

# DUCK TRACKS

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Appearing elsewhere in this issue of the Emerald is a letter from Mr. John Stehn, director of the University band, voicing some rather caustic comments on a column written by "yours truly" early last week. It is not the policy of this column to resort to bickering between personalities with the objective of personal vindication. Mr. Stehn's letter being of a rather positive tone, however, some defense in this column should not be out of order.

First, the letter cannot be taken too seriously, as Mr. Stehn implies that he has not even read the column in dispute. Were he, himself, as thorough as he accuses this column of not being, he would certainly have at least read the column. Perhaps he has read the article in dispute, but did not state so in his letter. If so, fine.

Secondly, the band situation was well-understood by this writer, and the criticism given was meant to be constructive and not aimed especially at the University band, but against the rally organizers and all musically-interested people on the campus as a whole. What was asked for was a "band of some size, shape and description." And while that undoubtedly includes the University band, it was intended to mean any musical organization which could supply music at the rally.

The only instrument available at the show was a piano, and any ten-year-old will admit that a piano sounds mighty sick in spacious McArthur court. An outfit of three, four, half-a-dozen, or any other number of campus musicians could have filled in very well. If poorly organized, they might not have sounded too sharp, but the spirit and the life would have been there, and there is no doubt but what it would have added immeasurably to the evening's program.

## Other Schools Have "Pep Bands"

The "can't be done" answer, as is so often bantered about the campus, is totally inadequate in this case. Other schools, much smaller than Oregon, do have such "pep bands" or similar organizations. They have been put to good use and to good advantage. Admittedly it requires a lot of work on the part of interested students, but it could be done. It is not meant, that such a task should be the responsibility of the school of music. With a school of music on the campus and a student body of the present size, however, there should be enough students with an interest in school spirit to work in this direction.

Mr. Stehn brings up one other point which could well be applied to the entire campus. With an admittedly small turnout on the part of the students, a proportionate turnout on the part of the band members would have netted but five or six horn-tooters. Very true, but such reasoning if carried farther would produce but one or two members of the rally squad, two or three members of the basketball team, and perhaps none of the coaches!

It is regrettable that the band is composed of members with the attitudes Mr. Stehn speaks of, not out of disrespect to these members, but because it renders the University band inadequate for many functions which most college bands usually perform.

## Coaches Were Well-Pleased

Coaches Jim Aiken and Hobby Hobson were well-pleased with the rally. The turnout was not large, but it could be made a good starter towards re-engendering the Oregon spirit which should exist on the campus. Right now the Webfoot athletic prowess is at a low stock. If ever it is to improve it will require co-operation from top to bottom.

President Harry Newburn cannot do it alone, the coaches cannot do it alone, the athletes cannot do it alone, and the students cannot do it alone. There must be a united effort of all. And there must be no waiting for someone else to do it first. The rooter that shows indifference because the "team isn't worth it" might be interested to know that many of the athletes think likewise of the student body. But let that be of the past; we should now work for the future.

Oregon has its coaches who love to win—Colonel Bill Hayward, now at the retirement age, who has put one ambition yearly, that being to beat Oregon State; Coach Hobby Hobson, whose northern division rivalry dates back to 1923; and an all-around fighter, Grid Coach Jim Aiken. Do we have the students who also love to win? Of course! And there are days ahead to prove it.



BILL HAYWARD

## Paddle Squad Slates Action

There will be no lack of action on the varsity paddle squad's schedule this weekend as a pair of Inland Empire teams invade Webfoot territory. Friday afternoon Idaho will match strokes with the speedy Ducks, and Saturday the Oregon Dads will be guests at a crucial contest between the University mermen and Washington State, which will probably decide the runner-up position in this season's ND race.

Earl Walters, acting coach in John Warren's absence, declared yesterday that only a quartet of Oregon varsity swimmers, Dick Hazard, Johnny Miller, Benny Holcomb, and Bill Seal, would see action against the Vandals. The JVs will comprise the rest of the team roster, giving many of these hard-working splashers their first taste of college competition.

Promising freshmen will probably shoulder more than their share of the scoring burden against the thus-far punchless Vandals. Don Kessler swam an outstanding race against OSC last Saturday and will be the mainstay in the backstroke.

Breaststroker Dave Hays and John Anderson, both of whom did not compete against the Aggies, are slated to enter the pool against Idaho. Freestyle specialists Dick Hazard, Pug Mayer, and Paul Thompson round out the list of first-year men that will dress down for the 2 p.m. meet.

## Ski Team Travels To College Meet

The Webfoot ski team will atke their boards to Martin, Wash., this weekend to participate in the Northwest Intercollegiate ski meet.

Led by Jim Popp, coach and captain, the six man team includes Jim Donahue, Phil Edblom, Chelton Leonard, Jim Harrang, and Bob Johnson, ranked in that order.

The four-way meet will include downhill, slalom, cross-country, and jumping events. Each team member must ski in all events.

Participating in the meet will be the University of Washington, who will act as hosts, Washington State, Idaho, Oregon State, and Oregon.

Popp, a former ski trooper, placed eighth in the Sun Valley Intercollegiate held last December, and should finish well up on the list for this meet.

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## Sigma Nu, Delts, SAE, Omega Win in IM Play

Topping Tuesday's intramural basketball play, Sigma Nu out-classed a fighting Campbell club, 23-20, in an "A" league overtime tilt. In other games, SAE downed Sigma hall 21-13, Delta Tau Delta defeated Villard hall 34-14, Omega hall tipped Chi Psi, 13-8, and the Campbell club "B" team dropped another contest to Legal Eagles, 24-17.

With the count 19-19 and only seconds to play in the final period, Campbell club had the ball under the Sigma Nu's basket, but missed three shots, and the game went into the extra time. Jim Tergeson hit for a field goal for the winners, and Ken Roberts, who was high point man with 13 counters, dropped in a gift toss to put the game on ice.

In a B league game SAE, led by Ray Hurtzig with seven points, came to life in the second half, after a 4-3 halftime lead, to outlast Sigma hall for their 21-13 win.

Leading 20-6 at the half, the Delts scored 14 points in the final periods to win an easy 34-14 victory over a weak Villard hall squad. High man for the winners was George Kikes.

The DUs stretched their winning streak to six games without defeat by claiming a forfeit from Stitzer hall, who failed to show up.

With a comfortable 6-0 lead at intermission time, the Chi Psis fell apart in the last half before a dogged Omega hall attack to lose 13-8. The game was a slow, sloppy affair with the Chi Psis making only two points in the second half against 13 for the winners. Preston Holt was high for the Chi Psis.

The Campbell club "B" team evened up its win-loss column at 2-1 all by losing to the Legal Eagles 24-17 in a see-saw game.

## Greetings by Phone—Tokyo to Eugene, Ore.

From Tokyo to San Francisco to Eugene—that's the route of the trans-oceanic phone call Ron Waring, sophomore in journalism received last night from Japan. Calling to wish him a happy birthday, Avis Pick, who will register in the University fall term of 1948 as a graduate student, talked to Waring four minutes.

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