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AMATEURISM, ETC.

By a quirk of fate so peculiar to the national boxing arena, it means a lot to Billy Soose and Nestor Kociubinsky that it be cleared up and restated that they never fought professionally and have had the sanction of the A. A. U. in all the bouts they fought and for which they were barred from competition here.

Inversely and brutally it might be stated that to fight amateur was and will be for some time more remunerative to them than would professional fighting.

Actually and truthfully it can be said that the ineligible Lion stars are not professionals and never fought a professional fight. And a lot of people probably have their special opinion of the board that ousted the men from the sport.

But, unfortunately, this decision had to be based on college policy which found itself obliged to take the little word "amateur" apart and discover what it means.

It appears that boxing as conducted professionally and by the A. A. U., stinks loudly and longly. It seems indicated that an investigation of the A. A. U. is in demand. It seems more logical to condemn the fight promoters who may have exploited the men, rather than to condemn the committee.

It would be logical to say that when violation of amateur rules occurs that the violators are professionals. Or it might be better to call them "accomplished." Anything rather than amateur. "Amateur" should mean "new" or a "novice"

It stands to reason that the boys weren't going over to Clearfield and other spots to fight just for the enjoyment attached thereto. Their expense money undoubtedly made it a profitable venture, particularly in Soose's case.

They ignored a college rule, were warned what future violation would mean. In Soose's instance he probably knew what he was doing, and made a decision that he felt would mean more to him. That was his privilege.

But to object to the committee's ruling is foolish.

The argument that other colleges let their men participate in the sport outside of the college is distinctly a problem for the other colleges. Next year all in the E. I. B. A. will have the same regulations. These regulations were forwarded by Leo Houck who recognized the need for a basis upon which amateurism could be judged.

But the rule regarding outside participation was a college rule here as well. It has been practiced with moderation. That is, the committee has always been fair and liberal to athletes. But the recent violations were flagrant and were waved in the face of the college.

It is to be hoped that the tales about persons pressing charges against the boxers for jealous motives are not true. It would be bad if those concerned had stooped to the levels of the advocates of the national fight game today.

The ruling was fair and natural. Complaints, if any, should be referred to the A. A. U. regarding their "amateurism."

It is interesting to conjecture a bit about what would have happened had Soose and Kociubinsky not been barred from competition. There are a lot of rumblings that have been heard along these lines.

It seems safe to assume that Soose would never have been obliged to step through the ropes. He would probably have won all his bouts on forfeit. Some say that all of our opponents but one would have refused to box us unless they were omitted from the line-up.

Some of this may be idle talk, but it seems reasonable to wonder if the whole situation did not start last year when Navy broke their boxing relations with us for the coming season.

This added to the flaunting of the violation in the face of college officials may have caused a re-examination of the word "amateur." Indeed it seems that a general understanding as to what is amateur sport is sadly needed.

A MODERN INSTANCE

STUDENTS WHO LOOKED with askance at the new method of registration and predicted that it was no better than the old one are probably dancing up and down with glee at the inability of the College to collect fees Saturday.

Actually it was through no fault of the officials who have decided to try modern machine methods of tabulation and recording that the delay occurred. They are on the right track, using the newest and most modern means. When the first difficulties are smoothed out and the entire personnel understands how the new system works and the capacities it has, a greatly improved registration system will have been found.

Several wits, both student and faculty, have pointed out that the move now in order is a \$5 fine of the administration for not being on time.

OLD MANIA

Now that rushing is over, students will have more time for other things. It's possible that classes will begin. And, incidentally, love will come into being again.

It's a funny thing about love around here. Spring is supposed to be the season. Summer, fall, and winter seem to give Printemps a pretty good run for its money.

In spite of rushing, summer loves, and any other thing that might nip romance in the bud, there are a few love affairs which are still in progress.

For instance, Sally Salberg and George Gromel seem to be that way about each other... June Price and Tom Young are still looking into each other's eyes... Connie Glace and Max Bauer still trip over steps and things... Naomi LeBoutillier and Gordon Zern are intellectually bitten by the love bug...

Ray Schimmel and Vivian Solkind still are smug about each other... After four years, Doris Ramage and Bob Collins still sit on the same side of the booth... Alice Allebaugh and Tommy Moore go on together... Tat Wirtz and Jack Sartz are beginning their third year of bliss...

