

## 55 TURN OUT FOR FOOTBALL

### FALL PRACTICE OPENED BY BIG GANG OF FROSH

Large Turn Out of High School Athletes Taking Hard Nightly Taining

New Yearling Coach Played on Varsity Teams of Past Years at Tackle Berth

Dean Straub has said annually for fifteen years, "This is the biggest and best class that ever entered the University." The venerable Dean is not exaggerating a bit this year; when one glances over the size of freshmen men, especially those already signed up for freshman football. Head Freshman Coach "Spike" Leslie will, without a doubt, have a large number of heavy men out in suits. To offset the slowness bound to come from a number of large heavy men, the coach has also a number of light fast men turning out for the gridiron sport.

#### Leslie is Veteran

At the head of the Freshman football machine, guiding their destinies for the coming season is Earl "Spike" Leslie, a new man at the position of freshman football coach but not a new man to the greater number of students on the campus. "Spike" Leslie is a former Oregon football man having played on the team that met Harvard in 1919. Leslie played frosh football in 1916 but was out of school for two years. These two years were spent in the army and while there "Spike" played company football. He returned to his Alma Mater in 1919 and for the next three years played on the varsity. He played on the line at tackle position and was one of the scrapiest line men that ever fought for the green and yellow. Leslie played his last game for Oregon against the University of Hawaii letters in baseball in 1920, '21, '22 as catcher.

The position of freshman coach is not Leslie's first venture in the coaching line. Since graduation from college he coached athletics at the McLoughlin Union high school at Milton-Freewater. For the past two years he has been head coach at the Eugene High school where he has turned out some championship teams.

Assisting Leslie at first assistant coach will be Richard "Dick" Reed, captain of last year's varsity eleven. Reed played for Oregon for the past three years as tackle and is well versed in the style of football taught at Oregon and should make a valuable assistant to Leslie. It is also planned to have members of the physical education department assisting. The entire number of men turning out will be divided into individual elevens.

According to Coach Leslie the first few days of practice will be devoted to teaching the men the fundamentals of the game. The fundamentals cannot be too strongly stressed, he says. The plan of practice this year is somewhat different than that of former years.

With this new plan in vogue every man going out for frosh football

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### OREGON'S NEW COACHING STAFF



These six men are guiding the destinies of the varsity and frosh teams. Four are new at their present jobs. From left to right: Bill Hayward, grand old man of Oregon Athletics and trainer; Dick Smith, in charge of the entire system as head varsity coach; Baz Williams,

former frosh coach and present head line coach; Doc Stegeman, former Chicago player assisting with the line; Spike Leslie, Oregon veteran, as Frosh coach; and Billy Reinhart, developer of powerful backfield who coaches the backs this year.

### NEW STRUCTURE TO SEAT 4,300

Construction Being Rushed For Homecoming Clash With O.A.C. in November

With the cry "It ain't gonna rain no more" students of the University of Oregon and interested football fans of the state will soon be able to go to Hayward field and witness a football game and enjoy it regardless of the weather. With the construction of the new grandstand on Hayward field where once stood the rustic bleachers, the University will be able to take care of 20,000 football spectators and offering them over 11,000 covered seats.

#### Grandstand Is Unit

Work on the new \$25,000 grandstand was started about the 20th of August by A. Pajunu, contractor of Portland. The work is now being rushed but seats will be provided for spectators who come to witness the Oregon-Idaho game, October 10. According to Jack Benefiel, the structure will be completed for the homecoming game with Oregon Agriculture College on November 14.

The new grandstand, will have a seating capacity of 4,300, and a thousand more than the old grandstand. The new grandstand is a unit of the large capacity grandstand which it is expected will be built within the next two years. This new unit, being built where the main bleachers once stood is to be 260 feet in length and will contain 30 rows of seats. The grandstand is being built in a most safe manner with six steel post used to support the roof. The completed plans of the seating space will be 360 feet long or there are just two and one half more units to go into the structure when completed within the next two years. According to Jack Benefiel, secretary of the

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#### Hayward Says—

The men are still loggy. The beginning of the season with its finds some of them slow and out of condition, but within two weeks at the most they will be in fine shape. The injuries are cured. The men are beginning the year in comparatively good physical condition.

### DR. STEGEMAN HELPS WILLIAMS WITH LINE

In addition to a new head coach the University of Oregon football men will have a new assistant line coach in the person of Dr. Wilson Stegeman, formerly captain and tackle on the University of Chicago football team.

