

ONCE POPULAR AT UNB

College Boxing Extinct

In the latest issue of 'Weekend Magazine', Montreal sports-writer Andy O'Brien wrote an article called "Lets Ban Boxing For all Amateurs", with the foreword "With Our Colleges Showing The Way."

O'Brien described the death of 22-year-old Charles Mohr, Jr., a University of Wisconsin senior, as being "a knockout blow to intercollegiate boxing in the United States."

In Canadian Colleges, boxing as a sport is nearly extinct. A short time ago, McGill, one of the few major colleges that still had boxing on its athletics pro-

gram decided to suspend boxing for at least one year. The official reason was given as "Due to lack of interest", but the director of athletics at McGill, Harry Griffiths recommended the suspension because of the constant possibility of injury.

The Weekend conducted a national telegraphic survey of colleges and the answers were simi-

lar across Canada. Reasons for not having boxing ranged from Johnny Metras (University of Western Ontario); "Discontinued boxing 10 years ago. We are trying to put knowledge into their heads, not knock it out", to Dick Moriarty (Assumption University of Windsor). "The chance of serious injury is too great".

O'Brien described the situation in the Maritime colleges as follows; "Through the East boxing is 'out' at the University of New Brunswick, Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown, at Nova Scotia's St. Mary's (Halifax), Acadia University (Wolfville) and Saint Francis Xavier (Antigonish) where it was banned after a long period of domination up to 1948-49".

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At UNB, the last year for boxing was 1952. The 'beak busting' sport was extremely popular here particularly in the late 40's. The large influx of former servicemen provided the basis for a five-year domination of Maritime intercollegiate boxing. Previous to this, Saint Francis Xavier University had held the title for several years.

Never Banned

At UNB the sport was never banned or dropped because of injury. It died a more or less natural death in 1952 when a lack of interest dictated the music. As a part of the Athletic program, boxing dated back to 1930. W. W. (Bill) Laskey coached and instructed the boxing team on a part-time basis from its early days at UNB until the arrival of Amby Legere in 1946.

During those years and until the cessation of the sport in 1952, UNB competed against St. FX, Mount Allison, Nova Scotia Tech and Dalhousie University for Maritime intercollegiate boxing championships.

Mr. Legere stated that when he first coached boxing at UNB in the middle 40's, there was too much "professionalism" apparent in the sport. Eight ounce gloves and no head guards were the common equipment. Through Amby's efforts, rules putting the emphasis on skill and safety were introduced. UNB was one of the few, if not the only university in the East, to have a regulation padded mat for the ring floor.

Today, amateur boxing is conducted under strict rules; head-guards, 16 ounce gloves, three two-minute rounds and properly padded ring floors. However, Mr. Legere stated that in both his coaching duration of 6 years and Bill Laskey's 15 years, no serious injury was ever suffered by any of their boxers.

Amby Differs

Mr. Legere, Assistant Director of Athletics, differs from the majority of his counterparts in other Canadian colleges on views concerning boxing. Amby says, "Boxing is a manly sport and I would like to see it revived. Revived under the proper conditions. These conditions would involve, foam rubber padding for the ring floors, head guards, heavy gloves, padded corner posts and some method of weeding out boxers that are physiologically more susceptible to head blows".

Boxing is a tremendous spectator sport and for this reason

Kelly Opens Varsity Hockey Camp

UNB Red Devils' coach Pete Kelly, held his first practice session last night at the Lady Beaverbrook Rink. With 15 hold-overs in camp, newcomers are expected to have a tough battle for berths on the Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey Champions.

The services of only four players were lost from last year's squad; defenceman Galen Parent, centre Henri Girard, right wing-

er Ed McLellan, and rightwinger Frank Barteaux. Ned Reid and Dave Inch will battle for the starting goaltending job while Bill McGillvary, Gord Tweedie, Bob Haines and Don Morrow (defencemen); Bob Soward, Tom Jarrett, Ron Andrea, George Oke, Norm Bolitho, Francis Hughes, Dick Clarke, George Cloutier, and Currie McCarthy (forwards) all former Varsity players last year or the year before, are working out.

The Column . . .

the issue in the first place, will display its usual spirit by sending three house members to the debate . . . to be outdone by Jones House with four and the Maggie with one hundred and fifty. While the affirmative will be dressed in their best, the negative will come in their going-to-class clothes, if indeed they wear any at all. A bitter, cat-calling, vicious and rabble-disturbing debate is expected . . . if not downright obscene. So come along and bring your rotten eggs . . . wrapped in copies of the Brunswickan.

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would probably enjoy a tremendous popularity if revived at this university. Revival would prove difficult however with no competition available. Considering the number of deaths and injuries that result from boxing, the sport is perhaps "better off" extinct.

Giving Mr. Legere the last word, "Boxing under the proper conditions can be as safe as any sport today".

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INTRAMURAL HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Red Division

November 20th

1.30	Senior Engineers	vs	Science 34's
2.30	Faculty-Grads	vs	Arts
3.30	Physical Ed. 34's	vs	Business Admin. 234's
4.30	Intermediate Civils	vs	Freshman Civils

Black Division

November 21st

9.00	Business Admin. 21's	vs	Freshman Engineers E34
10.00	Senior Civils	vs	Foresters 23's

FIVE PIN BOWLING STANDINGS

"A" Division

	Won	Lost	Pts.
Intermediate Foresters	6	2	6
Engineers 54	4	0	4
Soph. Phys. Eds.	3½	4½	3½
Soph. Mechanicals	3½	4½	3½
Intermediate Civils	3	1	3
Arts 21	3	5	3
Jr. Foresters "T"	1	7	1

"B" Division

Jr. Foresters "S"	7	1	7
Soph. Foresters	7	1	7
Geology	4	4	4
Int. Mechanicals	3	1	3
Freshman Foresters	1	3	1
Soph. Engineers	1	7	1
Junior Civils	1	7	1

HIGH INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Gary Shaw (C.E.4)	203.3
Chafe (For 4)	202.3
R. Winegar (M.E.4)	199.6
R. Smythe (Eng. 45)	193.3
R. Cyr (Mech. 4)	189.3
LeRoy McGinn (P.E.2)	187.2
High Single — LeRoy McGinn	261
High Three — Oldham	624

HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 3rd:— St. Thomas at U.N.B.
 Friday, December 9th:— U.N.B. at Colby (Waterville, Me.)
 Saturday, December 10th:— U.N.B. at Colby (Waterville, Me.)
 R.P.I. Tournament At Troy, N.Y.
 Wednesday, December 28th:— UNB vs Princeton
 Thursday, December 29th:— UNB vs Harvard
 Friday, December 30th:— UNB vs R.P.I.
 Monday, January 2nd:— UNB at Yale (New Haven, Conn.)
 Saturday, January 21st:— UNB at S.D.U.
 Friday, January 27th:— S.D.U. at UNB

Saturday, February 4th:— Mount A. at UNB

Saturday, February 11th:— UNB at St. Thomas

Friday, February 17th:— UNB at Mount A.

RINK SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 15th:— 6:30 - 8:00—Varsity Hockey
 Wednesday, November 16th:— 8:00 - 9:30—Varsity Hockey
 9:30 - 11:00—UNB General Skating
 Thursday, November 17th:— 6:30 - 8:00—Varsity Hockey

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