., NU aud.
ARP chorus, 12 p.m., NU aud.
SAM movies, 2-3, 4-5 p.m., 131MC
Music club, 6 p.m., NU aud.
Sigma Kappa, 6 p.m., AH conf. room
Tau Beta Pi, 5 p.m., 11CB
Newman club, 6 p.m., 302M
Sigma Iota Epsilon, 6 p.m., East dining room
SAM meeting, 6:30 p.m., NU lounge
Mr. Schlemmer, 6 p.m., Exec. conf. room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Christmas concert, 1 p.m., NU aud.
Fluid Mechanics, 4 p.m., 101MC
Food Tech club, 6 p.m., Exec. conf. room
Mr. Force, 6 p.m., NU aud. and lounge
SAM movies, 6-8 p.m., 131MC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

AIEE, 11 a.m., NU aud.
Chess club, 4 p.m., SU lounge
Deans' Coffee Clutch, 4 p.m., Exec. conf. room
IVCF, 5 p.m., AH conf. room
Winter Whirl dance, 8 p.m., Sherman Hotel

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