

UO Grass Burners Draw Suspension

EUGENE (AP)—The six University of Oregon students who burned the 12-foot high letters "U O" into the Oregon State College football field this week have been suspended, a university official announced Wednesday night.

They may be reinstated, however, by appearing with their parents before another university official, said Dr. K. E. Montgomery, chairman of the university discipline committee.

He also said that Campbell Club, the men's cooperative house where the six lived, had been ordered to pay for repair of the football field. The club also has been placed on probation, which prevents it from taking part in social functions, Montgomery said.

Oregon and Oregon State agreed in 1947 to suspend students guilty of vandalism on campus raids.

The official the students and parents must see to win reinstatement is Ray Hawk, associate director of student affairs who earlier said the six were "pretty good kids."

The six pleaded guilty in Corvallis police court earlier to burning the letters in the grass with gasoline. Free on bond, they are scheduled for sentencing Friday.

Three of the boys are from Douglas County. They are: Michael Bird, 17; Azalea, Gary T. Hubbard, 18; Oakland; and Lawrence E. Mullerkey, 18, Glendale.

Sports In Brief

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOXING
CINCINNATI (AP)—Wallace (Bud) Smith retained his world lightweight title with a 15-round decision over Jimmy Carter.

BASEBALL
PITTSBURGH (AP)—Branch Rickey says he'll step down as general manager and vice president of the Pittsburgh Pirates Nov. 1.

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Sports

NFL College Draft Set For November

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The National Football League will hold part of its annual college player draft two months early this year in an effort to beat the Canadian league to the cream of the crop.

Commissioner Bert Bell of the NFL said Wednesday night that the league will meet in Philadelphia sometime between Nov. 14 and Nov. 28—probably Monday, Nov. 28—to make the bonus pick and select the first three choices.

Bell's announcement came after a Milwaukee Journal sports writer quoted an unnamed league club owner as saying the league would hold a secret draft meeting Nov. 14 and Nov. 28 because of Canadian raids. The unidentified owner was quoted as saying:

"We are sick and tired of Canadian raids on our best college talent. We've had to sit helplessly by in the past, with out draft in January, while Canadian clubs swooped down in late November or December and plucked off, or at least approached, the cream of the crop."

Bell rejected the secret meeting contention, saying, "I sent out a bulletin to club owners informing them of the meeting and specifically stating that an announcement of the early draft would be made to the press at least two weeks before the date of the meeting."

He said the main reason for the early draft would be to offset the possibilities of lawsuits between NFL teams and Canadian football clubs.

HALE GETS BOWL POST
FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—I. B. Hale, tackle and captain of Texas Christian's national champions of 1954, has been appointed one of SMU's representatives to the Cotton Bowl Assn. He fills the vacancy created by the death of Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth Star-Telegram publisher.

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Seals' Batters Led Coast Loop

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The sad sack San Francisco Seals, despite a sixth place Pacific Coast League finish, wound up with the team batting title for 1955, official league statistics disclosed.

Statistician William J. Weiss had to go to four decimal places before giving the Seals the nod over San Diego, .26811 to .26806. Portland was right on the leaders' heels with .2679.

Weiss' statistics confirmed that aging George (Catfish) Metkovich of Oakland was the individual batting champion with a .335 mark and disclosed that only 11 players eligible for consideration topped the .300 mark. The dividing line was .297 times at bat.

Trailing Metkovich were Steve Bilko of Los Angeles with .328; Mike Baxes of San Francisco, .323; Curt Roberts of Hollywood, .321; Vernal (Nippy) Jones of Sacramento, .309; Ed Mickelson of Portland, .308; Artie Wilson of Portland, .307; Carl Peterson of San Diego, .306; Harry Bright of Sacramento, .305; Dick Whitman of Portland, .304; and Earl Rapp of San Diego, .302.

Pennant-winning Seattle, which finished with a .266 team batting mark, failed to produce a .300 hitter. Carmen Mauro and Myron (Joe) Ginsberg topped the club with .293.

On the team level, the Seals surprisingly led the league in runs scored, total bases, runs batted in, two base hits and bases on balls. The reason for their sixth-place finish was reflected in their other departments in which they paced the circuit—left on base and grounded into double plays. They left 1,264 runners stranded, 91 more than the pennant-winning Rainiers.

San Diego collected the most base hits, Seattle the most sacrifice flies, Los Angeles the most home runs and most strikeouts, and Hollywood the most triples, sacrifices, stolen bases and hit batsmen.

