

# DUCK TRACKS

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The athletic department is going all out to boost spring sports in prominence at the University. First step taken was the reduction in admission charges to track meets and baseball games.

Oregon students, as usual, will get in on their student body cards, while adult charges have been cut from 90 to 75 cents. Students of high school level or lower will be able to witness these events at the extremely reasonable rate of 25 cents.

The second step, which is still in the contemplation stage, would be holding possibly two night baseball games in May at the Civic stadium. These would be regular Northern Division contests, most likely pitting Oregon against Oregon State.

Athletic Director Leo Harris is the instigator of the move for the night diamond games. By doing so, he believes that the baseball team will draw the crowds which the sport merits. Always in the past, spring sports are the forgotten activities of the athletic system at most universities and colleges. And rightly so, Harris feels that these events should deserve more cooperation from the student body.

Although Oregon students have for the most part boosted baseball as well as any Northern Division school, there is still lots of room for improvement. Perhaps these two moves will be the key to a permanent solution to building up spring sports.

Harris also announced that the final intra-squad game of spring grid practice, May 22, is going to be a "big" affair. During that same weekend, the annual football clinic, open to all high school coaches, will be held here, and the contest will be for their benefit.

## Game Has Earmarks of Midseason Fray

Regular admission, excluding Oregon students, will be charged for the grid battle, as Aiken will unveil the '48 model of Webfoot football toggery. It will be a regulation 60 minute contest, standard officials will take care of the penalty-calling, and all the glamour and color of a regular season fracas is to be presented.

The shutout suffered by the Oregon tracksters in their relay meet with OSC yesterday emphasizes the necessity of adequate track material and good weather to get the candidates into tip-top condition. This spring, both have been lacking as far as the cindermen have been concerned, with the result being the decisive win posted by the Beavers.

Event which the Duck thinclads stood the best chance of winning was the 880-yard relay, but they lost this on the all-important baton pass. Skiles Hoffman, trailing his OSC opponent by only 10 feet, stumbled and fell just before handing the baton to ace sprinter and anchor man Dave Hentorne. By the time Hentorne had retrieved the precious bar, he had an impossible 30 yard deficit to make up. This illustrates that in a close relay race, it's always that baton pass which decides the final outcome.

## Petition Evidently Sways Gill

The 3000 student-signed petition which Oregon stagers handed basketball coach Slat Gill last week must have been the card which kept the wily Gill at the Beaver school. From rumors circulating about, the Aggie mentor had quite a juicy offer dished up by UCLA. The salary he was to receive hovered in the \$12,000 range. In addition he was to have an assistant in both varsity and frosh basketball.

These plus the promise that the Bruins would go out and get Gill the material desired at any cost, would be pretty enticing to any cage mentor in this conference. Also the Uclans are planning the construction of a new 20,000 seating capacity basketball pavilion, another pretty nice setup from the coaching angle.

Baseball coach Don Kirsch is still contemplating the use of Howe field for some baseball games this season. It's a case of running a risk of tearing up the present work done, before the diamond is actually in shape. Otherwise the Webfoot field will be seeded, leveling finished, and readied for plenty of baseball action next spring.



LEO HARRIS

# IM Softball Makes Its Debut With Five High-Scoring Tilts

Alpha Tau Omega	vs	Sigma Alpha Mu
Yeomen	vs	Delta Upsilon
Lambda Chi Alpha	vs	Cherney-French
Phi Kappa Psi	vs	Merrick Hall
Chi Psi	vs	Phi Gamma Delta
Westminister	vs	Minturn Hall

By DAVE TAYLOR

Softball, king of spring term intramural sports, made its debut in regal fashion Wednesday afternoon. Slam-bang, runaway games ruled the fields as four of

six scheduled events resulted in lopsided marathons.

Result of the diamond action: Sigma Nu whitewashed Phi Sigma Kappa 14-0; DTD flattened Sherry Ross hall 12-0; Phi Kappa

Sigma rolled over Omega hall 27-1; SAE downed Sigma Chi 14-4; Theta Chi finally came out on the long end of a 12-8 count over Stan Ray hall; and Sigma Phi Epsilon won a forfeit victory when the YMCA team failed to appear at game time.

## Phi Kaps 27, Omega 1

Phi Kappa Sigma linked 18 big hits with nine Omega hall errors to glide to an easy 27-1 victory over the Straubmen. Phi Kap pitchers, Bob Pierce and George Waliser, combined their mound talents to hold the Omega team hitless, but two errors committed in the first inning cost the ma no run game.

## Sigma Nu 14, Sigs 0

Sigma Nu paraded mid-season form as it rode to a 14-0 shutout triumph over Phi Sigma Kappa. John "Windmill" McBee silenced the Phi Kap batters throughout

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## Three-Lettermen Tennis Team To Face Veteran Aggie Netters

It will be a case of three Oregon lettermen against seven O.S.C. veterans in Saturday's tennis match at Corvallis, Coach Kermit Smith said yesterday.

Smith, when asked what he expected from the Beavers, replied, "Seven lettermen." Oregon has but three letter-winners held over from last season.

### Positions Unsettled

None of the positions on the net team are nailed down yet, Smith asserted, because of the past week's bad weather, with the exception of yesterday, hampering complete practice sessions. The coach said that the tournament to determine who will play against the Beavers is still under way.

A full workout was held on the

courts yesterday under a sunny sky, and Smith reported that all hands are improving steadily.

The Saturday match with the Beavers will be held on the Aggies' home courts.

## Order of O to Meet

There will be an Order of the O meeting at noon today at the ATO house, President Ed Dick announced. At the meeting, new basketball and swimming lettermen will be initiated.

## Diamond Dust

### Coast League Results

SAN DIEGO, April 7—(UP)—The San Diego Padres evened their series with the Portland Beavers with a 4 to 2 win before a crowd of 3,152.

Winning Pitcher Al Olsen had a shutout until the ninth inning when he walked Ford Mullen and Dick Wenner homered for the Beaver's only score.

Portland 000 000 002-2-5-1  
San Diego 110 000 02 -4-4-0  
Sierra, Kowalski (3) and Beard; Olsen and Rice.

Los Angeles 001 000 011-3-5-1  
Oakland 001 000 003-4-6-0  
Schmidt and Malone; Jones and Raimondi.

Seattle 000 000 101-2-6-0  
Sacramento 201 001 41 -9-16-1  
Fletcher, Hedgecock (7) and Hemsley; Cecil and Pesut, Castino (8).

## Bums Win 21st in a Row

TULSA, Okla., April 7—(UP)—Piling up 10 runs in the last two innings, the Brooklyn Dodgers breezed to a 12 to 1 victory over the Tulsa Oilers, their 21st exhibition triumph in a row before a crowd of 7,921. This was believed an all time record for the Tulsa park.

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