

# DUCK TRACKS

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The weazened little guy with the trim black goatee plopped on the stool the other day and let loose with a few choice cuts . . .

"This cradle snatching atmosphere is really getting thick," he said between sips of the cool liquid. "Roughly a half dozen of Oregon's baseball players already have been approached by O. B., and matters will surely get worse, if you happen to think it's bad—which I don't under certain circumstances."

The weazened little guy fingered his goatee and went on. "Of course, Oregon is only one of a bushel of schools that are infested with recruiters representing the pros. The boys, many of whom are married, need the money, and also the opportunity to get into the big time. Bill Burgher followed on the heels of Joe Gordon and joined the pros though he had plenty of eligibility left. Nor can he, nor any of them be blamed.

## Pro Offers Leave Their Trails Behind Them

"The only sore spot is that being bombarded with offers during a season reflects in the players' performances on the ball field. And squad spirit frequently takes a plunge, too; some players merely start putting out for their own individual glory, to the subsequent misfortune of the team.

fused to shoulder any responsibility for their dealings with collegians, but the National pro grid league has adopted a hands-off policy. How well this alleged puritanism is carried out is amply demonstrated by the fact that we know at least one member of Oregon's Cotton Bowl eleven did more than make conversation with an NFL outfit.

"Organized baseball has re-

## Eligibility of Athlete Hangs in Balance

"The All-America has declared open warfare, which, as I said before, is okay by me, except that they should do it during the off-season. If pros can offer more than alma mater—and that takes a lot of offering—then the player has little alternative.

"However, an example of how goshawful things can become was no better illustrated than when UCLA recently ran into a big stink concerning one George Pastre. Now Pastre supposedly had had various undercover dealings with the LA dons, and the question, once these undercover dealings had been uncovered, was whether he was eligible for spring sports..

"For Pastre, besides being the Bruins' best tackle, is also a very good shot-putter."

## Colleges Stay Muzzled, and for Good Reasons

We asked the weazened little guy why some colleges didn't unleash a maelstrom of complaints when they knew that some behind-the-scenes drama was going on, in violation of the rules.

"That's easy," he replied. "First, they don't want to jeopardize a player's eligibility because in so doing they stand more to lose than gain. And second, altogether too many schools have skeletons in their own closets that could be cleaned out if someone were gutsy enough to swing open the door to them."

With that, the weazened little guy gulped down a last one and quickly made his disappearance.

## Something Old—Bailey's Moving Infielder

Buck Bailey's craftiness in moving the firstbaseman behind the catcher when an intentional base on balls was ordered against Oregon here recently was not original . . . Earlier in the season Clint Evans down at California pulled the same stunt.

Dark horse track team on the slopes is Stanford . . . In Gay Bry-

an the Injuns have a chap who thinks nothing of participating in as many as five events in one afternoon . . . Moreover, he's utterly flabbergasted if he doesn't win 'ema II, too . . . Would it be superfluous to say that Mr. Bryan is one of the nation's sotp all-around athletes?

## Don Makes Extensive Tour

What's that old chestnut about "no rest for the weary" . . . San Francisco's crack basketball team, NIT champions, has 46 public appearances booked from late April to June recess . . . Don football and cage team traveled 29,500 miles during the fall and winter.

Wonder how many schools make a habit of voting athletic heroes to high elective positions? Michigan joined this circle recently by selecting Wally Teninga, ace footballer, to be president of the lit school.

# Golfers Hope To Move Up Ladder This Week

Golf coach Sydney Milligan is stressing challenge rounds for his victorious Webfoot linksmen for the remainder of the week, in preparation for a return match with Oregon State slated for the Eugene country club, Saturday.

If golfing goes according to schedule, number two man John Eckstrom will challenge top dog and man team captain Dom Provost; John Prince, number four,

will go against Red Omlid, presently entrenched in the number three slot and sixth ranking Jim Donahue will attempt to up his standing through a match with Fred Zolezzi, number five.

Veteran Bob Sederstrom is on the road upward, having moved from tenth to seventh place in recent challenge rounds. All of the above challenges will be played off by tonight, Milligan said.

# Rass Threatens Vault Mark

George Rasmussen, University of Oregon's pole vaulter par excellence, wrote his name deeper into the Webfoot hall of fame when he leaped 14 feet 6 inches in an exhibition meet in Klamath Falls last Saturday. This is the highest mark set by any Northern Division vaulter since George Varoff, another Oregon great, went the same height in 1938.

Rasmussen, giving an exhibition at Klamath Falls with fellow vaulters Don Pickens and Lloyd Hickok, and Sprinters Davey Henthorne and Al Bullier, crossed the bar at 14 feet 10 inches in a final attempt, but knocked it down with his chest during the descent.

Rasmussen's leap is the top outdoor height throughout the entire country so far this season. He established a new Texas Relays record earlier this year when he vaulted 14 feet 2½ inches in Austin, Texas.

## Softball Postponed

Intramural softball games were called off yesterday afternoon because of wet grounds. The games have been rescheduled for Monday afternoon, May 9, Jim Vitti, intramural sports manager said.

Besides Rasmussen's great performance, both Pickens and Hickok turned in their top jumps of the year. Pickens went up to 13 feet 8 inches while Hickok made 13 feet 4 inches to give Oregon the three top vaults in the Northern Division for the current year.

Sprinter Davey Henthorne also

shared the laurels with his teammates as he romped through the 100-yard dash in :9.7 seconds, his best time since he won the Northern Division championship in 1947.

Al Bullier, Henthorne's fleet-footed running mate, crowded the victorious Davey at the finish as he was clocked at :9.8 seconds.

Saturday Night

Round about nine

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