

DUCK TRACKS

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Comes spring term on the campus, comes baseball, and as usual comes rain. Sometimes, it's only a shower. And then again, sometimes it's darn near a deluge. At any rate, sprinkle or cloudburst, it's enough to make almost any diamond hopeful, trying his level best to shine, growl sullenly.

Of course, once in a blue moon in Oregon, there is a deviation in our little periodical cycle. Remember last year. Sure you do. That was the year which saw almost uninterrupted sunshine from the middle of March until almost the end of the term.

It must have been a spring like that which prompted this guy Mendelssohn to write his immortal "Welcome, Sweet Springtime" ("Melody in F," if you prefer). A lovely thought, too, Mr. Mendelssohn expressed in music . . . for doesn't the average fellow associate spring with cherry blossoms, easter bonnets, and gaudy striped clothes, lovely figures, and yes, sunshine?

Ah, for Summer!

But what has all this dissertation on Mendelssohn and the joys of springtime to do with the worries of Oregon baseballers? Just this: It's a good thing the composer didn't visit McArthur court yesterday for he would have met with something like "Phooey on this spring. Give us the good old summertime." And the speaker probably would have been a baseball player. Cece Walden, maybe. Or "Sunshine" Jack Jasper.

Yes, baseball practice was to have started in earnest yesterday, but ol' Jupe put the dampers on, and that was that.

Nevertheless, rain couldn't stop spring athletic activity at the court . . . thanks to the guys who had the foresight to build the huge Igloo pavilion.

Cece Walden, veteran catcher who is acting coach of baseball while Coach Hobby Hobson is attending the basketball mentors' convention and tourneys at Kansas City worked the varsity men indoors . . . and a goodly number of veterans and transfers were on hand.

Infield Replacements

Attention, of course, was focussed on transfer help needed to plug the gaps left by graduation of Busher Smith and Ford Mullen, first and second sackers; Lefty Bob Hardy and "Burly" Bob Creighton, pitchers; and Jimmy Nicholson, speedy outfielder; and by the "signing up" of Elmer Mal-lory and Wimpy Quinn, shortstop and third baseman of last year's Oregon champions.

Outstanding newcomers figured

for spots on the team are Arba Ager, ex-SONS athlete, who once short stopped in Portland semipro circles, and Billy Calvert, another transfer from Southern Oregon college of education. Ager may handle the hot corner, while Calvert plays either at second or short. Calvert, a graduate of Bremerton high school, is a Medford boy. He hit .340 in the Southern Oregon league and .300 in the fast Northwest league (Olympia, Bremerton, etc.), the same organization in which Ford Mullen starred a few years back.

A Pitcher, Too

Another SOCE athlete on hand is Virgil Hayne, 180-pound six-foot pitcher, who may bolster the Ducks' rather weak pitching staff. Other transfers are Lyn Anderson and Ray Walker, infielders, and Bud Walker, catcher, all Eastern Oregon normal boys, and Infielder Howard Christensen, from Mount Angel.

Two welcome additions to Coach Tex Oliver's football crew showed up at registration. They are Bill Rach, letterman fullback from Seattle who wasn't in school last year, and Frank Boyd, brilliant halfback from Riverside, California. An excellent kicker and passer, Boyd came to school with

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Wrestlers Enter AAU Tourney

Foster and Watts Represent Ducks In State Title Meet

Ray Foster and Stan Watts, members of the University of Oregon varsity and frosh wrestling teams respectively, have been listed as late entries in the Oregon AAU wrestling championships to be held under the auspices of the Multnomah club in Portland.

Foster, a veteran wrestler and letter winner who completes his second year of intercollegiate eligibility, is one of the topnotch men in the northwest. The husky matman boasts a record which shows his shoulders have never been pressed to the mat.

Stan Watts, frosh bone-twister who was undefeated in his matches this season, is representing the University in the 158-pound class. Foster is in the 174-pound division.

The contests will be held tonight and tomorrow night at the club gymnasium.

Golfing Ducks Begin Drive for Team Positions

Werschkul, Near, Hughes to Help Defend Duck Title

University of Oregon's varsity and frosh golfers move into qualifying rounds this week to secure ranking positions on the two teams.

At a recent golf meeting called by Coach and Captain Doc Near only three of last year's returning lettermen were accounted for. The varsity golfers won the northern division championship last year in Eugene.

The varsity play their qualifying rounds, 72 holes, at the Eugene Country club, and the frosh play 72 holes at Laurelwood.

Three Lettermen

The three returning lettermen are Rich Werschkul, Doc Near, and Benny Hughes. Hughes was medalist in the Northwest championship last year. Shelby Golden may be back to play again this year. Fred Davis and Cliff Smith are the other two lettermen of last year not in school.

Chet Keller, a reserve of last year; Bob Engelke, Don Cawley, and Bob Wintermute have signified their intention of qualifying.

Frosh Named

For the frosh, Neil Huckleberry, Dick Hanen, Bob Duden and Tom Howell signed to compete at the qualifying rounds to be played by March 31, but the weather might necessitate extending the time.

Pete Mitchell is senior manager for the golf team. Pete Lamb is junior manager and Tom Howell sophomore manager. The first match for the varsity is to be in Seattle with the University of Washington Huskies on April 6.

Cutler Opens Tennis Drill

Varsity and freshman tennis players discussed plans for the coming season yesterday with their new coach, Russ Cutler. Practice has been delayed to a certain extent due to bad weather conditions, but Coach Cutler has arranged to have the basketball courts reserved until the weather clears up.

Schedule for the varsity is:

April 15—Linfield at Eugene.

April 19—Leader Racket company at Eugene.

April 25—WSC at Eugene.

April 27—Idaho at Eugene.

May 4—OSC at Eugene.

May 6—San Jose State at Eu-

Beta, ATO, Phi Delt Top Donut Standings

Once again it's Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, and Phi Delta Theta on top of the intramural point standings. Last year the Betas narrowly copped first place honors with 900 points to 893 for the ATOs. The Phi Delt teams came in third with 777.

This year the Betas have won only one sport—ping pong—but have fielded consistently strong teams. ATO splashed through to win swimming while the Phi Delt annexed wrestling and "B" basketball.

Point standings to date:

1. Beta Theta Pi	674	5. Kappa Sigma	583
2. Phi Delta Theta	670	6. Sigma Alpha Epsilon	545
3. Alpha Tau Omega	651	7. Phi Sigma Kappa	503
4. Theta Chi	597	8. Sigma Chi	499
		9. Sigma Nu	465
		10. Sigma Phi Epsilon	458
		11. Phi Gamma Delta	455
		12. Zeta hall	446
		13. Chi Psi	433
		14. Phi Kappa Psi	427
		15. Delta Tau Delta	416
		16. Yeomen	413
		17. Pi Kappa Alpha	407
		18. Canard club	383
		19. Alpha hall	379
		20. Delta Upsilon	377
		21. Gamma hall	376
		22. Sigma hall	359
		23. Campbell co-op	318
		24. Sigma Alpha Mu	318
		25. Omega hall	277
		26. Sherry Ross hall	277
		27. Kirkwood co-op	230
		28. Super Chargers	127
		29. Scotch Terriers	124

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