

SPORTS CHATTER

Diamond Dust



When the Dallas Rebels took the Boston Red Sox on April 2, by a 7-4 score, one Gotham columnist wrote, "The Rebels work the shift to end all shifts on Ted Williams. All but the pitcher and catcher retire to the right field bleachers and sit down when Ted approaches the plate. After three minutes of silence, players return to their original positions and the game returns to normalcy."—Ray Mueller, the Cincy backstop who set a National League standard of 233 consecutive games played last season, will sit out this year's opener because of a chipped bone in his right thumb. —Harry "Cookie" Lavagetto's try at a comeback has failed, so it looks as if the veteran Brooklyn infielder who turned down a minor league manager-ship will probably be offered a different post in the farm system of the Dodgers. —The team most likely to wind up in the basement of the National League is the Cincinnati Reds. Powel Crosley, the Rhinelanders' owner, won't shell out a cent for better material, so it is almost a certainty that Johnny Neun will find himself managing the cellar occupants this season. —Snuffy Stirnweiss, heavier and slower than ever, may be feeding himself right out of the American League. The Yankees' roster lists him as tipping the beam at 175 but he appears to be much more than that figure. Although he belted the horsehide for more than .300 in two wartime seasons, Stirnweiss will probably wind up closer to .200 this year now that the pre-war hurlers are back in uniform. —Stirnweiss can no longer be regarded as a base-stealing threat. —Johnny Evers, one of the greatest diamond stars of all time, died late last month following a stroke. Johnny was the second sacker of the famed Chicago Cub double-play combination, Tinker to Evers to Chance. Succeeding Charlie Keller as the most "unphotogenic" player in the American League is Larry "Yogi" Berra. Berra, who may land a permanent post in the Yankees' outer garden patrol, is from St. Louis, Mo., wound up last season with the Newark Bears with a .314 batting average.—Connie Mack's hapless A's are predicted by all writers to end up in 8th place this year. —George Kurowski, infielder of the St. Louis Cardinals, has a brother Ray who is holding down the keystone sack for the campus ball club.—Ron Northey, the Phillies' outfielder who hails from Frackville, Pa., made such an impression on the Phils' manager when tried at the hot corner in a Grapefruit Circuit game against the Washington Senators that he will get the first call at third base in case Jim Tabor falls into a slump or goes on the injured list. In such a case, Buster Adams, recently acquired from the Cardinals, will replace Northey in the outer garden.—A good article appeared in one of the recent issues of the Saturday Evening Post about Ed "Stinky" Stanky, the Dodgers' second baseman. Stanky, though hitting a weak .249, has a knack of unnerving opposing moundsmen. He set a record last year in the National League for drawing the most walks. Durocher claims that Ed is one of the most valuable men on the Flatbush nine.—

GEM OF WISDOM

Mr. Kostos to a student dozing off in Math. "Zip": "I've put better crowds than this to sleep before."

ENGINEERS BEAT LIBERAL ARTISTS IN GRUDGE BATTLE

In a game played prior to the Pottsville U.C.-Keystone J.C. game which opened the Eastern District Basketball Tournament, the Engineers of Broad St. beat the Liberal Artists of Walnut St. 46-24.

The winners sewed up the game as early as the first quarter when they hopped off to a 14-4 lead and were never headed.

The second period found the protégés of Mr. Kostos keeping up their pace as they scored twelve points to their opponents' four. Halftime found the Engineers with a comfortable 21 point lead.

The second half was hard fought all the way with the Engineers edging out the L.A. boys in both quarters and finally emerging with a well earned victory.

For the winners, McHugh and Kostic lead the attack garnering twenty-six points between them. Kowalick and Wagner gave nice support with eight tallies apiece.

Highest scoring honors went to Patterson of the losers who hit the laces with eight field goals to account for 16 of his team's 24 points.

HUC SWIM TEAM ENTERS TOURNAMENT

The HUC swimming team will journey to York this coming Saturday afternoon to compete in the Pennsylvania Junior College tournament. The local aggregation includes many former high school luminaries and should cop some awards. York and Hershey will have teams entered and both these cities always come up with strong clubs. Hazleton will be represented by the following members: Jim Higgins, Norby Leonard, Dick Golias, Bernie Boyle, Marv Yeager, Chic Steiner, George Kannuck, Bud McGrory, and Art Hutchinson. Coach Syd Rudman will accompany the team.

Apichella and Riordan On DUC All-Opponent Team

Johnny Apichella, ex-HHS court ace, and Jack Riordan were selected by members of the Dubois U.C. basketball team to posts on their All-Opponent Team. Jack Riley, HUC's other high-scoring forward, was placed on Dubois' second All-Opponent squad.

He told the shy maid of his love
The color left her cheeks;
But on the shoulder of his coat
It showed for several weeks.

HITS AND MISSES

The Hazleton squad made a gallant bid for state basketball supremacy, but lost out in the final game to York Junior College.

Most of the HUC men were on the team that represented the Campus Shoppe in the Freeland "Y" tournament. They lost out to the Bethlehem Stags in the semi-finals in a thrilling contest.

Basketball season is over, but the old cry of, "Wait 'till next year", is already being heard.

Softball teams should turn in their team roster to Mr. Rudman sometime this week. There should be fifteen men on each roster.

Many of our students will spend the summer playing independent baseball or softball.

Al Durbach, cage star, was seen diverting his talent in another pastime when he climbed aboard Ferdinand the Bull on the Feeley stage.

John Apichella and John Riley brought added honor to HUC when they were selected on the tournament all-star team.

Wilson Barto is interested in forming a quoit team.

