

# Ticket sales soar as entries swarm in for Tech Relays

By Dave Miller

No running of the Illinois Tech Relays would be complete without John Schommer, former Tech athletic director, who originated the games in 1928. "Uncle John" has consented to act as referee for this year's meet.

Reserved seats for the relays will be available at the gymnasium until they are sold out for the price of \$1.50. Sonny Weissman and Ed Glancy will handle the ticket vending to avoid scalping.

General admission will go on sale for \$1.00 at the University of Chicago Fieldhouse, 56th and University, at 6:30 on the night of the relays, March 11th.

While the Hurons of Michigan State Normal are granted the title to the college division of the 19th annual Illinois Tech relays by the experts, there are some who are hinting at an astonishing upset. (Such upset to consist of any team getting half the score of the Normals.)

With balance in every event the Ramblers of Loyola have come up with a team this year which on paper looks as if it has a chance to give Michigan Normal the proverbial "run for their money."

With several members of last year's first place team strengthened by freshmen and transfer students, the Ramblers look better than ever. Best of the new men is Bill Conrady, who formerly added his points to Loras College's score. Conrady won the mile in last year's meet and will be available for duty on Loyola's relay teams as well as for defending his crown.

Conrady's performances in the mile and half-mile this year show good indications of bettering his time if not the mile record in the college division. Following in his footsteps is Bob Majeski whose consistent improvement marks him for a heavy share of baton toting.

Chuck Wittingham will be competing in the dash and broad jump as a favored contender to move lazy, record-busting Garion Campbell to better performances. Jim Kelly, a new two-miler who has been pushing 9:30 for the event in

this early part of the season, may step down to the mile to give Loyola a one-two punch in that event as well as serving as little time as necessary on the two-mile relay team.

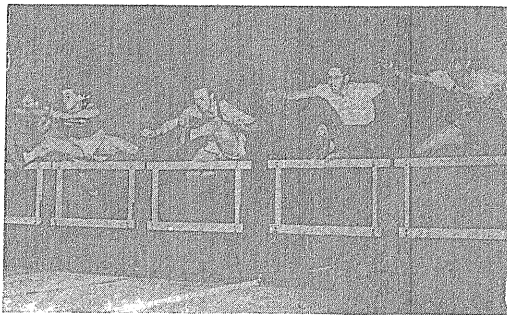
Kelly set a new fieldhouse record in a triangular meet with North Central College and Illinois Tech at North Central last week.

Entries in the university division this week include a power-laden squad of 25 from Notre Dame and a 30-man entry from Marquette. The Fightin' Irish are headed by record-breaking Bill Fleming, bespectacled hurdle champion of last year; John Smith, a fleet sprinter; and John Helwig, husky shot putter, as well as several potent relay teams.

The Hilltoppers of Marquette can boast Jerry Pharr in the high and broad jumps and Mel Stroud in

the sprints. The Hilltoppers have always been contenders in the relay events and should not make this year an exception.

Already chosen for the Catholic High School half-mile relay, the six top teams are busily practicing for the event. Mr. Carmel, Loyola, St. Elizabeth, St. George, De Paul and another of the perennially strong St. Ignatius teams are expected to provide another close race. The contenders for the Public League title will not be known for another two weeks. These relays are always a favorite event since they bring together for the first time each year the top high school relay teams in the city. Some of the possibilities in the Public League event are the perennially powerful Hyde Park and Schurz teams, and also this year strong teams from Lane Tech, Dunbar and Austin.



LED BY ONE of the flashes from Michigan Normal, the hurdlers take the first leap in last year's Relays.

## Tech cindermen slaughtered in three way meet last week end

By Don Anderson

Last Saturday Tech's trackmen suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Loyola and North Central. Prior to the meet it was thought that IIT would give North Central a battle for second place, but instead North Central racked up 43 points to Tech's 4, while Loyola earned 82 points to take first place.

Tomorrow Coach McCauley will

send a token squad to North Central for the annual Midwest Intercollegiate Track and Field Meet at Naperville. These boys are in no condition to earn points at this meet but, instead, are going in order that they may gain experience and conditioning for future meets this season.

## Looking at Sports

by Larry Shapiro



There was mayhem at North Central last Saturday. Our track team was ground under the "spikes" of Loyola and North Central. The week before we scored a meager three and one-third points in the "Chicago Four" meet.

Showings such as these not only damage the morale of the track team, but are very poor publicity for the school itself. Several persons (not connected with Tech) have rather pointedly inquired if those were the type of performances to be expected of Tech students.

There are valid reasons for these unfortunate happenings. We have absolutely no facilities for indoor track practice either on or near the campus. There is no organized daily practice session because of the varied class schedules of the squad members and the coach.

With such difficulties, it is easy to see why men who last year were on a par with teams like North Central, are not in good enough condition to even make a contest out of a race this year.

Excuses are fine, but such a condition must be remedied. There are two courses of "cure" which may be applied. The best of the two is that the Administration make an honest effort to help the athletic department provide Coach MacCauley with the barest essential for a track team—an indoor track upon which the team members could get the necessary practice.

The second path would be the course of the weakling—give up track. I believe that such an action would be detrimental to all concerned. Such an admission of failure should not even be considered until the team has been given a fair opportunity to improve.

By "a fair opportunity" I mean the supplying of the indoor facilities needed and the subsequent showing after this; or, if this is vetoed by the powers-that-be, a chance for the boys to run themselves into shape during the remainder of the indoor season so that the outdoor meets will show whether they have the ability and the desire for college competition.

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## Fraternity Koto

By Sid Doppelt

With the regular basketball competition rolling into the home stretch, there is plenty in the offing to warrant a peek into the future.

A new IF sports chairman takes office in a few weeks and his duties will begin with the always popular ping-pong and bowling tournaments. Then Junior Week will find the cindermen pounding the track in an effort to reel in enough points to walk off with the cup. With the coming of warmer weather baseball steps into the spotlight, and it seems likely that it will be a double elimination tournament, as it has been in the past few seasons.

As a sidelight to the basketball season an invitation has been received inviting our champion IF cage squad to compete at Bradley University against similar first place fraternity squads from all over the state. This sounds like a great idea! With the way our boys have been playing this year, they should be able to make quite a showing in this or any other tournament.

Theta Xi is still rolling along without any losses, their latest victim being the Daedalians by a 71-47 count.

Wednesday night a powerhouse Alpha Sigma Phi team overpowered a weak team from Tau Epsilon Phi by the amazing score of 83-10, setting a new interfraternity league scoring record. In the second game of the evening AEPF squeezed by a determined Triangle squad 54-53.