

# DUCK TRACKS

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Sportcaster Bill Stern goes to work on college athletics in the April issue of Sports magazine. It's the usual line of pap on whether or not college athletes should be paid. Mr. Stern comes to the conclusion that amateur athletes should not be paid. And to this conclusion, of course, we must heartily agree.



• ART McLARNEY

Amply aired are the by now familiar cases of Shorty McWilliams and Mississippi, Buddy Young and a number of colleges, Oklahoma A and M's Jim Lookabaugh's crack about some nearby school spending \$200,000 to produce athletic teams, and a variety of other well known cases.

Stern also included the official West Point statement deploring the professional aspects of college athletics. And oddly enough Harry "Make it a million" Wismer is slated to pen the Sport's May issue dissertation on the college athletics front. Mr. Wismer, having spent the 1946 football season peering over the shoulders of Cadets Doc Blanchard, Glen Davis, Arnold Tucker, and company, could perhaps give us a somewhat detailed account of just what sort of thing goes on at West Point. However, that seems too much to expect.

This column holds no brief for professionalism in colleges, but on the other hand why must American colleges, weakened by the war and now attempting to regain respectable positions bear the brunt of such attacks. Why not use as examples of professionalism the "powers" that were during the war.

## Army and Navy Doubtful, Too

No tangible evidence is available to say why such men as Blanchard, Davis, Tucker, McWilliams, Bob Kelly, Bob Honschmeyer, and others suddenly popped up on the Army and Navy teams during the war. Blanchard had proved himself as a frosh at North Carolina, McWilliams at Mississippi, Kelly at Notre Dame, Honschmeyer at Indiana, and Davis reportedly required the services of a tutor to help him through high school.

No, there is no evidence to prove that such an array of talent did not find its way legitimately to West Point and Annapolis. But neither have we the proof that McWilliams was offered \$15,000 to return to Mississippi or that UCLA offered Buddy Young everything but the presidency at Westwood.

If we are to cast stones at the colleges of today, let us not forget the teams that have enjoyed all the glory during the last few years.

Other than that Sterns has little to say of a controversial nature. He's against pros in college athletics. So are we all. But what is needed today is a constructive plan toward the future, not a rehash of yesterday's sins. We are painfully aware of them already.

## True Names an All-American Team

While on the national publications topic, True magazine has released the All-American basketball team that is really supposed to be "it." The team is chosen by the votes of college basketball coaches and representative members of the press, and please don't chuckle when you hear the first team selections. . . .

Sid Tanenbaum of NYU, Andy Phillips of Illinois, Ralph Beard and Alex Groza of Kentucky, and Gerald Tucker of Oklahoma. A fair country ball club to be true, but once again everything ends up in the East. Lone Westerner to break print is Don Barksdale of UCLA on the third team.

The entire situation boils down to the same old story—an accurate All-American selection cannot be made by popular vote. Best method to date has been the use of a selection board with a representative from each section of the country.

## Along the Sports Front

. . . . UCLA is next on the list of West Coast schools to sponsor a National Collegiate Athletic association tourney. Washington was host last week to the NCAA swimming meet, and the Uclans get their chance June 23 to 28 when the nation's top collegiate tennis players head Westwood way. . . . The Texas Longhorns' ace sprinter Charley Parker recently lost his first and only race in 56 starts when he fell to Bill Martinson of Baylor in a tight finish at the Border Olympics. The judges required 10 minutes before making a decision. . . . Hec Edmundsen's Washington Huskies packed in a total of 119,800 fans to 16 home basketball games during the season just passed. That's quite a figure for the new hoop coach, Art McLarney to shoot at next year.

# Rain Stymies Diamond Drill

Rain again was the order of the day for baseball after the weather drove the little-drilled diamond team to cover for the third time since spring term opened. Howard Hobson had originally planned to give his proteges a loosening-up workout, but the downpour called another halt to such plans.