FOOTBALL
Gerry Planutis, Michigan State fullback who scored the winning touchdown against Notre Dame was named Back of the Week and Jimmy Phillips of Auburn selected Lineman of the Week in Associated Press poll.

RACING
NEW YORK (AP)—Chevaton (\$9.40) won the \$24,350 New York Handicap at Belmont Park.

SAN MATEO, Calif. & Mister Gus (\$4.90) won the Arthur Sparks Handicap at Bay Meadows.



HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM—Emil Zatopek, holder of three Olympic track records, and his wife, Diana, who holds the women's javelin Olympic record, pause at London airport following their arrival from Czechoslovakia. They will compete in a Prague-London athletic meet. Zatopek won the 5,000 and 10,000 meter events and the marathon in the 1952 Olympic Games held in Helsinki.

Sale Of Seals Still Undetermined

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Hank Greenberg said he hoped to announce definitely Thursday whether he will purchase the floundering San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast Baseball League.

The general manager of the Cleveland Indians issued that statement Wednesday night after a day of conference with baseball officials, accountants and San Francisco banker Jerd Sullivan.

"You just can't do a thing like this in 48 hours," he said.

Another conference could produce a definite "yes or no," he said.

His aide, Nate Dolin, director of stadium operations for the Indians, said a "mass of details" will have to be considered. He listed television and radio rights, taxes and other items.

Joseph F. Cairnes, executive vice president of the Milwaukee Braves, explored San Francisco "as a possible site for a Braves' minor league farm club."

However, Coast League president Claire Goodwin and Damon Miller, president of the San Francisco club, said Greenberg "gets first crack."

Reports of the negotiations say the purchase adds up to approximately \$210,000—\$50,000 owed by the Seals on a bank loan, a \$30,000 debt to the league, \$111,000 in common stock and \$19,000 in taxes.

MEETING SET
The Roseburg Indian Club will meet Thursday evening at the Senior High gym in regular session beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Smith Turns Back Carter's Bid For Title

CINCINNATI (AP)—In as merry a mixup as you'll find in boxing annals, Wallace (Bud) Smith held on to his lightweight championship last night.

Smith, the 26-year-old Cincinnati, halted three-time champion Jimmy Carter's bid for a fourth title. But no one is certain today whether the decision was split or unanimous.

Smith weathered a bruising 13th round, in which he was in rubber-legged trouble all the way, and finished the 15-rounder in good shape. Then the 6,693 paying customers and a nationwide television audience sat back to await the verdict.

Judges' scorecards were collected from Willie Purcell, Joe Blink and Gene Nieschke. The collector handed the cards to Paul D. Cain, chairman of the Cincinnati Boxing Commission, who looked 'em over.

The collector went back to Blink's side of the ring, card in hand, for a hurried consultation. The ring announcer then said:

"Judge Purcell, 143 for Smith, 139 for Carter, Judge Blink, 140 for Smith, 140 for Carter, Judge Nieschke, 143 for Smith, 135 for Carter."

That made Smith the winner on a split decision.

Ten minutes later Commissioner Cain told newsmen he had rechecked the cards and found that Blink's added up to 143 for Smith, 139 for Carter, and that the decision was unanimous.

But Blink, who at 70-odd is the retired city circulation manager of the Cincinnati Times-Star, tossed by stating:

"I don't care how they add it. I voted for Carter, 144 to 140."

That made it a split decision again, but by that time the television audience was watching some other program.

Commissioner Cain observed:

"We must go by the figures on the card. It was unanimous for Smith."

But Blink, still judging two bouts after the main event, was adamant in his declaration that "I voted for Carter, 144 to 140. It's still split as far as I'm concerned."

The Associated Press card gave the fight to Carter by 144 to 141.

No explanations of how the 140-140 draw figure for Blink's card was arrived at, and no announcement of any kind relative to the verdict were made from the ring after the first round of how the judges voted.

The judges awarded the winner of a round 10 points, the loser a lesser amount, and 15-round totals decided the fight.

There were no knockdowns in the scrap, which attracted a gross gate of \$30,441 and a net of \$25,789.33, of which the principals received \$9,000 each in addition to a cut of the television receipts.

Carter, who suffered cuts requiring 20 stitches when he lost the title to Smith last June 29, was cut in the right eye in the third round and fought from the eighth on with the eye closed.

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