

Football Team for Next Year Is Promising

Eleven Letter-Men Will Form Nucleus for 1926 Lineup

"Will Take Time to Drill Style of Play"—McEwan

Fall Practice Will Start On September 15

Football in the spring seems a long way off but the prospects for the varsity next year rose sky high with the engagement of Captain John J. McEwan as head coach. The six weeks session of spring football sandwiched in between the trips which the new coach was compelled to make throughout the state brought out some strength in the turnout with which he will have to work.

"The turnout shows promise of a reasonably good year. Of course we do not expect to win all the games but we hope for a constant and steady improvement from the start of the season," said Captain McEwan concerning the work for next year.

Schedule is Hard

The schedule is the most difficult one that has been lined up in many years. The plan of the captain will try not to fall down on the others. He will endeavor to bring the team to a peak for particular games.

"We have a good nucleus to work with in the many lettermen and the freshmen Burnell, Gould, and Woodie in the backfield and Thompson, Slauson, and Flegel in the line.

"The new style of play will take time to drill into the team. Fundamentally there is really no great difference but it differs in the mechanism of the attack. It will take it some time to get started."

The list of lettermen who will be back is almost a team in itself with the possibility of ten men out in suits. Al Sinclair, captain of the team, will be back in his position in the line at tackle to lead the team for the 1926 season.

Old Crew in Backfield

The rest of the linesmen include Nick Carter and Johnson at center who both made letters this year. A shift in the lineup will probably find Beryl Hodgen playing guard for the season. Bert Kerns, two year tackle, will be back for his last year and Homer Dixon, 210 pound tackle, will also help the forward wall out. Sherm Smith at end completes the list of veteran linesmen.

In the backfield will be the old pile driving crew of last season, Lynn Jones, Vic Wetzel and Otto Vitus. All have had two years of experience, with the exception of Wetzel, and should be finding their football feet by now.

George Minnaugh, punter and quarterback, will probably get the call behind the line for part of the season at least.

Klippel and Cadwell, centers from the frosh squad, are probably the outstanding new linesmen. The ends will find Frank Riggs and Red Slauson working for the two berths, with Jamison from the frosh team. Ray Edwards and Arnie Kiminki complete the list of aspirants for the backfield.

Practice begins on September 15, according to conference ruling and the season gets under way with the hard struggle with Washington at the dedication of the new Multnomah stadium in Portland, October 9.

Spring football has given the new coach and Harry Ellinger, his right hand man and line coach, a fairly accurate lineup on the material so that the team which will play Washington will probably start digging in on September 15 with practically the same lineup.

Theta Chi Champions In Intramural Tennis

The intra-mural tennis tournament, which was under the direction of Edward Abercrombie, swimming and tennis coach, was run off snappily this year and was featured by fast, whole-hearted play.

The Theta Chis emerged victorious from among the sixteen teams that started in the contest. In the finals, Bill Peterson and Ken Cadwell of Theta Chi, met Arlie Reid and Al Veazie, representing Friendly Hall. The hall men were defeated 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.

Racket Stars to Play at Philadelphia



Roy Okerberg and Harry Coffin, Oregon's premier varsity tennis players, who will represent the University in a national meet next month. The matches are in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial celebration.

Long Contracts Basis of New Athletic Policy

McEwan, Benefiel and Reinhart Get 5-Year Grants

Permanency is the keynote of the new athletic policy which has been put in working order this year by the A. S. U. O. Long term contracts have secured what promises to be the best coaching corps ever corralled at the University of Oregon.

Capt. John J. McEwan, the new football coach, has been retained for the next five years. This is in direct opposition to the former short term contracts granted grid mentors, and will give McEwan an opportunity to start at the bottom and build for future years, and still be in a position to laugh at whatever wolves may choose to camp on his trail in the event of a lean season.

Jack Benefiel, graduate manager, is another to secure a five year contract. Benefiel's work in the past has been uniformly satisfactory, and he is deserving of this trust.

Ed Abercrombie, the new swimming and tennis coach who has done much to put these former obscure sports on a winning, recognized basis, is signed to a three year contract. Billy Reinhart, basketball and baseball coach, will remain on the campus for five more years in recognition of his services in the past. Harry Ellinger, football line coach, and Gene Vidal, the new back field coach, are working on three year contracts, as is Sam Wilderman, director of publicity for the Associated Students.

