

## It's for the Birds---Mac Court, That Is

Comes spring time and campus coeds and college men hie from their books and into the open fields. How about the birds and bees? Not so, they pull a reverse if the performance of several swallows is an indication.

Oregon's hoop team had vacated the Igloo, taken off for balmy spots, but not these birds. No, they decided now was their time to try their skill at streaking up and down the court. Somehow they had entered one of the skylights and were trapped inside of the court. At first they didn't mind and just frolicked around with beautiful dives and speedy straight runs.

Friendly and popular referees, Hal Eustis and Hal Lee would have had apoplexy. The swallows were not abiding by national intercollegiate basketball rules in their contests. They paid no heed to boundary lines, broken dribbles, or leaving the floor for hasty flights toward the nets.

Yes, Eustis would have adjusted his dark glasses and strained his whistle had he watched the performance.

Not content with the colorful playground provided by the maples, the swallows, three of them there were, high-tailed for stratospheric heights and indulged in cooing and zooming from the sky-

light area.

One of the reckless fellows decided to pull a Stuka act and adjusted his props for a dive to the floor. He let loose, swished right through the hoop, and barely missed spotting the clean maples with his feathers.

At last check they weren't so playful. They kept hunting for the skylight through which they entered. If they can't leave the Igloo will they settle down to domestic bliss or will the "triangle" develop? Even George Thorpe, the Igloo's tender, is stumped by that question. Neither he, nor anyone else, knows if the birds are male or female—or in what ratio.

## Hobson Hustles Oregon Nine For Friday's Baseball Opener

### Webfoot Mentor Elected NABC Prexy

Coach Howard A. (Hobby) Hobson yesterday settled down to the grim task whipping together a baseball team in just four short days, for the 1947 diamond opener is slated for Friday, April 4 against the Willamette Bearcats in Salem.

Hobson just recently returned from the New York meeting of the National Association of Basketball Coaches where he was elected president of the organization. During his absence from the campus, JV Coach Barney Koch's hand led all baseball coaching chores.

The Webfoots face a tough job in defending the northern division horseshoe title won last year. The 1946 team won in the first post-war season, and play was in some cases erratic. Other teams in the ND are known to be tremendously improved this year with the Washington Huskies under their new coach, Art McLarney, already tabbed the team to beat.

### Three Regulars Missing

The 1947 version of the lemon and green baseball nine will be missing three regulars from the 1946 team. Gone are Jim Norvell and Spike Johnson, infielders, and Walt Lozowski, who had duty both in the infield and outfield.

To replace this trio and to otherwise improve the 1947 club, Hobson has available a wide variety of talent—some lettermen, some of semi-pro experience, and some outstanding high school prospects.

Lettermen returning from the 1946 championship team include Dick Rodiger, catcher; Hal Saltzman, Homer Brobst, and Lyle Pettyjohn, pitchers; Walt Kirsch, Al Cohen, Rannie Smith, and Bass Dyer, infielders; and Bob Santee, Don Dibble, and Tony Crish, outfielders.

Another pair of letterwinners are also on hand to bolster the 1947 club—Swede Carlson and Dick Burns. Neither of these two, however, was on the 1946 team. Carlson is slated for a top spot in the catching department, while Burns is a first-baseman, but he may be shifted elsewhere in the infield or outfield on the 1947 team.

### Pitching Looks Good

Should the Webfoot pitching staff develop as is hoped, the Hobsonmen are expected to present as imposing an array of moundsmen as any team on the coast. Heading the list is big Hal Saltzman, top ND hurler last year.

Also on hand are a pair of husky left-handers—John Day and Cliff Mortenson. Day pitched several fine games last

# EMERALD Sports

### Sports Staff to Meet Wednesday Night

All students interested in working on the Emerald sports page during the spring term are urged to be present at Wednesday evening's sports staff meeting.

The session is scheduled for 7:30 in the sports room of the Journalism building. Both old and prospective new workers are urged to attend.

summer in the Cascade league until bothered by a sore arm. Mortenson was an outstanding high school prospect at Junction City before the war.

Expected to contribute an appreciable share of wins for the 1947 Ducks is freshman Harold Walker, former Eugene high star. Walker also pitched in the Cascade league last summer as No. 2 hurler for the championship Hills Creek club.

### Play Pilots Saturday

From this four the mound list stretches on indefinitely including the letterwinning pair of Brobst and Pettyjohn, and a pair of left-handers, both Eugenians, Jim Eckstrom and Jerry Switzer.

Following the Friday opener the Webfoots travel to Portland where they face the University of Portland Pilots on Saturday. Northern division opener for the Ducks this year is April 18 when the Idaho Vandals invade Howe field.

### Duck Coeds Take Meet

University of Oregon's women's swimming team with 54 points has won first place in the Western regional of the 1947 National Telegraphic Intercollegiate Swim meet. According to Beverley Bennett, manager of the team, the Duck mermaids swept all events in the "stay-at-home" swim contest except the 100-yard breaststroke won by UCLA. Oregon splashers took firsts in each of the other 12 events.

UCLA followed the Webfoot coeds in the title quest with 27 points. Behind the Ducks and Bruins were Washington with 25.5 points and California with 22.5 points.

Similar to many telegraphic chess contests, the coed swimming event pits each team against time and not actual competition. Results are checked and submitted for computation and comparison with other squad's results and the winner declared shortly after all wires are received by the judges. Oregon was the sponsor for the meet this year.

### Sports Staff This Issue:

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## April 7 Is His Day



FOOTBALL COACH JIM AIKEN

### Oregon's 1947 Grid Hopes Ready to Show As New Boss Promises Plenty of Action

Booming Jim Aiken, new Oregon football coach, has designated Monday, April 7, as the official opening of the 1947 Webfoot spring training program. The remainder of this week will be spent in completing preparations for the 30-day practice period, and assistants Dick Miller and Frank Zazula are at present knee-deep in plans, information, and a liberal sprinkling of new football talent.

A record turnout is expected for the spring workout, and Duck fans will likely see many new names on this year's grid roster. Coach Aiken has been well received wherever he has gone in the state, and reports have it that many good prospects have indicated their intentions of coming to school at Oregon.

A new feature has been added to the Oregon coaching method this year. Aiken's assistants, Miller and Zazula, have not been hired only to tell the players how the game should be played. They will demonstrate. Aiken has reported that his aides will wear hip and shoulder pads in order to give the Duck gridmen a better demonstration of how to block and tackle.

Shortly after Aiken arrived on the Oregon campus and surveyed

the talent, he said there is only one man who has landed a starting berth for next fall—Jake Leicht, and even Leicht will not be able to rest on his laurels, for all positions are wide open.

### Football Band

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the campus are taken into consideration, the band director said, there will still be vacancies for many new players next fall. Therefore, he requests that University students mention this to high school band players. Particularly, men who play brass instruments and drums will be needed, he said.

Approximately 3,000 veterans were patients in Veterans Administration hospitals in the Pacific Northwest at the end of 1946.

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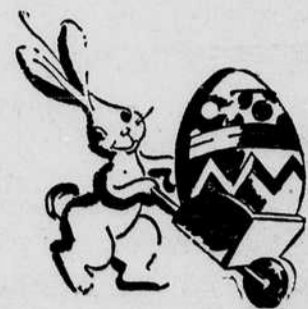
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