

# IM Battle Remains Wide Open

## Boxing Finals to Be Held Tomorrow in Rec Hall

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The battle for fraternity team championship boxing honors remains as wide open as a peanut scramble after last night's opening round of semi-final intramural action in Rec Hall. Eight different teams advanced men into the finals to be held tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

However, Sigma Nu, 1952 runnerup, goes into today's second semi-final round with the advantage of three men still competing.

### Freshman Cagers Will Play Altoona

Penn State's freshman basketball team will play its second game of the season Friday at the University's center in Altoona. The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

John Egli, freshman coach, said yesterday that he had not yet decided on a starting lineup for his cagers. However, he added that he would select the top five frosh today on the basis of last night's one-hour workout.

The yearlings were defeated by the junior varsity in Rec Hall, 43-42, in a preliminary game to the Washington and Jefferson-Penn State game.

### Students Attend Rec Conclave

Approximately 60 University students attended the 32d annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation last weekend in the Hotel Penn Alto, Altoona.

President Milton S. Eisenhower spoke on "Southern Hemispheric Relations" at a banquet Friday night.

The convention consisted of student meetings, exhibitions, and a basketball clinic.

Representatives from Pennsylvania colleges and universities attended.

### Moore Rated 8th In Punt Returns

Lenny Moore, Penn State's flashy halfback, has been rated eighth in the nation in punt returns according to the NCAA statistics bureau.

Moore, who was second to end Jim Garrity in scoring for the Nittany Lions, ran back his opponent's punt returns for 228 yards in 13 tries.

Moore led the Nittany Lions in pass interceptions with three for 40 yards and averaged 5.6 yards per try from scrimmage.

### Charles Is Favored Over Coley Wallace

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15 (AP)—A boxer at the crossroads—that's former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles. If he doesn't beat Coley Wallace here tomorrow night his chances for a shot at the title he once owned probably will be gone forever.

They're both contenders, Charles No. 3 and Wallace No. 6 and the outcome of their nationally televised 10-rounder will mean much to the winner.

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Phi Kappa Sigma lost ground yesterday with the defeat of 165-pounder Wally Cook but remains a serious contender with two men left in the running. Early season pacesetter Phi Sigma Kappa with a seasonal bulge of 50 points and two men in today's semi-finals is the third outstanding challenger.

#### DU Out of Race

The only thing certain in the extremely fluid race is that perennial champion Delta Upsilon cannot retain the title it has monopolized for the last four years. DU's bid to match the baseball Yankee's super-grand slam was thwarted yesterday when its two remaining entrants lost semi-final bouts.

Steve Hagy brightened Sigma Nu's championship vision with a split-decision win over Phi Kappa Sig's Cook. The 165-pound bout was one of those classic IM toe-toe slugfests which found the balconyites nearly as limp at the end as the boxers themselves.

Rosen Scores Knockdown Other scraps on a thrilling semi-final card found Phi Sigma Delta's Hilly Rosen besting DU's Howie Warren in the 121-pound class. Warren had as much savvy and generalship as you will see in an IM ring, but Rosen's flailing from a wide open stance scored often, including a second round knockdown.

With every wisecracker in Rec Hall predicting the winner, Don Hoffman, Beta Sigma Rho, took a 128-pound decision from Sigma Pi's Ralph Hofmann. The rangy Beta Sig's long left jab kept the Sigma Pi in trouble throughout. After being felled by a looping right in the third round, the Sigma Pi rallied sharply but too late to keep his opponent from the finals.

Sigma Pi Gets Finalist Nevertheless, Sigma Pi still came up with a finalist in Gary Nugent. The 135-pounder scored a unanimous verdict over Dick Evanko, Tau Kappa Phi. Nugent calmly took pot shots at the bull-rushing Evanko or effectively tied him up.

Acacia's 165-pounder John Johnson came off the canvas to wrest a decision from Tau Kappa Phi's Ed Kitika. Johnson was felled by a roundhouse right in the first round but from then on he flurried furiously to take command.

