

SPORTS

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Baseball Squad Conditioning for Early Contest

Lemon-Yellow Nine to Meet Linfield College On April 8 and 9

Shortage of Dependable Pitchers Hinders

The belief that interest in college baseball is waning on the Pacific coast is discredited by the turnout of Webfoot baseball aspirants. Forty embryonic horsehide stars, the largest turnout since baseball became a major sport, are cavorting daily on Reinhart field before the critical eyes of Coach Billy Reinhart and his assistant, Jack Bliss.

Although there are still a number of days before the conference season opens, the lemon-yellow nine will cross bats with the Linfield college team on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9, on Reinhart field. These two contests will mark the beginning of a series of preliminary games which will later on probably include both Pacific and Willamette universities.

With 10 days of practice in the background, Reinhart's diamond performers are rounding into shape as well as can be expected. There still are the usual number of early season "charley horses" and sore arms.

Practice last night included the general warming up and batting practice. This year's lemon-yellow nine will be able to hit the horse hide at all times if Coach Reinhart has his way. Lefty McDonald was on the mound pitching to the hitters in last night's workout with the reliable George Minnaugh behind the plate. De Lassus also took his turn on the mound. The infield and outfield was thickly sprinkled with baseballists of all descriptions.

According to Billy Reinhart his greatest worry is over the absence of a number of good flingers. Bill Baker, right hander, is the only pitcher in school who has had previous varsity experience and one of the five lettermen turning out. Baker with his good change of pace should be able to bear his share of pitching burden. The hopes that Bill Ashby, pitching mate of Baker's last year, would return to school this term are apparently lost. Ashby has decided to stay in Salem and has good chances of becoming one of the regulars on the Salem Senator club.

Reinhart has two southpaws, Lefty McDonald and Art Schoeni, graduate from last year's freshman nine, upon whom he must rely for his portside hurling. McDonald pitched to last night's batters. Schoeni, although out in a suit, is being bothered with an injured back. Kenneth De Lassus, six foot two right hander, is getting considerable attention from Reinhart. De Lassus, aided by a tall stature, has quite an assortment of hooks doubled with a good fast ball. This lanky flinger was in school two years ago and made a good showing except his inability to gain perfect control.

Although there is a conspicuous absence of batterymen the worrying of coaching them will fall largely upon the shoulders of Jack Bliss, catcher and outfielder on the varsity nine for the past three years. Last June, Bliss ended his collegiate ball playing career. Jack's knowledge of the battery end of baseball and the ability of opposing batters should aid the varsity flingers and backstops to a good advantage.

Reinhart field is in good condition withstanding the flooding rains of a month ago. The outfield is fairly firm and the infield is covered with a short cropped covering of grass. Manager Harold Brumfield and his numerous assistants are now putting the finishing touches to the field.

Pledging Announcement
Sigma Nu announces the pledging of Robert VanOrman of The Dalles, Oregon.

Frosh Baseball Aspirants Turn Out for Practice

Trip to Orient for Next Season Gives Babes Incentive

The more or less unexpected announcement that there is a possibility of a trip to the Orient for the varsity baseball team next year should bring out more material for this season's freshman nine, Spike Leslie, yearling mentor, said yesterday.

At present there is less than forty men turning out, and among this number there are very few men who can be considered good material for the outfield or for the position behind the bat. The pitching strength of the aggregation is practically assured with three seeded hurlers working out daily.

"Lefty" Fuller, hurler from Portland, has worlds of speed and a good change of pace. Curly MacDonald, ex-Salem high school pitching ace, and Johnny Anderson, freshman swimming star, are also getting in condition to make a bid for the yearling pitching staff.

Several infielders who have gained reputation for themselves in prep school circles have been issued suits. Among the most noteworthy are: Coleman, Robis, Strommer, Worth, Mason, and Hanley. Gabriel and Paekard were declared ineligible because of scholastic difficulties, leaving Speers and Waldron to bear the brunt of the catching burden.

Track, Field Events Offer Opportunity for Making W. A. A. Points

All girls who are interested in going out for track and field events may sign up on the posters in the middle entrance of the Woman's building any time the rest of this week, according to Katherine Graef, head of the sport.

