

DUCK TRACKS

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The recent death of Coach William Hayward robbed the athletic world of one of its greatest and most colorful personalities. "Colonel Bill," as he was affectionately known, has left a place which will never be filled here at the University. He is gone but his spirit remains and will be remembered and cherished in the years to come.

It was not just his record of 44 years as track coach at Oregon that has earned him this special niche. It was the unerring example of good sportsmanship that he turned in, as an athlete himself in his younger days, and as a coach and trainer of athletes.

Colonel Bill coached an estimated 1000 men in his years at Oregon, and was trainer for at least another 1000. And always his interest was in the individual as an individual, not just as a possible point-winner for his squad. He never allowed a man to take part in an athletic contest if he thought there was a chance that the man would be injured, no matter how important the player was.

And this was where his genius in the locker room came in. There are countless physically handicapped athletic stars who can tell how Hayward's special devices enabled them to play on Oregon teams. There was the place-kicker who booted four field goals in one game, although all his toes were missing from his kicking foot. Colonel Bill rigged up a brace. There was grizzer Mike Mikulak, handicapped with a soft chest bone. Hayward devised a pad that allowed Mikulak to play and become an All-American back. There was javelin champ Boyd Brown, who was missing a thumb on his throwing hand, but played because Bill invented another gadget.

A Wizard of the Locker Room

These are only a few of the handicapped who can testify to Hayward's genius in the training room. Many others can tell how he prevented permanent injury by his accurate diagnosis of seemingly minor hurts. His ability to determine almost at a glance the character of players' ailments brought him many offers of training positions at a much greater salary than he received at Oregon, but his loyalty was in Eugene. He shunned publicity, and was happy to work with Oregon athletes without credit or recognition.

But a man can't coach at one school for 44 years, and handle over 2000 athletes without becoming well known, even if he doesn't seek the limelight. Champions and great teams kept coming out of the Oregon school, and their coach began to get his just credit. Six times Hayward was selected for the staff of the American team at the Olympic games. His outstanding coaching record and years of service to the sport earned him the title "dean of the American track coaches."

Colonel Hayward had a terrific competitive spirit, stemming from his own career as an athlete. Born of French-Canadian parents he early was introduced to the sports of la crosse, sculling, and ice hockey, turning later to track where he became famous. A story is told how Hayward, sculling downstream, won a race from a railroad hand car. His close friends have heard stories of his life as a prize fighter: how he was sparring partner of Gentleman Jim Corbett, and how he once beamed Jack Sharkey with a baseball bat.

Beaver Defeats Added Years

Nothing delighted Bill Hayward more than a victory over his archrivals, the Oregon State Beavers. He once said that a triumph in any sport over the Beavers added five years to his life. Last spring the Oregon track team, rated underdogs to their cross-valley opponents, went into the meet determined to win for their coach, guiding Oregon track destinies for the last time. The result was an overwhelming defeat of the Staters, a rich reward to the man who worked so valiently for the glory of Oregon.

Appreciation and recognition of the part Hayward played in turning out athletes worthy of carrying the Webfoot colors were shown in the annual Homecoming battle with Oregon State this past season, with the occasion dedicated to the white thatched mentor. Festivities in his honor before the game were arranged, and although Bill was too ill to attend, notables from all over the country were there to tell how he had encouraged and helped them in their athletic careers. A speech by Colonel Bill to the football team was recorded at his home, and played to the squad just before the big game. The theme of the game was "Win for Bill," the day had been proclaimed "Bill Hayward Day" all over the state by Governor Hall, so the stage was set. The Webfoots won the game, as much a tribute to a great man as to a good team.

Bill Hayward is gone, but the spirit of good sportsmanship and clean, hard competition, which was so evident in his life will remain to challenge and encourage the athletic teams of Oregon through the years.

Notre Dame or Michigan?

Trojans Pick Irish over Wolverines

(UP)—The unanswered question of the 1947 football season—is Notre Dame or Michigan the better team—was put to a representative cross-section of Southern California's eleven today and the majority believed the Irish would win.

The Trojans were beaten by both teams, 38 to 7 by Notre Dame, and 49 to 0 in the Rose Bowl by Michigan.

Although Michigan's victory was more convincing, 17 of the 22 players polled felt Notre Dame was the stronger team. Their reason was the Notre Dame line, even though the Trojans were able to break through the solid wall for one touchdown.

