

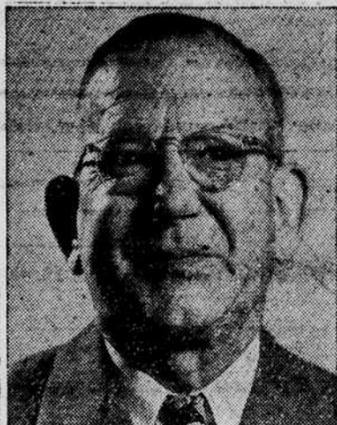
# DUCK TRACKS

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The old athletic board is dead! The maze of rumors and unconfirmed reports have now subsided. President Newburn in his press conference yesterday salvaged what was left of an already badly muddled situation.

That the athletic board should die amidst such confusion is perhaps typical of most deaths. In one sense it was symbolic of the board itself. Actually, the board was acting in good faith with President Newburn when it maintained the cloak of secrecy.

But when an eleven-man board cannot see that leaks and pipelines to the outside are inevitable and that half-truths and bad publicity are sure to follow, then it is indeed time that it does resign.



ANSE CORNELL

Inasmuch as the confusion has already been cited and the death assumed, the eulogy should follow. The board in resigning stated it had been formed for a particular purpose (to get the athletic department out of debt) and that it had fulfilled that objective. True enough, it left a healthy bank balance.

## Pulled Department Out of Red

When the eleven-man board was formed and Anse Cornell hired as athletic manager in June, 1936 the department was some \$34,000 in the red. Through ten and one-half years of playing the cards close to the chest, skimping here, saving the pennies there, the board now leaves a balance of better than \$100,000—some would place the sum as high as \$150,000.

In accomplishing this feat the athletic board must be commended. That is no small feat for a university with losing football teams and a basketball loop of sadly-neglected seating capacities. It has been to this very issue that much of the criticism has been neglected. . . . in an effort to make money, the objective of winning teams may have been overlooked. However, inasmuch as this is the eulogy to the departed august body, Satan's side of the ledger will be overlooked.

## Oregon's Friend of Athletics—Dr. Howe

A personal tribute must be given to a now-deceased member of the board—the late Dr. Herbert Crombie Howe. As faculty representative to the Pacific Coast conference and member of the athletic board he gave a third of a century to Oregon athletics, retiring in 1940. He had the courage, the vision, the love of the game that made him beloved of fans, faculty, and players alike.

When the Atherton Code was put into effect in January, 1940, Dr. Howe was the only northern PCC representative to oppose it. He faced the issue squarely; he faced the ugly truth when he said, "It has always been my contention . . . that it is impossible for a boy to play football at college and earn enough to pay for his education. It can't be done. If these rules are enforced, it will ruin football in the conference." Well, football has not been ruined, but neither have the rules been enforced.

It was for Dr. Howe that the University's baseball field—Howe field—was named. And as the present athletic organization comes to an end it is only fitting that such an outstanding personality should be remembered.

## Credit to the Forgotten Man—Anse Cornell

A word of praise to a man who receives but little credit should also be in order—Anse Cornell. He has been the constant target of criticism since assuming his role of athletic manager—"tight—pinch-penny"—constantly these barbs were aimed his way. If the athletic board is to consider its objective attained in registering \$150,000 plus on the "made" side, then credit should go to the man who took the stinging remarks all these years, and in so doing pulled athletics "out by its bootstraps."

Cornell has been keenly aware of the cards he has had to play with. He has been forced to play the game for eleven board members, a university president, and countless others of considerable pressure. He has handled a large job with an undermanned staff. Had he the finances and the facilities of the larger Southern schools undoubtedly he would have administered differently.

It is to the University's credit that Cornell has agreed to stay on in the position of business manager. He has a deep love for Oregon and its people.

# Hobson Works Cagers On Defensive Tactics

Webfoot Coach Howard Hobson ran his once beaten cagers through a stiff mid-week workout yesterday in preparation for the first game against Slat's Gill's highly regarded Orangemen in Corvallis Saturday.

