

# DUCK TRACKS

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Oregon Athletic Information Director Art Litchman recently received a letter from the Helms Hall of Fame asking for a picture of Oregon's own Lester Steers, who holds the world's high jumping record of 6 feet, 11 inches.

Steers, under the direction of the immortal Col. Bill Hayward, set this record in 1941 in Northern Division competition. It has gone nine years without being broken, and the Helms people evidently feel that Les is due for a spot in their hall of fame.

Absent from the Oregon basketball team since the first Washington series has been Forward Paul Cooper. Cooper went the way of many good hoop players.

Big Paul had to make a decision as to what was the most important—his future in architecture or his one remaining year in Oregon basketball togs. He, very wisely decided upon the former.

## Vandals Exceed Limit in Duck Hunt?

The architecture school, as any architecture major can tell you, is no picnic, and Paul was having trouble staying there and playing basketball at the same time. Coach John Warren told him that, while he was valuable to the team, he had a right to consider his profession first.

So, Cooper has a very legitimate excuse for discontinuing his basketball at Oregon. After all, in an institution of learning, learning your profession is more important than one more letter for the good of your alma mater.

What happened to the Ducks in Moscow? Apparently, from the reports of the games, they just couldn't hit the hoop. Idaho outplayed them. The Webfoot defense was penetrated by Idaho.

As feared by some observers last week, the Vandals were up for the Oregon series—"up" meaning that their spirits were high and they were determined to win for a change, after a streak of losses in the season to date.

Just what happened to Oregon's defense, which looked so perfect against Washington the week before, is a question that will have to go unanswered until someone who saw the games comes home with his tale of woe.

## Shooting Hits Bottom Again

On the shooting side of things, the team must have returned to its early season trouble of simply not being able to find the hoop. In their win against Stanford over the Christmas holidays, the Webfoots shot around .400 for a percentage. Then came the Oregon State and Washington in Seattle games, and they couldn't rise anywhere near a .333.

Against the Huskies in McArthur Court, they shook off this lethargy and hit .333 one night and .367 the next. At the same time, they showed their sparking defense and terrific will to win. The sports writer who called the Webfoots unpredictable really said a mouthfull.

The Ducks will bounce back and have some more good nights, there's little doubt of that. The question and prayer is, can they do it against Washington State while they're still in the Inland Empire? And if they don't do it there and win at least one game, can they do it against Oregon State here Friday? We surely hope so. The crystal ball says they will be on for the Beavers, but as to WSC tomorrow and Wednesday nights, we won't venture a guess.

## Cometh Now the Cougars

The Cougars are a hard team to beat on their home floor. That was shown when the Aggies fell flat two nights, and then came back to batter Idaho. Oregon has just been battered by Idaho—let us hope they can bounce back.

Oregon State just can't seem to beat Oregon in a swimming pool. The last time it happened was in 1938, and that's quite a while. Credit is certainly due the Duck splashers after their showing Saturday at Corvallis.

Indications are that Oregon has a good chance for the Northern Division swimming title this season, its first since 1942. Next week, Coach John Borchardt will take his team through the Inland Empire for meets with Idaho and Washington State.

Borchardt's main worry is probably that his swimmers may not have recovered from their recent spell of sickness, which has weakened the team for the last two weeks.

## Final IM Action Nears

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found the hoop often enough to garner 10 counters, ahead of Amacher, who got six.

Oregon's success against Washington State tomorrow and Wednesday nights may depend on several things. If the Warrenmen can recover their shooting, which was conspicuous by its absence in the Idaho series, they may show WSC a show.

But a shooting eye won't help if the Ducks can't lift their spirits,

which may be lagging after the double Vandal defeat. These were the first division wins for Idaho all season.

Another point of question for WSC will be the Oregon defense, which at times fell completely apart against Idaho. If Coach John Warren can get his team's spirit and shooting eyes high, and develop a defense which can stop Gene Conley, Ed Gayda, and Ted Tappe, he may have a chance to come home with a half and half record.

## Hoyt Trowbridge To Attend Meet

Hoyt Trowbridge, professor of English, will leave Eugene Wednesday to attend a committee meeting of the National Education Association in the Congress Hotel, Chicago.

The committee is on General Education and is part of the Department of Higher Education, a subsidiary of the National Education Association.

Trowbridge is the only West Coast representative on the five-man body. This will be the first meeting of the committee recently set up by the department.

Topic for discussion will be possibilities of creating a type of national clearing house for educational information.

Trowbridge will return to the campus Feb. 14.

## Halls Hold 'Hobo Hop'

French and Cherney Halls held their joint "Hobo Hop" in Gerlinger Annex last Saturday night.

Don Dorr's five-piece band played at the two halls' first house dance of the year.

## Robbins and Morse To Give Discussion

E. C. Robbins, instructor in economics, will discuss the Hoover Commission report with Wayne Morse, junior senator from Oregon, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in Pendleton.

The two will show the academic and Washington outlooks on the Commission, which studied ways of reorganizing the government's executive branch. Formal speeches will be given, with a discussion period following.

Sponsoring the discussion is the Pendleton Junior Chamber of Commerce.

## Seven Teams Fall In Women's IM

Fourteen teams have seen action in the women's basketball intramurals, officially begun Jan. 30.

In a close game, Delta Delta Delta edged past the Gamma Phi Beta's 23-22, while Chi Omega beat Alpha Delta Pi 18-4. Rebec House passed by the Alpha Xi Delta team 19-6, while Ann Judson stopped Alpha Omicron Pi 47-9.

University House whipped Zeta Tau Alpha 36-7, and both Carson teams won their games, tripping the Lemons from Highland House 16-11 and Delta Zeta 22-18.



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## Castle Will Lecture On Christian Science

"Providing the Truth of Christian Science in Human Affairs" will be the title of a lecture by Ralph Castle at 8 p.m. tonight in room 207, Chapman Hall.

Castle, from San Francisco, is a member of the board of lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass.

The free lecture is sponsored by the University Christian Science organization.

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