Theta Xi's 1952 runnerup Joe Musial needed a tremendous third round finish to get by DU's Fred Owlett in a 145-pound match. Owlett (Continued on page seven)



—Photo by Ron Hoop

WALLY COOK, 165-pound IM boxer from Phi Kappa Sigma, grimaces from a left chop to the chin thrown by Sigma Nu's Steve Hagy. Action took place during a fierce toe-to-toe slugfest semi-final yesterday in Rec Hall. Hagy took a split decision to gain a spot in tomorrow night's finals to be held at 8:30 p.m. in Rec Hall.

### Intramural Basketball

Eighteen of the 49 fraternity intramural basketball teams have embarked upon the second half of their seven game schedule. In doing so, they have also entered that crucial stage where each game will determine the final outcome. Five of the six leagues were represented at nine games played Monday night at Rec Hall.

First place in league A was thrown into a tie when Phi Gamma Delta came through with a 32-24 win over Sigma Alpha Mu. Phi Gam's Richard Packer led the scorers with 12 points on five fielders and two free throws. The winners now have three victories and one defeat, as does Sigma Chi.

Phi Sigma Delta took over first place in league B via a 28-14 victory over Tau Phi Delta. Donald DeVorris scored 10 points for the Phi Sigs as the losers went down to defeat for the fourth straight time.

Sigma Nu increased its win streak to four games as Delta Tau Delta was humbled, 27-15. Delta Upsilon, led by Jim Garrity, who poured 21 points through the net, also captured its fourth win, a 41-22 walloping of Theta Xi's. The loss was Theta Xi's first.

An overtime basket by William Wallis gave Sigma Pi a 29-27 decision over Phi Mu Delta. Tau Kappa Epsilon bowed before Alpha Chi Rho, led by Robert Seitz who garnered 12 points.

Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Epsilon Pi rolled to their fourth straight wins over Alpha Chi Sigma, 44-18, and Phi Delta Theta, 40-24. Delta Chi trounced Sigma Phi Alpha, 23-10 as Charles Stachel of Delta Chi led the scoring with 10 markers.

On a clear night, the average person may see about 3,000 stars.

### Purdue, MSC Game Is Voted Upset of Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—October 24, 1953, Michigan State's 1952 national football champions were rolling along on a 28-game winning streak, the nation's longest.

Purdue, fumbling and inept at the start of the season, had been beaten four times. So they met on Purdue's home field; final score, Purdue 6, Michigan State 0.

That was the most astounding of the many upsets during the 1953 college football season in the opinion of the nation's sports writers and broadcasters.

Out of 279 experts casting ballots in this section of the Associated Press season-end poll, 143 picked Purdue-Michigan State as the No. 1 upset. Fifty-nine others rated this game second and 27 gave it a third place vote for a total of 574 points on the usual 2-1 basis.

The season's first big upset, the 25-19 decision scored by underdog Mississippi Southern over highly-regarded Alabama, came in second in the voting with 60 first place ballots and 238 points. The late-season surprise, Houston's 37-7 thumping of Baylor, ranked third with 21 firsts and 189 points.

### Gregal Gets Special 'S'

A special "S" was awarded to Alex Gregal for his three years of service as the fur-clad Nittany Lion that trod the sidelines at Penn State football games and other athletic rallies. The award was made in recognition of "faithful and devoted service to your alma mater."

### Malinak on North Team

Don Malinak, Penn State end and co-captain, has accepted an invitation to play for St. Holcomb's North squad in the North-South Shrine game at Miami, Fla., December 25. The Steelton youth is 6 foot 1 and weighs 195 pounds.

### Relations Club to Show Film on Foreign Policy

The International Relations Club will present a film entitled "A Time for Greatness" at 7:30 tonight in 316 Sparks.

The film is produced by the American Friends service committee and depicts the Quaker viewpoint towards U.S. foreign policy. The movie will be moderated by Elton Atwater, associate professor of political science.

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