

What's Happening In Recreation And Athletics

Sting Like A Butterfly

By Tim Adams

One week ago in Las Vegas, Nevada a sports era came to an end. A determined Leon Spinks overcame an aging Muhammed Ali to win a split decision in their title bout.

Sportswriters and handicappers called it an upset, but in fact the inevitable had happened.

Boxing's most invincible warrior had succumbed to what every mortal sports figure has succumbed to, age.

Ali was not just another boxer, but indeed the embodiment of the sport itself. Whether people liked Ali or not they didn't go to his fights to see just a fight, but went to see a performance by Muhammed Ali.

His actions outside the ring were a mixture of arrogance and confidence while his action in the ring spoke even louder. Early in his career he could guarantee what round his opposition would be through.

Ali's best years in the ring were taken away from him when the World Boxing Association dethroned him because of a controversy concerning the draft.

His comeback will go down as the most colorful in boxing history. In 1971, 3 1/2 years after he was dethroned, he fought Joe Frazier and lost in Super Fight I.

The atmosphere of that

fight was more like a cocktail party than a boxing match. The sartorial splendor of the patrons would have made Beau Brummell look like a ragmuffin. This atmosphere was to become the rule rather than the exception.

There was however, something missing after that loss to Frazier. Ali was still as popular, but less flamboyant, as he fought a succession of second rate bums. The press said Ali was through. Fortunately Ali didn't say it.

Ali once again caught up with the championship. He was to fight George Foreman. What lay ahead of him seemed to be an insurmountable task. Foreman had knocked Frazier down 6 times in their title match and won the fight by TKO in the 2nd round. Foreman had devastated Frazier and once again the press said that Ali would be crushed.

Foreman figured it the same way. After all, he had made child's play out of a man who had beaten Ali. Ali again proved the press assessment of the situation to be as accurate as their forecast of the Truman-Dewey election. Ali knocked out Big George in the 8th round at the ungodly hour of 2 a.m. in far away Zaire.

Ali then stayed on top for nearly 4 years. Everyone who wanted a shot at the title was accommodated. But, Ali was

trying to outshuffle Mother Nature in an attempt to regain lost youth. He would lose this fight. Ali brought a wealth of experience and talent with him when he entered the ring last Wednesday night against Leon Spinks. Spinks had fought only 7 pro fights, but he had the one thing that Ali no longer had and that all the experience and talent could not give him, youth.

Still Ali fought gamely and stayed in the fight all 15 rounds. Spinks would have put a lesser man away early. Ali reached into his seemingly inexhaustible reserve of heart and almost came away with a victory. He jarred the challenger in the 15th round with a right to the head, but had no energy to follow it up.

The decision was close, but one could sense that Ali had fallen short. Leon Spinks had fought a great fight, but the fact of the matter was that age had beaten Muhammed Ali harder than Leon Spinks.

Maybe this fight will prove to Ali once and for all that he should get out of the ring. Hopefully we won't see shades of George Foreman and Joe Frazier with the champ staging ridiculous fights and getting beat time after time. Ali has too much class for that sort of sideshow. But, wouldn't it be great to see the champ "float like a butterfly" just one more time.

Tennis
There will be an important meeting for anyone interested in joining the tennis team. The meeting will be held on Thursday March 9, at 3:30 p.m., in class room, Upper Level, Multi-Purpose Building. For further information call 787-7751.

Golf
The golf team will be holding a meeting on Thursday March 9, at 3:00 p.m., in class room Upper Level, Multi-Purpose Building, if you're interested in joining the golf team, plan to attend.

Racketball Court Reservations
Effective immediately!! Reservations for racketball courts will be accepted for only one (1) week in advance!

IM Basketball
The IM Basketball standings are as follows:

Running Rebels	6-0
Brotherhood	5-0
Voit	7-2
Whoosiers	6-2
69'ers	3-2
Indeterminate Forms	4-3
Cherry Pickers	3-3
P.A.S.	2-2
Valiant Bros.	2-3
Entertainers	2-4
M.P.A.	1-4
Ceasers	1-5
X G.I.'s	0-12

Baseball
The baseball team is planning to start their indoor practice on Monday March 6th, at 3:30 p.m.

by Neil Landes
IM Bowling
The Intramural Bowling league continues to roll along with just a few weeks of competition remaining.

The Outsiders continue to hold on to first place. They lead the other teams by five games, having only 3 losses this term. The rest of the standings are as follows: 2) the Low Rollers, a highly improved team who had been hot in the playoffs last term; 3) the Spoons, they too are a much improved club; 4) T.K.D. and 5) the Pink Panthers, last term's champions.

