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## **Undefeated Sophomore Grappler Has** Theta Xi Swimmers Story That Tops Fishermen's Tales Win Opener, 27-13

## By DEAN BILLICK

Fishermen like to tell their stories of the "big one" that got away, but State's unbeaten sophomore grappler Bob Haney has a tale that could match any of them. And like the fishermen, it's the story of the big one-that he just missed "landing." It runs something like this. As

a freshman at Canonsburg (Pa.) High School, Haney surprised everyone by making the varsity team. Coach Andy Puchany didn't expect much of his aggressive little 112-pounder, but the in-experienced Haney muscled his way through to a victorious see. way through to a victorious seasón.

HE ENTERED the post-season tournaments and fought into the sectional finals where he lost a referee's decision in overtime.

The next year Haney swept through sections, districts and re-gionals. The sophomore flash, who had moved up to 120, wres-tled his way into the state semi-finals where he met State College's two-time state champ, Dick Tressler, With five seconds to go in their bout Haney got called for stalling and lost a heartbreaking 4-3 decision.

As a junior Haney again grappled his way into the state tour-nament held at Rec Hall. Again the opponent was Tressler and this time the prize was the state championship. The two fought to a 0-0 draw in regular time, but Tressler managed a point in overtime to again deny Haney the home during one of the tourna-

championship. The next year everycne was expecting a rematch of the Haney-Tressler bout. Haney did his part but Tressler had trouble in the semi-finals and lost to rela-tively unknown Carl Fraley. WITH TRESSLER out of the way, Haney was at last expected to land a title. Lady Luck, how-ever, wouldn't co-operate and fin the final minutes to win the schools all coming at the operation of the top and the tressler bout. Haney did his ments and he sold me on State." As a freshman last year Haney swept-over everything that got in his way. He won the eastern 130-pound frosh title at the West Point tournament by beating four of the top eastern fieshmen. And he won all four of his dual meets to give him an 8-0 record. THIS YEAR HANEY came out for the varsity with the task of beating out the regular 130-pounder. Tony Scordo. The Lion in the final minutes to win the sophomore won this battle and then set about to win six more, argent the sold me on State."

in the final minutes to win the bothmer, rony scordo. The Lion 127-pound crowr, 3-2. • The big wrestling schools all coming at the expense of State across the country weren't fooled by Haney's misfortunes and offers poured in for his services He narrowed the list down to Pitt. Michigan and Penn State before here. "Michigan was too far away. Pitt was too-close, and State had the campus," is the way Haney explains his decision. "Ridge Ri-thad a fot to do with me coming here because I had stayed at his or set about to win six more, all coming at the expense of State opponents. The Lions have four more bouts remaining with VPI, Syracuse, more Haney will go fishing for the big one. This time he'll be after the J30-pound Eastern Col-legiate championship. Haney isn't making any predic-tions, but he' has his fingers crossed. "It's the attitude that counts and I'm going in there with the idea that I can win." Surely, sometime the law of





BOB TANEY

Led by Bill Johnston and diver Dave Gay, Theta Xi swept all five events enroute to a 27-13 victory over Pi Kappa Alpha. Johnston won the 60-yard freestyle in 39.3 seconds, and sparked the winning 120-yard relay

team, while Gay won the 60-yard Dave Gay breaststroke in 48.7 seconds, and led all divers with a 20.9 count. • Mike Miller placed first in the backstroke to round out the scoring for Theta Xi.

Mike Sharp and Nick Gedney paced Sigma Phi Epsilon to a 24-17 win over Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Gedney took the free-style in 36.0 seconds, and led SPE's relay team to a 1:08.5 victory.

Sharp won the breaststroke and placed second in diving. SAE's first place tallies came in the breaststroke and diving, with Allen Porter winning the former in divers with a 14.1 score.

The Phi Epsilon Pi-Tau Phi Delta match was the closest of the evening. Going into the relay,

By KEN DENLINGER Theta Xi, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Epsilon Pi recorded opening meet victories as IM swimming got underway last eve-ning at Glennland Pool. Lad the final event of the contest, Tau Phi Delta held a 20-16 lead. However the Phi Ep, relay team of Garry Brooks, Alan Selbst, Ed Pachtman, and Lee Robins breezed to a 1:07.4 win to provide the necessary margin for a 21-20 the necessary margin for a 21-20 victory.

> Brooks also won the breast-stroke in 46.7. Bill Berkowitz scored Phi Ep's other first by copping the backstroke in 46.0. Dave Bauers' 35.4 win in the freestyle and George Leavesley's victory in diving paced Tau Phi Delta.

> "While there were some good times recorded last night, the boys still need extra practice and conditioning to develop top form, Dutch Sykes, Director of IM's, said after the meet.

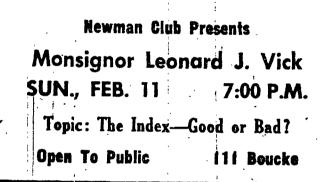
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Religion shouldn't be a political issue, says Richard Nixon - unless a candidate has no religious belief." in this week's Post, Robert Bendiner challenges this attitude. In "The Voice of Dissent," he claims that agnostics can be more moral than churchgoers. And points out that some of our greatest patriots didn't believe in God.





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