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Boxing, a popular sport at the University in the 1920s, will make a brief reappearance on campus tonight as the Intramural Boxing Championships take place in McArthur Court at 6:30.

Although inter-fraternity boxing championships have been held for the past 13 years, tonight's tournament marks the first time the bouts have been open to all students. Twenty-eight students are expected to vie for titles in seven different weight classifications.

The tournament also revives Mac Court's association with boxing. University archivist Keith Richard said Mac Court was the site of a Jack Dempsey exhibition bout in 1927 that set Northwest boxing attendance records.

This year's tournament, sponsored by the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, will also act as a fund-raiser for the Children's Miracle Network. Tickets for the event are \$3 at the door.

Promoter Sean Meurisse said safety will be a

high priority throughout the evening

"Every boxer will be wearing headgear and fairly large 16-ounce gloves," Meurisse said. "We will have a doctor present, and the Eugene Boxing Association will be closely monitoring the bouts."

Some top boxers expected to participate include previous inter-fraternity champions Steve Wright in the middleweight division and Brian McLendon in the bantamweight division. Several other participants have amateur ring experience and train with the boxing club, which is sponsored by the Eugene Boxing Association.

Boxing was a popular intercollegiate sport in the early twenties at the University, often drawing more spectators than basketball or track. Interest waned in the thirties, but the sport made one more brief comeback after World War II.

Even after Oregon dropped the sport for good in the late forties, collegiate boxing remained a huge success in the East. Negative public opinion finally ended collegiate boxing in the early sixties.

King of the court Kirner captures crown

Oregon tennis sophomore Lee Kirner picked up his second consecutive all-Northern Division award from the Pacific-10 Conference on Tuesday.

Kirner, playing No. 1 singles again for the Ducks, compiled a 15-17 mark and has a two-year record of 34-32. Last year's team MVP also has a 26-23-1 doubles mark.

As a freshman, Kirner tied the school record with 19 victories. The former Laguna Beach High School standout won three Pacific Coast League crowns.

Kirner joined Brian Brost of Washington State and Washington's Chet Crile, Inaki Marti, Manuel Marti and Mark Tomandl on the all-conference squad. Washington's Doug Ruffin was again named coach of the year, and Crile repeated as player of the year.

In other Oregon men's tennis team news, the Ducks will host a spring tournament for members of the community during the first two weekends of May at the campus courts. Adult events will played May 1-3, and the junior events will take place May 8-10.

Entries are available at the athletic department office at the Casanova Athletic Center. En-

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tries for the adult events are due with Oregon men's tennis coach Buzz Summers by Friday at 5 p.m., and the junior events entries must be in by May 1 at 5 p.m. Entries may be returned in person or by mail.

The tournament, a United States Tennis Association-sanctioned event, is a fund-raiser for the Oregon men's tennis team. Players must provide their own balls, and token awards will be given out to winners and runners-up in all events.

For questions, match times or additional information, call Summers at 346-5476.



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small electric utility building located at the base of a power pole.

A short distance past the utility building, follow a dim path/road leading to the right to a small turnaround. The view extends west, taking in all of Oakridge and Hills Creek reservoir. The rugged mountains of the Salt Creek canyon loom to the east, and snowy Diamond Peak dominates the southeastern skyline.

One word of caution: Keep an eye — and more importantly an ear — out for motorcycles on the Flat Creek trail. These machines have left their marks along the entire trail, and you wouldn't want to meet one head on. The motorcycle always wins.

Also, stay on the trail and avoid cutting short the switchbacks. Past hikers have obviously done just that, forcing U.S. Forest Service employees to lay brush and fallen logs to block the shortcuts. Such measures detract from the scenic quality of the trail, and taking the short way doesn't save that much time.

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