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BOXING—A MAJOR SPORT

Eleven years have passed since the boxing "experiment" was first tried in the laboratory of intercollegiate sport. They have been years of continual unimpaired growth and development. Boxing is no longer an experiment. Although still comparatively young as a recognized intercollegiate sport, there can be no doubt that, at Penn State at least, boxing has so developed that it deserves to take its place among the elite of athletics, the major sport.

There can be no doubt of its popularity either among students or the general public. The throngs which pack Recreation Hall for each meet, the number of attendants from outside the student body at the intercollegiate, are incontestable proof of this popularity.

That boxing has become well-established in the realms of sport needs no substantiation. Its adoption, not experimentally but as a thing of proved value, in four institutions within close proximity to Penn State in the past two seasons is sufficient witness. Bucknell, Pitt, Carnegie Tech, and W. & J. have engaged in intercollegiate boxing either this season or last for the first time.

There is, furthermore, an opinion of long standing within the Penn State student body that boxing should be made a major sport. It is not the theory of the few but the opinion of the many. The question has ceased to be a debatable one, it is generally accepted. The weight of student opinion cannot be entirely discounted, nor can it justly be ignored when a matter such as this is under discussion.

The perennial strength of the Penn State team has tended greatly to place the sport in the high esteem it now holds. The team has been more consistently strong than any of the major sport teams in recent years.

In history, the term "boxing" has connoted disguised brutality and an unsavory reputation for honesty. It is no longer the bad-boy of athletics. Boxing has become a refined and genteel sport, worthy to take its place among the cleanest athletic contests. Few other sports tend as strongly toward the development of character in the participant. Strength of character is as much a constituent of a good boxer as is physical stamina and skill.

Finally, no sport, with the exception of football, can compare in any degree with the color of the ring game. In it, speed and conflict are so combined as to raise it above the comparative drabness of other sports to a plane of its own.

Tonight another boxing season will close. For a year the intercollegiate and the coming boxing season will be a topic of conversation. Need another season open without just recognition of boxing as a major sport?

Student Union, formed to co-ordinate Penn State's many varied activities did a good job on the mass meeting which it sponsored Thursday night. Tonight a second effort to bring together all students informally will be made at the open house in Old Main. If it is successful, it will probably be the first of similar efforts.

It will be through gatherings such as these that Penn State will preserve its democratic atmosphere, sometimes considerably clouded in these days of a rapidly growing student body.

DEBATING FOR ALL

At first thought there seems to be little relation between the debating and intramural sports systems at Penn State. Yet a comparison of the two systems reveals that the cardinal principle of intramural sports—athletics for all—may be reworded into the forensic slogan—debating for all.

The majority of institutions which Penn State meets in debating choose their teams much like a varsity sports team is chosen. Candidates try-out for the two places open and the two best men become the varsity debating team, representing the college in every debate. Penn State, however, uses a plan whereby different men speak in almost every contest. While debates may not be won as frequently, emphasis is placed on debating itself, not on the victory.

THE CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF

First available authentic statistics concerning the Intercollegiate Boxing tournament are now available:

Tux Shirts Borrowed Phi Sigma Kappa 7 Theta Xi 1 Sigma Alpha Epsilon 5 1/2 Rest of College 13 Total You guess

Neckties Lost D T D None Pi K A 1 (Freshman) Locust Lane Chique 1 (approximately) Total .05

Neckties Found Grange Dorm 10 Mac Hill 1 (blue polka dot) Woman's Building None (Not Claimed Until Monday) Total Too many

Visitors From Other Colleges Phi Kappa Sigma 7 Phi Delta Theta 31 Chi Omega 2 (unclassified) Total Who cares Grand Total—\$732.60 (plus Cover Charge)

These figures are certified, attested to, sworn by, officially stated, all facts to the contrary notwithstanding, E. Pluribus Unum, by W. E. (Statistical) Butt in conjunction with Dunn and Diadstreet.