We understand that Hugh Close is quite an authority on Major League batting averages. Ask him how much your favorite star batted last year.

This comes under the believe it or not department. Al Rossi runs at least two miles every morning before breakfast.

Retreat Sanatorium Visited By Psych Class

Mrs. Ann Hazleton conducted her psychology class on a field trip to Retreat Sanatorium. The class saw the shock treatment given, and also examples of various mental diseases. An interview between the class and patients was held so that the class could observe the reactions of mental patients.

After the interview the class visited the home of Mr. Jack Riordan where a luncheon was served.

Plans are being made by Mrs. Hazleton for more field trips in the near future.

BASKETBALL SQUAD TO BE FETED

Plans are being made for a banquet, to be held sometime in the near future, honoring Hazleton Undergraduate Center's basketball team. The HUC five, under the tutelage of Syd Rudman, carried away the Eastern District title by defeating Schuylkill U.C., last year's title-holder, at the West Hazleton High School Gym. However, the locals dropped the state final to a strong York Junior College quintet.

Arrangements are being made to secure Johnny Lawther, head basketball coach at Penn State, as the main speaker for the evening.

Collegian's Predictions For 1947 Baseball Season

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| American League | |
| 1. Boston Red Sox | 3 |
| 2. Cleveland Indians | 4 |
| 3. Detroit Tigers | 2 |
| 4. New York Yankees | 5 |
| 5. Chicago White Sox | 6 |
| 6. Washington Senators | 7 |
| 7. St. Louis Browns | 8 |
| 8. Philadelphia Athletics | 5 |
| National League | |
| 1. Brooklyn Dodgers | 1 |
| 2. St. Louis Cardinals | 2 |
| 3. Boston Braves | 3 |
| 4. Chicago Cubs | 4 |
| 5. New York Giants | 6 |
| 6. Pittsburgh Pirates | 7 |
| 7. Philadelphia Phillies | 7 |
| 8. Cincinnati Reds | 5 |

Table Tennis Tournament Under Way

The annual table tennis tournament will get under way this week with all matches to be played at the Y.M.C.A. All games will be decided on the best out of three basis with the final match going five sets. The winner of the tournament will have his name engraved on the table tennis plaque that is in the office.

First round pairings will be as follows: Baden and Hutchinson, Boyle and Wilson, Barkanic and Faltz, Apichella and Fatsie, Bayer and Riley. Szot, Barnes and Durbach will draw byes.

LOST, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever.

—Mrs. Sigourney

RADIO THESPIAN GROUP OF HUC



Back row, left to right: Clarence Sipple, Francis X. Fatsie, Georg Tomsho, Richard Barger, George Gorda, Donald Smith, Neil Polumbo.

Front row, left to right: John Apichella, Leon Baden, Miss Margaret Campbell, Miss Pearl Garbrick, John Hutnyan, Joseph Cortese, and Morris Deitch. Richard Evans and Aaron Marsh were not present when the picture was taken.

Written and Read

When much has been written
Little of which is read
The author and the subject
Are usually both dead.
These are still living.

"Thieves In The Night"

MacMillan and Co.—337 pp.

ARTHUR KOESTLER

This story is centered on one of the powder kegs of present day world affairs. This single lethal charge, while apparently unimportant in itself, is causing, by its mere sputterings, repercussions in the political centers of the world. The scene of the story is Palestine—the problem of Jewish immigration into that country, the plot.

The Jewish National Fund, financially backed by Jewish people the world over, has been buying plots of land of a few hundred acres each in Palestine for the past several years. The immigrants are trained to live in a purely communistic society. They are then segregated into groups of twenty or thirty males and females. When ready they are sent to their new home, usually a swamp, a desert plot, or as in this case, a rocky hill where they start out from scratch to work out their fate for themselves as best they can. Their objective is to set up a model community which in a year or two will be able to absorb up to two hundred members. They are to make it a permanent residence. It is easily noted by the reader that a commune society is very efficient. The common sharing of the necessities of life allows the members time to concentrate on the important details of improving their environment, physically and mentally. Quite a bit of this time is spent in preventing the local population from removing them by force or legal methods. Previous experience had taught these modern colonialists that the price for this land included blood.

These communes soon became quite numerous. Since the Arab officials of the small towns operated on the ignorance of the people, the Jews soon became unwelcome customers, because they exposed the outgrown system to the core. Their numbers also gave them a voice in politics, another very desirable effect. All this alarmed the Arab officials and they soon began to suppress the immigration of the Jews. Because of their numbers these people would not be silenced and the crisis became an international question. It wound up in distinctive political style—double talk, double cross, bloodshed and suffering.

This is the gist of the story. The characters are fashioned as nearly like the original as possible. The principals in this story are Joseph, half English, half Jewish, who becomes the free lance financier for the organization. Diva, with whom he is in love, was a victim of persecution in Europe—persecution from which she had never fully recovered. Bowman, head of the illegal Jewish resistance force, Hogivah (illegal in the Arabic sense) is the most interesting character. The recognized patriarch of Ezra's Tower, official name of this particular commune, is Semeon, a shrewd idealistic individual. The background of each character is a story in itself. The author personifies himself in the American correspondent, Mathews, the antagonist of double talking British officials.

Mr. Koestler, Hungarian-Vienese by birth, is an author of broad repute. He has written several books previous to this one. He was educated in Vienna. In Cairo he worked as an editor after tramping the Near East for two years. Sentenced to death by the Loylists during the Spanish Civil War, he survived to serve in the British army in the second world conflict. His books have brought him the distinction of being one of the most profound literary men of our day.

"Suicide is a national habit."
—And it's one habit that's especially hard to break, once you succumb to it.