

DUCK TRACKS

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Why is it that after all these years, Stanford, through the school's graduate manager Al Masters, objects unofficially to Oregon's summer football coaching class?

Masters voiced his opinions at a recent meeting of the conference graduate managers with the Pacific Coast Conference Commissioner. He claims that Oregon fudged on the opening date for football practices to begin this fall, and adds that Jim Aiken pulled this shady stunt to give Oregon a fast start in this coming season.

This graduate manager literally stuck his foot in his mouth with just those few words, and we think this is an excellent opportunity to ram that foot down permanently. Especially since our friend from Stanford is lacking the correct facts on which to base his objections.

Ducks Naturally Under Pressure

With Oregon a pre-season co-favorite along with California to top all other teams on the coast, naturally the Ducks will be under a lot of pressure. But it is hard to believe that Stanford would have accused Oregon of the same trick if it was known up and down the Coast and throughout the nation that football prospects here were not very rosy. It's granted that a situation like this can and have confronted Oregon in past years. In fact, it was back in the '20's that Oregon was last well heeled in a wealth of football material pervious to this year.

But, Mr. Masters, what are the facts? The odds seem to be against a decision in favor of the protesting school when the facts are presented as they appear below.

This course, PE 190, is no newcomer to the curriculum of the physical education school. Football coaching has been offered for many years in the past. Tex Oliver, when he was head coach between the years '38 and '45, took part in this class instruction.

The course is not required for PE majors, but it is obvious how handy a study of coaching methods would be for one who plans to make coaching a career. And contrary to most theories about this class, pads were donned for demonstration purposes only.

Aiken a Member of PE Staff

A question may be raised also as to the legality of Jim Aiken as a teacher for this course. In addition to the job as head football coach, Jim Aiken is also a member of the physical education staff, thus earning himself the place as an instructor in the school's program.

The fact remains that other intercollegiate sports are regarded just as highly by the physical education school. They offer coaching courses, exactly along the lines of PE 190, in swimming, basketball, baseball, and others. Not only Oregon, but most of the other conference schools. Look at the schedule of classes for some other conference school sometime.

It all boils down to the fact that the so called "Big Four" in the Pacific Coast conference are being pushed right off of their plush chair. And we would hate to see any California school take a tumble. That is, if Oregon was not doing the pushing.

An added argument, and one we think to be the clincher, refers to the action taken by Dean Orlando J. Hollis, faculty athletic representative. Dean Hollis has been noted as one who follows the legally right method, strictly. If you look closely, you will see that no action was taken or has been taken in the past to curb this alledgedly illegal football summer session.

Coach Aiken has not taken this criticism lightly, and in all fairness to Stanford, a small warning should be offered to watch what happens in Palo Alto come September 25.

Oregon Football Fortunes Rise, Fall During Summer

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George Bell, End Don Garza and Center Brad Ecklund as among the stars of the coast.

Pic magazine throws their entire support behind California and practically ignores the rest of the conference. They do list Southern California, UCLA, and Oregon as possible support behind California and practice champions.

So far, the strongest Oregon backer has been the Dell Football Book, which has come out 100 per cent for the Webfoots, and picked them to be in the Rose Bowl come next January 1. Dell stated that the big veteran line, the mainly veteran line, and especially the quarterbacking of Norm Van Brocklin would be enough to carry the Ducks to the title.

Both the Football Annual and College Football Illustrated list Oregon and California as the two top teams, but lean a little towards Cal. They seem to feel that it would

be nice if Oregon came through, but it just doesn't seem likely.

One of the big reasons for the reluctance to pick Oregon for the top spot despite their fine showing last year and a top squad this season is a good look at the record book. The Ducks have not been in a Rose Bowl game since 1920 and they have not been at the top of the heap since 1933 when they tied with Stanford. They come from the Northwest, last represented in the "Bowl of Bowls" by Washington in 1944, and that game was against USC and did little more than settle who had the best team on the Coast that year.

Excluding that game, the only Northwest teams in the Rose Bowl since 1930 have been Washington State in 1931, Washington in 1937 and Oregon State in 1942. The big four in California have taken care of the rest of the Bowl appearances, and they'll be gunning to keep the conference crown in the southland again this year.

Frosh Begin Work Under Bowerman

Bill Bowerman opened his initial season as Frosh football coach at Oregon yesterday, greeting 78 former prep players with a light workout on the upper practice field.

Bowerman stressed to his new Ducklings that only light practice and conditioning will be on the slate for the remainder of the week. Registration for classes must take preference over anything else until school starts, the mentor stated.

Opening the season with calisthenics, Bowerman followed with a lesson touching on the fundamentals of Head Coach Jim Aiken's football styles. The ex-Medford high coach emphasized that the style of play may be entirely new to some of the frosh, but that they must get used to it if they expect to play for Aiken in the years to come.