High scores last week belonged to Terry Hershoner and Mike Henry, both of the Outsiders. Terry bowled a 244 with a 582 series and Mike rolled a 233 with a 584 series. Terry Egenreider holds the high game for the women with a 171.

Varsity Bowling
The Varsity Bowling team will meet Bloomsburg State College on Saturday and Temple University on Sunday.



News Notes

Come see Louisa [Valet] the Devil in "No Exit"

Something New In The Spring

A new 2-credit course called Life and Career Decision Making will be offered during the Spring Term. The course, ED 498D will meet from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and will teach students to make effective decisions.

The Spring Semi-Formal Dinner Dance, presented by the Resident Student Council, will be held at the Hershey Parkview Manor on April 14, 1978. The \$25 per couple includes a hot/cold dinner buffet, cocktails, and dancing.

Tickets are limited but reservations can be made at the Wrisberg Hall R.A. Office, the Middle Earth Coffee House, or by calling 787-7770. The deadline for reservations is March 1, so make your's today!

SGA Party

By Maureen Doyle

The Student Government Association voted unanimously at the February 14th meeting to allot themselves \$200 for entertainment purposes.

The entertainment will be a party for SGA members.

The money has already been transferred from the Funds Available for Allocation (FAA) account to the "Incumbrance Fund."

President Joe Mahar stressed the fact that the money will come from generated income (parking fees and vending profits) and not from funds received from University Park.

An ad hoc committee was formed to plan a menu and submit a budget for the party.

The committee submitted these proposals at the February 21st meeting.

A heated discussion concerning the quantity and quality of alcoholic beverages to be purchased followed.

A motion was made to return the money to the FAA account until more definite plans have been made, but it was decided to leave the money in the Incumbrance Fund.

Members voted to close the party to all but current SGA members and several invited guests.

The ad hoc committee is currently accepting suggestions from the SGA members concerning the menu and the beverages to be served.

This committee will present more definite plans as to the size of the party, guest list, and submit a budget at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on March 7, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 216.

Basketball Cont'd

However, as mentioned before, the controversy does not lie in the eligibility rule itself but in the timing of the decision.

What immediately comes to mind is the reasoning behind "picking" on basketball. As it turns out, there are only two varsity sports here at Capitol Campus - basketball and bowling.

The remainder of the sports are termed club associations, the difference being that in club sports the participant is required to pay dues, while in varsity sports he is not.

Also, the varsity player has an unwritten contract or a commitment to his coach to be punctual at practices and games while the club participant is on his own in this respect.

Obviously, since basketball is a varsity sport, and since it was the sport in session and in question, it was the one to be evaluated.

Ms. Gundel said that, upon being informed of the ineligibility of the players according to standard rules and regulations, the appropriate action should be taken.

It is her belief that the coaches, as well as the players themselves, should realize when they are in jeopardy of falling below the 2.0 grade point average (which is also the G.P.A. needed to obtain a

degree and graduate).

She believes the entire situation to be a process where growing pains must be beared and that this is indeed one of those pains.

The head coach of the team, Jim Baker, expressed deep concern over the manner in which the situation was handled. He believed that "it was totally mishandled and that it should have been taken care of and resolved at the beginning of the term."

Mr. Baker also indicated that he was not aware of the G.P.A. eligibility requirement.

He contended that the only eligibility regulation that he was aware of was that the participant must be an undergraduate degree student.

The coach concurred with Ms. Gundel in her opinion that he should be aware of the academic standing of his athletes, but wondered how he was to be aware of it when the administration was also not aware of it.

He also indicated that he continually stresses academics to his players and constantly reminds them that their academic standing should be of primary importance.

At a meeting of the Capitol Campus Committee on Athletic and Academic Standards on Thursday, February 16, Professor Edward Trunk (chairman of the Committee) specified that perhaps the advising and supervising of the students should have been handled differently.

Professor Trunk stressed that all students should be reviewed academically in order to prevent this predicament.

Trunk felt that it was unfortunate that the decision had to take place while the season was in progress, but maintained that it is part of Capitol's maturing process.

He speculated that it seems as if some students perform better during the season by budgeting their time more efficiently, but realizes that, on the other hand, others falter by procrastinating.

Another person involved in the matter who attended the meeting was Reuben "Bud" Smitley, Athletic Director. Mr. Smitley said that he has a firm commitment to adhere to the restrictions concerning player eligibility.

Thus, he admitted that he had made a mistake in the previous years by being unaware of the existence of an eligibility list, but believes himself responsible for whatever took place.

He said that a form will be drawn up specifying all of the regulations that are to be followed and that in the future it will be necessary to certify academic eligibility.

These forms will be completed, and an eligibility list drawn up which will be delivered to the administration and coaches so that those who are ineligible will be identified.

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