

Duck Tracks

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Swimming is one of the most fascinating of sports a person can hope to witness, is one of the most healthful in which people can participate, and is infinitely convenient in that its financial obligations are practically nil. Even a bathing suit, or an unreasonable facsimile thereof, is almost entirely unnecessary . . . and the more one combs the beaches the more one will be convinced that this condition—wholly in relation to the feminine sex—is so revealingly obvious it is delightfully brazen.

Swimming, as performed by very capable artists, exudes the epitome of grace, rhythm, and bodily coordination, and is second to dancing as regards beauty only because it is not particularly concerned with the expression of moods and thought—superficial or elevated.

In event swimming should be isolated from the competitive element, a factor which man is forever wont to inject into any form of his activity, it would survive in all its natural grace for its own sake and for the benefits derived which depend not one iota upon competition.

Sport for All

It is one of the few sports in which even the seemingly ludicrous flailings of a young novice or the same of an overly obese absurdity, plus the accompanying indiscriminate gulps—air or water, it makes no difference—can be appreciated for their health-regenerating properties.

Swimming as a health cure, unless drowning encroaches, is recognized universally. Victims of infantile paralysis, while convalescing, are encouraged to plop in the water and paddle around, for the exercise demands the working of muscles left ravaged by the deadly virus and through this activity contributes to nurturing these muscles back to usefulness.

Swimming and its association with infantile paralysis will become more evident on the University of Oregon campus, when Don Plath's Webfoot natating directory, officially titled "Aqua-Duck Dope," paddles off the press to assume a rather unique niche beside the myriad of reams of information on Oregon athletes, coaches, and athletics.

'Aqua-Duck Dope'—Unique

Unique? How? Well, advertising, it is hoped, will defray costs of production, as is usually expected. Various donors, however, are being asked by Plath to advance 50 cents to have their names "slugged" upon a special page in the pamphlet. The total of proceeds thus accumulated will be laid in the Infantile Paralysis Fund, Inc.

Noble enough is the purpose embodied in the idea of a donors' fund; inspiring enough is the personality to whom it is dedicated—Miss Nancy Merki, Portland swimmer, who surmounted early infantile paralysis sieges to become one of the most acclaimed athletes in the nation; gratified will be those who avidly follow Oregon swimming and will thereby have occasion to thumb through such a compilation, for bound between its covers will be all the so-called "dope" on Mike Hoyman's 1942 Aqua-Ducks.

Furthermore, it is exceedingly fortunate that this particular kind of pamphlet be worked up for this swimming season, because the latter promises to be one of the most successful in Oregon history over and above merely winning or losing.

