

# DUCK TRACKS

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It's seldom that hockey news creeps into the pages of the Emerald but the ice team, called the Oregon Quacks and cooked up by a bunch of University students, certainly merits the attention.

The idea for a hockey team in Eugene sprang up from the weekly broomball sessions that were held by different living organizations winter term. From this meager beginning, some of the participants, aided by Geary Worth, owner of the Eugene ice arena, decided to form a regulation hockey team.

March 31, the 13-man team held its first game against the Oregon State All-Stars in Corvallis, with the Quacks coming out ahead 12-3. Tonight the Oregon sextette plays the OSC team in a return match here in a game which should deserve the University students' backing.

## Hockey Not Recognized at the University

As the situation stands now, hockey is not a recognized sport at the University, nor does it appear it will be in the very near future. In other words, the sport does not have the backing of the Athletic Department, for financial difficulties. Nor are numerals awarded to the participants, or other minor details which a recognized sport is accorded.

At the University, the case is one of football bringing in all the money. While track, baseball, golf, tennis, and basketball drain this reserve, since the latter sports are for the most part, non-profit ventures. Therefore the hockey team is on its own, in taking the initiative.

The Quacks have to buy the necessary hockey equipment themselves, or use what is available at the ice arena. Worth, meanwhile, lets the students use the arena and keeps their skates in condition. Special admission prices will also be charged for tonight's game, with University members admitted for 30 cents instead of the prevailing 50.

## Quacks Have Scheduled Cal, UBC

There is the possibility of one more game for the team before the end of this season, but next year big plans are underway. The Quacks have already tentatively lined up games with California and University of British Columbia, to be played here.

Should the Quacks make a good showing against the Golden Bear aggregation, the pucksters may hold a return contest in Berkeley. There is also the possibility of a four team league for these amateur hockiests, with Portland, Willamette, Oregon State, and Oregon participating.

Thus it can be seen that these hockey enthusiasts are earnest in their endeavors to, at some time, have the sport on an inter-collegiate competitive basis on the Pacific Coast, with the recognized backing of the respective universities. What better purpose could this plan have?

Portland high schools were faced with a similar problem of initiating hockey into the sports curriculum three years ago. Jimmy Ward, manager of the professional Portland Eagles team, got the idea of interesting the different schools to the sport.

## Ward Created Hockey Interest in Schools

This he accomplished by having the sports editors of the high school papers awake the respective student bodies to the possibility of the sport. The result was that in '47 a skeleton league was formed among Portland schools. This blossomed into full prominence this year, with the final game featuring an all-star team against the prep city champions. So the plan of innovating hockey into Coast universities isn't just another weird, fantastic plan. It can work!

Right now, a few schools in the West recognize hockey and give it the necessary backing. California is the prime example, as the Southern Division team has been able to draw good crowds, desiring to witness college ice games. Of course these universities have easier access to the necessary funds. But the point is—if Oregon students will get out and support a hockey team, which isn't even University sponsored, the hope that the sport will catch on, can be a reality.

At present, the Quacks are composed of 13 players—Winnie Carl, Art Stillwell, Ed Worth, John Olsen, Don Severson, Dick Runyard, Bud Leonard, Rog Newton, Bud Smith, Wayne Roeker, Tom Dryden, Clarence Haase, and Bill Wall. In addition to Worth as coach, Dalon Husband is the team manager. He is a former Portland Eagle goalie.

Outstanding performer for the Quacks is Newton. The skate stylist, who also plays for the Eugene city team, once this year performed a double hat-trick in a game. The hat-trick is the remarkable feat of scoring three goals in one contest, and Newton topped this with six markers.

Hockey today is reputed as the fastest sport in the nation, and provides good attraction for spectators who want their athletics dished up in a rough, tough and knock-down-drag-out fashion. As a sport, it is regarded by many experts as more rugged than football.

# Four Softball Teams Register Second Win Against No Losses in IM Play

By BOB COUGHLIN

SAE, Theta Chi, Sigma Nu, and Delta Tau Delta each rolled up a second win in intramural softball yesterday. All games were marked by heavy hitting and fine pitching by the winning squads as SAE downed Sherry Ross Hall 9-1, Lelta Tau Delta decided the YMCA team 6-0, Sigma Nu overwhelmed Sigma Phi Epsilon 12-0, while Sigma Chi broke into the win column by downing Phi Kappa Sigma, 15-2.

## Golfers Ready For Loop Play

By KEN JOHNSON

Varsity golf tees off with a fair-way bang this weekend when the University of Oregon divoteers, defending northern division champions, play Washington State at Pullman Friday and Idaho at Moscow Saturday. The matches, first of the year for the Ducks, should show to some extent the potentialities of Oregon's relatively inexperienced squad under actual competitive conditions.

Two of last year's winners, Lou Stafford and Dom Provost, will be in the line-up with Al Crosbie, who pulled a surprise upset by defeating Stafford in qualifying rounds, John Prince, another heretofore intramural player, and Chuck Taylor, intramural star last year. Rod Taylor, regular sixth man and letterman in '46 and '47, will be unable to make the trip and will be replaced by Al Reible who qualified five strokes behind Taylor.

