

# Between The Lions

By BEN FRENCH

When the boxing team steps through the ropes on January 10 to meet the Miami Hurricanes, Leo Houck will be starting his twenty-fifth season as coach of the Lion mittmen. "The Good Doctor" has become as much a symbol of Penn State as the Nittany Lion or Graham's A. C.

Leo isn't exactly a doctor, but when they hand out Ph.D.'s in the College of Hard Knocks, Coach Houck will be the first to receive his degree.

### Hired in Hotel

Hugo Bezdek hired Leo for the College in a hotel room in Philadelphia in the fall of 1922. Leo wasn't quite sure what the job of College boxing coach meant when he applied but decided to give it a try.

Since that time Leo Houck has turned out boxers such as Billy Scose, who later became middleweight champion of the world; Steve Hamas, who "nearly" became heavyweight champ; Allie Wolff, who Leo calls "the greatest college boxer he ever saw"; and others such as Stoop, Lewis, Goodman, and Scalley, all national champions. To top this he has turned out seven eastern intercollegiate championship teams, an average that only boxing coaches can really appreciate.

This year's boxing season has been planned as a tribute to the coach and his record. As a result, State College lovers of the art of fisticuffs will see a bang-up series of boxing shows. In addition to the dual-meet season with the top collegiate ring aggregations in the East, the Eastern Intercollegiate will be held in the Rec Hall ring in late March.

### Houck vs. Houck

The University of Miami leads the parade on January 10 and that will be more than just another meet for Leo. For two of his four sons are associated with the Hurricane team, one as manager, the other as the 165-pound entry.

Leo hails from Lancaster and his family still lives there. While in State College he rooms on South Pugh street and spends most of his time in his two headquarters—Rec Hall and behind the pipe showcase in Graham's.

It was in Lancaster that Leo had his first professional fight although he says it wasn't much to talk about. It ended in a draw and both fighters received a check for \$1.50 and a pair of gloves. Leo liked this first taste of battle and went on to Harrisburg and Philadelphia, winning fights and making friends.

### Wins Over Gannon

A six-round victory over Mickey Gannon established Leo as a "name" in boxing. From then on, he fought in all the weight then on, he fought in all the weight heavyweight and was much-respected as a boxer not only in this country but also in France, England, Halifax and Cuba. In 1911, he won a 20-round decision over Harry Lewis, the middleweight champ of Europe. Soon after, he knocked out the Cuban lightweight titlist, Espeurgeura (Leo calls him "Asparagus") in four rounds. As this was a title bout, Houck was crowned cham-

## W & J Cagers Boast Brother Trio-Knocke, Knocke and Knocke

Knocke, Knocke, Knocke. Who's there, Washington or Jefferson? No, both, and the three Knocke brothers beside! This is getting rather confusing, but the three W&J cagers hope to make their brother act even more confusing when the Presidents and John Lawther's quintet get together at Rec Hall Saturday night at 7 o'clock.

After a three-game tour of duty on foreign courts, the Lion cage crew hopes to take a little liberty with Washington and Jefferson in State's home opener. But with the three Knockes in the lineup it may become just a case of mistaken identity all the way around. One of the Knockes is supposedly one of the East's standout performers, but we misplaced our alphabet, and didn't get the first initial.

The rest of the team can't be too bad either, because the Presidents had themselves an enjoyable inaugural against Salem Tuesday night to crack up a 63-34 win.

When State faces W&J Saturday night it will mark the 20th meeting of the two teams. The Lions hold a decided edge in the series with 14 wins, the last three in a row. The last time the Presidents beat the Lawthermen was in 1940 when they took a 31-30 decision in the opening game at Rec Hall. And a member of the Knocke family was around that night, too.

... pian and he is still champion as there has never been an official champ crowned since.

## IM Slates Ten Ring Matches

Ten boxing bouts will be reeled off in Rec Hall today as the fraternity intramural tournament gets underway.

Starting at 4 o'clock, a match will begin every twelve minutes. Duration of each round is two minutes with three rounds to each bout. Finals in this competition are slated for December 20.

The schedule for today reads: 4:00—128 lbs.; Rowland, Beta Theta Pi vs. Leuzinger, Phi Kappa Sigma. 4:12—135 lbs.; Storch, Delta Upsilon vs. James, Phi Kappa Sigma. 4:24—145 lbs.; Hoyt, Chi Phi vs. Karbosky, Delta Upsilon. 4:36—155 lbs.; Miller, Delta Upsilon vs. Williamson, Phi Sigma Kappa. 4:48—165 lbs.; Yeagley, Alpha Chi Sigma vs. Wetherby, Delta Upsilon. 5:00—165 lbs.; Smith, Sigma Pi vs. Lennox, Sigma Nu. 5:12—165 lbs.; D'Ardenne, Alpha Sigma Phi vs. Hanford, Phi Kappa Alpha. 5:24—175 lbs.; Potoklan, Sigma Nu vs. Brooks, Delta Upsilon. 5:36—175 lbs.; Lafferty, Phi Kappa Sigma vs. Abernathy, Phi Kappa Alpha. 5:48—Heavy-

## Harriers Elect Karver '47 Captain

Nittany Lion harriers elected Gerry Karver of Boyertown as captain of next year's cross country team at their first banquet since 1942 at the Nittany Lion Inn Tuesday evening.

Karver succeeds Curt Stone, graduating Brooklyn, Pa. senior who was the first Penn Stater to capture the IC4-A crown since 1938.

Termed as a great distance runner by Coach Chick Werner, Karver was out of the running for a large part of the season because of a heel injury.

Retiring head manager Mel Greenwald announced the election of Duke Robinson as his successor. Tom Botsford and Jack

Creigan were named associates while Lenny Sugarman, Art Heineman and Al Goodyear were elected assistants.

Reminiscing about past seasons, Coach Werner stated that he was proud of his 1946 cross country team. He also spoke of the former track and cross country men who died in the service.

Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the school of physical education, gave a brief talk which was followed by a narration of their track experiences by Ray Conger and George Harvey who coached during Werner's leave of absence in the Navy.

Norm Gordon, assistant coach, announced as letter winners for the 1946 season Bill Wills, Fred Lennox, Howie Horne, Mitch Williams, Don Longenecker, Harold Ashenfelter, Karver and Stone. A numeral was awarded to Bob Ulmer.

The 16-mm. film is being made in color by the Motion Picture and Recording studio, under the direction of Frank S. Neusbaum. Paul H. Seitzinger is sound technician and film editor and Delmer Duval is the cameraman.

### Sorry But—

Redfaced, Collegian extends its apologies to Johnny Ruskinko for using his name along with a cut of Whitey Von Nieda on yesterday's sports page—and to Whitey Von Nieda, high scorer for the Lancaster Red Roses semi-pro basketball team this year, for a mistaken identity.

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