Dr. Stegeman learned his football under Alonzo A. Stagg. Besides playing on the football eleven, he was a varsity man in both football and basket ball at the University of Chicago. At the close of the football season the Chicago man will become a member of the University health staff, as he is a graduate of the Rush Medical college and completed his internship at Santa Barbara Cottage hospital, California, recently. Stegeman had coaching experience after he completed his academic work at Chicago before he entered Rush College.

The new line coach, who will assist "Baz" Williams, head line coach, is big physically and has a pleasing personality. Director Earl said Stegeman was recommended by John L. Griffiths, commissioner of athletics for the Big Ten institutions in the middle west, for the head coaching position at Oregon two years ago before the appointment of Joe Maddock.

Stegeman does not intend to become a professional coach, however, and will become only an assistant to Dick Smith this year because of a special request of Oregon athletic authorities. His career is in the field of medicine.

### BRICK LESLIE SEES VARSITY SCRIMMAGE

Brick Leslie, former center on the Oregon teams in the days of Hugo Bezdeck in '17, '19 and '20 was an interested spectator at last week's football practice. He is coaching Coquille high school this fall.

### MANY STUDENTS ENROLL FOR GYM

Men's Physical Education Department Ready For Increase in Enrollment

The men's gymnasium has been completely renovated and thoroughly put in shape for the year during the summer months. The swimming pool has been cleaned for one of the most popular gym classes. The equipment has been enlarged to take care of the increased enrollment which is expected according to Harry Scott, physical education director. Four hundred new baskets have been added and shelves erected for them. Fifty dozen new complete uniforms have been placed in them.

#### Enrollment Large

The enrollment in the department is far from completed but it is probable that it will reach the 1500 mark before the actual work starts. The enrollment this year is expected to exceed that of last year by at least 15 or 20 per cent. To date 1285 baskets have been issued. Next year it is the hope of the department that the entire enrollment will be using the university equipment for it facilitates the working and does away with crowding.

The physical ability test has been conducted on a large scale for the past week for the benefit of the incoming freshmen, and the results have been surprisingly successful. The complete scores were announced Monday. The department finds that approximately 50 per cent of the aspirants fail to pass the test. It will be given again Saturday. The schedule of six tests a year will be carried out as in the past. Anyone may take the test as many times as they wish. As an later on. The department endeavored reward the higher score the better the grade in the department encourages men to take the test as who fails in the first attempts can have ample opportunity to pass.

Edwin F. Abercrombie, has been added to the staff as varsity and freshman swimming coach and as regular assistant in the department.

Perry Davis, varsity letterman in wrestling, will have charge of boxing and wrestling in the regular classes. He is experienced in both sports. Eugene Richmond, member of the varsity swimming team for two years, will have charge of the pool in the afternoon. Joe Peek major in the department, will handle the pool in the forenoon. Another assistant will be named later on. Frank Reinhart and Walter Fenwick, are assistants in the office.

#### Bill Says—

"Potentially we have a good team. But it will be thru no small amount of effort that it is made into a winning team. Prospects mean nothing for it happens that when the prospects are the best the results are the worst... The strength of the squad is potentially great. It is a question now of how we get out of all concerned, squad, student body and the rest."

### E. R. ABERCROMBIE TO COACH AQUATIC TEAMS

Varsity and freshmen swimmers will be under the supervision of a new coach this year as Edward F. Abercrombie has been selected to fill the vacancy left by Rudolph Fahl, swimming coach last year. Mr. Abercrombie is a graduate of Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts and holds a degree of Bachelor of Physical Education from that institution.

While a student at Springfield, Abercrombie was a varsity swimmer for three years and captain of the team in 1923. He made the 1922 and 1923 as a fancy diver. He placed fourth in the National Individual Interscholastic championship at Princeton in 1923. Graduating from Springfield Mr. Abercrombie took advanced work at Columbia University in New York. Because of his varsity participation at Springfield, he was ineligible for swimming at Columbia but assisted as freshman baseball coach. While attending Columbia Mr. Abercrombie won the Junior Metropolitan Fancy Diving championship in 1924.

Mr. Abercrombie will act as head swimming coach at Oregon and will have charge of varsity and freshman swimming teams.

### SAWDUST FIELD BUILT FOR FROSH PRACTICE

A new football field directly south of Hayward Field is under construction and within a month will be in fairly good shape. The new gridiron will be used by the frosh for practice.

It faces east and west and is covered with sawdust. Forty loads of fine sawdust have been placed on the field preparatory to working it down. The varsity bucking machine has been placed on it so that Hayward Field will not be torn up.