Lou Haines and Chuck Teller plus Jane Romig and Johnny Waters make a very chummy foursome... Just to show the faculty is no exception, Mickey Lehrman and Dr. Brown are engaged and Eddie Roberts and philosopher Drueckman spend much time together...

Fletcher Byrom seems to be the latest susceptible to Barbara Boves... Polly Wirtz and Joe Snook bend down to get through doors together... Ruth Marcus and Bernie Covitch go quietly about their business... A. F. Davis is bubbling over his new doctor's degree...

Marge Barnett and Jim Sumptner say goodnight to each other in Mac Hall... Kay Chambers and sae Scott sip from the same straw... Margaret Mitch and Babe Hart are still doing double high-dives... Betty Raeburn and Nag Gleason are mooning over mountains...

Joe Cook croons to Hank Cutter... Velma Jeffries still has Dick Koeman's frat pin... Juny Jones continues to week-end with Mary Stetler... Betty McClure and Henry Geagan walk arm-in-arm... Irene Schubert and Pat Costello are ablaze... Johnny Sayers is seconding Eleanor Wasley...

Doc Jarden manages Mary Jane Sample... Howard Downey heats it back to town to see Jane Stillwell... as does Al Smith to go places with Helen White... Jean Livermore and Charlie Fike are still pretty cute... Helen Hildeout and a gent named Hopwood mix it up...

Latest on Jean Walker's get-my-man list is Jack Corsan... Betty Bowman and Curt Yamas were seen together... Al Simpson is telling stories about Bermuda to Gerrie Cronin... Bobbe Hamilton and Dick Grennan are being whispered about... Frank Goodman forsakes his stable of boxers for a few days to come see Sylvia Pritzker... May Dunaway was seen in the cr rm with Bob Blum again...

Howard Anderson and Peggy Jones are talking baby talk... Dawn Hardies is Orville Tuttle's girl... Polly Lowe and Johnny Brisbane still go together... Barbara McClure's current pash is Bill Voehl... Russ Gohn sells Real Silk to Marcia Morning... Lucia Ohl is studying home ec for Bill Rainey...

Joe Fisquidneck and Molly Zilch stutter over each other as do Throckmorton Wilberforce and Mary Tuttlewitt... Bill Huling pronounces Doty Bumbaugh's name very carefully... Wally Jones makes a special trip to Public Information to see Mary Ann Hutchinson... Peggy Schaeffer and Bus Anderson are dancing in the dark...

Barbara Fleming is graduate managing with John Wray... Grosh Gazy Green still takes orders from Dot Leng... going through the directory, we think that Bernie Zwald and Arnold Swicky... and Mary Smith and Chester Jedziewsky should get together...

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Boxers Broke 'Ethics,' Committee Charges

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the rule immediately after its adoption.

"The matter proved so embarrassing to Mr. Houck, who was one of the leaders in advocating the adoption of the rule to save college boxing, that it was necessary to declare them ineligible," Warnock said.

The specific reason leading to the committee's action could not be clearly ascertained, however.

Violated Boxing Ethics

Professor Bentley, too, maintained that "they weren't declared ineligible for professionalism, but for what he termed violation of the 'ethics of collegiate boxing'."

"They violated the College rule that doesn't permit athletes to participate in intercollegiate sports here if they should participate in sports events not under the sanction of the college," Bentley said.

"That rule applies to all sports," he added. Asked if this meant that athletes participating in amateur baseball, tennis, golf, and other sports could also be declared ineligible, Bentley said "within reason—yes."

Meanwhile, Dean Edward Steidle declared that he had been out of town for the past few days and knew only what he had read in the newspapers. "I have not yet discussed the case with anyone and have no comment to make," he said. Prof. Oscar F. Smith, the other member of the committee, could not be reached for comment.

Kociubinsky Asks Trial

In the midst of the controversy remained the two athletes, one resolved to his fate, the other wishing the committee would give him a "fair trial" to present his side of the case and eventually reinstate him.

"The only reason I participated in amateur fighting was because the new rule doesn't go into effect until next year," Kociubinsky said. "I wish the committee would give me a fair trial—a chance to present my side of the case. I'd certainly like to be reinstated."

Informed of Kociubinsky's statement, Bentley said, "There is no chance of their getting any trial or of being reinstated."

