

DUCK TRACKS

By PETE CORNACCHIA.

What's happened to umpires Ken Westover and Gus Hanke? The work of the two big-boy-blues in ND baseball during previous years has given the pair a creditable reputation but it appears they've been rusting on their laurels this season, at least at Howe Field.

The jobs turned in by Westover and Hanke so far this season have been spotted by several bum decisions, at least from a rather biased point of view, which are easily noticed when they come from two normally sound umpires. They've certainly been noticed by Coach Don Kirsch, one of the few coaches in the ND who always remembers to be a gentleman on the diamond or elsewhere.

The usually quiet former Oregon second-sacker has charged off the bench in nearly every game this season with some remark such as "Open your eyes, Ken—you're missing a good ball game." Both of these umpires own and operate gigantic bodies and voices, so it takes a lot of courage to register protests on a nose-to-nose basis. Kirsch has demonstrated that he has the courage—and usually he's out there at the plate with good reason.

Westover and Hanke, however, are far better than some of the characters with which Oregon fans have had to contend in previous years. You don't see coaches pushing these two boys all over the field or hanging one on them at home plate, as has been done on Howe Field. They know their baseball, the run the game, and as Red Skelton, "they calls 'em the way they sees 'em." Whether or not they can see usually is a point of debate between visiting clubs and the home fans.

Better Days Coming

"They're looking a lot better."

That seems to be the general opinion concerning the Web-foot baseball club. Those who attended the Washington series were bound to feel that the Ducks looked more than just a week better than they did against Idaho. Our boys outthit the Huskies in both contests and the defensive work was not too bad, although the latter department made the big contributions to the pair of defeats.

Any sleep that Kirsch is losing these nights probably is caused by the poor performances at shortstop. His only hope at that spot appears to be the possibility that one of his boys will suddenly find himself. That's an attitude that Kirsch won't be likely to assume.

Who'll it Be?

Ray Stratton has seen considerable action in various in-fields, but whether or not he can or will be considered at short-stop strictly is Kirsch's own business. Maybe it'll all turn out movie-style, where some shy lad turns up at spring training with a homespun jacket and begs for the chance to show his ability before becoming the league's most valuable player. Then there was Idaho's Williams, who is supposed to have been an intramural find.

The catching staff is as good as any in the loop, if not the best, and the outfield can be classed the same way. Joe Segura is being used in the gardens when he's not behind the mask in order to make use of his hitting power, but his perfect strike to the plate from right field in Tuesday's game was good indication that spot will be in good hands.

Daryle Nelson is making Oregon followers forget the Kirsch dynasty at second. Nothing but satisfaction should come from his performances during the next two seasons.

They're green, sure, and there'll be more mistakes, but it's hard to deny that they're looking better all the time.

The Expose

There's been some ugly talk going around that discrimination is practiced at Howe Field. It seems that one of the fans bought a dime bag of peanuts at the concessions stand (of all places). He poked around in the, pardon the expression, bottom of the thing and came up with seven peanuts. It so happened his friend also had purchased a bag of goobers. Imagine how the lad with seven peanuts felt when it was discovered that his friend had somehow received eight. A cool silence prevailed between the two for the rest of the game and they haven't spoken to each other to this day.

An official source in back of the scorer's table says that concessions manager Leonard King says that wholesale peanut prices are mighty high these days. The wholesale price of peanuts is, of course, beside the point. The thing here is to treat all customers the same. One lil 'ol peanut is very big when you're down to seven.

Wengert Gets Region Office

E. S. Wengert, head of the political science department, was elected vice president of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Saturday at its meeting in Seattle.

In his capacity as vice president, Wengert will be responsible for the programming of the next meeting of the PNPSA which will be held in Eugene.

Gangnath Named Phi Beta President

Dorothy Gangnath, senior in music, was recently elected president of Phi Beta, women's national professional music and speech fraternity.

Other new officers are:

Dana Lind, first vice-president; Sue Clement, second vice-president; Virginia Young, secretary; Leona Anderson, treasurer; Patricia Johnson, assistant treasurer; Jackie Meisel, historian; Joan Delap, reporter; Joy Grimstad, song leader; and Irene Bryant, alumni advisor.

Miss Florence Vanderwicken, professor of voice, will serve as faculty advisor to the group.

