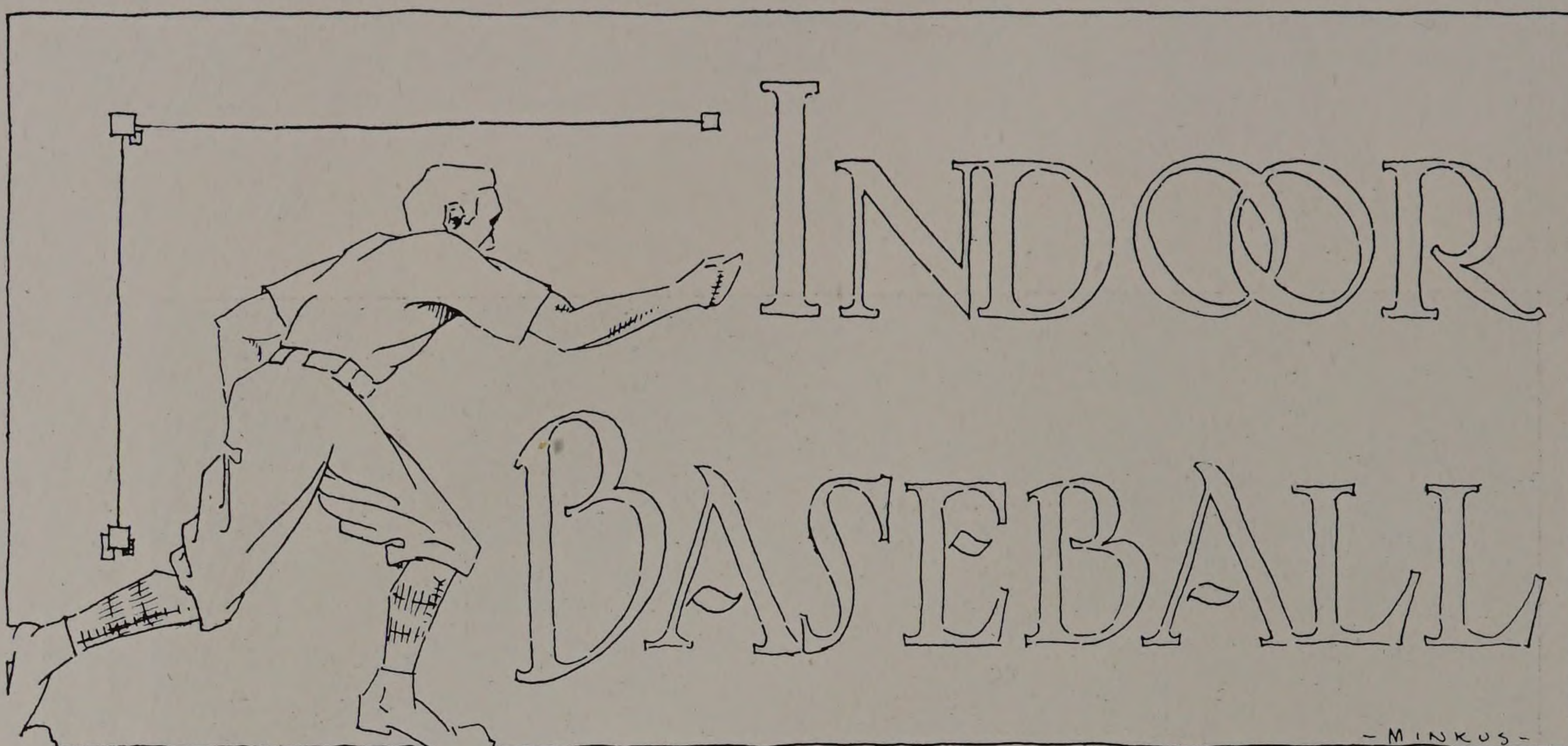




INDOOR BASEBALL, 1919.

In the first outdoor indoor baseball tournament held at Armour for years, the Freshmen, after a hard and interesting fight, captured the honors, and received the championship awards in the form of numerals.

Although the Freshmen fell before Nudelman and his Juniors in the first game of the series, they came back strong in the remaining games with a clear slate. For once the Seniors were outdone, and although several of the games were played under the most peculiar circumstances (rain, etc.), the Freshmen nevertheless should be accredited with all the honors due them.

In their second victory over the Seniors, the Freshmen played one of the strongest defensive games of the series. With the fighting Seniors extending themselves to the limit of their ability, the Freshmen time and again pulled their hurler out of a hole. In one particular instance two long drives were captured by Frosh outfielders, off the bats of Seyferlich and Bready, with two men on the sacks. The final score of this battle was 5 to 4, and the game was not over until the last man as out.

In the final game of the series, the one that gave the Freshmen the title, two extra innings were required before a decision was reached. With Van Dyke on the mound for the Frosh and going in great style, the Sophs were unable to penetrate the Frosh defense and until the eighth inning no Sophomore had reached first. Diefenbach likewise was going strong, for, although he was not effective as Van Dyke, yet he found himself in the pinches, and managed to hold the Frosh sluggers at bay.

Neither side had scored until the ninth, when in the first half two walks and a single by Desmond of the Sophs produced their lone tally of the afternoon.

However, the Frosh came right back in their half, with the aid of a walk, a single and a two-bagger by Van Dyke, the score was tied and the ump was signalled for a further extension of time.

After retiring the Sophs in short order in their half of the tenth, the Frosh sluggers, led by Kelner, put the finishing touches to the game. Kelner's single, immediately followed by a walk, and a timely hit by Schumacher, combined with an error by "Muffem Snodgrass" Walker, resulted in the deciding run for the Freshmen, and brought the "bacon" home to the Frosh for the first time since 1916.