

## Duck Tracks

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Although previously not conceded too much chance of a double win against Idaho in the two game series just concluded, our beloved varsity cagers did just that—they pulled a neat twin set-back on the Vandals.

As a result of this basketball achievement, Oregon rests in undisputed possession of first place in the northern division standings of the Pacific Coast conference. For want of a better phrase, we'll call them "the come-through" kids. And as long as the bouquets are being scattered to the seven winds, let's at least toast the praises of one Roger Wiley, a kid who's not scholastically dry behind the ears yet.

### Leading Scorer

To say that he gave Idaho a pack of trouble would be the master under-statement of the week. Collected and cool as the proverbial cucumber, Rog potted twenty-two points in the Idaho series, a feat which establishes him as the leading scorer on the Oregon squad. Hello, Washington State!

These days you are awakened by the r-r-r-inging of an alarm clock which you turn off, and then proceed to snooze for another fifteen minutes, before finally getting up, eating your breakfast and digesting the latest "rumors" floating about the dining room table.

### Rumor Reigns

Since last November, when the government first lowered the selective service draft call to the 18-19 year old standard, King Rumor has been resplendent on a plush purple throne. Talk and gossip have been flying thick and fast. The college kids hopped into reserve programs, and then sat back to nervously await their turn to be called into the army or navy or what-have-you. Nervous is a fitting word, because although a lot of the kids were anxious to get into the fight right away, they had to wait their turn, and were faced with an indefinite sojourn in college.

The college athletes were affected in the same manner as the math whiz, the foreign language "brain," and the science expert. They went right ahead, turning out for athletics, trying their best under war-time conditions.

And still the unfounded, unqualified rumors flew about. It hasn't been easy to plan a program of studies and activities in college. Here are the latest set of rumors, take them for what you will:

- (1) All students in reserve programs will be called into action March 16, 1943.
- (2) All juniors and seniors will go at the conclusion of the current term.
- (3) All freshmen and sophomores will remain in college until May 15.

How much truth there is in these rumors, we cannot say. Our only advice is, do not accept a RUMOR as the TRUTH, unless you have something official and concrete to base your knowledge upon.

### Cougars Will Be Tough

Tonight the Ducks bump into the Washington State Cougars in a two-game week-end series of northern division ball. The Cougars just recently returned from a highly successful eastern and midwestern barnstorming tour.

Among the more prominent teams they defeated, were New York University and Bradley Tech of Illinois. The former club is always known for its basketball ability, usually ranking not far behind the famous Long Island U. quintet of the Manhattan area. The casaba men from Bradley Tech are currently enjoying a very successful year, having already dumped the Oregon State Beavers.

And so, what the situation adds up to is this: Should Oregon hold her own, or grab a pair of wins tonight and tomorrow night, you can look for our boys to finish no worse than second in the final northern division loop standings. Those sound like mighty words, chum, but the big obstacle, "IF" remains. And Jack Friel's Pullman crew will be out to capitalize on all their anti-"if" powers.

### Southern Race Unsettled

South of the state border, our southern division neighbors are kicking each other around in typical upset fashion. The lowly UCLA Bruins conceded about as much chance in the southern loop as a lighted match in Alaska, knocked over the University of California Bears. And before long, the pre-season odds-on-favorite, USC, will probably fall to some inferior opponent. Such is the way of the southern division.

# Phi Delts, Kappa Sigmas, Theta Chis Triumph Over Intramural Cage Opponents

## Pi Kap Five Whips Co-op

By NED LIEBMAN

Kappa Sigma's "A" league entry was a short scrappy outfit that wouldn't say die and thus grabbed the spotlight in yesterday's intramural basketball games when they overcame a Pi Kap 5-0 half time lead to snatch a thrilling 11-7 victory over their favored adversaries.

The score was tied up early in the third period by a deluge of baskets. Then Hankey swished a long one, Spivits later on a set-up a few minutes later on a clincher shot.

Hank yand Spivy led the scoring with four points apiece while Klovis collected three for the losers.

Kappa Sig Bees didn't enjoy so successful a time in their game, and fell before a surprising gang of Yeomen, 18-6. Yeomen led all the way, enjoying a 10-0 lead at half-time.

Williams, ace forward of the Yeomen, made 8 points to lead both teams, but was followed by Speck with 6. Speck was all over the floor and his brilliant guarding was chiefly responsible for the win.

Pi Kap "B" leaguers came back in their game, to take a slow 17-6 win from a bewildered Kirkwood Co-op outfit.

With Finnell and Mullins at the front the winners built up a 14-3 lead and then allowed the second and third stringers to take over. The reserves, although only making three points, held the opposition to the same amount to insure the win.

Blond-headed Knoll of the losers was the outstanding man on the floor, making his squad a definite threat throughout the game.

Theta Chi bounded to the front  
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### McArthur Court Trophy

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try, annexing the N.C.A.A. basketball title that year.

#### Sentiment

Adding sentiment to the case are two old, beaten and battered pigskins, which look more like basketballs than footballs, but on them are printed scores which tell a story every Webfoot should know. On one of these dilapidated footballs are printed the figures: Oregon 114, P.S.U. 0, representing one of the most decisive scores ever rung up on the coast. The other says Oregon 13, O.A.C. (now Oregon State) 6, the score of one of the initial games of the now famous grudge series, played in 1922.

Words cannot adequately transmit the impressive story the show case has to tell, so if you are curious enough, have a look for yourself.

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TRADED HIS GLOVE FOR A BASKETBALL . . . Joe Gordon, recently voted the major leagues' top second baseman, has been playing basketball while wintering in Eugene.

## Tex Oliver Receives Washington Transfer

In answer to his long standing request for active sea duty, Lieutenant Commander Gerald A. "Tex" Oliver has just been summoned to Washington, D. C., for special training. After his schooling at the nation's capital, Tex will join the staff of the commandant of the air force, and will go into action in the Atlantic.

Oliver enlisted in the navy at the close of spring practice and was assigned to St. Mary's Pre-flight school, where he was head coach of the base football team. His team won six games, one over Oregon, 10 to 9, in the season opener, lost three, and tied one.

Tex is a well known personality on the Webfoot campus. Preceding his enlistment in the navy

he was varsity football mentor here. In 1941, he led the Ducks to within smelling distance of the roses of Pasadena before dropping a close 12 to 7 decision to Oregon State, who later won the Rose Bowl title from Duke in Durham.

#### Corley Aids Tex

Oliver was joined at St. Mary's by Vaughn Corley, supposedly his successor, leaving the Oregon football job to John Warren, currently holding the Webfoot reins.

Who, if anyone, will step into Oliver's job at the Preflight school, is indefinite, but Athletic Director Sam Barry should have little trouble selecting a successor from among his staff of anywhere from 10 to 20 former big time football coaches.

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