Reed to Play Pro Football with Wilson

Dick Reed, captain of the 1924 football team, has signed to play professional football with George Wilson's team next fall. The manager of the team who is the famous Husky linesman has contracted for thirteen or fourteen professional games. Reed was offered the contract after his game at Pasadena where he played in the East-West contest.

In order to keep in good physical condition for the fall Reed has been boxing. Like Sully Montgomery, the famous Centre College football player who turned pugilist, he has had marked success in his first bouts. He has won three by the knockout route and in his last bout his opponent threw in the sponge.

Varsity Tennis Gains Big Boom; One Meet Lost

Eight Men Earn Letters; Okerberg and Coffin To Go East

Tennis has come into its own this year at Oregon.

Every meet except one was a victory. The defeat, 6 to 1 at Seattle, was not as bad as the score would indicate because the Oregonians gave the Huskies a real tussle, three of the matches going to three sets. The Oregon Aggies were defeated twice, 5 to 2 and 6 to 1, and victories were registered over Multnomah club, Reed College, and Willamette University.

Roy Okerberg and Harry Coffin, the pair who are leaving this week for the east to engage in the national inter-collegiate in June, have attracted wide interest throughout the northwest, and present a splendid doubles combination, capable of giving any collegiate duo a run for honors. The experience to be gained in the east this summer is expected to polish these players so that they will sweep through northwest ranks next spring.

The entire tennis squad will be on hand next year. George Mead, Tom Cross, Herbert Henton, Bill Powell, Bill Adams, Hal Hutchinson, Coffin, and Okerberg have earned sweaters this spring, and another man, Melvin Cohn, who has been playing number three all year, had the misfortune to confine his winning to non-conference teams, and so missed his letter.

Mead, Adams, and Okerberg are receiving their second award, while Coffin, Cross, Henton, Powell, and Hutchinson are new letter wearers. The 1926 freshman team numbers several luminaries who will tighten the competition for varsity places next year. The frosh squad contained Henry Neer, Clarence Hartman, Edgar Slauson, Boone Hendricks, Harry Lee, Chalmers Nooe, and Ben Souther.

Handball Tournament Won by Oregon Club

The intra-mural handball tournament this year resulted in the Oregon club, Sigma Chi, and the S. A. E.'s coming into a round robin together in the finals.

The Oregon clubbers were successful in doing their stuff. Neither the Sigma Chi or S. A. E. team could come within the points of them

Past Records Insure Place of Basketball

New Pavilion Guaranty Of Faith in Prospects For Game's Future

Jost, Hobson to Leave; Other Men to Remain

Frosh Squad to Furnish Varsity Material

By Harold Mangum
BASKETBALL established its tenure as a sport at Oregon through the exploits of the 1926 team and bright prospects for the future. The new basketball pavilion now being constructed is but one means of translating Oregon's interest in the fastest collegiate game of them all—Joe Basketball.

The season of 1926 is history, but future college generations must hear how Oregon swamped Montana with Sweet, Kelly, and Ilman in the lineup by a 40 to 19 count, and romped through the northwest like a covey of hurdlers, taking every barrier on high, and ending the northern part of the race by walloping the obstreperous Aggies, 25 to 15, and keeping them from caging a single field goal during the last twenty minutes.

Southern Trip Falls
The pianist may play a funeral march while we speak of that memorable trip to the southland. The Bears, raging like a forest fire, inundated the Oregonians with field baskets, and left the floor a 32 to 17 winner. The second night was a bit even, the Bruins only collecting 29 markers while Reinhart's hearties were tallying 23. If "Swede" Westergren had been in the lineup—

But two cogs of the 1926 machine will be missing when the roll is called next fall. Howard Hobson, the clever captain who has been pictured so often with a basketball wired to his hand that we have begun to think said slipper was magnetized, and Charles Jost, of the Jost-Burr feud which divided Roseburg into hostile camps, are the men who have completed their tenure on the maple court. Needless to say, Hobson's speed and floor-work and Jost's stellar work under the home basket will be missed.

All-Coast Honors Won
But three other men were awarded letters last winter, and all three will be on hand for another whirl at high scoring honors. Jerry Gunther, all-coast forward; Al Westergren, all-coast guard; and Roy Okerberg, who missed being all-coast center only because Bill Higgins was in the conference, will serve as the nucleus of the 1927 Webfooters. They are the three high scorers of the Oregon team and of the Northwest. Arnie Kiminki and Ray Edwards, varsity substitutes, are well drilled in the rudiments of the Reinhart system, and appear well qualified for positions on the first five next winter. Kiminki, (Continued on page three)

New Pavilion to be Finished for Hoop Practice in December

The new Oregon basketball pavilion, now under way, will be completed in time for hoop practice which will start in December. A busy force of laborers is engaged at present in leveling the ground and clearing the way for the new edifice which will cost in the neighborhood of \$175,000 and seat approximately 9,000 persons.

