Henderson's Comments

BY EDWIN B. HENDERSON

For the NNPA News Service

Ever so often, some homosexual athlete gets in a jam and makes the sports pages. Recently a great tennis star was convicted and sentenced for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Most people think homosexuality is incompatible with an athletic career. Many parents believe that if their sons go in for sports, their sex life will be normal. In part, this is true but not entirely.

Nature does not make a purely male nor a purely female animal. Originally life was hermaphroditic. Along a frequency scale, you will find the most masculine and the most feminine in the male sex and vice versa among females. Secondly masculine or feminine traits vary in degree. Boldness, pugnacity, strength and pursuit are generally attributed to the male. Tenderness, emotionalism, daintiness, less strength and a clinging nature are among the many characteristics of the female. Yet many a strong virile manly type may exhibit the weaknesses or emotionalism we ascribe to the feminine.

Fortunately most men are toward the masculine end of the scale and women toward the other. However, in society there are many, too many, of the neuter gender.

Competitive sport and a love for vigorous athletic sports and companionship go a long way toward the maintenance of normal sex behavior in boys. Ladylike or effeminate boys should be encouraged to engage in the rough and tumble of play life with normal boys. Mothers should encourage such participation in sport and avoid mothering or too sheltered living for their sons.

Of course, for the man or woman whose organism contains too many of the other sex's germ plasm or cells, it may not be possible that they develop heterogeneous sex tendencies. But much of homogeneity in sex is acquired and not inborn. The history of inmates in houses of correction or shelter homes where in early life the members of one sex live show an abnormal amount of homosexual development. This is acquired.

It will also be true that homosexuals will be found to enjoy working with and prefer being with members of the same sex. In fact, they will avidly seek this relationship. And, of course, some of them will contribute to the "delinquency of youth." Nevertheless, we still believe athletics is a means of keeping our boys normal males, even if occasionally some homosexual athlete gets found out.

Fayetteville Upsets A. & T. College Quint

GREENSBORO — The A. and T. College basketball squad went into a slump last week as they suffered defeats at the hands of Fayetteville State College and the West Virginia State Yellowjackets on successive nights.

Last Tuesday night February 11, an inspired bunch of Broncos made the trek from Fayetteville to Greensboro and bucked their way to an easy victory over the Aggies in one of the major upsets of the season. A few weeks ago the A. and T. aggregation romped to an easy 76-45 triumph over this same outfit in their own backyard. But last Tuesday, it was a different story, for the Broncos, paced by their classy forward, Phillip Parker, who tallied 16 points, took an early lead which was never seriously threatened.

LOSE TO W. VIRGINIA

The following night a fast breaking West Virginia State quintet put on a fast half scoring spree, after being held 15-16 for the first period, to hand the Aggies a 51-34 setback for their second loss of the week. Spearheading the Yellowjacket attack were their two sharpshooters, Lloyd and Wilson who accounted for 12 points each in the contest.

TONY DAVIS SHINES

In both games the plucky little Anthony (Tony) Davis, A. and T's sensational floorman, continued to lead the Aggies, scoring 14 points against the Broncos and posting 11 in the West Virginia State contest. The Aggie spark plug from Southport, has scored 174 points during the current cage season.

DORSEY LAY WINS 10-ROUND FIGHT

Baltimore, Md. (NNPA) — Dorsey Lay of Philadelphia won a unanimous decision over Charles Millan here last Monday [illegible] a fast ten-round bout that saw Lay pile up a big lead in the first four rounds.

After Lay won the first four rounds, Millan, of going and outpointed his Philadelphia opponent in the fifth and sixth only to have Lay come back and win the seventh, eighth and ninth. The tenth was even with both fighters standing toe to toe and slugging it out.

Lay weighed 142 pounds, Millan, [illegible]

HOWARD IN 53-42 WIN OVER SMITH U.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — Trailing by three points at half time, Howard University's Bisons staged a second half rally last Friday night at Turners Arena to defeat Johnson C. Smith 53-42 in a CIAA conference tilt.

The victory gave Howard a .500 rating in CIAA conference standings with six wins against six losses. Booth led Howard's attack with five goals from the field and four free tosses for 14 points. Washington was high for Smith with 10 points.

To Meet Saints Friday — The Shaw Bears who will take on the Saints of St. Augustine's College Friday night February 21, in Smithfield, are pictured above. From left to right they are, seated, Luther Lassiter, James Walker, Leroy Ball, Kenneth Anderson, and Louis Raiford; kneeling, Alfred Shields, Edmond Cheek, Donald Ford, Gerald Redd, L. W. Hickerson, and Thomas Evans; standing Rozier Wair, Edward Todd, John Goodrich, Emmet Elliott, and Robert Barksdale.

