

DUCK TRACKS

By DON FAIR

Next Tuesday, May 10, the Student Affairs committee will hold its regular meeting. On the surface, this doesn't seem to have much to do with Oregon athletics, but the results of this meeting will have a definite bearing on next year's basketball schedule—an important bearing.

Under a new ruling, finals next fall term will start Thursday, December 15 and carry through the 20th. Classes will be scheduled the first three days before the examinations began. This raised the problem of whether the preceeding weekend, December 9-10-11 should be closed, with no University functions allowed.

At the April 8 meeting, the Student Affairs committee, composed of 12 faculty and student members, voted to keep that weekend open, instead closing the three days, December 12-14, to University functions. Four days later the administration requested that the issue be reopened. That's where the situation stands now.

Complications Arise Over December Weekend

And here's where the complications begin. The Athletic department would like to have December 9 and 10 open for they have irons on the fire for a juicy basketball series at McArthur court against a big-name team. The opposite viewpoint is that students should be readying for their Thursday exams at that time, which if they close out that Friday and Saturday, would mean the falling through of the cage games.

At last month's meeting, three of the Student Affairs committee was absent, Chairman E. M. Pallet, Dean Golda Wickham, and Bill Yates. At that time however, there was no quibbling when the group decided to have the weekend open. With the issue to come up Tuesday, just what the second outcome will be is anybody's guess.

Both sides have convincing arguments. The faculty side is that of allowing students to have time to prepare for the exams, since classes will be held until the day before finals. This side feels that the basketball games, and whatever University functions that would be allowed that weekend, will disrupt this study period.

The faculty faction feels that by declaring the three days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) before finals closed would in effect be accomplishing nothing at all. These are plausible arguments.

Twelve Big-Name Games Necessary

The other side of the question, held by the Athletic department, follows this reasoning. To make the basketball program financially pay for itself, at least 12 drawing-card games must be scheduled. Of this number, eight are the regular Northern Division contests. That leaves four games to be picked up along the line.

The present calendar shows that the most likely weekends to invite popular quintets to the Igloo would be December 9-10, and December 22-23. The latter date is tentatively filled, but the former is now in the balance, pending a final decision.

Then too, the theory is advanced that by closing off the 9-10 dates, the Oregon basketball team will have a 14 day layoff (from December 8 to 22) before playing a game, which is too long for any athletic squad. These, too, are plausible arguments.

Could This Be the Solution?

Realizing that we are a somewhat biased onlookers, because of a long interest in sports, we advance our opinion. Why not make December 9-10 an open weekend ONLY for athletic events, and that would include the tentative basketball series? Rule out all other functions such as house dances, school dance, or Twistie sales. Whichever side is exactly right on the question is a moot question. And that's what's coming up at the May 10 meeting of the Student Affairs committee.

Incidentally, the grape vine has some mighty interesting basketball teams listed as possibles for Oregon next season. Just exactly who and when isn't altogether decided yet but the feelers are out, and the hopes are good that some top games will be pulled in.

Dave Henthorne, the Webfoot sprinter, seems to be getting progressively better this spring. His best times in the century, 9.7, and the 220, 21.3, stack up favorably with those of Southern Cal's heralded Mel Patton. The Trojan dash man's best times are 9.6 in the century, and 20.6 in the furlong. Also figure that Patton has been running under better conditions than Henthorne, and the Webfoots' showing is more amazing.

If the Ducks can get an even split against Washington today and tomorrow, Don Kirsch's team will have accomplished a very fine job, by winning four of the six road games. Playing that many contests in eight days is near suicide, and thus far, the hitting has taken up where the pitching failed and vice versa.

Vets Down Stan Ray In Finale

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

3:50
Fizzeds vs Lambda Chi
Sigma Nu vs. Omega hall
French vs Pi Kappa Phi

4:55
Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Minturn
Merrick vs Tekes
Sigma Chi vs. Nestor.

Veterans Housing downed Stan Ray hall in the only intramural softball game of the afternoon yesterday, as the other scheduled game was rung up as a forfeit win for Westminster house from Hunter hall, who failed to show up for the game.

The Vets played the first three innings of the game with eight men on their team. This deficit was made up with superior hitting, pitching, and fielding over the losers, who failed to get a run until the fourth frame.

The winners grabbed one run in the first and second innings, three in the third, and topped it off with five in a big fifth inning. Stan Ray two runs in the fourth, one on a homer by Bill Arnold.

IM Golf And Tennis Teams Vie

Quarter final playoffs have been reached in the intramural golf and tennis tournaments.

Although some organizations have not played their matches on schedule, a general line-up of the squads can be seen.

IN TENNIS quarter finals, Sigma Alpha Mu must face Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta is lined up against Phi Gamma Delta, and Lambda Chi Alpha will play the winner of the Kappa Sigma-Beta Theta Pi clash.

Delta Upsilon and Campbell club will play off to see who meets the winner of the Sigma Chi-TKE contest in the other bracket.

IN GOLF, ATO will meet Kappa Sigma in the only bracket that has progressed as far as the quarter-final stage.

In the other brackets, Sigma Chi must play Sherry Ross hall to determine who plays Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Chi will meet the winner of the Fiji-Beta duel, and Sigma Alpha Mu will compete with SAE to see who plays the winner of the Sigma Nu-Phi Delt match.

Intramural Manager Jim Vitti has again asked that all matches be played promptly on schedule, and warned that some squads may be eliminated if they delay too long.

Feller Ready For Mound Duty

CLEVELAND, May 4—(AP)—Ailing Bob Feller, who has not appeared in the Cleveland Indians lineup since he pitched a two-inning stint opening day in St. Louis, faces the Boston Red Sox today.

Feller complained of a "twinge" in his shoulder that caused him great pain when throwing. Dr. Robert Hyland, St. Louis specialist, examined the arm and shoulder and advised five days rest.

The five-day layoff was up a week ago Monday.

Les Steers Visits Campus; Still Has High Jump Form

Les Steers, Oregon world champion high jumper, returned to the campus yesterday and spent the afternoon telling Track Coach Bill Bowerman's present crop of jumpers "how it's done."

Steers set his worlds record in 1941 with a leap of 6 feet 11 inches while attending the University under the watchful eye of the late Colonel Bill Hayward. He went an even 7 feet one time while jumping as a halftime entertainer during a

his jumping form for over six months.

Steers, during his college days at Oregon, did not limit his track activities to the high jump. He holds a discus throw of 131 feet, shot put heave of 45 feet, and a javelin toss of 210 feet besides running the high hurdles in 15 seconds flat. Steers is the last Northern Division athlete to throw the javelin over 200 feet in the championship meet. He took



LES STEERS, World record high jump holder, shown here during his college days at Oregon when he set the present record of 6 feet 11 inches, visited the campus ystrday.

basketball game in McArthur court.

While jumping indoors yesterday in tennis shoes rather than regulation track shoes, Steers went up to 6 feet 3 inches where he voluntarily stopped. This is the first time the world record holder has tried

the event in 1941 with a throw of 205 feet 2 7/8 inches.

Almost 31 years old now, Steers is married and the father of two children. He is presently working as a salesman for Simpson Logging Company of Portland.

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