

DUCK TRACKS

By TOM KING

An expanded sports program at Oregon may really be in the offing.

Substantial progress in the plan for introducing boxing as a varsity sport has been reported by Junior Representative Herb Nill, who recently went into a huddle with Athletic Director Leo Harris to thrash out the matter.

Harris, who used to be a pretty fair man with the mitts himself, indicated his support and suggested an intramural program for one year as a testing device.

The idea is that if students show enough interest, boxing will be incorporated as a varsity sport. And a season of intramural boxing seems to be the answer. The next step is for Nill to convince intramural directors of the merits of the plan. If all goes well, Oregon will have varsity boxing by 1952.

Unlike other proposed sports, boxing would not cause the athletic department any financial headaches. Since Oregon has only just recently climbed out of financial depression, it is mandatory that whatever undertaking is undertaken, it must pay for itself. This deals a severe blow to advocates of varsity skiing and the like.

Coach Dug-Up

Boxing, it is claimed, will balance its own weight in green stuff. The only stumbling block that has heretofore cropped up was securing a permanent and qualified boxing coach. However, after some spadework, it has been found that a member of the physical education faculty might be willing to assume duties.

Harris wants to feel sure that students at Oregon are actually behind and sufficiently interested in a boxing setup. Putting it on a temporary intramural basis seems to be the answer.

But students can show their enthusiasm right now by writing the Emerald or contacting the ASUO council. So if you want boxing here or feel you'd like to put on a pair of gloves yourself—speak up. It will be well worth while—both yours and Oregon's.

The sport draws large crowds at Idaho. It could be a big attraction during the winter lull here. Moreover, Oregon had an extensive boxing program before the war—so resumption would be merely picking up where it left off.

Just For Laughs

Historical reference—as distinguished from preference—comes to the front tonight when the annual and also seasonal Civil War series gets under way at Corvallis. It'll be Oregon and Oregon State.

Unfortunately, not as much depends on the outcome of the Civil War this year as in previous winters—and certainly not as much as when the interstate fireworks broke loose from their moorings almost a century ago.

In fact, not a blessed thing of any real importance depends on the result of the present series. Oregon wants to escape the cellar and OSC wants to secure second place. Neither of the wants pretends any earth-shaking movement.

Still, in a more fortunate sense, this doesn't detract too much from the proceedings. It'll still go on—with both sides thoroughly sworn to throwing their gauntlets before them and defying the other to make an ever-so-bold move.

Which leads up to the fact that the Webfoots, though committing a faux pas through most of the campaign, have a dandy and otherwise splendid opportunity to make amends for what they've done, or failed to do, in the past.

They'll Have Ballantyne

It'll be interesting to see Dick Ballantyne—the gentleman who forgot to make 'em forget Cliff Crandall—at his bloody best this weekend. In his last appearance here, it may be recalled, Brother Ballantyne was rendered hors de combat and also confined to the bench when someone removed a hunk of flesh from his physiognomy. Ballantyne is Slats Gill's biggest artillery piece and it is doubtlessly true that the totally inept Beavers would not have been so totally inept if they had had his full-time services when they performed here last.

This two-game series winds up the Oregon basketball season. Looking back, one can say it was an inbetween year—a year for building. Next year, with a flock of freshmen coming up and some good boys like Will Urban, Mel Krause and Jack Keller returning, the Ducks might give the Northern Division a good shaking down.

OSC is in somewhat the same boat. Just which one is in the water the deepest will be determined tonight and Saturday.

Webfoot Mermen to Host Husky Splashers

By PHIL JOHNSON

The powerful University of Washington swimming squad battles the Oregon Ducks in the local Mens' Pool at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. A Husky win will give Coach Jack Torney's Washingtonians the dual meet championship of the Pacific Coast Conference Northern Division, while an Oregon win means a three-way deadlock for title honors.

Saturday's clash will be in the final dual meet of the season for the Webfoots, who finish their schedule by taking part in the Northern Division meet at Pullman on March 3 and 4. The Ducks have won three and lost one, the lone setback coming at the hands of the Washington State Cougars.

After Sixth Win

Washington is aiming for its sixth consecutive Northern Division title. The Huskies have never finished below second place in the final Northern Division standings, and Coach Torney's men have won more ND titles than all of the other schools combined.

Oddly enough, Coach Torney suffers from the fact that his coaching methods are too successful—he developed Pete Salmon into such a fine swimmer that he has qualified for the Canadian British Empire Games team, and therefore, Salmon is not eligible to swim for Washington. All-American Salmon holds the 200-yard breaststroke and also for the 180-yard individual medley. In addition, he is a member of the 300-yard medley relay team and the 400-yard freestyle relay team which broke two more Northern Division records.

Huskies Liked

Despite the loss of Salmon and two other All-Americans, Washington has a powerful team and is favored to win the Northern Division crown. However, they are not expected to go as far as their teams of the early Thirties, which compared favorably with the top teams in the nation. The 1934 Washington

squad tied for third place in the NCAA meet, the 1935 team took third place, and the 1936 edition of the Huskies place fourth.

Several outstanding divers will compete tomorrow afternoon. Jim Stanley, Northern Division champion last year, and Harry Ladas will perform for the Ducks, while Husky hopes will rest upon the efforts of Jack Newton and either Roy Sawhill or Don Thornhill.

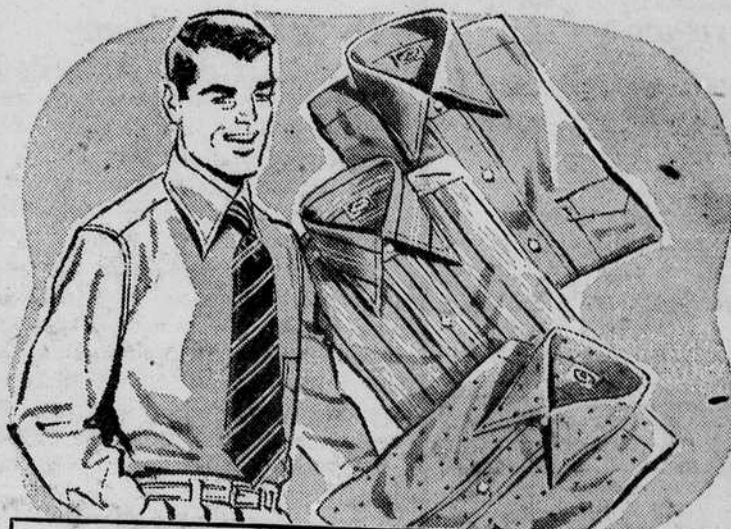
Summer School Open at Oslo

The annual summer school for American students at the University of Oslo will be held again this year. The 1950 session will be held June 26 to Aug. 5.

Some 250 American students will be admitted this year. All applicants must have completed at least two college years by June, 1950.

Entrance applications can be secured from the Oslo Summer School Admissions Office, at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. Applications must be received not later than Apr. 1.

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Tulelake Group To Visit Oregon

Honor Society members from Tulelake, Calif. High School have selected the University of Oregon as the institution they would most like to visit this year.

The sixteen students, who have asked not to be treated as guests, will be on the campus Mar. 10 and 11, visiting classes and witnessing college life first-hand. They will stay in sororities and fraternities.

While here they will attend a production of the "The Warrior's Husband" as guests of the speech department.

Arrangements for the visit are being made through the Bureau of Information. Each year the Tulelake group plans a similar trip.

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