Negro College Football Should Take A Leaf Out Of Track History-Book

By William O'Shields for ANP

"Yes," is my answer to the question asked, [illegible] short-cut to changing the double standard in Negro College football?" Although, I must add, I do not place too much confidence in short-cuts because the job of reducing the standard to a single standard is a large undertaking and in my opinion, it should be done scientifically.

[illegible] Southern Negro colleges followed the "hit and miss" road and came out with their colors flying. As a [illegible] I might suggest that the individual football teams take a page out of the track history-book if they cannot get cooperation they need from their respective conferences.

As late as 1933 the southern schools had a double standard in track. The Tuskegee Relays, the Prairie View Relays [illegible] [illegible] individual track [illegible] [illegible] a successful track season irrespective of the comparative times made in their events.

It was in 1933 when I went to Tuskegee as track coach and assistant football coach. I was fresh out of the University of Minnesota with those western conference standards in [illegible] my mind, anxious to take my track teams to compete in the Drake relays at Des Moines, Ia., and the Pennsylvania Relays in Philadelphia.

To make a long story short, Major Abbott, athletic director at Tuskegee and who, in my opinion has done more for athletics in Negro schools than any other man, saw the future benefits of the proposed plan and helped us to get sufficient money to pay for our automobile fuel and food to Philadelphia and return.

So in April 1934, I took four [illegible] boys, competing for their first time in big-time relays to the Normal School Mile Relay championship event.

Our team placed fourth in spite of their baton - dropping-episode, which wasn't bad, considering the schools they were competing against. But in our thinking, it was not so much what place we took as the fact we had started. [illegible] that was the beginning which changed the track goal in the Southern Negro Colleges. Instead of the Tuskegee and Prairie View relays being the end in themselves, they were only a means to an end.

The next year we not only entered a relay team but two [illegible] as well. In 1935 we [illegible] [illegible] and two [illegible] That was our peak [illegible] Elliott won the [illegible] 100 yard dash at the Drake relays, [illegible] 100 yard dash at the Kansas Relays, the National Collegiate 100 yard championship, and toured Europe [illegible] as a runner with the American AAU team. In [illegible] Allen Seten placed second in the National AAU Decathlon championship.

In 1941 the Tuskegee mile relay team composed of Upshaw Sams, Lewis State, Metcalf and Raymond [illegible] scored a double victory in the college mile relay and normal mile relay championships within [illegible] minutes of each other. A nice climax for four senior boys who had only started their track career four years previous to that time.

How did Tuskegee's entry into these big relays in the north affect the other southern schools? After a little prodding the other southern schools began to send teams to the big meets in the north. Sam Taylor, then at Prairie View, carried his relay team to the Drake relays and later to the Pennsylvania relays; next Ralph Metcalf, who was coaching at Xavier University in New Orleans, carried his teams to the Penn relays; later, Coach Long of Wiley College entered a sprinter in the National AAU meet in Philadelphia; next Coach Cruter, a newcomer to Southern University, entered a high jumper in the N. C. [illegible] championships; and Dave Albritton, then at Alabama State Teachers College, entered his famous [illegible] splitter in several meets.

Smuggy Hursey KO's Brodt

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — The largest crowd of the local indoor boxing season watched Smuggy Hursey, Henry Armstrong's hard-hitting middleweight, knock out Howie Brodt of Utica, New York at Turners' Arena last Tuesday night in the second round of their scheduled ten-round bout without working up a sweat.

Brodt wound up in his own corner taking the final count after Smuggy had dropped him for a count of nine a moment earlier.

Brodt had a good first round, hitting Smuggy in the [illegible] [illegible] of the spectators cheered him on. He scored with good shots to Smuggy's midsection and landed three stiff punches to Hursey's head.

It was different in the second round, however. Smuggy bounced out of his corner bouncing and weaving and landed a hard left hook on Brodt's nose and the beginning of the end was in sight. Three more hooks dropped Brodt and he barely made it up at the count of nine.

Smuggy stalked him and measured him for the kill as he rose. Three more lefts and the ex-marine was finished.

The net gate was $4,788 contributed by 1,901 fans.

By T. MELVIN

BUDDY YOUNG SUSPENDED

Chicago, Ill. — (NNPA) — The Central Association of the National Amateur Athletic Association suspended Claude Buddy Young for one year last Tuesday night for violating the rule which prohibits an amateur athlete to solicit employment for gain in return for his athletic services.

