



Sport Talk

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Sports Editor

Once upon a time there was a terrible mismatch. With a single stone shot from a sling, David killed the Philistine giant named Goliath. History tells us that David was a mere lad compared to the older and much bigger Goliath. But never-the-less David emerged as the victor. Sometime in October history will have a chance to repeat itself, when Muhammad Ali enters the ring against WBC heavyweight champ, Larry Holmes.

Ali will be the underdog for the first time in his long boxing career. At 38, Muhammad is believed to be far over the hill. Many boxing experts now say that Holmes is probably the most underrated heavyweight champ since Ezzard Charles. Although Holmes is not a devastating puncher, ala Joe Frazier and the late Sonny Liston, he is a crafty ring merchant who relies heavily on his great boxing skills.

Many of these skills were learned through his many years as Ali's sparring partner. The wise money will be of course on Holmes to win by decision. And although Larry Holmes claims that he will hurt "the old man," don't believe that. Believe instead that Muhammad will be ready and when he's ready no one will destroy him whether he's

38 or 48.

What Ali does possess is tremendous pride, and a heart that's immeasurable, and on top of all that, he's undoubtedly the most intelligent boxer, ringwise, ever to lace on a pair of boxing shoes. Is Ali too old? Remember Jersey Joe Walcott was 38 when he won the crown from Charles. I don't know if Ali can after a two year layoff.

But whatever happens, it will be much tougher than Holmes anticipate, and if he's not at tip top shape, then he's in trouble. Because you can believe Ali will be.

Muhammad has always gone the distance no matter how tough the battle. He never gives up. That's spelled H-E-A-R-T, and that's an ingredient that you can't develop, you're born with it. He'll be in great shape and that can be attributed to pride. Then, perhaps this time, David (Ali) won't slay the giant (Holmes) but believe me it will be a good one.

Another good one will take place in Detroit this Saturday when the undefeated Tommy Hearns take WBC welterweight champion Jose Cuevas. Cuevas will remind some of WBA champ Roberto Duran. Same style, bullish, always the aggressor, pressing from beginning to end. But

Hearns is a tremendous puncher. Standing 6-1 he's usually 5 or 6 inches taller than most opponents and he is so tough.

Portland boxing fans will miss a chance to see probably the best welterweight in the business, Tommy Hearns. The fight will be shown Saturday, August 2nd, on closed circuit TV and Portland is one of the few major cities that won't carry it. Like Mt. St. Helens, Hearns should erupt somewhere between rounds 11 or 12. And with the same force, should lay Cuevas to rest.

The 1980 Olympics being held in Moscow, and boycotted by President Carter, has turned out to be one of the zaniest in the annals of the Olymaids. Some Third World countries have shown up with athletes as accomplished in their sport as I would be in putting together a nuclear missile.

Imagine a 6-2, 154 pound javelin thrower who tosses his spear end over end, all of 118 feet. But also hard to imagine is a non-Black winning the sprints. The 1980 Olympics produced a white sprinter to win both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. This might not happen again in the next 200 years, if ever.

Tennis Tournament aids Cancer Society

The Second American Cancer Society Benefit Tennis Tournament sponsored by the Clackamas Community College Recreation Office is expanding this year to state-wide competition, according to tournament officials.

The tournament, scheduled for

August 8-10 at the CCC tennis courts, drew 75 participants last year, according to Paul Fiskum, community recreation supervisor.

The fees are \$10 for singles and \$7.50 per player for doubles. Players are asked to register by July 31. Registration forms can be at-

tained through the CCC recreation office.

Matches will run from 6 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. First match times will be available by calling the recreation office at 657-8400, extension 211, August 6 and 7 between noon and 5 p.m.

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Surprise!

For three years in a row family members of Matthew Akom have paid surprise visits from his native country, Ghana, West Africa.

The first to visit was his oldest brother, Aaron Akom, formerly an urban planner with the Office of Planning in Albany, New York, under the late governor, Nelson Rockefeller. He is currently a professor of Architecture and Planning at the University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.

Two years ago, his father, Joseph, a retired businessman and land-owner left Ghana for the very first time on a personal odyssey to visit his progeny in Germany, England and the U.S. Matthew had

not seen his father for over fifteen years and needless to say, it was a very moving six-weeks reunion.

Last Thursday there was another surprise around the corner in the form of his sister, Mrs. Agatha Osei-Tutu, in a visit to Portland. She is a businesswoman who shuttles back and forth between London, England and Ghana on a monthly basis. Although she frequently calls Matthew from London, she decided to pay a surprise visit to the West Coast.

