

## Houck Had Long Pro Ring Career

The boys call Boxing Coach Leo Houck "the honorable Doctor" and the title is well bestowed. Leo earned his doctorate of pugilism in the college of experience. He was an honor student, too, a Phi Beta Kappa in the art of boxing.

Leo Fred Florian Houck started his professional boxing career in 1907. Before he retired from the ring in 1923, when he took over as boxing coach at Penn State, he fought approximately 200 bouts, winning over three fourths of them. Houck was never knocked out and was knocked off his feet only three times.

Although he was never recognized as middleweight champion of the world, Houck defeated both George Chip and Johnny Wilson several times. Both Chip and Wilson later became titleholders but they never gave Houck a crack at the laurels while they ruled.

Houck won the middleweight title of Europe when he decisioned Harry Lewis of Philadelphia in a 20 round battle in France in 1912. He took over the Canadian middleweight crown by defeating Roddy McDowell at Halifax in 1919.

In 1922 Leo gained the light heavyweight title of Cuba by scoring a fourth round knock-out over the Cuban Esparagara. The great Gene Tunney's record of eight straight KO's was spoiled by Houck in 1919 when he fought Tunney in a no-decision bout. Leo repeated the feat the following year in a battle which caused Tunney to go into temporary retirement because of a smashed hand.

During his 16 years of professional boxing Houck gained victories over Mickey Gannon, Gunboat Smith, Frank Mantell, Young Erne, Kid Locke, Dave Smith, Bob Moha, Jimmy Gardner, Chip, Wilson, Lewis, and many others.

"The Doctor" retired in December, 1922, and became boxing coach at Penn State. His teams have won seven EIBA titles since the tourneys began in 1924. Houck has developed 39 individual eastern champs and three national collegiate title holders.

## Stahl, Gault Top Lion Riflemen

Riflemen Co-captains Ben Stahl and Gil Gault have compiled the best individual averages for the Nittany Lion marksmen. Stahl has a .952 average in 29 games and Gil Gault followed him with a .944 in 26 games.

Averages were figured on the basis of the number of matches each member shot and all of his individual scores, much the same as baseball averages. However, riflemen's averages are much higher because of 300 and 400-point matches.

The averages:

Player	Avg.
Stahl	.952
Gault	.944
LeWorthy	.935
Yount	.934
Cuthbert	.932
Richwine	.931
McCoy	.928

### ROTC Classes Changed

All freshman students in the Engineers will report to Room 110 EE Building for classes from 1 to 4 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday. A training film will be shown.

### Grade Deadline Nears

Below grades must be handed in by faculty members to their respective deans' offices before 5 p. m. Wednesday, it has been announced.

### 'Doctor Of Pugilism'



Leo Houck, Lion boxing mentor and host to the seventh NCAA tournament, was the uncrowned middleweight of the world. He defeated both George Chip and Johnny Wilson before they gained the title but Houck never gained a title bout.

### Leon Gajecki's Picture Placed In Rec Hall With 5 Other Greats

All-American Leon Gajecki, 1940 grid captain, entered Penn State's hall of fame in Rec Hall yesterday when his picture was placed among other Nittany Lion greats.

Gates' full-length picture took its place beside All-Americans William T. Dunn '06, Robert A. Higgins '19, Charles A. Way '20, W. Glenn Killinger '21, and F. Joseph Bedenk '23.

The Lion captain was given his place in Rec Hall after he was named All-American on teams of the National Enterprise Association, Liberty magazine, and was chosen to play on the All-East team. Kate Smith also selected him for her All-American team.

### Phi Kappa Elects

Newly-elected officers of Phi Kappa are William F. Finn '42, president; Raymond F. Bednar '43, vice-president; Adrian J. Krebs '44, secretary; and George B. Kaiser '43, house manager.

### Nittany Lions Involved In First Dual, Eastern And National Boxing Meets

Three firsts—the first intercollegiate dual meet, the first national tournament and the first eastern tourney—have fallen to the credit of Nittany Lion boxers and have brought Penn State to its present position as one of the leading colleges in fistic circles.

State's participation in the first dual meet was purely accidental. In 1919, the Lions entered a tournament in Philadelphia but when the boxers arrived in the Quaker City they found that all the other teams, with the exception of Penn, had decided not to compete.

Two teams can't very well hold a tournament so the country's first collegiate dual meet was scheduled on the spot. Six bouts were held, Penn winning four and Penn State the other two.

That meet put intercollegiate boxing off on the right foot and the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association was organized in 1921. The first EIBA tournament was held in the Penn State Armory in 1924, the Lions annexing the first of their seven eastern team championships.