Lyle Foster, chairman of the Central AAU Basketball committee, which denied Young permission to play in the Association's basketball tournament now in progress, announced the suspension.

Dan Ferris, executive secretary of the AAU, said last Monday that Young automatically became ineligible for amateur competition when he announced his intentions to play in an all-star football game for which he would have received money. The game, of which champion Joe Louis was a backer, was to have been played at Los Angeles but was cancelled.

According to AAU rules, Young may be reinstated after one year since the game was not played and he was not paid. Ferris said if Buddy waits the required year he will have plenty of time to get into shape for the Olympics in '48. Young had announced his intention of entering some Chicago school next fall and preparing for the Olympic games.

HOWARD CO-EDS PROTEST BUS SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — Howard University coeds protested an arrangement by university officials whereby all girl students living on the campus must travel to inter-collegiate basketball games at Turner's Arena in a special bus provided by the school, it was learned last Wednesday.

The ruling grew out of an incident following a recent basketball game at the arena where hoodlums attempted to force two Howard coeds into a car on Berry Place, two blocks away from the university as they walked to the school following a game. The two girls fled to safety and several male Howard students who came to their rescue were also put to flight by the ruffians.

The coeds said that the chartering of a bus to take them to the off-campus games has not solved their problem. One student said difficulty was experienced in keeping male students off the bus on the return trip to the school.

The Howard gym is not large enough to accommodate the student body at basketball games.

ALLEN U. HOLDS FOOTBALL BANQUET

COLUMBIA, S. C. — Dr. St. Elmo Brady, President of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and head of the Department of Chemistry at Fisk University was guest speaker at the annual football banquet for the Allen University Yellowjackets on Friday evening, January 31. Dr. Brady emphasized the constructive influence that athletics have on those who participate in them. He stated that athletics develop obedience, loyalty, dependability and intelligence as they give the athlete [illegible] with a responsibility to himself and to his teammates. The toastmaster was Prof. R. L. Peguese, Athletic Director at Allen. Other remarks on the program were made by President S. R. Higgins and Coaches Lawson and Nelson.

Captain Leroy Frazier of the 1946 squad presented his successor for the 1947 campaign, William Chappelle Boyd of Spartanburg, S. C. Boyd is a junior who has gained a great deal of renown for his handling of the center position.

Thirty Yellowjackets were honored with sweaters and letters for their part in carrying Allen thru a successful season. The Allenites triumphed over foes both in the CIAA and the SIAC and were officially recognized as the champions of the Southeastern Athletic Conference for 1946.

This affair was attended by over one hundred-fifty people including the team, their guests and supporters among whose ranks were many former stars of the Blue and Gold.

BEARETTES DOWN WEST VA. STATE

RALEIGH — The Bearettes handed the West Virginia State girls a sound 32-15 defeat in the Johnston County Training School gym Friday night. The West Va. guards by doubling up on Bonnie Briley were able to hold Shaw's high scorer to 10 points for the night. Coach Stevens moved the sharp-shooting forward in a guard position part of the time. Jessie Johnson and Bonnie Briley shared scoring honors with 10 points each. Martin was high scorer for the Yellow Jackets with 7 points.

RACE PLAYER TEAM WIN 60 STRAIGHT GAMES

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (ANP) — The remarkable record which Allentown High school has made in winning 60 straight basketball games under Coach Jay Birney has forced the spotlight upon that aggregation as probably being the best high school outfit in the country.

The star of the team which is in a section of the country where there is no segregation in schools, is a white boy, Center Bill Wanish, who reverses the usual rule. Wanish has hands so large he can palm a basketball in either of them. The next most valuable player is Elmo Jackson, the lightning fast colored forward. The two make a combination hard to beat and both were also regulars on Allentown's football team last fall.

BEATING THE GUN

BY ALVIN MOSES

1947 NOVELTY — JOE LOUIS BOOED

NEW YORK (ANP) — MEXICO, land of opportunity for many Americans who like their tamales hot (also their tomatoes) and their cellars quick, has been a storm center for Yankee baseball magnates. Associated Press reports reveal that the 12,000 boxing fans who watched the heavyweight boxing king Joe Louis, rhumba thru 15 two-minutes rounds with the Chilean champion, Arturo Godoy, last February 7, in the 60,000 seat bull ring at Mexico City, booed lustily towards the end after viewing the first three rounds in mute silence.