"As an example of a modern African woman, I was impressed with her ability to juggle three careers of mother of five children, wife to a very successful

businessman and a seasoned global trader," Akom said. "She shares the family traits of independence, adventure and freedom."

"My initial joy of this visit was translated into a call to the house of Mrs. Geneva Jones, my adopted mother and a quintessential hostess, for some of her excellent cooking. Later on, we got a welcome relief from the past hot weather with a dip in the swimming pool at the Broussards, a fine Oregon family.

"She left for London on Tuesday.

"I'm wondering what is the surprise for next year. Perhaps...?"

The Observer will return for an update.

Draft registration: "Be informed"

By Stephanie Cole

What is the current response to the draft registration? Recent reports from Selective Service concerning draft registration indicates that people aren't taking the registration seriously. Such names as Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Edward Kennedy and Jimmy Carter have been signed by draft registers. While this charade of "What's my name" has anti-draft groups and individuals quackin up, the Selective Service isn't amused. Furthermore, they are not about to accept defeat into their registration efforts.

It is your God given right to refuse draft registration but in the same acknowledgement Selective Service feels that it's your obligation as citizens of the United States to register. If you do register for the draft your standing in good faith with the government will be secured. But you may have to forsee the fact that you could be taking human lives if you were sent into war. For those individuals that don't register, while your conscience may be at peace you may still have to face the hot penalties of draft resistance.

Failure to register for the draft is considered a criminal offense, in which you are subjected to a possible fine of \$10,000 and a possible five year prison sentence. Because of the limited options concerning draft registration, people often feel as if they're jumping from the skillet into the frying pan. This next question may put some individuals at ease. What is the actual percentage of draft resistance cases prosecuted?

According to CARD during the Vietnam War, 250,000 men never registered and nothing happened to them. Another 210,000 were accused of violating the draft law and less than 10% of these cases were brought to court. The national average of cases never prosecuted during the Vietnam War was 89%. CARD has further noted that recently, Selective Service has

streamlined the draft, so fewer cases can be thrown out on technicalities.

There may be some validity in the assertion that the more resisters the government has the less chance you have of being caught and prosecuted. On the other hand, since the government is receiving draft registration again, one can expect a few rainbow trials of all races, religions and status, getting convicted with the full penalties.

It's difficult to say whether or not you'll be prosecuted, or what the government has in store for you. It's best to keep in mind that if you're unlucky you could end up being "one of their naughty kids courting in the show place lounge of the judicial system."

Deferments are basically divided into three classification: those who have medical problems; those who are involved in any area of the divinity; and those who suffer extreme hardships. According to CARD during the Vietnam War almost half of the men called up were excused for medical reasons. Whether or not these medical excuses were authentic or premeditated calculations doesn't matter. What matters is the fact that they made sure their problems were properly documented. CARD has noted that student and married exemptions no longer exist, and if you're a divinity student be sure to have all necessary information concerning you, properly documented.

Deferments guaranteed to minorities are a very small percentage as compared to deferments granted to whites. Part of this reason is due to the fact that the military has a reputation for keeping minorities and the poor within the draft circle. And part of the reason may be due to the kinds of members on the draft boards. However, the Selective Service has taken steps to insure a more equal and fairer treatment of minorities and the poor.

The last remaining exemption

from the armed forces is being classified as a Conscientious Objector. There are two kinds of (CO) classifications. If you are a complete pacifist and you object to participating in war in any shape, form or reason, then your classification is recognized by the military. A Selective objector would only fight for his country if his country was attacked. This is a very honorable position but unfortunately, the government does not provide any deferments or exemptions.

The best way to receive the Conscientious Objector classification is to prove your sincerity and honesty beyond all reasonable doubt. It might be easier to think of your situation as being guilty until proven innocent. You only have ten days to file for a CO classification if you are drafted. Begin thinking and documenting your claim right now.

Also, CARD provides counselors to give information and assist you in filing your claim. While you're filing your claim seeking the aid of doctors, ministers, lawyers and previous Conscientious Objectors would be helpful, especially since their language and experience is more negotiable with the Selective Service anyway.

If you are granted a deferment or CO classification you are still required to do two years of alternative service, usually in a hospital, civil service or government institution.

One important note to keep in mind is, to be informed of any update concerning draft registration in the news media or by the Selective Service.

The important aspect is to be informed on all issues that affect you, not only do they affect you, but they might affect generations and future life to come.

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