### Dick Smith Takes Helm Of Varsity Squad With Baz and Bill Assisting

Successful Football Season Is Anticipated; Twelve Lettermen Draw Uniforms to Battle for Positions

By WEB JONES, Sports Editor

Dick Smith, taking the helm of the Oregon varsity with the assistance of Baz Williams, line coach, and Bill Reinhart, backfield coach on September 15, found 45 men signed up and out in suits with at least ten more signed up for work later on. The coaches have plenty of material—not 45 green men, but forty-five veterans, more or less, and all three of the coaches are optimistic concerning the prospects for the season.

The problem confronting the three coaches is not that of getting men, but of picking the men they have. These first light workouts and scrimmages are merely the preliminaries to harder work later on and the selection of the best men. It will be no easy job to find the best man in each position. The hard scrimmage as the season advances will bring out the true rating of the men.

### CALIFORNIA HAS VETERAN TEAM

Stanford Has Husky Line But Need of Able Field General Felt by Coach

California Teams Make Coast Stock Rise in Opinion of Experts

By W. L. Parker

When Hughie Fullerton takes his pen in hand and dopes out the season's prospects, it is time for all the doping fraternity to get under way.

Hughie makes one nice remark about Coast football in the current Liberty. "Football on the Coast will be the best in the country this year, and the team that wins the Coast title will be the best team in the country." Quite a change from a few months ago when Coast football was hardly mentioned and the impression was given that the boys out here just kicked the ball around and then hit the showers.

#### Fast Men Out

All of which leads to the California Bears, the team that put the coast on the football map. There are those who say, respectfully that the primary cause of Walter Cramp's death was his seeing so much good football in the 1924 Stanford-California game that he just naturally said, "Great God, this must be football and my Heaven."

#### Golden Bear Wins

California is firmly entrenched, this year, with a veteran team. However, it looks as if some of the veterans will warm the bench to make room for faster and harder hitting men. Left guard, left tackle and left end, may see new faces, and quarter Carlson, of Everett, Wash., might have to step out for young Dick Blewett, former end, and a much faster man.

I recall one game last year when California showed the stuff its teams are made of. It was against the Olympic Club, a team made up of ex-college stars. The club team demoralized the California line with a cross-buck, inside tackle, from kick formation. They made gain

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As the team now stands there is no weak spots in any position. The enthusiasm in the team is high. There is competition, the keenest in many years, and so strong that every man, whether regular or scrub last year, will have to work to hold his position. There are from five to 15 men out for each position, and the best man will get it. The backfield situation is the most certain of the whole team. Bill Reinhart, backfield coach, has three complete and promising backfields working. It is probable that the two, best backfields will be used.

The quarterback position rests between Lonie Anderson, two year letterman, who piloted the team last year, and Fred Harrison, stellar punter, passer and field general of the 1923 frosh. Harrison has been getting off 55 yard punts regularly when he gets his educated toe into action in practice. He is an accurate passer. Parley Stoddard with one year's experience is the quarterback understudy. Dud Clarke and Walt Cushman of last years' Frosh are out for the post also.

At fullback is a crashing powerful human catapult named Lynn Jones, the most consistent yard gainer on the varsity last year. He returned to the campus weighing 185 pounds and with all of his last year's speed. He promises to be the most powerful man in the backfield. Running him a close second is Vic Wetzel, 10 second dash man on the frosh track squad last year. He carries his 185 pounds like a sprinter. Besides that he can punt almost as well as Harrison. Harry

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### Dick Says—

"Back in the old days every girl in the university turned out to watch the team practice in the pouring rain out on old Kincaid Field. Then the Oregon spirit was high. That same spirit is here, the spirit in the student body that made possible the football glory of Oregon, but that spirit has to be aroused. We want every student out to watch the team; to get behind it; to co-operate with the coaches and with the faculty. We want every faculty member to support the team. The coaches may work forever and the men out there may give everything they have, but Oregon's football team this year is in the hands of the students. When they "hop up" that team, when that old Oregon spirit comes back with added force this year, the team will be on the road to victory. Get behind and shove! Do your bit bit, whatever it may be, for the team!"

### Baz Says—

"The men who play on the Oregon football line this fall are going to get there solely on their football playing ability—not on past work, height, weight or anything else. The seven men who play in the line will know they are there because they have the stuff and if they are on the bench they will know someone who has more on the ball that they have is playing. The man who gets out on the field and socks 'em hard and shows that he can do something is the man who is going to play. It makes no difference whether he is a scrub or a letterman. The letterman who played last year have no positions cinched on this team, and they'll lose their jobs if they fail to show the stuff."