It was reported that after Louis received $55,000 and the shifty Godoy $10,500 little less than a bag of peanuts was left for the heartsick promoters. Apparently the "Mexicans" did not go for the ballyhooed first contest of Louis' Latin-American tour. Directly after the exhibition, and it was surely nothing else when one remembers that pillows scaling 14 ounces adorned the fighters' hands, the champion and his handlers took a plane for San Salvador where Louis was to spar with Walter Heafer, one of his camp workers.

The Bomber weighed 213 while Godoy tipped the beam 3 pounds less. The "kiss of death man" won five rounds, the sixth and eighth (unofficially) going to Godoy with the first three cantos tallied as even-Stephen.

MELTING POT

BILLY ARNOLD is justifiably sick of the N. Y. DAILY MIRROR reports that have appeared (unauthorized) in the column of my friend DAN PARKER. . . . My trusty operative, K-433, reports that Arnold will be spared any more of these upside down fables from now on. . . . Incidentally, we believe Arnold's nice Buck was smashed a bit in a crash and that his Philly friend whom he has permitted to drive him of late, will no longer have the assignment.

BOB MONTGOMERY's whaling at the hands of TONY PELLONE out Detroit way the other night, has caused his stock to drop sharply with fans who journeyed from Harlem to Philly to watch the "Bobcat" all but murder classy WESLEY MOUZON. . . . Funny thing, trying to dope these prize-fights, eye chum? . . . FIRST, the classy IKE WILLIAMS, called by many oldsters the counterpart of "Old Master" JOE GANS, got his lumps from young GENE BURTON, and his arch-rival (how they hate each other) MONTGOMERY, winds up behind that 23-year-old spoiler, Pellone, in a contest that saw thousands of dollars change hands.

ROCKY GRAZIANO, will be given a clean bill by Abe Greene, NBA chieftain which merely goes to justify the line I used in both of my columns called . . . "THESE DIVIDED STATES OF AMERICA," whether you refer to boxing laws, state statutes or countryside justice as you will or may.

LEVI JACKSON, a real "ambassador of sports," has at last cleared up that flunked-in examinations situation which brought to light a phony named Chandler Hawkins, allegedly responsible for the hoax that palmed local sportsmen like FRITZ POLLARD, ROY MORSE, PETE WHITE, BOB (Uncle) DOUGLAS, DR. ARDANEZE DASH, and scores of other men we've talked to directly during the past fortnight.

It was sad enough to check correctly on the news that LLOYD LaBEACH, sensational West Indian track star of Wisconsin University, has been ruled ineligible for Big Ten indoor track games competition due to poor class marks. . . . Jackson has passed his exams and will continue to shine for YALE and COLORED AMERICA.

ALVIN'S ALMANAC POINTERS

WHEN I SAID RAY ROBINSON was headed for trouble by the release of the Ted Poston article in the N. Y. Post, a fortnight ago, (one of Sugar Ray's more fanatical admirers, shot daggers in my direction. . . . Somehow, readers, that is the way a fella is rewarded who states the facts honestly and clearly — isn't it a laugh? However, LEWIS BURTON, N. Y. Journal-American writer, wrote on Sunday, February 9, the following: "Ray Robinson, welterweight champion, will be without counsel when the time comes for his questioning by Chairman Eddie Eagan and Dr. C. B. Powell, member of the state athletic commission, according to GEORGE GAINFORD, his manager.

"It is Robinson's contention that the $25,000 offer to him to make weight for the Servo fight was not to enter into a sham or collusive contest, and that it was — only conversation. The similarity between the Graziano and Robinson positions is embarrassing to the welterweight champion. He, too, seems in for trouble."

There is somebody else's opinion for the townships and parishes to mull over, folks, I throw it to you for all it is worth until the time when the CZARISTIC ATHLETIC COMMISSION makes public its stand on our Ray's newspaperspill.

ELMORE (The Wonderman) HARRIS, not only beat invincible HERB McKENLEY, West Indian superman of the cinders, a fortnight ago, he came on Saturday, February 8, at the Boston A. A. Games (58th running) and handed the licking I predicted he would to AL GUIDA (white) Villanova collegian in a whistling 1:12 Hollis 600. Not since the palmy days of the late JOHNNY BORICAN and LONG JOHN WOODRUFF, have I seen a powerhouse racer the equal of Harris, ex-Morgan college student and Shore Athletic Club, N. J. representative.

