

# Bortz Wins 175-Pound Crown As Engineers Cop EIWA Diadem

## Cobb On Dean's List

Through a mistake in departmental records, the name of J. Stanley Cobb, Jr., '43, mechanical engineering, was omitted from the dean's list in a recent issue of the Collegian.

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## Matmen Finish In 3-Way Deadlock With Penn, Cornell; Frank Gleason Is Dethroned By Levering Of Penn

### Scalzo Chips Elbow In Dropping Semi-Final Bout As Rohrer Is Stopped In 2nd Round; Alexander, Hess, King, Valla Lose In Preliminary Matches

By BOB LANE

Lehigh won the Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling crown at Syracuse on Friday and Saturday, but the spirited Engineers failed to prevent the Nittany Lions from grabbing a slice of glory, Captain Bortz saw to that.

After seven Lion teammates had been eliminated, the blond State leader entered the finals against Lehigh's Dick Brenneman, PIAA king, and garnered the only Nittany Lion championship when he handed Brenneman a decisive lacing in the 175-pound class.

During the first three minutes of the light-heavy title bout, neither grappler was able to secure the advantage.

In the second three-minute period Bortz chose the defensive and escaped to a neutral position immediately. The Engineer dived for Ernie's leg, and returned to the advantage with one minute remaining in the second period.

In the third three-minute session, Bortz took control from the referee's position and dominated throughout the entire stanza. Bortz was riding his opponent at the bell.

Referee Thrush and Judges' Voliva and Cole decided that Bortz did not merit the decision at this point and called for two two-minute overtime periods.

Any doubt that may have existed at the end of the regular session was removed in the extra-periods as Bortz patted Brenneman all over the mat to take the decision and the gold medal that goes to an intercollegiate champion.

Eastern Intercollegiate king, Frank Gleason was dethroned from his 136-pound pedestal in a surprising loss to Pennsylvania's sensational Bill Levering. Levering

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## Between The Lions

With BOB WILSON

### Sportitorial

Like locking the barn after the horse has gone, this piece will probably only be words wasted.

But I for one feel that something should be said about the animosity which exists athletically between Penn State and Syracuse University.

The whole, rotten mess started nearly a decade ago—back in 1931 and 1932 when Al Lewis, Jimmy's big brother, was knocking 'em cold for the glory of Old State.

College boxing was still in its infancy as far as Penn State and Syracuse were concerned, and the fans who followed it were mostly adults who held the sport little better than a glorified amateur boxing show.

Knock-em-down, drag-em-out melees were the vogue then, and if there wasn't at least a pint of blood spilled during the progress of eight bouts the match was considered a miserable failure.

It's a pretty picture I'm painting, but you should hear Al Lewis talk about it.

To get back to the story, when Penn State first started to box at Syracuse, 90 per cent of the crowd who patronized the matches were sanguinary Syracuse townspeople with Robespierre complexes. Few students ever attended the bouts.

From the athletic angle, Penn State and Syracuse have been very evenly matched in almost every sport as long as the two schools have met. Nearly every event between them has been hard-fought and bitterly-drawn.

Boxing was no different. And when a Penn State boxer happened to win a close decision at Syracuse back in the days when the sanguinary 90 per cent ruled the roost, booing and hissing nearly always resulted.

The Penn State men brought these stories back to the campus with them and when Syracuse teams came to State thereafter, the student body would invariably greet them and send them home with an assortment of raspberries that would make any county fair or grade exhibit the Nittany Valley has ever seen.

That all began back in 1931 and it has grown steadily worse ever since, especially in boxing.

Typical of the demonstrations that have followed almost every State-Syracuse meet was the one that followed the Scally-Woycesies bout in Rec Hall Saturday night. No one will deny that Scally fought a beautiful fight against the Syracuse champ, but who will deny that the demonstration would not have occurred had Scally lost to an Army man, or a Yale man, or a Cornell man?

