

State Intramural Program Began As Organized Class Brawl

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(This is the first in a series of three articles on the Penn State intramural program. Today's story covers the early history of IMs on this campus.)

Penn State's intramural sports program, that mild-mannered, mammoth organization which involves one out of every three male undergraduate students, began as an organized brawl between the classes.

These "class scraps" as they were called, evolved into the present intramural program, now headed by 'Dutch' Sykes.

It is possible that without IM's, several sports would have had a hard time being founded at State. As Penn State history has it, one afternoon in 1900, two freshmen were tossing around a football when they triggered an idea for a new sport — football.

ODDLY ENOUGH football caught on and next year State was demolished by neighboring Bucknell, 49-0.

However, these class scraps were far from the gentlemanly tradition of Cambridge or Oxford. The games created bonds of class fellowship and eventually the scraps were scuttled in favor of more refined sports. This did not stop the creative minds of the Penn State Physical Education Department from running 18 IM sports though.

The IM program, however, was knocked around until it officially materialized in 1931, under the leadership of Lion football coach, Hugo Bezdek.

After 32 years of operation the intramural program at State is rated among the best in the country.

Along with its development, the IM's have seen some zany events, which were due mainly to the student enthusiasm. In 1950 during a wrestling match, just as one SAE cinched a pin, a fraternity brother leaped out of the balcony in joy.

THE AIRBORNE SAE fortunately had only a slight limp but one player was not so lucky that same year. He assaulted a football referee in excitement and unfortunately that referee was State's Frank Goodman, three-time inter-collegiate boxing champ.

The most confusing incident occurred when two Sigma Nu's were paired for the wrestling finals. After much house debate the Sigma Nu brothers decided that the senior should win. At match time one of the wrestlers wore an ape costume while the other arrived sporting a top hat, tux and monocle. The two wrestled in their costumes with the gentleman beating the ape.



ALL-AROUND SPORTSMAN: 'Dutch' Sykes, director of the intramural program at Penn State, gazes at the trophy given to the fraternity that compiles the most points in intramural competition during a year. In today's Collegian is the first of a series of three articles on State's IM program which now covers 18 sports.

Eastern Coaches Hail Settlement Of Track Feud

NEW YORK (AP)—Eastern college track coaches hailed the AAU-NCAA peace settlement yesterday and prepared to send athletes back into the previously-black-listed indoor campaign.

"We are all delighted that this agreement has been achieved by Gen. Douglas MacArthur," said the Army coach, Carl Crowell.

"It is great news for the boys. They're anxious to get back into open competition."

Crowell's words were echoed by George Eastman of Manhattan, Artie O'Connor of Fordham, Steve Barthold of St. John's and Howard Bulger of Iowa at the weekly track luncheon of Metropolitan Track Writers.

The next big meet is the Toronto Maple Leaf Games Friday, to be followed by the Boston A.A. meet Saturday.

Asa Bushnell, director of the Eastern College Athletic Conference, said he mailed a letter yesterday to the some 90 member institutions withdrawing a Jan. 3 edict restricting competition.

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IM Results

Paddleball

Berkowitz, Phil Ep	Zook, Epsilon Phi
21-4, 21-3	
Hua, Alpha Sig Phi	Sumpter, Acacia
21-7, 21-5	
Casper, A. C. Sigma	Golden, AEPi
21-11, 21-11	
Stocket, Phi Sig Kap	Miller, Triangle
21-6, 21-3	
Weigert, AGR	Tedrow, L. C. A.
21-16, 13-21, 21-12	

Bowling

League D

Lveoming	8 Newmann Club	0
Clearfield	1 Lancaster	7
Walnut	1 Berks	1
Nittany 39-10	0 Carbon	8
Bucks	2 Lyons	6
High Series, WILLIAM OTLEY, 564		
High Single, WILLIAM OTLEY, 206		

League E

Washington	2 The Hi-Five	6
Esso Bees	8 McKean	0
Drifters	4 Arm-tong	4
Syenmore	2 Hancock	5
Larch	6 Peolar	2
High Series, PETE PATIL, 219		
High Single, JAMES STANKO, 516		

League F

Linden	8 Jordan II	0
Mifflin	8 Nittany 43-11	0
Columbia	0 Franklin	8
Loenst	4 Nittany 31-32	4
High Series, ED BUCKO, 514		
High Single, ED BUCKO, 201		

Fraternity

Acacia	0 Triangle	8
Phi Sig Delta	5 Sigma Chi	3
Theta Xi	5 Phi Sig Kap	1
Pi Kap	6 Delta Phi	2
Theta Chi	4 Theta Delta Chi	4

Pirates Sign Two

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates said yesterday they have signed first baseman Donn Clendenon and southpaw pitcher Bob Veale to 1963 contracts.

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