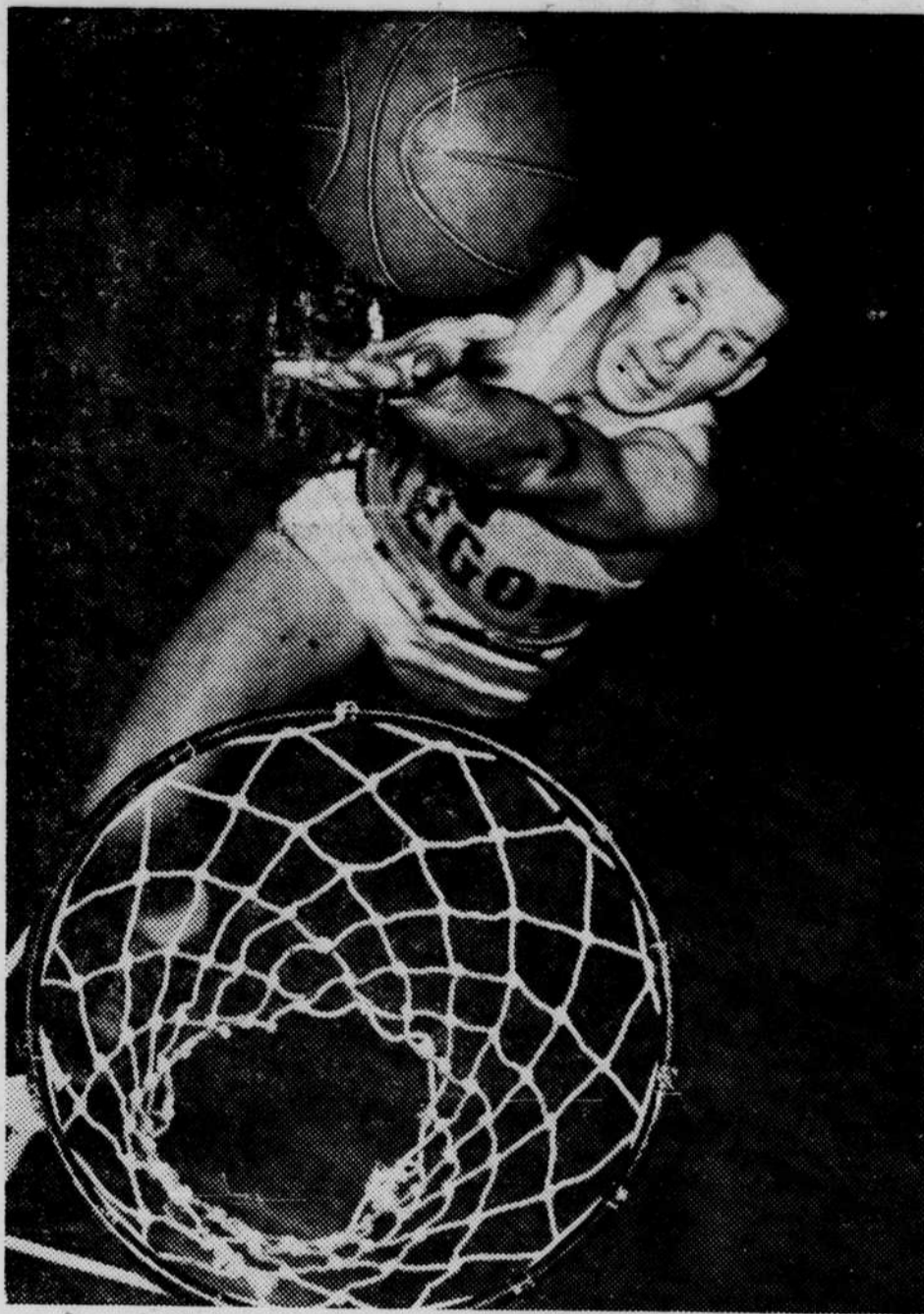
Important Meets Here

Paramount is the fact that both Oregon's duel with the University of Washington and the Northern Division meet scheduled for February 28 will culminate in the men's pool on the Webfoot campus. It is admitted that facilities here are almost entirely inadequate for housing such a "clambake," but out of this will probably blow a wind, which will fan into a hopeful flame the embers of interest in swimming here now apparently fagging out of all proportion to the value of the sport.

Loss of Breaststroker Cub Callis to the Oregon varsity and to Hoyman was a blow that struck deeply and unexpectedly and was capable of burying seeds of discouragement in the heart. But Hoyman and the swimmers reconcile themselves to nothing pessimistic, and are by no means disconsolate. They are methodically, and no less spiritedly for that, pursuing training which will stand them in good stead throughout the season, which, incidentally, bursts open January 17, one week from today.

Pacing the squad in workouts are indefatigable and versatile Gerry Huestis, a two-year letterman; Lettermen Stu Allen and Dick Smith; and three brilliant prospects from the frosh team—Bob Irvin, Chuck Nelson, and Jack Robinson. With these six as a potent nucleus, Hoyman is endeavoring to mould a marvelous team, a "wedge" which can be employed to pry off the Northern Division swimming crown worn so long by Washington.

OVER THE RIM



Warren Taylor strains to lay that all-important ball through for two counters. Taylor got into plenty of play last night when the Webfoot basketeurs went down in defeat before an invading Washington State team.

Oregana Price To Rise Soon

Price of the 1942 Oregana, which has been \$5, will be raised to \$5.50 January 22, according to Emerson Page, business manager of the yearbook.

A down payment on the book before this date, however, will hold it at the \$5 price. Purchase may be made this week at Johnson hall, and thereafter at the Oregana office in McArthur court.

Sales of the annual have "far exceeded" those of last year, Page reports, pointing to its long series of "All-American" ratings as a possible reason for the increasing popularity of the book.

Dill Pickle Club Starts Munchin' For Winter Term

All women who bring lunches to school are welcome to join the regular winter term "YW" Dill Pickle club at its daily 12 o'clock meetings in the YWCA bungalow, Frances Oram, president, declared.