### Number One Man Indefinite

Coach Sid Milligan announced that he is undecided whether to start Stafford or Crosbie in the number one tee-off spot but will start Provost, Prince, Chuck Taylor, and Reible in that order.

Optimism was expressed over this year's team and from the performances turned in during qualifying, his confidence in the team should be well grounded. One letterman from last year did not make the squad, which is an indication that this year's team may be even better.

The match with Washington State will be played on Pullman's 9-hole course and the match with Idaho will be on the 9-hole course in Moscow, which is shorter.

Theta Chi won by forfeit when Omega hall failed to appear.

### Sigma Nu 12, Sig Eps 0

Sigma Nu's fine pitcher Johnny McBee got good support from his teammates in shutting out the Sig Eps 12-0 on the upper field in the first game yesterday. Ed Dick slammed out a triple with the bases loaded in the first inning a short-stop Jake Leicht went him one better in the next inning by knocking a home run ball onto the roof of the PE building with the bases loaded. McBee gave up only three hits.

### Delts 6, YMCA 0

Delta Tau Delta's pitcher Sanford turned in the day's best mound performance in the Delts' 6-0 win over the YMCA. He gave up only one hit to a good YMCA team that turned in a sound defensive game but just wasn't able to hit and yielded twelve walks to their opponents.

Doug Donahue of the Delts did some fine base running, managing to steal three times.

### SAE 9, Sherry Ross 1

SAE romped over Sherry Ross hall 9-1 behind the one-hit pitching of Jim Popp. Popp was his own best support, getting two hits in his two times at bat. The hallmen were hampered by seven errors.

### SX 15, Phi Sigs 2

Sigma Chi's band of sluggers smashed out six runs in the first

## Varsity Wins

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seconds. In the quarter, lanky John Portis bested Bob Webber of the Varsity in the fair time of 53.5.

Coach John Warren's varsity team showed power in the field events, as pole vaulter George Rasmussen tried a hand at high jumping and soared over the bar at an even six feet. In the discus, defending Northern Division ace Ray Heindenrich tossed the platter 130 feet as he edged by Herb Nill of the Frosh with a heave of 124 feet.

In the pole vault, Don Pickens and Rasmussen were unopposed. John Joachims, who last week did an ironman's share in the OSC relays, had an off day, and Warren instructed him to coast in his events. This coming Thursday, the Frosh travel to Corvallis where they will meet the Oregon State Schools in their initial competitive school meet of the year.

inning and duplicated the feat again in the third to snow under a game bunch of Phi Sigs 15-2. Little Leroy Coleman and Johnny Neely who alternated with one another at second base and in right field sparked the Sigma Chis by getting three hits apiece. Standout for the Phi Sigs was third baseman Willie McCullough.

There will be no intramural softball until Friday. Intramural head, Jim Vitti, asked that those who are playing Friday will not use the activity court dressing rooms which will be reserved for the high school track meet.

## Stag lines

By AL PIETSCHMAN

Once in a while a person becomes curious as to just what is going on at other campuses throughout the country. With this in mind we're going to idle through some of the college papers and note the more impressive activities that catch the eye.

At Indiana university they are anticipating the 1948 Junior Prom, and they are not content with just one band. No sir! They have Ted Weems and Tony Pastor. Price of the tickets is \$6.00 however, with two ballrooms featured and dancing from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. And for the early morning birds they are planning a Prom Breakfast at 1:45 a.m.

Students planning Sunday enjoyment at UCLA had the opportunity to join the junior class in a Catalina island outing. A water taxi took the students out to the island where tennis, riding, and swimming topped the list of activities in the afternoon and dancing at the Casino highlighted the evening.

Dwight D. Eisenhower and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas were unanimously endorsed as Democratic presidential candidates by Students for Democratic Action at the University of Colorado last week.

Li'l Abner appears in the Texas A. & M. paper so students can keep up on the progress of the termites even in class. Students there are planning a big "Maid of Cotton" festival April 16.

The University of Washington frosh became big guns last Friday when they took over the campus. The frosh rallied around the theme "Frosh, B'Gosh," took over student offices, edited the paper, sponsored a "Walking Man" contest, and gave an all-University mixer in the evening.

An early term dance at Texas Christian was a girl-date-boy Adam's Eve Day Dance. Intermission entertainment was put on by men featuring a "big time" style show showing the new look creations of the women.

Elections are on the agenda at many of the schools. At Washington baseball pitcher Max Soriano filed petition for student body president and at the same time a student issued an appeal that electioneering stop at midnight. One party beating tin cans at 3 a.m. to create interest in its candidates.

Mother's Day at Oregon is May 8 and now is the time to invite Mother down here to see all the junior weekend events that are the top event at Oregon all year long. . . . and of course, we will mention the fact that for the finest in jewelry for yourself and for others Carl Greve, Broadway and Morrison in Portland has the finest.

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