It is not necessary to be an expert in order to go out for track work, said Miss Ernestine Troemel, coach.

In the past the majority of those who made the teams have been beginners.

Fewer persons turn out for track than for other sports, Miss Troemel said, and therefore there is a good opportunity for making W. A. A. points, as there have been few teams for each class.

A variety of events have been scheduled including:

Running: fifty-yard dash, one hundred yard dash, and sixty-yard hurdles.

Jumping: running broad jump, standing broad jump, running-hop-step and jump, and running high jump.

Throwing: baseball, basketball, javelin and discus.

Frosh Track Season Opens With Turnout Of 60; Schedule Given

The freshman track season officially opened at the University of Oregon yesterday when 60 men signed up for the sport. They will be expected to turn out daily, according to Delbert Oberteuffer, yearling track mentor.

Little is known of the potential strength of the team at this time, but if nothing happens to upset the plans the babes should give a good account of themselves in the coming meets.

Stademan, of The Dalles, has not appeared for practice yet, but while he was practicing last term he put the shot over 44 feet. This was several feet further than his nearest rival. Bobby Robinson, of Portland, injured his ankle in spring football practice, but he probably will be in condition to compete before the first meet. He pole-vaulted nearly 11 feet last season, and under good coaching should work into a good varsity man for next year.

Two dual meets have been scheduled for the frosh. The first is against the Aggie rooks May 7, and against the Salem high school May 14. Other competitions probably will be scheduled later, according to the coach.

The schedule follows:
April 23—Interscholastic meet, Eugene.
May 7—Frosh-Rook meet, Eugene.
May 14—Frosh-Salem meet, Eugene.

Pledging Announcement
Sigma Alpha Epsilon announces the pledging of Orville Thompson of Eugene, Oregon.

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Girls' Baseball Teams Will Hold Practices Three Times a Week

The new term ushers in the girls' baseball season, under the direction of Mary Jo Shelley, coach, and Lela Horton, head of the sport.

Aspirants for the teams may sign up on the bulletin board by the scales in the locker room of the Woman's building. This will be the official bulletin board for baseball throughout the term. Every name must be accompanied by the class of which the student is a member. A scholastic average of 3.5 or higher must be maintained in order to be eligible for the teams.

Official practices will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with two forty-five minute periods on each day; one from 4:15 to 5, and the other from 5 to 5:45. Every class may come out at every period, as there are enough diamonds for everyone to play. In order to make a team, a girl must put in three full practices a week.

The first practices will be held next Tuesday, and Miss Shelley urges all those interested in playing to sign up before that time.

Post Seeks Cause of Student Mental Gloom

The New York Evening Post is offering a prize of \$100.00 to the college undergraduate who best explains the "wave" of mental depression apparently sweeping through American schools and colleges.

"Has the American undergraduate a post-war neurosis?" asks the Evening Post in announcing the offer. "Just what is responsible for the melancholia which seems to have

invaded the campus today? Does modern education foster too much independent, unguided thinking? "We have the opinions of university deans, faculty members and psychologists as to why this morbid tendency has spread among students. Now we would like to know how undergraduates themselves interpret the abnormal attitude which some of their fellows have towards life."

Besides \$100.00 for the 500-word answer to this question, the Post has also offered \$10.00 for every letter published.

Canoe Demonstration Given by Pete Palmer

A demonstration on the correct methods of handling a canoe was given Tuesday night by L. E. "Pete" Palmer, in the pool at the Woman's building.

The affair was sponsored by the campus Red Cross Lifesaving corps, of which Palmer is vice-president. The proper manner of entering, paddling, balancing, and bailing canoes were explained and illustrated by him. The purpose of the demonstration was to instruct students how to prevent accidents.

Slides Illustrate Talk By Dr. Moore Tonight

Freshman zoology students, members of the graduate club, and all those who are interested are invited to attend an illustrated lecture "By-Ways in Southern Italy and Sicily," to be given by Dr. A. R. Moore, head of the biology department, in Villard hall tonight. The slides which Dr. Moore will show were taken by him while studying there.

Members of the graduate club

will meet at the Anchorage for a dinner at 6:00 o'clock for graduate students and interested members of the faculty, and will adjourn afterward to Villard.

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