Usually 50 women bring their lunch to the social meetings, she said. Every Wednesday a group of the club members serves a hot dish to all present. Outstanding speakers come and talk to the club three times a term.

As fall term project the club completely cleaned up the YWCA bungalow. Another featured event of the club fall term was the joint meeting of the YMCA and YWCA luncheon club at their Friday meeting.

Faculty Postpones Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the faculty, scheduled for January 7, has been postponed to January 15 in order to allow time for a meeting of the faculty senate.

The senate will meet at 4 p.m. today in the faculty room of Friendly hall.

Plymouth Club Plans Meeting Sunday Evening

Devotionals, games, movies, and refreshments have been planned for the first get-acquainted Plymouth club meeting to be held this Sunday evening in the Congregational church on Thirteenth street.

"All University students are welcome to come," Charles Wilson, president, declared.

The devotionals will be held in the church chapel at 6:45 p.m. and will be followed by games, movies, and refreshments in the Youth building behind the church.

Walker Attends Panel Of Language Experts

Franklin D. Walker, professor of English, was a member of a panel of the Modern Language association at its convention in Indianapolis December 28 to 31.

Dr. Walker represented the west in the discussion of research which is now being undertaken before a new history of American literature can be written.

The new history, involving a number of year's work, is to be similar to the Cambridge History of American Literature, only more complete, said Dr. Walker.

Filter Center Needs Volunteer Workers

Faculty wives or other women members of faculty families are requested by Lieutenant Ray Sieganthaler to help work at the filter center, located at the Eugene armory as soon as possible.

More women are needed at once to complete the shifts of six hours each.

War Themes Used

"What does Youth want after World War II," and "How can We Keep a Sense of Humor During the War" are the two questions currently under discussion by the women's symposium group, said W. A. Dahlberg, assistant professor of speech.

NYA Continued For New Term

According to the latest information from Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel administration, and Miss Aida Brun, new NYA secretary, the NYA office has been authorized to continue during the present emergency on a 75 per cent basis.

No new applicants for NYA jobs were assigned at the beginning of this term, but all those who had jobs last term, and who showed the need and maintained their grades, were reassigned to their jobs. Dean Onthank revealed, however, that those students who have applied for NYA jobs are fairly well assured of getting their assignment by the beginning of the new period on January 15.

Enough students were dropped from the NYA rolls at the end of last term, due to other jobs, more help from home, bad grades, and other causes to make it again possible to assign hours to other students. Students who have NYA jobs now, but feel they need more hours, will have a chance to get some extra hours starting with the new period. Men students should contact Virgil D. Earl, dean of men. Women students may apply to Miss Janet Smith, employment secretary, whose office is in the YMCA house.

UO Enrollment Figure Drops

This year's registration totals appeared to be slowly gaining on totals for last winter term, as Clifford L. Constance, assistant registrar, announced only about 5 per cent decrease in the totals so far this week.

"Owing to conditions of the past few days; however," said Mr. Constance Thursday, "any comparisons would necessarily be invalid. I think it would be best to withhold any estimates until the campus returns to a state of normalcy."

The latest figures available are those compiled at closing time Tuesday afternoon. Approximately 2,653 students had enrolled at the University at that time compared to 2,784 on the second day of registration last January. This does not necessarily mean that the totals will show the same discrepancy, Mr. Constance pointed out.

"Last year registration day fell on a Thursday," said the statistician. "This year it came at the first of the week, which fact will probably cause a considerable variation in the final figures as compared to the first few days."

YWCA Publicity Club To Meet Next Tuesday

All students interested in the winter term activities of the YWCA publicity club are to meet Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the "YW" bungalow.

A short program has been planned and winter term events will be discussed. If possible, the "YW" speech squadrons will make a "flying" trip to the various campus living organizations Wednesday.

Students on the flying squadrons are as follows: Norma Baker, Ruth Kilkenny, Gloria Dunham, Lucille Voegelien, Jane Huston, Joanne Dolph, Betty Lou Allegr, Maureen Conklin, Mary Aldrich, and Yvonne Umphlette.

Doris Jones and Joane Dolph are co-chairmen of the program and Jane Huston and Helen Gilson have charge of preparing the fall term scrapbook.