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## The Drained Hour-glass

IT IS seldom outside of the pages of fiction that there is found a parallel with the brief college career of Harold Mangum. The struggles of the fiction hero to overcome odds and triumph eventually is reflected realistically here.

Mangum, in his final year at Commerce high school, Portland, was selected by unanimous choice as all-star fullback. He also was one of the mainstays of the freshman eleven in the University.

But high school records stand for little in the hard survival of the fittest, competition for varsity first-string positions. During the 1925 season Mangum took the hard knocks in scrimmage, but sat on the bench during the games.

Not discouraged, he went out for the team last fall. He was in the Washington game for a few minutes; then he had his chance in the Stanford contest, and played the major part of almost every conference game during the remainder of the season.

While a substitute last season, he would probably have won as guard, a regular post on the varsity next fall. His abilities were not limited to the gridiron alone. As a writer, his sport stories, were above the average. His recent election as editor of the Emerald, together with the achieving of membership in honorary fraternities, gave dimension to his talent.

Throughout his years in college he was self-supporting, an obstacle rather than a virtue. Despite handicaps and discouragements, he reached the top.

It was like a long march down the gridiron, every guard, every first down attained, a bitter fight, and then the signals on his lips for the scoring play, the Grim Reaper's hour-glass emptied and time was called. The end came all too soon, leaving only a memory of the past to be cherished.—J. J. O'M.

## Let the Coaches Decide

NOT long ago Bill Ingram, Navy football coach, in commenting upon proposed changes in the game, said, "Football is a pretty good game as it is." While admitting

that the sport is not perfect, yet it is above the criticism of those who know nothing about it.

During the past year college presidents and others have broken into print with a varied assortment of ideas to change the game. How few of these have been of any practical value.

To limit the game to sophomore and junior classes and put the coaching in the hands of seniors was a proposal recently introduced by President Ernest Hopkins, of Dartmouth. This idea is on a par with those offered by the "Big Ten" college presidents, who last fall, suggested that teams should not make long trips, and offered as a remedy, that two varsity teams be maintained for home-and-home games.

Neither of these suggestions are of any value to the grid sport. First, why play football at all if it is to be limited to two years. Outstanding players rarely reach proficiency until their final year. Second, where is the benefit of an undergraduate coaches? This policy was discarded at Harvard twenty years ago. Haven't students enough activities, without adding such a responsibility as head football coach. Inferior coaching would result in inferior playing. Such a situation could not be other than harmful to the game.

Should universities develop two varsity teams, the coaching staffs would consequently be enlarged, adding a deeper impression of over-emphasis with which football is already damped. Commercialism, which the sages of erudition are already battling, would be increased by a two-team status. Furthermore, it would be difficult to keep the dual levels of equal strength. The stars would be on one squad, and students would soon distinguish between the varsity and super-varsity.

Under such a rule, what would prevent Knute Rockne from sending his four or five varsity squads out as "grid circuses" over the country? If two teams are advisable, why not more, if there are sufficient aspirants?

Those who are not limited by understanding that comes from knowledge are first to launch critical attacks which are futile in their ignorance. Let criticism and changes be introduced and settled by the coaches. They, at least, know the game.

## Howe

(Continued from page one) substantiated, but spring practice acts as a laboratory to work out new plays without the hurry of the season, and to look over new aspirants for the varsity, who are ignored during the rush in the fall.

However, stated Professor Howe, the proposal to open fall practice a week or ten days earlier is a worthy one. It would give California, which opens the fall term in August, an opportunity to get in more practice, as the players are handicapped by classes, while other schools do not open until late September. Furthermore, it would allow men to get into condition for pre-season games. It is McEwan's contention that many valuable players are lost for the major games of the season due to injuries sustained in practice games as a result of being too soft.

The entrance of the Southern Branch of the University of California to the conference may balance the vote, if Montana favors the change, said Professor Howe, who endorses Capt. McEwan's proposal.

"It is," he said, "the most worthwhile suggestion made this year."

## Track

(Continued from page 1) point winners in every meet. They are Proctor Flanagan, broad jumper and sprinter, and Jerry Extra, sprinter. In the last three years Extra has taken at least two first places against O. A. C., while Flanagan has always been among the high point men. The other two are

## Donut Sports Have Thriving All-Year Season

### Eight Intramural Meets Draw Student Athletes Into Competition

By Art Schoeni

Donut sports for the school year 1926-7 at Oregon enjoyed one of the best years since the formation of the university on the site where Indians used to roam.

With a list of sports twice as long as before, the intramural hostilities opened up in the fall term with a snappy basketball tournament in which 16 teams were entered.