NOTICE

Visitors to the intercollegiate boxing meet are hereby kindly requested not to yell, razz, whistle, cat call, hiss, applaud, laugh, hoot, howl, roar, sneaker, or make suggestive noises at the co-eds as they come into the Recreation Hall. We know the situation is bad from any angle you may want to look at it, please don't make it seem worse.

Eddie Rohbeck in spite of the fact that he is publicity director of the Ag Department is an up and coming young man. Although he was only married a year ago, he is now the proud father of Eddie Rohbeck 2nd. It is only logical then that his title for the Y. M. C. A. Fireside Session talk is "After Marriage—Then What?"

There is an echo of the General Smedley D. Butler court-martial case in State College. A serious investigation is now under way in the Military Department to find out who locked Colonel McCaskey in the inner sanctum of the Armory.

Due Ritenour has been attending the Intercollegiate boxing meets for the last several years in hopes that someone may get hurt and the referee will ask "Is there a doctor in the house?" In case this should happen we just date him to stand up and say "Yes."

About the Town and Campus Have you heard Florence Davis' latest views on Love and Marriage? Probably another "Wail of the Unappreciated." Mary Grace Kirsch had her picture on the front page of the home town paper captioned "Will Graduate in June." It's about time. Dutch Hermann absent-mindedly pulled a dollar bill out of his pocket in history class while searching for history notes. That's a trick we can't do. Robins looking for worms on the Delta Sigma Phi lawn. Why the lawn? Mel James and Mung Smith are that way about each other and in a pretty bad way at that. Smile as busy as Neely McCown this week-end.

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Nationally Known J. Nelson Justly Famous

Lion Fistic History Begins With Meet at Penn in '19

Nittany Boxers Lose First Encounter, 4-3 When Tourney Fails To Materialize--Initial Ring Leader Wins Bout

Although boxing had existed at Penn State for several years prior to 1919, in that year Richard Harlow first organized the sport to a degree where a Lion team was able to enter into actual competition with another college team. At the University of Pennsylvania, the fistic sport was also in its infancy, but the Quakers were extremely anxious to organize the first ring tournament. Encouraged by the War Department, Penn invited Penn State, Princeton, Dartmouth, and Cornell to participate in a tourney at Philadelphia May 3. When the date arrived, Penn State and Pennsylvania were the only colleges represented, and athletic authorities at the two institutions decided to hold a dual meet. This first college meet was won by Pennsylvania, four bouts to two. Captain Charley McFadden, 135-pounder, and Atken, a middleweight were the Lion winners. Three referees were used during the contest. They were William H. Reap, sports editor of the Philadelphia Ledger, "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien, and Jack Crowhurst.

3 Meets in 1920 Commenting on the McFadden fight a 1919 COLLEGIAN says "McFadden won an easy victory over Ben Lew, Penn's 134 boxer. The Penn man spent most of his time in the ring attempting to solve McFadden's style of attack and defense, but meanwhile the Penn State man truck him continually in effective places and won the decision easily."

In 1920 the spot was more officially inaugurated when the Nittany boxers took part in three dual meets, losing to Navy 5-to-1, but defeating both Penn and Toronto. In 1921 the Lions won their first three meets against Springfield, Carnegie Tech, and Penn, but lost a thriller to the Navy at Annapolis, 4-to-7.

Clearly indicating that the COLLEGIAN reporter had no knowledge of newspaper ethics an extract from the account of the 1921 Navy meet reads:

"When the heavyweight bout was announced the score stood 3-to-1. Both Mission of the Navy and Madara of Penn State realized that upon the result of their bout hung the intercollegiate title and accordingly entered the ring with a vengeance. The first round was slow and was merely an exhibition of Madara chasing Mission around the ring. The second round resulted in about the same tactics. Mission showed good footwork, eluding Madara but giving back no blows in return. The Navy man was especially clever in sidestepping Madara's blows and covering up from them."

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