

DUCK TRACKS

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From the seed of rumor has sprung many a resounding untruth—Occasionally though, the seed gets planted—and in time it sprouts a mighty oak—or even a weeping willow. At any rate, from the sometimes inauspicious depths of rumor, we have learned of a strange new slant on prospects for an official University of Oregon ski team.

Rumor has it that Lyle Baker, who recently acquired the proprietorship of Suttle Lake Lodge, is slightly enthusiastic over the idea of becoming the "father" of a varsity Oregon skiing aggregation. Now, this is the picture—as rumor took it—

Baker, who was prominent in aviation dealings with the Chinese Nationalists, has offered to back the Oregon slatsmen next year—and that seems to constitute an up-to-the-hilt sort of backing. He wants the skiers to train at his resort—he will provide equipment at wholesale cost—and a station wagon in which to transport the players and their gear (Suttle Lake is located some seven miles from Hoodoo Bowl).



DON KIRSCH

No Letters—No Dough

To insure the slatsmen adequate instruction, Baker is rumored to have plans to hire a Frenchman who placed second in the Olympic competition—According to said rumor, the entire expenditure on the part of Baker, who seems to be just a very enthusiastic alum, will run into the neighborhood of ten grand.

Of course, in this nasty old world of give and take, there is a catch—a comparatively minor one—but still a catch. The anxious alum wants to work with a full horde of men—from 12 to 15—but he wants the five top men to receive regular letters from the University. That would mean official adoption of skiing as a major sport here at Eugene. There is also supposed to be some paltry financial obligation that the school, or athletic department, would assume . . . or said alum might withdraw his support from Oregon athletic endeavor—even stretching into other sports—

Now that is quite a carload of material to wring out of a rumor—but if the rumor isn't a rumor, it sounds like something the athletic department might well consider; a set-up like that would probably draw some fine sitz talent from North of the Columbia.

Ups and Downs

Looking back at the winter sports season, Oregon has not been athletically successful. The Webfoot basketball squad took a win-loss beating, and wound up in the Northern Division cellar—not blaming anyone or anything—just plain, good, old-fashioned truisms.

The swimming team held its own by grabbing a third place niche in the ND laurel splash, and producing at least one outstanding athlete in Joe Nishimoto; but in reality, the Aquaducks were ceded third—

The brightest glow yet is on the spring sports horizon. We can envision the University of Oregon track squad blazing to the greatest season in many a year. Bill Bowerman has been building, and it looks as though the construction has hit a beautiful peak. Unless some unexplainable jinx hits the tracksters—this should be the year Bill has been pointing for.

A World of Give and Take

We don't know just what to make of the baseballers yet—but somehow, we feel that Don Kirsch will field a crew that won't have to eat anybody's dirt. By the time Sid Milligan polishes up his golf material, they may well be in contention for the bigger and better things in life. Also, the inauguration of freshman golf competition paves the way to more golf glory in the future.

In the case of new Head Tennis Coach Robeson Bailey, there will have to be some construction work—and plenty of sweaty practice sessions. Oregon tennis hasn't gone far in a long time—and no one expects a championship this year—but in capable hands, the tennis picture will show marked improvement—That is what eventually pays off—whether in football at Notre Dame, swimming at Ohio State, or basketball at the University of Kentucky—

It is worth remembering that every man thinks he's tough—until he takes a beating—

Willamette Park To Bring Music By Jack Fina

Jack Fina, brings his piano stylings and orchestra to Willamette Park this Friday.

After gaining fame with Freddy Martin's orchestra, Fina organized his own band three years ago and has since become one of the nation's top dance band leaders.

Fina's classical background in music study has influenced his desire to give the public comparable dance music. Probably his most well known recording is the "Bumble Boogie," which was judged the best boogie-woogie selection of 1946. "Bumble Boogie" is Fina's modernized interpretation of Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Flight of the Bumble Bee."

He has also given a modern interpretation to such classics as Tchaikowsky's "Piano Concerto in B Flat Minor," and Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2." In the more serious vein, Fina features his "Modern Piano Concerto," and the theme used by his orchestra, "Dream Sonata."

With Fina and his band will be Latin singing star and violinist, Pepe Landeros, and popular singing soloist Bob Darnell. Landeros has composed a number of pieces in rhythm of his native South America, many of which have been recorded by the Fina orchestra.

Fina's program will present both a concert and dance music. Tickets for the show can be purchased at Thompson's Downtown Music store or at Thompson's Radio Lab, on east 11th Ave. Student tickets are priced at \$1 plus tax.

Charles Hart Ends Phi Delt Lectures

Charles A. Hart, senior member of the Portland firm of Hart, Spenser, McCulloch, Rockwood and Davies, appeared as last speaker of the term in the Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity, lecture series.

Hart spoke before the law students on a case he participated in concerning a forest fire resulting from negligence in logging operations. The verdict was for \$250,000.

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