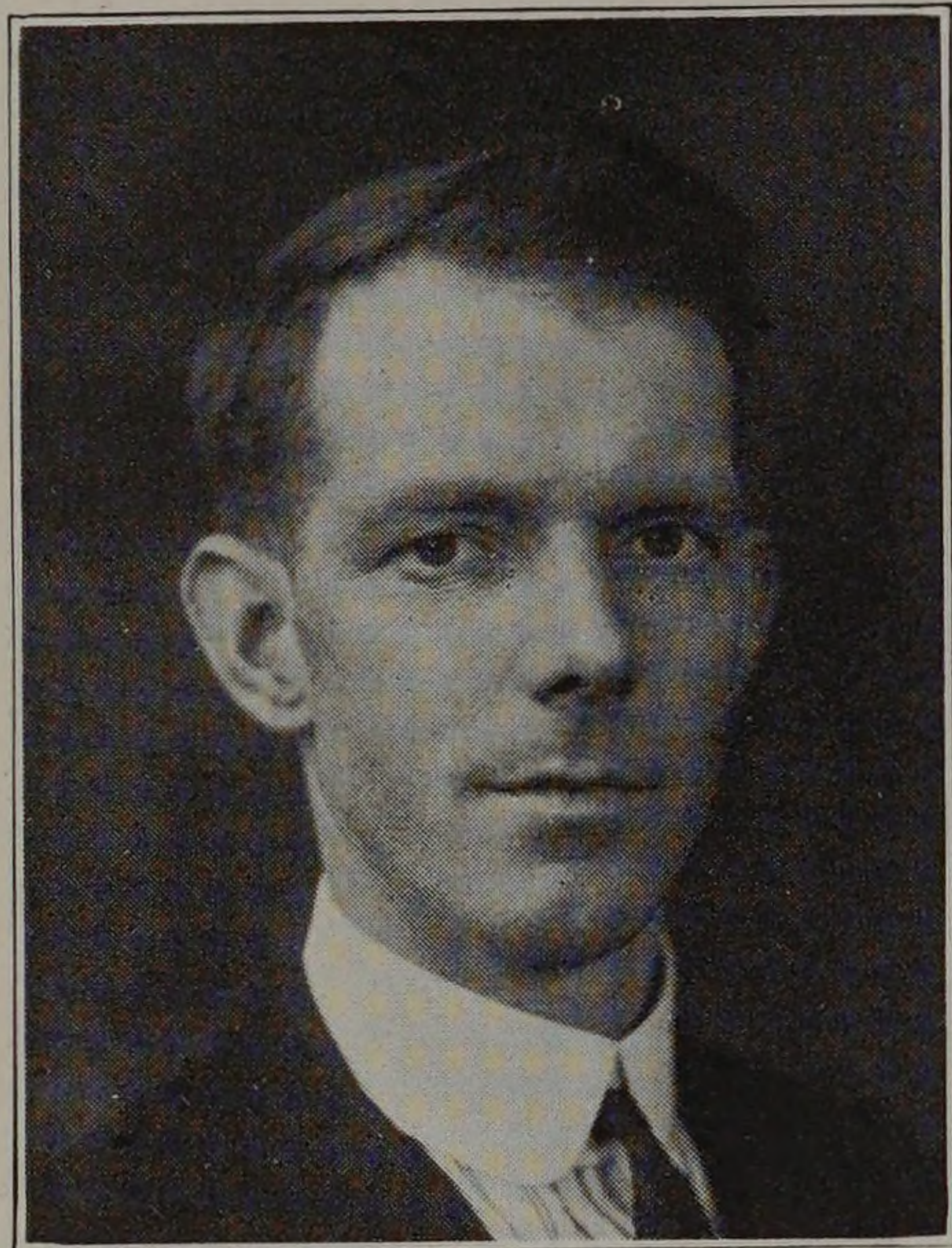


ATHLETICS

Track

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Track at Armour has been dormant for several years. To make a new start is not easy. A whole college generation must be educated regarding what to do and how to do it and that is more than the task of a single year. Armour will not turn out a track team this year that will do anything remarkable. The material is not at present available, nor are the facilities adequate, but that is no reason why the coach and the team should lack the support and encouragement of the student body. Loyalty built only upon victory is useless. No school can claim a loyal spirit until it can show consistent support behind a losing team. That is the first lesson in the education of the present student body.

There is material sufficient to make a very respectable start and no effort will be spared to get the best possible results. Indoor training is almost prohibited by lack

of facilities. As a makeshift, arrangements have been completed whereby those who desire to keep in trim could have access to Bartlett gymnasium at the University of Chicago. Even so, it requires considerable time and energy to travel to and fro, and in the opinion of the coach the six or eight men who have consistently made the effort after a full day in the classroom deserve all honor and commendation. From this number it is hoped that a relay team may be developed which will be worthy to send to some of the indoor meets this spring.

Unfortunately Spaid has found it necessary to drop training. He showed signs of being able to negotiate the quarter mile in good time, and, with his experience, would have made a nucleus upon which to build. In Hoff, Heller, Blair, Davis, Olson, and Dixon there appears to be material, which, although as yet untrained, contains possibilities. These men have been faithful in attendance, are willing to work, and show ability to improve with training. As yet no attempt has been made to put them to a serious and exhaustive test, but in the near future a succession of time trials will determine whether a relay team is a possibility. To enter the contest of secondary Illinois colleges, the four runners should average from fifty-three to fifty-four seconds for the quarter mile.

Except in one or two isolated cases, the field events are at a standstill and will remain so until the beginning of the fall season. At that time Director Schommer will join the coaching staff in the effort to develop the best possible aggregation commensurable with the conditions and material available.