This building, which is being erected just south of the R. O. T. C. headquarters, is the first structure of its kind to be constructed on the Pacific slope. In addition to basketball games, the floor may be used for dances and other student activities. A basement is included, which will house athletic lockers, and other accommodations for athletes.

This pavilion was necessitated by the great growth in basketball throughout the state, and the inadequacy of the structure being used at present—the Eugene armory. At the second O. A. C. game held here, thousands were turned away, and at the first contest at Corvallis only a small proportion of those wishing seats were accommodated. Only 100 tickets were sent for the entire Oregon student body, and the O. A. C. graduate manager is said to have refused more than 8,000 requests for seats.

Track Squad Material for '27 Surveyed

Graduation Will Take Four Star Lettermen From Team

Cross-Country to Aid in Training Distance Men

Freshmen Brighten Future For Hayward

THE windup of the 1926 track season yesterday left Bill Hayward to check up on the line-up for next year. The planning ahead goes forward with no hesitation for as soon as one season is completed the work on the next must begin. Next fall all distance men and possibly the quarter milers will be out for cross country to train for the 1927 season.

The graduation of four lettermen will make wide gaping holes in the ranks of the team. Walt Kelsey, captain of this year's team, and dependable performer in four events, and who has amassed more points for Oregon during his three years of competition than any of the men, ran his last race yesterday. Francis Cleaver, hurdler and high jumper for three years, finished his athletic work in the meet with O. A. C. Roland Eby, high jumper, and Paul Ager, quarter miler, are also passing out of the ranks.

Field Events Weakened
Passing with these men are the near letter winners, and the men who have worked hard for three years and who have made points but not quite enough, are Tom Holder, the hard plugging two-miler, and Guy Mauney, half-miler. Jerry Gunther, a new man in the weights and javelin, and Eugene Richmond in the pole vault are also leaving their places on the team.

The outlook for the coming year, although the season is far distant yet, shows a strong nucleus, which when augmented by the most promising freshmen, should brighten the prospects more than for many years. In the sprints the entire turnout this year will report again. Jerry Extra, and Harry Holt leading the list, with Renshaw, Kuykendall, and Wetzel to fill in the other places. Kircher and Cheshire, from the Frosh team, will swell the list.

The quarter mile squad loses but one man in Paul Ager. Joe Price, Hampton Allen, Don Jeffries, LaVerne Pearson, and Bill Prendergrast will all be back to compete. Joe Standard is the most promising freshman.

Half Mile Good
In the half mile the prospects are brighter than ever, with Bob Overstreet as the leader, who is bound to improve. Thorstenberg, Oehler and Cook complete the list. McKittrick looks good on the frosh team. The distance races will miss the strength of Tom Holder, and the bulk of the hard running will be on the legs of Fern Kelly, varsity miler, Reuben Ross, John Neidermeier, varsity two miler, Courtney Kelson and Otto Anderson. Little and Jensen from the frosh team show the most promise.

The hurdles are hard places to fill with two men leaving, and possibly three. Ralph Tuek may return for his last year of competition. Otherwise Bill Hayward will have to develop new stick men. Bill Prendergrast will probably be made over from a sprinter into a hurdler for the season. Burns of the varsity squad, Foster, Crawford, and McGee from the freshmen team, completes the list.

Outlook Optimistic
In the jumps, Proc Flanagan will be competing for his third and last year with Ralph Staley as a second place winner. The high jump will rest in Bill Crawford and Ralph McCulloch of the frosh team for there are no varsity men left after graduation hits the team.

Ed Crowley will have the pole vault all to himself and should be doing better with a year's experience behind him.

In the weight events there is a surprising wealth of material, more than has been accumulated for many years. Vic Wetzel will be back for all three weight events. And with the help of Mark Sanderson, freshman, in the shot and discus, and George Stager, freshman, all the events the team should be strong there.

Track Captain



Walter Kelsey, Oregon cinder path star for the past three years and captain during the season about to close.

Ex-Army Star is Put on Coaching Staff by McEwan

Gene Vidal Gets Position; Has Coached West Point Backfields, Track

The selection of Gene Vidal as head backfield coach of the football team for next fall completes the coaching staff upon whom will rest the responsibility of whipping a team into shape after September 15.