The batterymen were kept busy yesterday afternoon in the shed as they were about the only ones who could get in any practice. At present, returnee Hal Saltzman appears to have the inside track among the hurlers, but Hobson has had such little chance to evaluate his material, that the other pitchers' ability is not known.

Hobson hasn't had a really decent opportunity to see just what he does have for the coming Northern Division season, with the rain dampening his chances to look over the candidates with any scrutiny. The nine hasn't held a scrimmage game thus far, and it appears that Webfoots will have to use their Willamette and Portland tilts this weekend as almost practice games.

Hobson plans to take mostly lettermen on the weekend trip, which he emphasized doesn't by any means decide the squad. Those who don't make the road jaunt will not lack action as the JVs, under Barney Koch, play a pair of games with Lewis and Clark of Portland.

The JVs may be in for the stiffest action of the two teams, as the Pioneers have already leveled the Portland Pilots once this season. Little is known about the Willamette squad.

Although rain has cut down the baseballers' training, Hobson has been spending most of the sessions giving the men training routines to follow, and limbering-up exercises.

Looking over the Duck roster, they seem to lack left-handed hitters with punch at the dish. Right-handed swatters are in abundance, but the southpaws just aren't to be had.

Veterans will be back to fight it out for their old starting berths, but all of the Northern Division diamond squads pack a good wallop this season. Oregon's first ND foe will be the Idaho Vandals here April 18.

Art McLarney at the University of Washington appears to have the favorite, with Max Soriano on the hill, and Frank Constantino handling the catching chores. Sammy White, a highly touted backstop has been shifted to first base, with another star performer, Boody Gilbertson, at short.

In summing up his material, Hobson frankly admitted that he doesn't know just how capable the Ducks are, with rain butting in at every opportunity, but consolation can be gained from the fact that all of the ND teams are up against the same factor in readying themselves for the coming campaign.

# Bulldogs Reinstate Track Competition

SPOKANE, April 2—(AP)—The first Gonzaga university track and field team in 20 years will open a six-meet season April 19 against the University of Idaho at Moscow, athletic director Claude F. McGrath said today.

Reinstating track competition after a lapse of two decades the Bulldogs have scheduled a triangular meet here with Whitworth and Farragut college May 17 and dual meets with Whitman here April 26, Eastern Washington at Cheney April 23, Montana University at Missoula May 10, and Farragut at Farragut May 23.

# Newly Appointed Athletic Head Arrives



LEO HARRIS

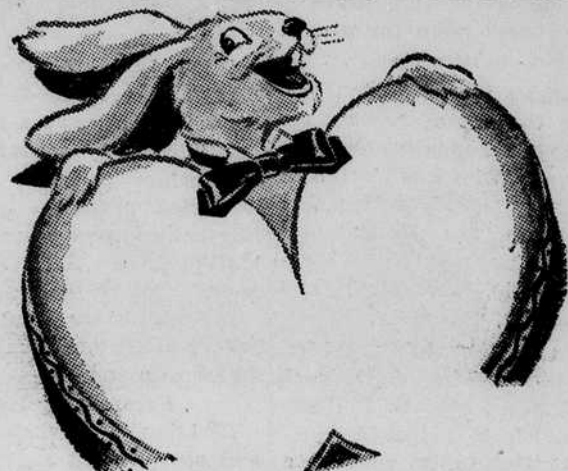
Oregon's recently appointed athletic director, Leo Harris, arrived on the campus yesterday from his home in Carmel, California. Harris is expected to stay in Eugene for approximately a week acquainting himself with the University, the athletic administration, and the city of Eugene.

This evening Harris has planned a dinner with members of the Oregon coaching staff and various other officials within the athletic administration.

Harris will assume the position of athletic director July 1, at which time he will have completed his duties at Carmel. During the interim, Athletic Business Manager Anse Cornell is filling Harris' position at McArthur court.

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