

DUCK TRACKS

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Rumors are beginning to buzz about the campus that Oregon's gifted swimming coach, Mike Hoyman, may have coached his last season here.

To the swimmers themselves, and close followers of the sport, it's a panicky thought. Mike Hoyman started tutoring swimming at Oregon just six years ago, and in that short period built teams of nationwide reputation.

Three northern division championships, one coast title, and an undefeated dual record up to this year tell only part of the story. His men have held world, national, coast, northwest, and state records.

Mike Hoyman did this practically alone. His athletes will verify that. Swimmers come to Oregon because of Hoyman's reputation as a builder of champions, not because they're lured by financial rewards.

The facts are this. Whereas the swimming tutor at Oregon State gets in the neighborhood of \$300 just for the time he devotes to that sport, Mike Hoyman does it here purely gratis.

These persistent rumors—which shouldn't be ignored—are that Coach Hoyman has applied for a year's leave of absence to attend Columbia university where he could finish his doctorate work. It's no secret that Mike has had that in mind.

He publicly stated last year that swimming was only a sideline, that his chief interest is on the frontier of school health education.

Phi Beta Kappa Mike Hoyman might profitably devote his "gratis swimming time" to the field of health education he has chosen to follow. If Hoyman were to get a year's leave of absence to Columbia he would probably be gone from Oregon forever. There would be no financial lure for him to return.

Mike's swimmers are worried, and these rumors are worthy of further research. They'll get it.

Today Oregon's coaching staff treks to Portland as guests at an alumni banquet in honor of Coach Tex Oliver, new football headman. He'll be interviewed over KOIN this afternoon at 2:15 if you're interested.

Contrary to the head on an Oregonian sports story last week, Oregon's gridders are not drilling to music. Coach Oliver is using a metronome—the affair which beats time for musicians—but there's no music to it. The metronome's click, click is used on backfield men so they'll get the rhythm of Oliver's shift.

Joe Huston's signing a contract with the Chicago Bears of the National Professional league makes him the second Webfoot to join them. Blond Del Bjork, Oregon's all-coast tackle and captain of 1936, belongs to the same club. Bjork is now aiding Line Coach Bill Cole in spring football.

Sweetest looking ball player on John Warren's frosh baseball squad is Elmer Mallory, the hard-hitting infielder from Junction City... Mallory is of college caliber now... For the varsity Wimpy Quinn appears to be in mid-season form... Oregon's infield should be a treat to watch this season.

Honest John Warren is expected back on the campus today or tomorrow after a week's absence... Lyle Goods, regular outfielder on last year's frosh squad, has quit school... Looks like Larry Lance, varsity end prospect, isn't going to return for spring practice.

Four Hurlers in Shape for Opener

Linde, Hardy, Mattingly, Bob Creighton Selected; Play Portland Tomorrow

Changes Colors



Rollie Hemsley, veteran catcher, recently acquired by the Cleveland Indians from the St. Louis Browns, is shown smiling about the deal.

Assistant Coach Bill Marshall, in the absence of Coach Howard Hobson, who was in Portland yesterday, indicated that four hurlers, Bob Creighton, LeRoy Mattingly, John Linde, and Bob Hardy, have a chance to work in Thursday's opening ball game with Portland university here.

Creighton and Linde have been coming along fast, but the other two have been a little slow getting their arms into condition. Hardy has been bothered by the leg fracture received playing basketball, but appears now to be rapidly rounding into form.

Mattingly was a little slow in getting started because of other activities, but his fire ball is beginning to hop like it did in the middle of last season.

Lineup Fairly Definite

The rest of the lineup is fairly definite, although the problem of where to put Wimpy Quinn has yet to be definitely decided.

Quinn has had plenty of experience in independent baseball, having played with the state semi-pro champs last summer, then going up to Vancouver, B. C. where he played with Bill Sayles in the Vancouver city league.

Wimpy is too hard a hitter to be put on the bench, but by trade is an infielder. The Oregon infield, however, is a veteran combination with Gale Smith on first, Jack Coleman on second, Jack Gordon at shortstop, and Captain Ford Mullen on third. All are returning lettermen.

For the present, Quinn will probably be used in right field, along with Masa Kato and Ken Battleson, returning reserves, who have shown best of the outfielders in practice to date.

Bob Beard, another returning



reserve, has the inside track on the catching job, while Maury Kelly, showing vast improvement over his last year's performance with the frosh, is the reserve catcher.

For the second day, no regular practice was held for infielders and outfielders, except those who were ambitious enough to indulge in a game of "pepper" in the Igloo.

The pitchers and catchers came in for more than their share of work, putting time in on control and other intricacies of mound work. A couple of laps around the board hallways of the Igloo topped off their workouts.

Warren Wins Top Honors in Hearst Gun Competition

Recent announcement of the winner of the annual Hearst National ROTC trophy competition placed Stanley Warren of the Oregon rifle corps in the top position.

Although the Oregon team, winners of the trophy in 1935 and 1937, lost the title this year, Warren scored 199 hits out of a possible 200 to take first place.

This is one of the best showings made by an individual shooter in his competition in many years, Colonel E. V. D. Murphy said.

Freshmen Golfers Slate Varsity Match

Clifton Smith Grabs First Niche; Fred Davis Is Second

The freshman golf team is busy swinging woods and irons in preparation for their first match of the season Saturday when they meet the varsity in a 36-hole match played at Laurelwood and the Eugene Country club.

Cliff Smith has secured the position of number one man on the frosh gang. Fred Davis is number two man. The third berth was nabbed by Jim Hickey. George Smith will be number four man, with Chet Keller and Kneeland Stone tied for the fifth and sixth positions.

The frosh will meet the Oregon State rook team there for a 36-hole match on April 30. A 36-hole match will be held here between the two teams on May 14.

The last four positions, the subs, are filled by Ruth Tustin, Pete Klosterman, Rod McMillan, and Milton Levy.

Spring term is here and weather fair, Pomeroy's Service will get you there.—Pomeroy's Associated.

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