

DUCK TRACKS

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The weazened little guy with a trim black goatee leaned back in the rocker, took a deep breath, and, naturally enough started talking.

"You know," he began, "anyone trying to keep up with the rumors about proselyting that make the rounds every so often is really up against it. And I guess Schmidt (Vic Schmidt, PCC Commissioner) isn't different from anybody else.

"Now I've heard all sorts of spiels about what is going on in intercollegiate athletics today. One day you hear some sports caster croaking about how a flashy fullback turned down pro offers to remain in college because he didn't want to lose money in making the switch. And then you flick off the radio and pick up a paper only to read that the same 250 lb. (and all lard) tackle who last week enrolled in Abnormal Normal is this week driving around a shiny brown sedan.

Off-Campus Interviews Are Popular Pastime

"All right, all right," we put in. "What does all this have to do with—"

"Well, now," he went on, "a fellow can get some pretty interesting dope just by pouring over some of the doings taking place in the PCC.

"Back in '47 the two Los Angeles schools, USC and UCLA, were fined a total of \$4,150. They were the naughtiest of the naughty. Taking them together, we know that in no less than eleven different cases members of the athletic staff held off-campus interviews with prospective students. The Trojans even went so far as to use a high school coach as middle-man for its undercover activities.

"UCLA, on the other hand, in eight instances gave athletes more money for working than allowed by the code (Washington did this, too); they also initiated correspondence with prospects, and to top it all, held summer basketball sessions. We don't remember this creating nearly as large an uproar as when Oregon was upbraided for its P. E. 190 class. Oregon (clipped for \$750. in two years) at that time had one case of an off-campus interview plus errors in accounting for traveling expenses. More than one school was fined for the latter. I sort of suspect there is more in it than appears on the surface.

Oh, Mr. Cassill!—Your Slip Is Showing

"Now bend an ear, buddy. Totalling up the fines, I see that of the ten conference teams, the four heaviest violators were the four Southern Division outfits. The Northern Division clubs (six of 'em) were assessed an even \$1,000. That is less collectively than either of the UCLA or USC fines, and mere peanuts compared to the \$5,400 overall SD total. And remember that the South has two less schools than does the Northern Division.

"However, this past year the pendulum swung the other way and the North decided to fight fire with fire. The Huskies (att.: Harvey Cassill, athletic director) handed over a \$3,550 check, more than the whole Southern Division combined (3,050). The North, altogether, totalled \$5,100.

"And, lo and behold, what ND school drew down a stiff \$525 reprimand, second highest in the division and virtually third highest in the whole of the PCC? Why, who else but Oregon State and Lon Stiner. You'll recall how Al Stump stumped for Stiner and his alleged puritan ways in a magazine article last fall. Onions!

Violators Make Progress, Find New Methods

"From one year to the next the conference schools devised various and sundry new devices for getting into the bad graces of the PCC code. This time (1948) they not only went to prospective students, they also approached parents. Some of the loans given players were found to be something more than the word implies. They even illegally paid athletes for time lost from work because of participation in certain athletic contests.

"There was also overpayment for time lost from work due to injuries.

"The most curious piece of skulldrudgery was a little item which might be simply worded "unauthorized payments to student athletes." That could cover plenty of ground.

What the Heck—Why Bother Anyway?

"All in all, these infractions do cover plenty of ground. Too, they leave a lot uncovered. Even Schmidt, much to the credit of the Fourth Estate, told me, in so many words, that sports observers aren't just sounding off for the sake of hearing themselves talk when they let go with some of these almost unbelievable stories about recruiting. That's why we can say that Schmidt is up against it.

"And, to be truthful, there isn't much that can be done about it. Schmidt's hands are tied to a large extent. It is the schools themselves and the alumni that must reform.

"And there isn't any good reason for them doing that. They are having a dandy time building up their teams, the athlete is getting rich and richer, and the fan doesn't give a fig one way or another. Who is being hurt? No one, really."

Mockford, Johnson Capture Top Honors on 'B' All-Stars

With intramural basketball a thing of the past until next year, the Emerald staff with the cooperation of the IM sports office, has chosen its annual "B" league All-Stars. The "A" league All-Star team will be announced tomorrow.

Top honors went to Theta Chi's Rog Mockford and Sigma Chi's Dewayne Johnson, as they were mentioned on every voter's ballot. And they undoubtedly deserve the right for it was mainly on the court prowess of these two that Theta Chi and Sigma Chi battled it out in the championship game.

THROUGHOUT THE REGULAR season and during the finals Mockford stood alone in his uncanny ability to gather in rebounds and turn them into points.

Johnson, while not a sensational offensive player, generalised his teammates to the crown for the second consecutive year by displaying a vicious defense which cut down the opposition like mowed grain.

Also from the champs came Johnny Jones, lightning-fast guard who accounted for many of Sigma Chi's points while always turning in a brilliant performance.

PAT HANNA, Nestor hall forward, and only independent to reach the sacred top ten, proved himself in his final game of the season when he tossed in 18 points to knock the Legal Eagles out of a playoff berth. However, he was surrounded by mediocre material and didn't get to exhibit his wares in the playoff.


Rounding out the first five is little Al Lippman from Sigma Alpha Mu.

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FIRST TEAM	Pos.	SECOND TEAM
Pat Hanna, Nestor	F	Ray Heidenrich, Fijis
DeWayne Johnson, Sigma Chi	F	Jim Dunlap, Delts
Roger Mockford, Theta Chi	C	Bill Laney, Sigma Chi
John Jones, Sigma Chi	G	George Watkins, Phi Delts
Al Lippman, Sigma Alpha Mu	G	Jim Popp, SAE

HONORABLE MENTION: Ab Johnson, Kappa Sigma; Harry Kannasto, Theta Chi; Doug Coghill, Theta Chi; Dick Garrett, Phi Delts; Norm Hanson, Minturn; Bill Collver, Sigma Chi; Saal Lesser, SAM; and Ken Hanson, Lambda Chi.

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