

DUCK TRACKS

By JOHN BARTON

To Oregon Dads, this column is presented as an introduction to the University of Oregon Athletic Department—its workers and its parts.

Whether you know it or not, you were probably in the building which houses the Athletic Department last night—that is, you were if you saw the Oregon-Washington game. It's in McArthur Court that the offices and most of the work of the department can be found.

And heading the department is congenial, ever-smiling Leo Harris, who goes under the term of Director of Athletics. It's Leo who arranges the trips for the teams. He fires and fires the personnel of the department.

He might be called the front office man for Webfoot sports. And incidently, Leo arranges little things like half-time entertainment at football and basketball games. That can give you a slight idea of the job he has.

Leo's office is on the East side of McArthur Court lobby, right behind and across the hall from the student cheering section.

Next to his office can be found the offices of Jim Aiken, head coach of Oregon football, John Warren, helmsman of Webfoot basketball, Baseball Coach Don Kirsch, who also handles Frosh basketball, Track and Frosh Football Coach Bill Bowerman, and backfield Coach Jerry Lilly.

Coaches Are Thick . . .

Upstairs, in the northeast balcony lobby is the office of Director of Athletic Information Art Litchman and his hard working assistant, Fred Taylor. They keep the papers and radio stations supplied with up to the minute dope on happenings in Duck athletic circles, including copious statistics on all players.

In the north lobby downstairs is the office of Howard Lemons, graduate manager of Webfoots sports. He pays the bills and foots the expenses on all things connected with sports at Oregon.

It's quite a job to pay the hotel and cafe bills of a football or basketball team on a trip through the Midwest. That's what Howard Lemons does.

Also under the leadership of Leo Harris are, of course, the varsity and frosh swimming teams, headed by John Borhardt, and the tennis and golf teams in the spring.

In McArthur Court . . .

That gives you a fair idea of the personnel of the athletic department. But it's only a small percentage of the number of persons who work for Oregon sports.

Not mentioned are the corps of secretaries, the student managers, and Trainer Tommy Hughes and his co-worker Dr. George Guldager, team physician. These two men put in hour after hour on Oregon athletes, working out sore muscles, taping weak ankles or even clipping a painful hangnail.

That's the personnel. Now for the work of the Athletic Department:

If, sometime today in the course of your campus tour on bobbed or skis, you happen to be taken around Hayward Field, where the home football games are played every fall, take a look at the north end—at the old "horse shoe."

You'll see that it's being torn down. And next fall, if you come to a home football game, and we hope you do, you'll see a new and different stadium. It'll seat more people, and it'll give everybody a better view of the game.

The department does that. When the Oregon Ducks went to the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day, 1949, they earned enough money to pay for a new stadium. But that isn't the only source of their money, Dad.

Nope. A lot of that money the department uses to rebuild the stadium and completely redo the basement dressing rooms and showers of McArthur Court comes right out of your pocket. That is, it comes out of your pocket when you buy a ticket for a game.

And You Help Pay for It

So come around next fall and look at the new Hayward Field, which you have helped to pay for. Remember, that's not taxpayers' money; that's money which has been earned by Oregon sports through paid attendances.

And last night, if you went to the game, you might have noticed that McArthur Court has new suspension-type baskets at each end of the floor. Also new is the scoreboard. All these things are paid for by the department.



LEO HARRIS

First Annual Oregon Dads' Day Attracted Fathers Way Back in '28

By MARTY WEITZNER

Don't be surprised if Dad turns to you after the weekend is over, and says, "You know, the whole thing reminds me a lot of 1928."

Chances are, if your father was around the campus during the Year-Before-the-Crash, he will note the similarity between this weekend and that. According to some yellow programs we have been looking at, all that would be needed to bring them up to date is the changing of a few names and dates.

First Dads' Day

Dad's dad, grandpa to you, probably came down on Saturday, Jan. 28. He had been hearing a lot about this First Annual Dads' Day, and furthermore had been meaning to check into just how much a month it took to keep a boy in college.

Newburn Speech To Open Meeting

President Harry K. Newburn will welcome over 100 Oregon educators today gathered for a conference sponsored by the University School of Education.

Minard W. Stout, principal of University High School in Minneapolis, Minn., and professor of education at the University of Minnesota, will be principal speaker. His topic will be "Recent Trends in Extra-curricular Activities."

Other speakers include Leonard V. Koos, head of the chemistry department, William J. Maucher of the University of Montana, and Julio Bortolozzo, principal of Jefferson High School in Portland.

Speakers will lead discussion groups in the University High School building from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A buffet dinner will be held at the Eugene Hotel with R. T. Ellickson, head of the physics department, speaking on the "Unhappy Atom." Attendance at the Washington-Oregon basketball game will close the conference.

Kleinsorge to Read Malthusian Essay

Dr. P. L. Kleinsorge, professor of economics, will read "An Essay on Population," as presented by Malthus, in the Library Browsing Room at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Discussion leader for the program will be Dr. E. H. Moore, head of the sociology department.

There are more people ready to turn down ideas than there are people to think them up.

He was met at the train by his offspring, taken to the administration building to register, then back to the dorm or fraternity house for some rest and small talk.

Under the direction of General Chairman Elmer L. Shirell, acting dean of men, departments and other sections of the University had conferences and exhibits planned for parents.

To change the subject from an overdrawn allowance, Junior took "the old man" sightseeing until 5:45, when they found themselves in front of the Women's Building.

Annual Banquet

Here the first annual Dads' Day banquet was held. Fathers were addressed by University President Dr. Arnold Bennet Hall and Captain John J. McEwan, the Jim Aiken of his day.

From there everybody went over to Mac Court to see (coincidence) the University of Washington take on the Ducks in a basketball encounter. Then, as now, the Huskies were a top ball club, coming into the Igloo with top spot in the

division, and an unblemished record. We don't want history to follow the book too closely, for the Washington team defeated Oregon on that night 22 years ago.

As an added feature, dads saw the forerunner to our forthcoming Kramer-Gonzales tennis duel. Harrison and Lockwood, two top University stars, put on an indoor exhibition. This made McArthur Court a formidable rival for New York's Madison Square Garden. The night before, an indoor track meet had featured top intramural athletics.

A Quiet Sunday

Sunday, Jan. 29, was a quiet day for dad. The Eugene Chamber of Commerce took him on an auto tour, he went to church, then back to the house for a meal. A University vesper service closed out the weekend.

Before going home, son probably talked him into a trip down to the Rex to see Tom Mix in "The Arizona Wildcat." By that time Pa was ready for the trip home.

Sound familiar to you, Dad?

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