In last night's scrimmage, the Ducks worked against both zone and man-to-man defenses. The Oregon State defense was air-tight against the Cougars Monday and Tuesday, and Hobby is grooming his squad for any type of defense the OSC mentor chooses to employ.

The Beavers displayed power plus in their double victory over Washington State and will probably be pre-game favorites over the fast-breaking Ducks. Reports from the Oregon camp indicate, however, that the underdogs will take the floor with ideas of giving the Gill coached team their first setback of the season.

### OSC Lineup Uncertain

Whether the Aggie Coach will start the same squad against the Ducks that was so effective against Washington State is a question that will not be answered until Saturday. If he does, the towering Webfoots will have a slight advantage in height.

Instead of using either 6-foot 4-inch Erland Anderson or 6-foot 7-inch Doug Martin at the other forward position with Alex Peterson who towers 6-foot 5-inches, Gill has used Cliff Crandall, a one year letterman who reaches 6-foot 2-inches.

If Roger Wiley gets the starting nod at center for the Oregons, he will out-weigh Lanky Red Rocha approximately 20 pounds but they will be evenly matched in height at six-foot-eight.

### Hays Has Edge

The Oregon work-horse, Ken Hays, has a two-inch advantage over Peterson, but Ed Dick and Crandall are about the same height.

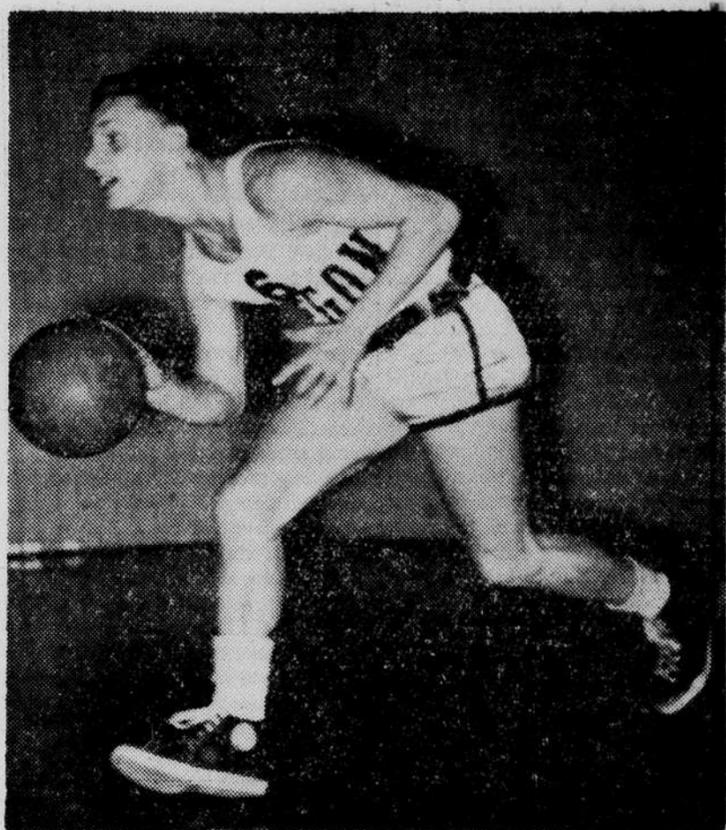
Hobson expects to give away height at the guard positions with his pair of midgets, Williamson and Popick, but they make up for their lack of height in speed and drive.

Williamson will probably be matched against his equal in speed, Lew Beck, and if Al Popick is chosen as the other guard he will have to put up with Oregon State's freshman sensation, Dan Torrey.

A man soon learns how little he knows when a child begins to ask questions.

Friendship consists in forgetting what one gives, and remembering what one receives.—Alexandre Dumas.

**BALL HAWK . . .**  
Guard Al Popick who will play a major role in the Oregon attack against the Aggies Saturday night in Corvallis. Speed merchant Popick has made a name for himself as a ball stealer. He is a one-year letterman.



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