In 1932, when the National Collegiate Athletic Association woke up to the popularity of boxing, the first national tourney was scheduled to select U. S. Olympic finalists — and again State was chosen to play host.

Seventy-five fighters, representing 30 colleges, entered the 1932 nationals. Penn State played the perfect host, walking off with the unofficial team title.

Only two coaches—Dick Harlow, now Harvard grid mentor,

and Leo Houck—have held the reins during the 22 years of Lion fisticuffs. Harlow started the sport in 1919 and continued until 1923 when Houck, the present coach, took over the job.

Both men have been unusually successful. Frankie Goodman, Lou Ritzie, Billy Soose, Allie Wolff, Steve Hamis, Izzy Richter, Al Lewis, Sam Donato and a dozen other ex-Lion greats need no introduction to any collegiate boxing fans.

In 17 years of EIBA competition State has had 39 individual titleholders—11 more than Syracuse in second place; Navy is third with 19 and Western Maryland ranks fourth with 12.

### Four '40 165-pound Place Winners Fight This Year

All four 165-pound place winners in last year's NCAA boxing tournament at Sacramento, Cal., are entered in the three-day boxing festival here this weekend. Laune Erickson, the defending champion from Idaho; Gerry Strang, runner-up, from Catholic University; Stanley Dilatush, third place, Washington State; and Freddy Logsdon, fourth place, from Southwestern Louisiana, have all signed up for a crack at the 1941 165-pound crown.

Six other ringmen, all with impressive records, will battle with last years place winners in this division. They include Fenton Somerville, Virginia, EIBA champion; Elden Sanders, North

### Another McAndrews



Johnny McAndrews, one of three brothers who were on the boxing team continuously for nine years.

### McAndrews Brothers Boxed 9 Straight Years; Fought At Every Weight

For nine consecutive years—from 1928 to 1936—there was not a single Penn State boxing team without a McAndrews. Moreover, the McAndrews boy fought just about every weight they had in those days, seven in all.

This pugilistically inclined clan consisted of three brothers, Marty, John, and Francis. Marty, the oldest, is still here, coaching the freshmen football squad.

Marty McAndrews boxed 160, 175 and heavyweight in his three years on the varsity, from 1928-1930. He was captain of the team and EIBA 175 champ in his senior year.

John followed Marty in his path of glory at Penn State. He fought 135 and 145, and was captain in 1933. John captured the EIBA title at 135 in 1932 and 1933.

Francis, the youngest of the three brothers, was the "black sheep" of the family. He was unable to win an EIBA championship nor become captain of the team. The last and lightest of the McAndrews fought 115 and 125 in his three seasons here, 1934-1936.

Carolina, Southern Conference champion in '40 and '41; Phil Prather, Wisconsin; and Joe Cestowski, outstanding Michigan State entry.

A novel honor system of conducting matches, without a referee in the ring, was introduced at San Jose State College last year.

### Charlie Short Is Leading Referee

Among the many familiar men who will take part in the seventh annual National Collegiate Athletic Association boxing tournament this weekend will be the well-recognized figure of a man who is said to have participated in more boxing matches than any other living man.

He is Charley Short, nationally known professional, collegiate, and amateur boxing referee, who has been the "third man" in well over 20,000 bouts and has boxed in 300 professional bouts.

Having spent over half of his 46 years officiating, Short refereeing career antedated by a short time the rise of organized collegiate and amateur boxing. His yearly officiating average, counting collegiate dual meets and tournaments, amateur tournaments, army tournaments, and professional bouts, adds up to about 1000 bouts, or 20 a week.

His great reputation and popularity among collegiate boxing fans and participants lies in the fact that he is one of the quickest referees to save a beaten man from punishment by stopping the fight and raising the hand of the victor in recognition of a technical knockout. Because of his swiftness in halting a bout in which a contestant is injured, he has never had a fatality in any fight in which he has officiated.

Born in Galena, Mo., Charley started to box when he was about 15 years old and still in high school. He entered the University of Missouri, but stayed only a short time and didn't bother with other colleges to which his parents tried to send him.

He boxed on the Pacific Coast with varying success until 1917 when he enlisted in the army. Ending with a second lieutenants commission, he went to work in the Philadelphia shipyards after his discharge.

In 1922 he began his officiating career and is now listed as the premier referee on the staff of the Maryland Athletic Commission. He has refereed between 12,000 and 14,000 bouts in Maryland alone.

### New Hospitalization Plan Defeated By Faculty

The proposed plan for extending group hospitalization to dependents of College employees has been defeated according to John T. Law, secretary of the American Association of University Professors.

Failure to adopt the plan was based on the results of a faculty questionnaire which showed that the project is not favorable to the necessary 75 per cent of College employees.

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