

competitive teams. They — and the team players too — must receive benefit from a comprehensive sports program and adequate facilities that have a lasting carry-over value. The value of this new golf course will be reaped by many thousands of students long after they've graduated.

"The course was designed for both the average golfer and the champion," Mills continues. "The construction company dredged a seven acre lagoon on the grounds. The earth from the lagoon was used to give an interesting contour to the land around it. The water hazard is a tough test of skill on four holes. The rolling greens, the sand traps, and the bunkers are tough tests on all 18 holes. About 60 traps dot the course. Fairways are narrow, and dog-legs are abundant." Says Coach Fletcher, "It's a tough course from the championship tees and played at that length tougher than the average golfer can handle. The par 72 will stand up against expert sharp-shooting."

The tees are rather narrow but deep. The markers can be set at the back of the tees to extend the distance on most holes about 50 yards, stretching the course from 6200 to the 6,900 yd. mark.

A deep well supplies water to the lagoon and two pumps feed the lagoon water into the watering system. The sprinkler system cost an estimated \$60,000.

#### Public Fee Is Higher

The course is primarily for the students, faculty, and staff, and for inter-collegiate play, but the public can use the links for a slightly higher fee than the university people pay. Faculty and staff members have to find their own transportation, but students get free rides to the course. They use the buses running regularly to the University airport for the department of aeronautical engineering.

The Athletic Association board of directors chose the design for the clubhouse from entries submitted in student competition in architecture classes. The winning plans by Arthur Kaufuss include a pool as well as a clubhouse. The Association hopes to start work on the clubhouse within the next five years. Right now it can't afford it. If athletic receipts should fall off because of an economic squeeze, the house would have to wait still longer.

The old University course is perfectly flat, short, and nine holes. It's hardly a challenge to a duffer. The Illinois team did some practicing on the local country clubs' courses, but they just didn't feel at home on them.

There has been talk of abandoning the old course and turning it into a baseball diamond. "I hope they don't tear it up," said Fletcher, "It's good enough for the beginner. They can always get a crowd

out there." The duffers would like to have it kept too, as the new course looks to some of them like it is more than they can handle.

Fletcher hopes the new championship course will attract good golfers. "I want to make good young golfers hear so much about the course that they'll want to play it and will come here to school," Fletcher says.

#### Landscaping with Foresight

Scenically, you can't call the new course beautiful yet. It was converted from flat farm land. Earth-moving from the lagoon and in borrowing from fairways to build up greens, as well as in constructing fairway traps has been handled to give a rolling look to what was almost a pool-table level. Employment of earth-moving machinery and methods that have progressed greatly in the past decade made possible a contouring job that wouldn't have been practical from a cost viewpoint, then years ago, even with the lower costs of labor and equipment rental at the time.

The trees and shrubbery are still low but time will develop the planting so in 10 or 15 years the site that once was prairie will be converted into an area of apparently natural wooded and shrubbed beauty.

Especially interesting from the golf architectural and maintenance viewpoints is the way in which the planting has been coordinated with the golf shotmaking requirements, and arranged so landscaping care as a course maintenance factor will not add unduly to costs.

#### JOE TUTORS PAT AND MIKE



(L to R): Tracy (Mike), Hepburn (Pat) and Novak (Joe.) Joe Novak recently completed a 9 weeks hitch as technical director on an MGM picture "Pat and Mike", starring Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy and having, among its other characters Babe Zaharias, Beverly Hanson, Helen Dettweiler, Betty Hicks and some lady and gentleman tennis stars. The Bel Air pro and former PGA pres. tutored Pat (Miss Hepburn in golfing technique for her performance as a sports wonder girl. The outline of the screen story reads like the picture ought to be very funny.