"I might just as well abide by the decision," Soose said. "There's nothing that can be done about it. If the decision will help keep Penn State's boxing on the high level it has always been, then I'm in accord with the decision."

Soose added, however, that Carl Sorenson, Syracuse 125-pound Eastern Intercollegiate champion, "appeared on several cards with me during the summer."

"What I can't understand," Soose said, "is why State took the initiative to declare us ineligible, while other schools fail to do so."

Golf Contest Begins

An all-College golf tournament begins today with one week of qualifying rounds from which the 32 lowest scores will be split into two brackets of 16 each. Any student enrolled in College is eligible, and interested parties should sign up at the caddy house during the week.

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ry Carson, Ralph Beerbower, Ralph Rontson, Beane Cramer, Thomas Rittenhouse, John Irlarkins, Harlan Hostetter, William Dorwarth, Andrew Walter.

PHI KAPPA: Freshmen, Joseph McCrosson, Patrick Cawley, William Reilly, John Reagonis, John Heck, Frank Stashak, William Foster, Edward Nestor, Kenneth Rhone, William Conlon, John Durian, Francis Casserly, John Blotzer.

PHI KAPPA ALPHA: Seniors, William Kline; juniors, Joseph Dobbs, Frank Vlossak; freshmen, Oliver Girdwood, Ellison Kirkhoff, Rodney Russell, John McCracken.

PHI KAPPA PSI: Sophomores, Art Jenkins, Daniel Bosworth, Edward Schoemmel, Thomas Kolb, James Harrison; freshmen, Maynard Bloom, John Fritz, Will Salberg, Carl Salberg, Ben Kline, Robert Raughley, Harry Dennis, Ernest Zimmerman, Everett Pollock.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA: Juniors, Conrad H. Busch, James C. Haiper, George S. Pomeroy III; sophomores, Sanford R. Brown, John A. Crocker, Gilbert M. Montgomery; freshmen, Thomas F. Beck, Samuel F. Crabtree, Jr., Charles D. Conrad, Andrew K. MacMillan, Jr., Charles C. Matthews, Howard C. Yerger III, William W. Mills.

PHI KAPPA TAU: Senior, George Bowman; junior, James Keller; freshmen, Martin Horlacher, James Fenstermacher, Albert Kaiser, Jack Polley, Jay Ellenberger, Jack Hibbard, Joseph Dalto, Charles Hamilton, William Bogar, Robert Lane, Thomas Coatesworth, Wilbur Caputa, William Henninger, Raymond Blood, Robert Baker, Theodore Whitehurst, Gordon Fay.

PHI MU DELTA: Freshmen, James Richardson, Francis Richardson, George Reinbold, John Wolf.

PHI SIGMA DELTA: Sophomore, Morton Nieman; freshmen, Robert Robinson, Howard Ostrow, Marshall Miller, Louis Robinson, Harold Flum, Eugene Hoffman, Harris Freedman, Gene Kromberg.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA: Sophomores, Reese Poffenberger, John Kendall; freshmen, Jack Kennedy, H. Edward Beale, Robert Spurck, Robert Clark, Daniel Thomas, Harold Wilson, Robert Kinney, Lowell Meeker, Richard Bitner, Adam Smyser, Ralph Bollinger.

PI KAPPA PHI: Juniors, Ernest W. Gall; sophomores, Leon M. Knetz, Kenneth W. Smith; Frank A. Steinhilper; freshmen; Christian L. Martin, Malcolm H. Stull, Robert H. Olds, Albert H. Bowers, Robert P. Jones, Thomas E. Smith, Franklin P. Goettman.

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TRIANGLE: Freshmen, Walter Close, John Rissing, Clarence Spurgeon, Douglas Adams, Donald Stockum, Charles Clemson, William Wichter, Carl Bethel.

Streak of Hard Luck Hits Werner's Teams

Coach Chic Werner's hard luck story added another chapter when the news arrived that hurdler Redman and pole-vaulter Clark would not return to school this year. Previous losses on the cross-country team were Galer, Kauffman, Aikman, Henderson, and Griest.

The start of the fall track season begins today in preparation for an intra-school fall track meet to be held the second week in October. Coach Werner would like all varsity runners and interested freshmen to turn out some time this week, since with the loss of some of his best men much of his material will have to be taken from a new group.

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