Bowerman set up a team at random from the candidates, and lectured on the Aiken type of T formation, using the 11 men as dummies for the demonstration. Wind sprints and a snappy pass practice were also included in the opening session.

Daily practices will begin at 3:30 every afternoon and, for the rest of the week, will be on the order of yesterday's workout. Bowerman

promised the Ducklings he will start bearing down next week.

Beside many high school stars from out of state, the new mentor has some star-laden material from the Oregon prep circles to draw upon. Fresh from the Shrine All-Star game are Chuck Bafaro and Don Muller of Portland, and Jerry Leslie, Lewis Langer, Ashland, Bob Wilcox of University high, Tommy Edwards of Klamath Falls, Emile Holeman, Pendleton, Jim Calderwood, Baker, and Don Neveau, St. Helens. Reported coming to Oregon for frosh ball is huge Ed Sarsefield of The Dalles.

A few of yesterday's candidates were participants of last term's spring practice sessions. Among these is Tony Geremia, star quarterback from McClatchy high in Sacramento, who looked good in last spring's intersquad game.

The Frosh will open their active season with a night game against the Washington Pups in Multnomah stadium, October 8. Four games will follow, thus filling the five-game limit set by conference rules.

Gauchos to Arrive

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pass defense which was found lacking at times last season. Woodley Lewis, Ben Holcomb, George Bell, Dick Wilkins, Jim Aiken Jr., and Tommy Hines all alternated in defensive positions, with Norm Van Brocklin tossing the passes.

Elsewhere in the Pacific Coast conference picture this Saturday: Stanford meets San Jose State at Palo Alto, Oregon State entertains the Idaho Vandals, WSC plays UCLA at Los Angeles, and California mixes with Santa Clara at Berkeley. Washington has an open date, while Southern Cal takes on Utah Friday night at Los Angeles.

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Students are booming back to the quad after a tranquil summer—it's good to see all the cheery faces again, even though the Californians do have deep tans and we Oregonians just a pale-white complexion.

First off, congratulations to all the pledges. Rush week is over and you are now sporting pledge ribbons or pledge pins. Right here and now, we state that rush week should be abolished or at least modified. There must be some system that would work better than the present one we have. If, in any way, we can help change the present system, we will work for that end.

The DGs and Pi Phis are looking askance at their interior decorator. Seems the two houses are now almost the same color inside! The decorator for both sororities was the same person and liked the same colors with the result that there is a striking similarity between them.

Has anyone ever kept tab on the number of meetings they attended in one term while at Oregon? Already, the meetings are beginning to pile up and the green frosh are looking bewildered. Won't some kindly upperclassman take them aside and tell them that without meeting the U. of O. wouldn't function?

There are a lot of new people on the campus; it's easy to tell because they are still consulting the maps of the campus. To each of you, a hearty "hello" and we know you will like this thriving campus. It isn't all work by a long ways, you'll learn both from the books and in other ways—but in any case, it is up to you.

At the end of last year we were printing some of the items that appeared in various college humor magazines. This year we are going to subscribe to several of the best ones, including the Michigan Gargoyle, Stanford Chaparral, Ohio State Sundial, and the Harvard Lampoon. Here are a few from the summer issues:

A pink elephant, a green rat, and a yellow snake walked into a cocktail bar.

"You're a little early boys," said the bartender, "he ain't been here yet."

—Chaparral

And then there's the one about the Oregon student who transferred to Oregon State and raised the I.Q. of both schools.

Bud: "Why didn't I get a hundred on my history test?"

Prof.: "You remember the question: 'Why did the pioneers go into the wilderness?'"

Marv: "Yes."

Prof.: "Well, your answer, though very interesting, was incorrect."

—Gargoyle

Freshman: "Why do the janitors at college wear uniforms?"

Soph: "So we can tell them from the English professors."

There were so many weddings this summer that we ran out of ideas for gifts, but friend Carl Greve, Jeweler, came to our aid and showed us his fine array of silver gifts for the just-to-be-married. For your presents, remember, in Portland, it's Carl Greve, Jeweler.

Marv Rasmussen still sports that happy look of spring term. Reason: Ginny is back on the campus. Sorry to say, though, she is leaving soon to make her home in Santa Barbara.

The Duck gridders are shaping up—there were roses at the Jantzen picnic and we hope to see more of the same come January —Pd. Adv.

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TO THE STANFORD GAME!

Oregon vs Stanford, Sept. 25

Leave Eugene Friday Sept. 24th at 9:35 a.m., 11:30 p.m., 3:10 p.m., or 6:15 p.m.

Return flights leave San Francisco Sunday Sept. 26th at 6:45 a.m., 12:50 p.m., 2:30 p.m. or 5:05 p.m.

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