Two City Drive-Ins Arrange Co-Op

Reduced costs at two local drive-in restaurants became available to University students Wednesday through a co-op arranged by two students.

A 10 per cent reduction in cost of food and drinks is available to students holding membership cards at the Jumbo Drive-ins, 255 6th Ave. E., Eugene, and 705 Main St., Springfield.

The co-op was started by Ken Hodge, senior in business, and Tom Barry, sophomore in liberal arts.

Hodge emphasized that cost reductions will be made at the time of purchase.

"There'll be none of this business of keeping your card and turning it in at the end of the year for a rebate," he said.

Membership cards, available at all men's living organizations, cost \$1 and are valid until June 30, 1951.

Hodge is working on arrangements whereby off-campus students can obtain cards.

Both drive-ins are open until midnight on weekdays, 1 a.m. Fridays, and 2 a.m. on Saturdays.

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Foreign Student Advisers to Hold Regional Confab

A regional conference of foreign student advisers will be held at the Faculty Club, Apr. 29, under the joint sponsorship of the University of Oregon and the University of Washington.

Representatives from schools in Washington and Oregon and all interested faculty members have been invited, according to J. D. Kline, assistant registrar, director of the conference.

The conference will consist of a series of discussions lasting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guest speakers will include Paul E. Smith, assistant director, Division of International Educational Relations, Washington D. C., and David B. Wodlinger, director, United States Student Program, New York.

Tentative discussion topics include; Fulbright scholarships, sources of information for students planning to study abroad, academic admission, financial aid, and foreign student programs in occupied zones.

Theater Board Meets

The University Theater Executive Board will meet at 3 p.m. Friday in the Theater Green Room to discuss the 1950-51 Theater season.

3000 Entrants To Invade U.O. For Music Confab

Oregon's annual state music contest will draw more than 3,000 high schoolers to the campus May 5 and 6, more than three times the number of Duck Previewers who monopolized the campus two weekends ago.

Attending the traditional event will be the final contest winners from district contests held for high school students throughout the state.

Fields of music accomplishment to be judged include instrumental solo and group work in voice, band, and orchestra.

Most students art to arrive on May 4—and housing is the chief headache facing John Stehn, professor of music and campus director of the contests.

Contestants will be housed in campus living quarters and private Eugene homes.

Home is as comfortable as its furniture, says an interior decorator. Every man should buy his wife a comfortable chair for him to sit in.

The Little Man on Campus is Coming May 1st

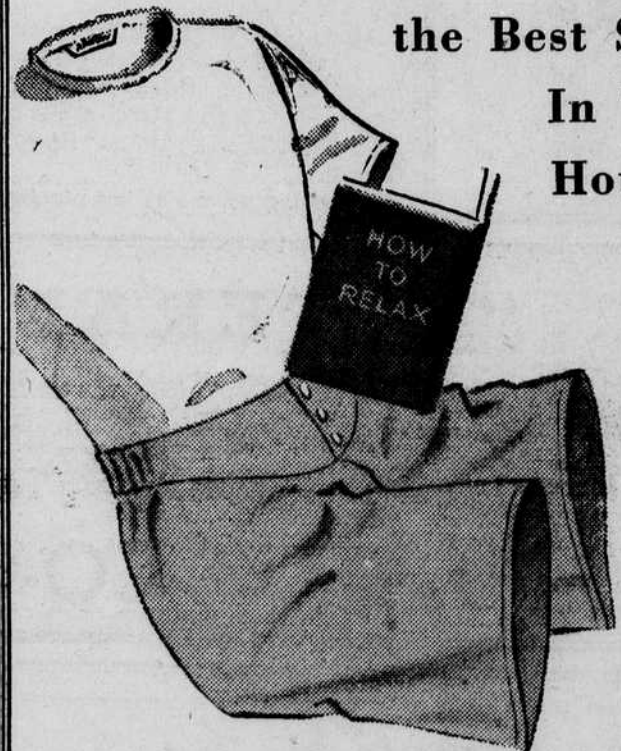
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THE ANNUAL MEETING of UNIVERSITY OF OREGON CO-OP STORE

Will be held in room 207 Chapman Hall—Friday the 28th of April at 4:00 p.m.

Nominations for new directors of the board will be made All Co-op members welcome to attend

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