I said in the beginning that coming now, this article would probably be a waste of effort. Breaking down the wall of hatred that the two schools have built between each other is like trying to light a candle in a monsoon.

One thing is certain; however. If animosity continues to rear its ugly head between Penn State and Syracuse, it is my guess that the athletic ties connecting the two schools will be severed once and for all.

And if boxing was found basically to blame for the increasing ill-will between the two institutions, think what a death blow could be dealt college boxing in general.

Approximately 100 teams from 11 states are entering the debate tournament sponsored by St. Paul's College of St. Thomas and College of St. Catherine.

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## BOXING CHAMPIONS



CAPTAIN MIKE COOPER



JIM LEWIS

## Cooper, Lewis Glory In Titles

### Mike Bests Lavendusky

#### Goodman Trophy Boxer Fiddled With Past

The man who hasn't played a fiddle for 10 years had the happiest moment of his life on Saturday night.

His shrill voice rang out in Rec Hall and told the crowd so.

The captain of Penn State's boxing team had just won the Eastern Intercollegiate 127 pound boxing championship, his points had clinched the team victory for Penn State, he had just received the Frank Goodman Trophy awarded annually to Penn State's most outstanding boxer, and he had just accepted the Baltimore Sun Boxing Trophy, which his team had permanently relegated to the Rec Hall trophy case.

He had one thing more.

He had decisively beaten a tall, friendly cadet from Army named Walter Lavendusky. Lavendusky hadn't been beaten before this year. In three years he and Mike Cooper (the hero of this story) had fought five times before, twice in the finals of the EIWA tourney. Lavendusky won every time.

But in this last meeting Cooper had finally figured Lavendusky. He led with his left, rushed in to punch, and tied the cadet up or darted away before he could return the fire. He had won. In the last round the cadet had tried everything he knew to no avail.

Cooper used to play the violin. He says jokingly he can also play the piano and the sax. Once, the joke goes, he had an audition with Russ Morgan's orchestra before it hit the big time.

What a joke that a little guy like that should be a boxer. What a joke that he should be the only guy this year to beat Lavendusky.

What can you do in a family like that?

Jim Lewis knew the answer. He had to be a champion, too. So he stepped out into the ring and a couple of minutes later he was back in the locker room with the EIWA tournament's biggest upset under his belt. He had dethroned the defending 165 pound champion in the first bout.

But Jim still wasn't a champion. He took care of that next night, Saturday. In an anti-climax he pushed through to the championship over a not-too-strong contender whom he had beaten in a dual meet earlier this year.

He has a season record of six victories, one defeat (in a dual meet from the man he later dethroned), and two draws.

He also has a year of boxing ahead of him. Perhaps Brothers Al and Lib and even Sis may have to look to their laurels.

### Lewis Had To Win To Keep Up With Clan

Al was on one side. Lib was on the other. Sis was back home in Washington, Pa.

Al had been national 145 pound boxing champion at Penn State in 1932 and was twice eastern champion. Lib had been an All-American football player at Carnegie Tech. Sis was better than any of them. She was the boss of the family.

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### Taggart Chosen To Head Women's Tennis Club

Josephine J. Taggart '41 was elected president of the Tennis Club Wednesday night, Janet M. Hartz '42, vice-president, and Ruth J. Moore '43, secretary.

## Soose Here For Weekend, Counts On Comeback After Win At Scranton

Billy Soose, Penn State 155-pound intercollegiate boxing champion in 1937, thinks he can come back in the professional ring, is sure he will eventually get a shot at the world's middleweight title, but won't say how he will make out when he gets the shot.

Last Wednesday Soose stiffened Enzo Jancoz, Italian middleweight champion, in the fourth round of a bout at Scranton. It was his first light since he lost a decision to George Abrams in Pittsburgh last month and thus temporarily scuttled his title hopes.

Here for the intercollegiate last weekend, Soose said he has a tentative fight in Atlanta, Ga., the end of this month.

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