

DUCK TRACKS

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Athletic Director Percy Locey of Oregon State made a belated effort to quash the myriad of stories that have arisen over his alleged disagreements with Beaver Football Coach Lon Stiner in a statement to the press yesterday. This statement might have satisfied a number of people, but it must have caused raised eyebrows in some quarters. Locey said "I have no fight with Coach Lon Stiner or any other member of the Oregon State coaching staff." Locey's statement is undoubtedly true, but it seems that it doesn't cover the entire situation. He might not be having a fight with Stiner or with any other member of the State coaching staff at present, but has this always been true?



PERCY LOCEY

Locey doesn't develop the past—with the exception of the squabble over tickets—which by now is a well-aired topic. Near the finale of the 1946 football season however, one Portland member of the Board of Intercollegiate Athletics at Oregon State volunteered the information that Locey and Stiner were in disagreement on several issues. At that time our informant said, the situation was serious enough to have official circles consider seriously a change. He also cited several good examples of the type of thing that was causing the disturbance. Now Locey lays the trouble to "false" rumors and malicious gossip which have magnified the situation beyond its true status.

Gossip, Hearsay Angle Overworked

Possibly he is correct. It has been magnified to some extent. But if stories concerning this alleged feud are phonies, when some responsible people have been taken in, and furthermore, have dreamed up some new and original versions of the story. This much-used pooh-pooh method of branding unfavorable publicity as "rumors, falsehood, gossip, hearsay" is a fine old dodge, but it's overworked. Many times a public official will have good reasons for standing pat on a "no comment" statement. Many times an official will have good reasons for not attempting to explain publicly every bit of canard that finds its way into print or into conversation. But where there's smoke there is likely to be a certain amount of fire. It's time that people in public positions acknowledge that you can't insult the public's intelligence for very long and escape its censure. Someone is bound to scream sooner or later. This screaming we think is entirely justified.

Emerald Reporters Not Children

At times in the past student reporters for the Emerald have been treated with contempt and have been made butts of attempts at rather vicious rumor. While making a serious attempt to do a job, they have been treated as though they were truant children on a street corner asking the local policeman for directions to the nearest wading pool.

Their questions were lightly treated and many times ignored. When queries were answered there was present an air of condensation which would sicken a healthy horse. At best it was a bad situation. In the present athletic administration there are no men of this type—for which fact many persons have cried "hallelujah!" The fact still remains that too many times reporters (school and otherwise) are treated as naive children. They are brushed off, ignored, and generally treated as one would treat a misguided puppy. Then comes the time when their tormentors wonder why it is they don't get the full cooperation that they demand. Many a story such as this Stiner-Locey thing easily could be brought into the open—not forced. This would help to thwart a lot of the red-eyed name calling so prevalent in such situations.

Junior Varsity Loses

Coach Ted Schopf's junior varsity basketball team finally lost a ball game, and another unbeaten record fell. In bowing before the Oregon State JVs, 44 to 36, the Duck juniors came to the end of a 13 win string. At present the only unbeaten basketball team on the campus is the frosh squad, also coached by Schopf, which has amassed a total of nine wins.

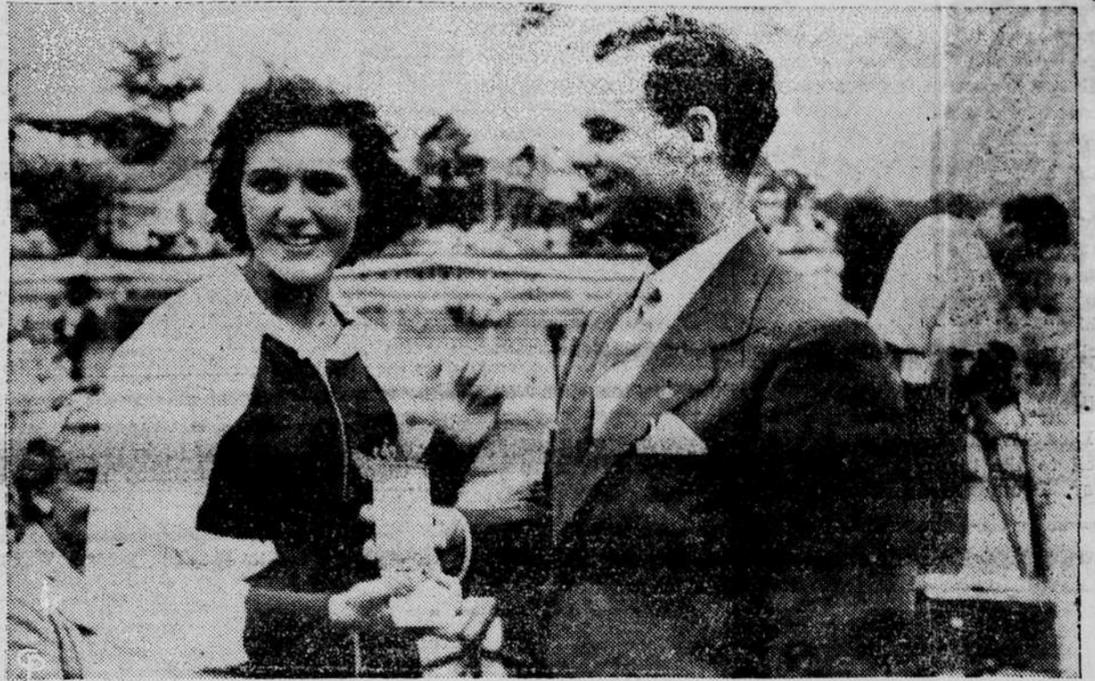
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Awfuls Win on Forfeit

The Awful Awfuls won the only handball match Wednesday on a forfeit when the Phi Kappa Psi team failed to show up.