Amstrong Renegs On Fight In D. C. Jim Crow Arena

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Henry Armstrong has reversed his decision to stage the Hursey-Arnold fight at Uline arena on February 20. The former triple champion, who is now managing Smuggy Hursey, apparently was "tricked" into signing a contract for Hursey to meet Arnold at the sport center under the pretense that the once existing boycott had been lifted.

Armstrong was greatly disturbed when he arrived in Washington a few weeks ago and found that Uline was still being boycotted by the citizens of this city because of discrimination practiced there in prohibiting Negroes from attending any sports events except boxing.

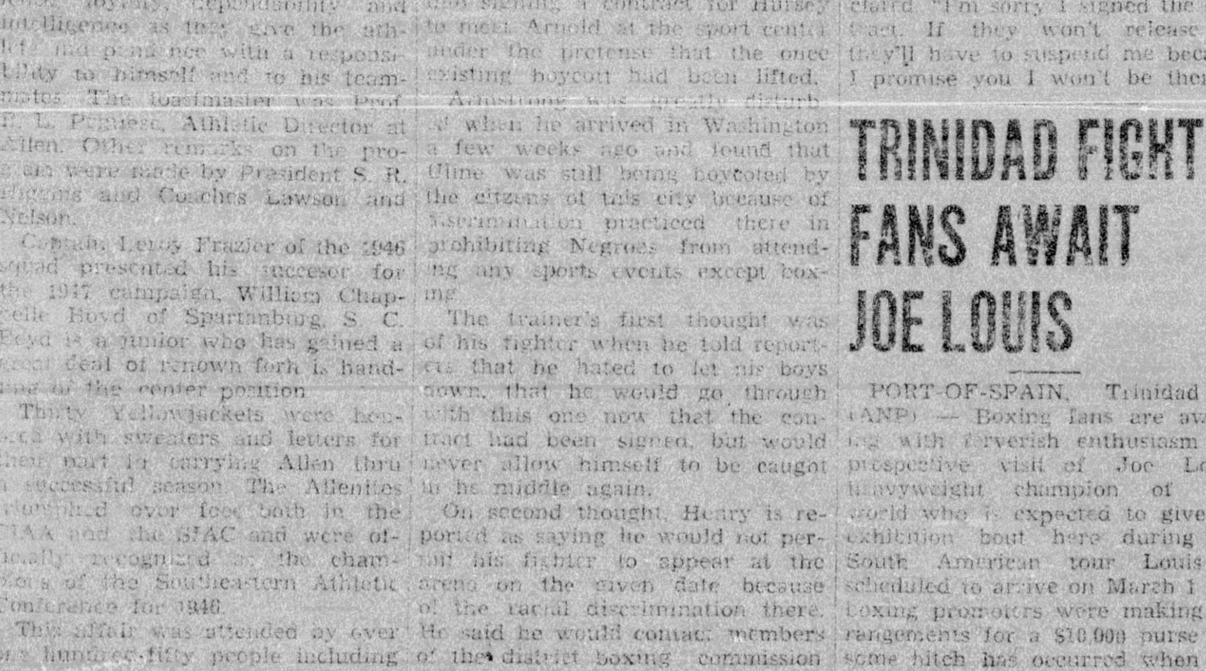
The trainer's first thought was of his fighter when he told reporters that he hated to let his boys down, that he would go through with this one now that the contract had been signed, but would never allow himself to be caught in the middle again.

On second thought, Henry is reported as saying he would not permit his fighter to appear at the arena on the given date because of the racial discrimination there. He said he would contact members of the district boxing commission and ask for a release from the contract, but if they wouldn't release it he and his fighters just wouldn't show up. They might suspend him, he asserted, but it was better being barred from fighting indefinitely than having anything to do with discrimination or segregation.

"I just can't do it," Henry declared. "I'm sorry I signed the contract. If they won't release us, they'll have to suspend me because I promise you I won't be there."

TRINIDAD FIGHT FANS AWAIT JOE LOUIS

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad — (ANP) — Boxing fans are awaiting with ferverish enthusiasm the prospective visit of Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world who is expected to give an exhibition bout here during his South American tour. Louis is scheduled to arrive on March 1 and boxing promoters were making arrangements for a $10,000 purse but some hitch has occurred when the financial secretary said that $10,000 was too much money to leave the colony.



Speakers table at Allen banquet: Seated left to right are: Coaches W. W. Lawson and T. B. Nelson, Athletic Director R. L. Peguese, Dr. St. Elmo Brady, Mrs. E. D. Higgins and President S. R. Higgins.

BREEZY

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