Irish Line Difference

"Notre Dame's line would be able to make their offense go through Michigan and at the same

Duck Team

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has been a deciding factor in four of the last six Oregon games. Against Long Island, Berg led a determined second half drive. In both Kansas encounters, he pulled the Ducks up by the bootstraps to spark them to wins. His final achievement was pocketing the winning basket against San Francisco.

Not to be overlooked is Lavey, the fastest man on the team and the possessor of a deadly one-hand push shot. Cooper has shown considerable improvement along with Gacek. Wiley's understudy, Amacher, although lacking in experience, has been steadily improving in his backboard play.

time would be able to stop Michigan's thrusts," one player said.

And even of the five players who thought Michigan would win, most of them felt Notre Dame had a stronger line. Those five picked Michigan because they felt the trickery of the Wolverine backfield would fool the Irish as it fooled the Trojans.

One giant linesman, who gave a creditable performance against both teams, said the reason he picked the Irish was that they almost pointed where they wanted to go and then marched right through to their goal.

USC Best with Irish

"We played a better game against Notre Dame than we did against Michigan," another player said, "but with the Irish there was a feeling of latent power. We almost knew they were going to push right over us. Michigan pushed right over us, but it wasn't the same thing."

In voting for Notre Dame, the players agreed with their coach Jeff Cravath, who said less than five minutes after the Rose Bowl game was over that he thought Notre Dame was a better team.

Cravath Likes Notre Dame

"Michigan wouldn't beat Notre Dame's first team," was the way Cravath put it. He felt Michigan's reserve strength was greater but he hailed the Irish line as the greatest in the land and strong enough to have stopped Michigan's trickery.

Both the coach and his players agreed that Notre Dame probably could have run up a larger score if the Irish had passed more. The great Johnny Lujack threw only

five passes in the entire game and none in the second half, while for Michigan, Bob Chappuis hurled 24 passes and the Wolverines were throwing right up to the last minute.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Kansas 3, Oklahoma 38.
Dayton 77, Rio Grande 33.
Iowa State 55, Nebraska 44.
Georgia 49, Furman 44.



By AL PIETSCHMAN

Back from vacation . . . and still crying in our beer over the low GPA, saying sad goodbyes to the boys with the .8's and lower, trying to find the right classes, wringing out wet clothes from the flood zone, looking for the profs who fouled us up, throwing out old ponies, selling the others to neophytes, adjusting our stomachs to the college grub—ugh, macaroni first day, and muttering to ourselves "this term will be different."

CAMPUS: People are still talking about their vacations. Portland was the center of social activity, dances thrown by alums, parties thrown by students, and get-togethers all around town. The Miami Triad went off in Portland instead of the campus.

SPORTS: Needless to say the Duck basketballers are the talk of the sports minded. The boys appeared to be in tip-top shape in the locker room the other day even though they tried to scare us by saying Rog Wiley didn't make his grades. He did, don't worry. And so did all the other boys. In fact their grades are higher than the most of the campus.

LOVE 'N' STUFF: Must congratulate ole cronie Bob Chapman on his engagement to Annamae Winship during the holidays. Need we say that Bob presented the gal with a beautiful ring.

(and for sparkling diamonds, it is CARL GREVE, Jeweler, in Portland).

SCENE SKIING: Mt. Hood wasn't exactly the best place to go if you wanted to stay in good shape from the looks of people hobbling around. Seems to be a preponderance of twisted knees, broken ankles and numerous sprains.

Braving the elements (stormed for almost a week at Timberline) were many "O" students.

Bud Cobb, Anita Jackson, Sue Schoenfelt were some of the stars on skis. There was a whole clan of DG's on the hill besides many Phil Psis (thanks to the bunk fellows) Sigma Nus and a small party of Delts. Dick Savinar looked pretty spry in the lodge but lost friends when he said some 2,000 hadn't made their grades.

CAMPUS: Right now most of us have clean clothes thanks to mom's efforts. But it won't take long before the laundry bag is busting out with soiled garments. Remember, the place for them then is the EU-GENE LAUNDRY. Yep, that's the place.

SPORTS: Good news for John Warren is that Dick Wilkins is back on the courts. Dick will be ready to go against Washington Friday and Saturday nights and will be a definite aid to title hopes of the Ducks.

SUGGESTION: How about a rally dance for the opening of the basketball season. Have one for football and baseball. Not going to forget our quintet, are we?

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