She Licked Polio



Among the polio victims who climb the comeback trail to athletic success, Portland's Nancy Merki heads the list. Nancy was crippled by polio for the first eight years of her life. She regained her strength by swimming. She is shown above winning the 1500-meter event at the National AAU Women's swimming meet when she was 14. Pre-

senting the trophy is Curtis Smithdeal.

This is March-of-Dimes season. Your contributions may help some polio-stricken youngster to walk and swim. Your opportunity is available at the Oregon-Oregon State game tomorrow night. Let the dimes (and dollars) roll!

Jayvees Stage Rally To Edge Eagles, 51-47

OSC Stops Winning Streak at Thirteen

After trailing for practically the whole game Oregon's faltering junior varsity hoopsters took the lead on a long howitzer by Ken Seeborg with 45 seconds to go and then added three more points, to edge out a fighting Eagles quintet, 51 to 47, last night in an independent league fray. It was their fourteenth victory in fifteen starts.

Behind from one to eight points for all but the final seconds, the Jayvees had to really make a comeback to register their win. With 1:50 left in the contest Seeborg brought his mates within two counters of the Eagles by driving in from the keyhole for a lay-in shot, and then Forward Ed Devaney hit with one of his favorite shots, a two-hander from far out on the side, to knot the count at 46-46.

A gift toss by Chuck Taylor, who was a thorn to the collegians all night, again gave the Eagles a brief lead, but then Seeborg came through with his aforementioned basket, and the JVs took over for good.

Switzer Stretches Lead

Less than a half-minute remained in the tilt, and when Jerry Switzer made good his chance at the foul line, and then followed this with a lay-in to make the four point margin the jig was up for the Eagles.

Only once in the entire game did the local stars manage to get into the lead previous to their final drive, and that was early in the first half, when, with five minutes gone, they went ahead on a rebound by Jim Bocchi, to lead 17-6.

This situation quickly changed as Bob Caviness hit from deep in the corner, and Taylor tossed in another lay-in. From there on the Jayvees had to fight to keep in sight of their opponents, as the Eagles' slow-down tactic caused the usually fast-breaking college boy plenty of trouble.

Twelve players were used by Coach Ted Schopf in an attempt to

get a clicking squad, but no combination tried proved successful. The Oregon team was obviously off their shots from the floor, and woefully so on free tosses, connecting with only five out of sixteen tries.

JVs Close Gap

Before Devaney tied the score in the closing seconds the Jayvees had really turned on the heat to close up the gap. At four minutes to play the scoreboard read 45 to 38 for the Eagles, and ragged action by the Oregon team seemed to insure a victory for the independents. But the JVs finally started clicking for a brief time and racked up enough points to take the contest. Fred Wilson, a former frosh man who seems to have made good, hit from the key for a field goal. Ken Seeborg, who was Oregon's only potent scorer registering 14 points, sank another, and then the already-described action took place.

Upset by OSC

The local lads had their win streak of 13 games brought to an

abrupt halt Tuesday night by the Oregon Jayvee squad to the tune of 44 to 36.

After leading by one point at the half, (24 to 23, the junior Ducks faltered in the second period, with shapshooting by Ward Pardanius, who has been playing varsity for the State boys too, contributing greatly. He scored 18 counters, 13 of them in the last half.

Oregon's team was off its usual game and made a very bad average on gift tosses.

Lineups:

Jayvees (51) (47) Eagles
Hamilton F..... (14) Taylor
Devaney (8) C..... (13) Applegate
Switzer (6) C..... (10) Hannam
Bocchi (6) G..... (5) B. Caviness
Seeborg (14) G..... Phillips

Substitutions: for Jayvees: Don (2), Kirsch (2), Baccelleri (8), Holoman (2), Henderson, Amacher (1), Wilson (2).

For Eagles: Wimberly (2), A. Caviness, Stillwell (3), Christenson. Officials: Shisler and Hartman.

Betas Tip Omega Hall, 19-15 In 'A' League IM Thriller

It took the Phi Delta Theta boys a three minute overtime to down the fighting red-shirted Campbell Club 19-15 while the Beta Theta Pi squad won a close one, 15-13, in the final seconds from a stubborn Omega hall team in a pair of thrillers in yesterday's "A" league intramural basketball play.

Campbell Club, commanding a 10-6 lead at half-time, led throughout most of the game by playing tight ball. The Phi Deltas nabbed the lead with a minute to go on a field goal by George Watkins from 20 feet out. With four seconds left Jerry Mosby, Campbell club, dropped in a foul shot to knot the score.

In the overtime period the Phi Deltas canned two baskets to win 19-15. Bill Skade topped the win-

ners with 11 points while Mosby ed the losers with 6.

Art Milne with 20 seconds left pulled the Betas out of the hole with a field goal from the keyhole to give his teammates a 15-13 win over Omega hall after the losers had commanded the lead during most of the game.

Villard Wins

Villard hall outran the Sigma hall hoopsters 27-21 in a see-saw affair. Dick Unis paced the victors with 14 points. Villard took a 9-0 lead in the first quarter, but Sigma poured in the points in the second quarter to make the score 9-8 at half-time.

Ron Pupke led Kilroy hall with 12 tallies in dropping the Yeoman 21-9 in a one-sided contest.

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