

University boxers a lost breed; trophies just gathering dust

By RICH VIVONE

Boxing must be a rotten sport. It must be an odorous profession. It must be hell.

People are afraid to get their kisser smeared by someone other than their doly. Maybe it is because people are too beautiful these days.

It has to be something because nobody wants to put the mitts on anymore. The gloves and the punching bags are rotting in some hole in the university. They have become rusty with lack of work and have stale odor like bad meat. They sit, waiting impatiently for a job opportunity in a country where work is not scarce.

What happened to the kids who used to dream of far-off places and groggy heights of success? Where is that lad who took a look at a vision and saw himself, hands raised high in the gesture of a conqueror, standing as king of the racket? What about the kid who sought riches with his fists and health through effort. Have we no dreamers or workers?

NO BOXERS

We obviously have no boxers—which is the combination of a worker, a dreamer and a battler. They are a lost breed.

Again, where have the boxers gone? I don't know. Neither does anyone else. They seem to have fled with the new age of beautiful but fragile people. Fat people too.

Boxing is dead everywhere. At this university too. It has given way to the more arty pastimes like judo and wrestling. These are great sports that take time and dedication and guts plus an amount of physical prowess and ability.

FINE ACTIVITIES

Take nothing away from these other forms. They are fine activities. I admire the participants



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and envy the accomplished ones.

Now again, what happened to boxing?

A man once said boastfully that he could kill a man in three seconds using only his bare hands. (It is sometimes hard to resist the temptation, he added.) This brutality of man annihilating another with minimum effort must be a direct result of the muscle ads where a guy drops another guy who once kicked sand in his face. That is fine and wonderful. It happens in dreams.

The trend is to maximum results with minimum effort and no boxer is good without yielding gobs of sweat and delightful beatings.

Ernest Hemingway used to box. One time, in a back room bout with Canadian author Morley Callahan, he was cut on the lip. Hemingway sucked in the blood for a few rounds and when the chance was there, he spit the whole works in Callaghan's mug. Hemingway liked to think he was a battler which is a prerequisite for Boxing 100—a course now not offered at this academic palace.

Historically, the last around here was in 1950. A guy named Ed French who did not fight with his feet or his mouth won a best boxer award. It's still here though the spirit is gone.

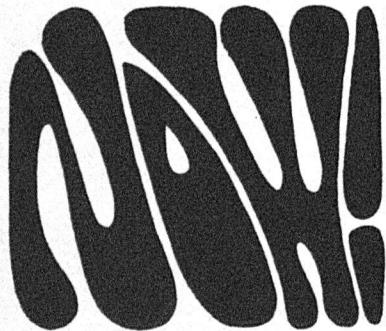
The awards were dealt to the most pugilistic of Western Canada boxers on the university level. They went to the school who won the most, which is not uncommon in an age where winners develop super egos.

NO ONE CARES

The strange part of this business is that no one cares about them anymore. Not the trophy which rates a periodical dusting or the force involved to make them a mantle-piece worthy of some recognition.

One more time. Where have all the boxers gone? They are in the beer parlors, in the class rooms, in the labs, on the streets, in the gyms, at pot parties, with babes, with wives, without recognition, without fat lips and in the depressing new cafeteria.

They're gone and they don't want to come back. It is not because talent is unavailable. It is not through lack of facilities.



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Bears, Stags to battle for Little Brown Jug

The Little Brown Jug is up for grabs this weekend.

The U of A Golden Bear Rugged squad tangles with the U of C Stags tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. at Varsity Grid in the first game of a home and home series. The second game will be played Oct. 21 in Calgary.

The Stags have won the trophy for the last two years and the Bears have their eyes on it. Last year the Bear rugged team ended up with the Little Brown Jug only after using some questionable methods to retrieve it. This time the Bears will take lawful possession of the trophy.

Coaches Ernie Puil and Doug Sturrock arranged two tune-up matches this past week. On Saturday the Bears beat the Druids, a city team, 11-5 and then lost to the Edmonton Tigers 8-3, Monday night at Coronation Park.

In the Tiger game, the Bears were ahead 3-0 at half time on the strength of a try by Sturrock but ran into second-half troubles. The Tigers' eight points came on a try and a penalty kick.

"We made too many mistakes", said Puil. "We don't have the experience and as a result we lost the scrums but held our own on line-outs".

Sturrock and Puil are hoping to take their charges to Vancouver, Oct. 12-15, for games against Simon Fraser and the University of British Columbia.

Also in the offering is a proposed Western Intercollegiate Rugged League. Teams would come from the University of Calgary, The University of Alberta, Western Washington State, College, UBC, Simon Fraser, the University of Victoria, the University of Washington, and possibly the University of Saskatchewan.

Teams would play 10 or 12 games each year. The U of A would play as many games at home while

the weather permits and then make a coast swing.

The league is still in the organizational stages. The biggest stumbling block has been the financial aspect. Puil estimates that it would cost \$1,500 to support the team, \$1,000 for travel expenses and \$500 for uniforms.

Rugger, the original university sport, has a large following on the coast. In recent years crowds of 5,000 have shown up at championship matches between UBC and the University of Southern California. Rugger is slowly growing in Edmonton, but as yet is hardly noticed on campus.

The rugger match will be played before the football game tomorrow afternoon starting at 12:30 p.m. on the Varsity Grid. Admission is free for all full time students.

It would be nice to see someone join the reporter and the photographer in the stands.

Seniors down U of A bowlers

The argument was settled.

The Edmonton Seniors are better bowlers than the WCIAA champions from the U of A. Both men's and the mixed team went down to defeat during a special exhibition match during the official opening of the Varsity Bowling Lanes Tuesday.

After SUB General Manager Marv Swenson threw the opening ball the WCIAA champions were in trouble.

Tom Campbell led the Senior men with a three game block of 759. Ian Fraser had the high single with 332. Dwight Anderson had the high triple for the U of A with a 643 and Frank Hanlon took the U of A high single honors with a 263.

Isla Dotto led the mixed teams with a 687 triple and a high single of 271.

The Varsity Bowling League officially opens Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. Lanes for "open" bowling will be closed during league times.

Molson's announces scholarship winners

The trustees of the Molson Hockey Scholarship Program in Alberta have announced the names of twelve winners of 1967 scholarships.

The awards are made on the basis of academic achievement, hockey proficiency, and good character. The program is sponsored by Molson's Edmonton Brewery and will cover the cost of tuition fees for first year university.

Three Edmonton students are included in the 1967 winners. They are Douglas Cebryk, Donald Hickey, and Dennis Stephen. All will be attending the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Three other recipients will be attending the U of A. They are Donald Manning and Barry Robinson of Red Deer and L. Bruce Hinkley of Ponoka. The six other winners will be attending the University of Calgary.

Mr. Zemrau said the Molson Hockey Scholarship Program was the first of its kind to be introduced in Canada. "The primary purpose of the program is to enable boys to further both their academic careers and carry on with their hockey interests in Canada," said Mr. Zemrau.

Remember

Beginning this year, free admission to all regularly scheduled university athletic events for full-time students ... Rugger at 12:30 p.m. and football at 2 p.m. at Varsity Grid tomorrow.



A BOWLING TWO-SOME ... Cathy Willetts and ball