Gene Vidal has a distinguished and varied athletic record to his credit. He graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1916 after playing three years of football there, and entered West Point in 1916. While at the military academy he played halfback for two years and then was graduated with honors. He was commissioned in the engineers.

In 1920 he was a member of the United States decathlon team to the Olympic games and placed fifth (Continued on page four)

Fencing Will Have Increased Facilities During Coming Year

Plans are being laid by William C. Davison, fencing instructor, for a coming year of success for fencing. A first and second team, an increased number of meets with other schools, and added equipment will do their share in reaping laurels.

This year's team, George Wilhelm, Edgar Buchanan and John Galey, all experienced fencers, will return. Sabre and sword dueling will be new features of this sport next fall.

Tentative contests have been arranged with O. A. C., Pacific university, Multnomah club, Reed college, and the University of Washington. The only meets in which the team participated this year were with Multnomah club, one of which was lost and the other won.

The course will remain an elective for physical ability men as in the past, and, beginning with the fall term, it will be inaugurated as an accredited course for physical education majors.

Since the introduction of fencing on the campus, women have been enthusiastic participants, with more than a hundred engaged in the sport this year. Fencing exhibitions were presented this spring at the W. A. A. meet, and contests will be arranged with women fencers from O. A. C. and Multnomah club next year.

This Week-end Marks Finish of Ball Season

Two Games With Aggies Remain on Schedule; Saturday is Last

Great Improvement Shown by Pitchers

Few Players to Leave; Prospects Good

After this week-end the varsity baseball togs will be carefully packed away in moth balls until the start of the spring season of 1927—but after completing a successful season. To date the lemon-yellow sluggers have won five games and lost three, all of the latter to the northwest champions, the University of Washington huskies.

For the first time since the campaign of 1924 Oregon took the Aggies down the row to a 7 to 3 defeat. It was a great victory after losing for several years. The varsity won again Tuesday with a 16 to 6 score. Two more games are to be played with the Aggies, one today and one tomorrow.

In what started out to be a close battle, the St. Johns Bears of Portland, members of the Greater Portland Valley league, defeated the lemon-yellow varsity, 5 to 3, in the first game of the season, April 18. The score does not show, however, how close the game really was until the eighth inning, when McCulloch, Bear first sacker, lifted one of Baker's slants for a home run, scoring two men ahead of him. Baker, who had relieved Ashby in the seventh, was pitching good ball until the unexpected blow. Baker received his baptism of varsity fire in this game. He is the star right hander from last year's freshman ball nine. (Continued on page four)

Bear Pitcher Puzzles
In the Bear contest the varsity was battling against one of the best pitchers on the coast. Libke, ex-coast leaguer, worked the full nine innings for the winners. This was the first curve ball pitcher facing the varsity this season and his fast-breaking curve had them fanning the air a considerable amount of the time.

In the second encounter of the season Coach Billy Reinhart's varsity nine faced the Pacific University Badgers and gave them a 17 to 8 drubbing. It was a galaxy of hits, home runs, errors, and stolen bases, and a little bit of everything in the baseball curriculum was demonstrated.

Baker started on the mound for the lemon-yellow horse hide chasers and pitched good ball until relieved by Williams at the beginning of the eighth inning. During his stay on the mound he struck out eight, allowed four hits and one run. Until the fourth inning only one man reached third.

Oregon started well in their half of the first inning, with three hits and three runs. "Plunks" Reinhart scored Oregon's first run after getting on base on balls. Bliss, Edwards and Adolph, next in line, poked out nice bingles. Lefty Rannow, Badger pitcher, was touched for 15 safe hits.

Huskies Take Two
The week-end of April 30 and May 1 found the Webfoot nine in Seattle facing the University of Washington Huskies in two games of their scheduled four. Oregon lost both games but not after a (Continued on page four)

Swimming Favored By Men in P. A. Class

Two hundred and seventy-seven men expressed a preference to choose the sport in which they wished to participate by passing the physical ability test this year. The larger proportion of these men were freshmen, taking it for the first time. In some cases, students have repeated it with the purpose of raising their grade.

Competitive spirit has been exhibited by the race for high-point man in the scoring of the various events. Red Slauson accumulated 118; C. F. Orr and Arthur Orr tied with 87 apiece, and Lloyd McGee with 84.

As an elective choice swimming gains the largest number of physical ability men, closely followed by handball. However, during the spring term tennis surpasses handball in popularity.