On September 23, these startling headlines greeted Tech students. Inter-collegiate sports were to be abandoned for several reasons. What a blow it was to all of us sport fans.

Immediately Mr. Godfrey and Mrs. Hudson, physical education directors, undertook an accelerated program in keeping with the Nation's demand for physical fitness, and also to provide some kind of intra-mural contests for the enjoyment of the student body to replace inter-collegiate sports contests. From a program required of Freshman students only, meeting three hours weekly, the requirements were changed to the extent that all students, Freshman and Sophomore, men and women were required to take three hours a week of physical education plus participation in intra-mural activities.

Later in September Mr. Godfrey took a leave of absence to join the armed forces. Almost immediately, however, he was replaced by Mr. Sturm, who gave enthusiastic support to the accelerated athletic program.

On the next few pages may be seen an illustrated summary of the activities of the men and women in the Physical Education program for this year.
In the three boxing pictures, Page, Brown, and Owen are strictly on the offense!

After inter-collegiate sports were abandoned last fall, there were several football players who desired some sort of athletic diversion from their regular studies. They were immediately hired as student coaches to assist in the stepped-up physical education program. They were Charles Henry Gray, "Pinky" Steed, Farmer Jones, and Maurice Brownlee. Brownlee was called to active duty before the pictures were made and consequently his picture does not appear.

Van Moores downs Bill Deckelman in the wrestling tournament.

Farmer Jones demonstrates some judo tactics.
During the winter months a ten-team basketball tournament was held in which there was some very stiff competition. At the end of the season, however, Captain Steed's team won out.

This spring a combined boxing and wrestling tournament was held. Amateurs were quickly eliminated and the above groups of boxing and wrestling champions proved to be just a little short of professional.

The remainder of the year was spent in a softball tournament.
McClure completes a difficult flip ... Charles Henry leads his marching platoon in calisthenics ... “Pinky” Steed sinks one during the basketball tilt between his team and the Navy ... A regular P. E. class indulges in their warm-up exercises ... Mathis centers the ball to Steed in the game with the Navy ... Chapa's bar team goes through a work-out routine ... Miller drives one over for a point in a ping-pong game ... Peel skillfully blocks one of the Navy boys.
A girls’ P. E. class plays “Sweet Kate” . . . Thea accompanies some of the folk dances . . . Craig leads a P. E. class in the “Mountain Climbers” . . . Tat Garton reaches for a high one in a doubles badminton game . . . “Round the lady, round the gent—” . . . A fast table tennis game.
Intra-mural Basketball
Champions
Chambers  Brown
Yocum    Ray
Person    Hottinger
Perry     Free

This year the Freshman girls' intra-mural teams literally ran over the Sophomores by winning all three championships. Last fall their teams found "easy" opponents in the bowling and volleyball matches. The basketball upset was a little more difficult, however. During this game the high score sawed back and forth, and finally, at the end of the fourth quarter, the score was tied. Another quarter was consequently added during which Peggy Free made the winning point to climax one of the fastest girls' basketball games ever held at Tech.
Some P. E. girls retrieve their arrows . . . Betty John, Jojo, and "Pinky" demonstrate proper form for William Tell's sport . . . Janet lets a fast one go on the bowling alley during play hour . . . Some of the girls in a regular P. E. class indulge in a basketball tilt . . . Peggy Free shoots the point that copped the title for the Freshman girls' basketball team.