

Rec Hall's money: the right to know

"The (Cornell) University's intercollegiate program seems at times a fiscal cousin to the United States Pentagon. No matter how widely inflated the budget for athletics may appear, to question it is to be automatically labeled a spoilsport, an egghead, a pansy... If it turned out that slashing football's \$200,000 budget would enable the university to cut the dormitory rents or the price of a cheeseburger at Noyes Center, perhaps the slash should be made. But all of this, of course, entails a confrontation of the assumption that a lavish athletics program is critical to a university's strength and prestige. And that's not unlike opposing the latest glittering missiles system. It's an uphill fight all the way."

—The Cornell Daily Sun
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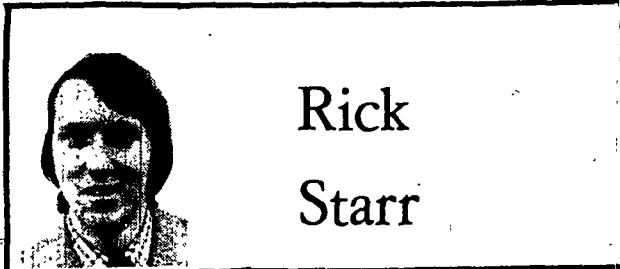
Throughout the history of higher education, the place of athletics, and lately intercollegiate athletics, has been challenged by the academic community. The eye of this hurricane is the educational value intercollegiate athletics has for its participants, but the girth of the storm is, not surprisingly, money.

As a rule of thumb—and there are exceptions—the degree of tolerance by the community reflects directly on the financial success of the athletic program.

As another rule of thumb—and there are fewer exceptions—only the largest universities now escape deficit situations. And a projection into the future only finds more inflationary and recessionary dark clouds.

Robert Scannell, dean of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and head of the Penn State Athletic Department, agrees that the very existence of intercollegiate athletics rests with the academic community.

More specifically, Scannell points to a social pendulum of student interest that dictates the ranking of nonessential university activities such as athletics. Stan Kenton used to be



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the campus rage, now it's Joe Paterno. But there's no getting around one inconsistency in all of this, and it's evident at Penn State: the limited information available to the university community concerning the financial facts of its athletic department.

Why not public disclosure of athletic department finances? An argument against public disclosure is that the cost of providing the information would exceed the possible benefits. Scannell disagrees, stating the cost would be next to nothing.

The possibility that the information would be unassimilable to its readers also exists, but Scannell also said that was not a danger.

"What Scannell fears is the maw of the public, the scrutiny and reaction this information would generate.

"This raises questions of how deep do you go, in what sense are you hiding something, and are you just initiating more problems?" Scannell said. "You are then in a position to question everything... It's a question of need to know, right to know, and practical efficiency. Does it increase or decrease output?"

Scannell said it would bog him down with an unreasonable amount of new questions, since even total disclosure leaves questions unanswered.

Although all athletic department administrators feel eminently capable to efficiently run their programs, public

disclosure would reveal any financial deterioration of the program, as well as clues on how to correct it.

The public deserves the right to know, particularly the information concerning indirect subsidies, and Penn State's athletic department is using indirect public subsidies.

Public disclosure would also immediately reveal the dependence of the program on alumni contributions, or TV and bowl money.

Making the records public also can be negatively justified. Even though every athletic department undergoes external and internal audits, the threat of public exposure might further check abuses.

If big-time athletics is to become a lasting part of American universities, it must become philosophically consistent, and there is nothing a university stands for and seeks out more than the truth.

Dean Robert Scannell



Baseball

Mets belt Bucs

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP)—Dave Kingman belted a three-run homer to help the New York Mets whip the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-0 yesterday in exhibition baseball.

The Mets' starting pitcher, Randy Tate, allowed only one hit in four innings, and Jerry Cram and Mac Scarce completed the three-hit shutout.

Kingman's homer, which came in the first inning off losing pitcher Ken Brett, followed singles by John Stearns and former Pirate Gene Clines. Stearns also

belted a two-run homer in the ninth off John Moreland.

Brett was removed from the game later in the first inning after reporting a "snap" in his throwing elbow. Brett underwent surgery on the elbow after last season, but a Pirate spokesman said yesterday's discomfort was not serious.

The Mets also scored in the third and fifth innings on RBI-singles by Clines and Cram to boost their lead to 5-0. An error by Pirate third baseman Richie Hebner yielded another Met run in the eighth.

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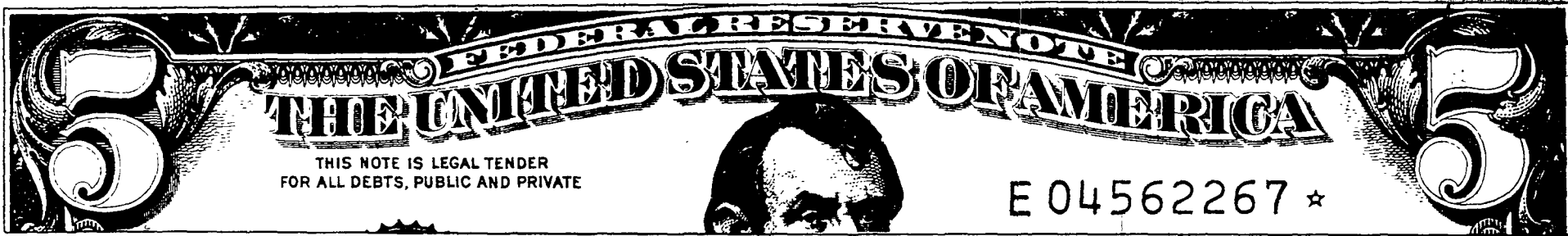
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Ali not sure of next opponent

CLEVELAND (AP)—A subdued Muhammad Ali said yesterday he wasn't sure when he would next defend the heavyweight championship. But speculation was that his next fight would be a major one.

"I'll fight in eight weeks against Joe Bugner the European champion," Ali had said after his mismatch victory against Chuck Wepner Monday night at the Coliseum.

But Ali, who was in such a quiet mood he did not hold a day-after news conference, said at breakfast yesterday, "I don't know if I'll fight in eight weeks. I'm sore."

"Ali's thinking of the big fight—Frazier or Foreman," trainer Angelo Dundee said.

While Ali said he did not expect to fight in June, in another breath he talked of a bout against Bugner in Chicago's Soldier Field as a giant tribute to the late Elijah Muhammad—a fight for the masses with \$25 tops. Promoter Don King said,

however, that nothing definite had been decided along that line. He agreed with Dundee that there is talk of going for the "big fight."

"If Ali fights Bugner, it would be in June," King said. "But a bout with Joe Frazier or George Foreman would not be staged until the fall."

A third fight against Joe

Frazier could bring Ali as much as \$10 million, twice the amount he earned when he regained the title by knocking out George Foreman in Zaire last Oct. 30.

He got \$1.5 million against Wepner, whom he knocked down and stopped with 19 seconds left in the 15th and final round of a fight which

was dull much of the time.

Ali had maintained he wasn't in top condition. And he did fight as though he were saving himself, doing little in the first eight rounds.

Wepner went to a hospital after the fight to have a cut on his left eyebrow stitched and cleaned. He later returned to his hotel.

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