

UO Hoop Squad President Erb's Career Gains 'Polish' As Educator Brief, Bright

The University of Oregon basketball squad both took and gave some hard knocks during vacation period, but came out a rather improved aggregation on the whole, according to Coach Howard Hobson.

Hardest knock was the loss of towering Ken Hays, 6-foot, 7-inch center from Waitsburg, Washington, due to grades. Ted Holmes, alternate forward from Menlo Junior college, may also be temporarily let out on account of low marks.

Job Looms

With forward-guard Luke Bacchieri now in the armed forces, Hobson confessed that the job of rebuilding his team would be a hard one. "However we have hopes that some of the new men who will be entering school this winter will show some promise," Hobson stated. "Any of the new fellows who are interested in basketball are cordially urged to attend practice any day at 4:30."

The Duck aggregation emerged from the northern division jamboree at Astoria with a good record, having broken even with Washington State and lost to Washington, the conference favorite, in four 20-minute halves.

Played Well

"The boys showed flashes of \$10 basketball," declared Hobson. "Although we had only one really good practice, owing to the interference of final exams, the fellows exhibited as much stuff as the average conference team this year."

Hobson also commended the showing of the team in the game with the Fort Lewis five. "Although we lost," he said, "the second half of that game was ours. The boys put forth what I believe to be their best performance so far."

Drills Resumed

The squad disbanded for vacation after the Fort Lewis game. Monday night the players reconvened and held a workout which Dr. hampered by the slipperiness of the floor. Workouts will be held nightly this week with stress being laid heavily on condition in an effort to whip the boys into shape.

The joy of the University's holiday season was plunged into gloom upon the announcement of the death of Dr. Donald Milton Erb, president since 1938. His untimely passing brought to an end a career which began only 43 years ago and lifted him to the University of Oregon's top post at the age of 38.

Doctor Erb was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 3, 1900. His father, Dr. John Lawrence Erb, was and is a nationally famous organist, composer, and choir director. Young Donald entered the University of Illinois in 1918, thus becoming acquainted with the disadvantages of trying to obtain an education in wartime. According to Dr. Clarence Valentine Boyer, himself a former president of the University, and now head of its English department, he was "not an outstanding student, but was extremely bright in R.O.T.C. classes and other wartime subjects." Dr. Boyer at one time actually taught his successor when he himself was an instructor in English composition.

Dr. Erb received his bachelor of science degree from Illinois in 1922. After a year spent in gaining practical business experience, he returned to his alma mater and took his master's degree, which he received in 1924. He attended Harvard in order to attain his doctorate of philosophy. While there the genius for scholarship which was to help to place him in a presidential chair began to make itself evident, and Dr. Erb was awarded the Thayer fellowship. He followed up this triumph by carrying off the Ricardo prize for all-around outstanding work by a graduate student at the end of his sojourn at the eastern school. In 1930 he was awarded the Sheldon traveling scholarship on which he toured the country and wrote a thesis on the state of the nation's railroads.

"Outstanding" Man

He began his teaching career by accepting an instructorship in economics at Oregon in 1927, and was speedily elevated to assistant professor. When he left in 1929 he was voted the "most outstanding faculty man" by the outgoing seniors of that year. He received this honor in spite of the fact that his teaching experience had been limited to the scant two years which he had taught at the University.

After receiving his doctorate, he was again appointed to the University faculty, and taught here for three more years. He was

Staff Status Static

The present staff assignments on the Emerald will continue this week. Reporters should contact all their news sources and city desk and night staff members are to work on the nights assigned to them last term.

A meeting of the entire staff will be held sometime next week, according to Marjorie Goodwin, editor of the Emerald, at which new appointments and assignments will be made.

Emeralds will be published this week on Thursday and Friday mornings, with regular publication slated for next week.

offered an associate professorship in economics by Stanford University in 1933, and began an association with them which was terminated only by his election as president of Oregon in March, 1938. At the time he left the California institution he was acting head of its economic and sociology departments.

Throughout most of his adult life he was a regular contributor to the leading economic journals of the country. He was a member of the American Economics Association, the Pacific Economics Association, Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity, and the Rotary club. In 1941 he was selected "first citizen of Eugene" by the Eugene realty board.

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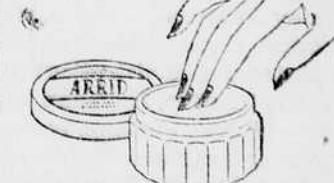
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