Phi Delta Theta won the championship in this competition by defeating the Sigma Nu team 13-11. Going was not easy for any of the teams entered and the winners ran up against some tough sledding before their invincible five took the title. On their lineup were listed Johnny Walker, Cheshire, "Wig" Fletcher, Bill Baker, Gordon Stearns, and a host of good subs.

Organization wrestling was won by the Four Horsemen, after a tournament filled with defaults, forfeits and a lot of snappy matches. The victorious quartet of men: Wilton, Van Dervlugt, Gulde, and Breese, proved too much for the rest of the grappling-minded. Friendly hall was second place winner in points.

In swimming it was all Johnny Anderson. In the individual tournament he showed himself all hands and feet and won about everything he entered.

Real live, squirming turkeys were given away to the winners in the donut cross-country races. In the first race the Terrible Turks must have been terribly hungry because they ran off with all four of the shapely birds. The runners finished in this order: Hill, Niedemeyer, Jensen and Kelly, that is, they finished the foot race that way, but the way they crossed the line at the end of the feast when they ate the birds can only be conjectured.

The next Saturday Bill Hayward put on a handicap cross-country race and the results read like this: Runk, Rube Ross, Ed Manning and Bill Cruikshank. Turkeys also made these boys happy in winning. The last donut sport of the fall term was the handball doubles team. Beta Theta Pi put forth her best efforts through Jerry Gunther

and Swede Westergren, who defeated Howard and Knutsen for the hand-carved water-wings, symbolic of the crown.

The winter term sports program included long distance swimming, which was won by Leslie Kirkham after much splashing and swallowing of water by the three contestants entered; free lance doubles and singles in handball and a squash tournament.

Norman Parker demonstrated his ability in handball singles by winning the title a second time. He defeated Alton Gabriel in two sensational matches to gain the honor. In doubles Parker and Huestis mowed down the opposition and at the start of the spring term defeated Sorsby and Gabriel to win the title in this department.

In squash, Earl "Dutch" Widmer battled a long time before finally defeating Clare Hartman for the right to call himself the champ.

## Baseball

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freshman, will give both of the termers a good fight.

### Ridings Tops Hitters

The outfield will be supplied with an abundance of experienced men. George Minnaugh will be lost through graduation, but Epps, Dutton and Gould will be on hand in addition to several from this year's freshman. Dave Epps, playing his first year on the varsity, leads his teammates in hitting.

The receiving position will have Ira Woodie back next year. Cecil Gabriel and Maurice Packer, freshmen, are both capable receivers, but scholastic difficulties kept them on the bench this season. Gabriel and Packer should strengthen next year's battery.

The batting average for the team throughout the season is:

Player	bat	hit	Ave.
Ridings	12	7	.583
Gunther	2	1	.500
Baker	19	7	.369
Epps	36	13	.361
Eddy	17	6	.353
Woodie	13	4	.308
McCormick	23	7	.304
Jones	31	9	.290
Gould	32	9	.281
West	8	2	.250
Dutton	21	5	.238
Minnaugh	25	5	.200
Johnson	31	4	.126
Kuhn	2	0	.000
Learned	1	0	.000

## New Grid Rules Meet Disfavor of Two Coaches

### Four Changes to Apply On Football During Coming Season

The football season of 1927 will see four changes in the popular sport. The placing of goal posts 10 yards behind the goal lines; the one-second shift halt; the backward pass and punt regulations will go into effect then.

The backward pass, savoring of rugby, has brought forth a controversy among coaches including Major Cavanaugh, formerly coach of Boston college; Knute Rockne, of

Notre Dame, and Bill Ingram, Navy mentor.

Under the new ruling backward passes, if incompleting, the ball is dead, similar to the present ruling on grounded forward passes. This eliminates recovery by the opposing side. A fumbled punt, recovered by an opposing player, is declared dead where the recovery is made.

In an effort to equalize the point after touchdown, the goal posts were moved back ten yards behind the goals. The increased difficulty of making the converting kick is aimed to remove any of the present inequalities and give both teams an even opportunity of succeeding or failing in the kick.

The one-second pause in the backfield shift is the result of numerous penalties inflicted because of backs being in motion before the ball was snapped.

Both Ingram and Rockne are dissatisfied with the rulings applying to fumbled punts and the backward pass. Both assert that scoring opportunities on breaks are thus eliminated, and a team having poorly trained men being unduly protected by the move.

In regard to the shift, Rockne states, that no difference will be made in the Notre Dame offensive formation. He contends that if the shift is properly taught, and the players learning precision, no grounds for penalties would result.

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