Betas finish one-two in wrestling
By Joel Hemmelstein

Betta Theta Pi swept to their second straight intramural wrestling championship last weekend with Steve Bash '68 and Tom Chen '68 taking the titles. The Bettas "B" team finished second in a tie with Sigma Alpha "A." Utilizing depth and skills, the Bettas placed eight men in the finals, including both co-captains in the 198 and 220-pound brackets. Betta "A" totally outdistanced their "B" counterparts with five stars while the B team amassed 51, Pi Lambda and Beta Theta ties with 38.

FPL takes 113, 112
Marvin Mondschein '68 (FPL) popped five championships in a row with a clutch finish for the team championship with a first period pin over Tim McGinnis '71. Eight-pound heavyweight "A" trounced the 165-pound class, grabbing the medal from Beta Leo Talon '71 by a decision. Gary Gut '70 (FPL) put up a steady six-pound lead over John Silva '71, Beatty, and maintained his hold until the end in the 220-pound class. In the 198-pound bracket, Steve Biehl '70 (FPL) outcompeted the meet's outstanding wrestler, marched through all competition in the division and walked away with the championship over Bob Takahashi '69 (FPL). At 165, George Stellinger '70 edged Fred Ediger '71 (ZBT), Fellow ZBT Tom Haler '70 outpowered the only dislike (DZT) in the 165-pound category.

The Bettas monopolized the 198 and 220 brackets where the "A" team opposed the "B" team for the gold medal. For tactical reasons, the meet's hosts were given the advantage and were the No. 1 seeds. At 198 Don Pryor '68 and Tom Chen '68 completed the final seven pounds heavier.

Burton, Math score wins in first round of IM Bridge

Favored teams Burton and Math, respectively, rolled to the first round of the Intramural Bridge tournament, handing experienced teams "B" and Pi Lambda Phi 'B" resounding losses. In the Senior House "A" event, top teams Senior House "A" atop Phi Sigma Kappa, and Delta Tau Delta, where Burton was placed. At 160 Don Pryor '68 and Tom Chen '68 composed the final seven pounds heavier.

Photo by Jim Finke
Steve Biehl '69 (BTP) works for a pin in the finals of the 135-pound class against Bob Feinberg '70 (FPL). Biehl won the match and placed second in the 135-pound Olympic class.

How They Did

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Despite a fine team effort, several individual lapses led to a 6-5 loss for the ruggers at Fairfield's Saturday. The Techmen were faced with a more proficient player than the play due to the peculiar nature of the field. Atell, diagonally from one corner of the 189yard square area to the other. The nature of the weather for the past few days made playing in this highly unpredictable environment, with a resulting drop in the quality of the rugby played.

Yuri Apse scored Tech's lone try. After Tom Baxter took the ball out of a set scrum on the five and was tackled, he subaquently dropped the ball into the end zone, where Apse fell on it for the score. Tom Fertman played his usual fine game for the Techmen, and John Crawford scored both goals for Fairfield.

The ruggers may compete this season in the seven-a-side tournament in New York over Thanksgiving giving the opportunity to face some of the nation's best. The season will then浓缩 in the spring.

Cagers confronted with tough rebuilding season

By Paul Baker

Whenever a basketball team loses six of its first seven men it has to hurt. It's the fate which faces Tech coach John Barry. After two excellent seasons, winning eighteen and nineteen games, Coach Barry is plagued by that nomenclature of all mid-seasons, graduated.

Concerning this season, Barry is slightly pessimistic. After experiencing tremendous height and experience, he is forced to start men with some difficulty with bigger men. To combat this, Coach Barry plans to use a press and a man-to-man defense. The team has a lot of speed and a strong scoring record. Barry and Jansson are heavy, and they will continue to grow. The team is set to move in the rebound. The engineers open their season December 1.

Barst at center

Alex Bash '68 is likely to be the Tech center. Another returning letterman, Bash has been considered action but was not a starter last season. Lacking, other, experienced tall, Bash Barry may go with three guards, Bruce Wheeler '70 and Steve Wheelock '70, and two outstanding forwards on last year's freshman squad and Steve Feinberg '70 have been playing forward.

Barry is concerned by his lack of board strength. Also, a senior transfer student Lee Kammerdiner. Barry may have some difficulty with bigger men. To combat this, Coach Barry plans to use a press and a tight man-to-man defense. The team has a lot of speed and a strong scoring record.

Some questions have arisen recently about the allocation of time in the Athletic Department's facilities. Specifically, it has been, members present in the past to allow 35 basketball teams to reserve courts in the Armoury for practice.

The face of this would appear to be relatively harmless, by when one considers the fact that there are 70 teams entered this year, it becomes absurd. There are full courts in the Armoury, with one run in the Cage. However, the latter is virtually unusable due to the dirt of varsity practice.

Time analysis

Considering the possibility of class conflicts and dinner schedules, there are roughly 36 practice hours available per week, or 352 hours. This is slightly over two hours per team per week. But, it can be acknowledged that many teams practice three or four days a week. This means, simply, that some living groups will suffer.

What can be done about this? The obvious answer is to expand the athletic facilities as soon as possible. However, as was pointed out in this column earlier this year (September), this will not be possible until the fall after future.

Solution proposed

A growing sport such as intramural basketball, through varsity, over means available, find room to accommodate the increasing numbers of participants. There is one solution that has not been played yet which merits consideration. If teams were allowed to only reserve half court, the effective time would be doubled, still leaving room for practice. The only purpose a full court can serve is giving a team the chance to run in to get in shape. A substitute for this could be five lanes around the floor after each game.

Problems growing

If something is not done this year, the problem will merely have to grow. The above plan, or one which does the same job, should be implemented as soon as possible to allow for future expansion of this sport.