

DUCK TRACKS

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"Due to conditions beyond our control . . ." This is the statement with which most people initiate any task which will release undue burdens on partakers of said task . . . in this case Wednesday's Duck Tracks . . .

However, ye old scribe wishes to break away from intercollegiate action . . . from scholarly discussions on why we did or didn't win, etc. and give the reader (I presume there is one or two) a comprehensive commentary on the intramural situation.

I do not wish to put any ball club on the spot, but from where I sit, Minturn is the ball club to beat in the current intramural football race.

Minturn Loaded

The Vets Dorm crew has snatched two wins thus far: 34-0 over the Sammies, and 13-0 over the Phi Psis. It will take keen strategem to curb the Minturn crew, especially with quarterback Joe Tom at the reins—not to mention top-notch footballers Bob Fase, Bob Muirhead, and Louie Santos.

Best game of last week's play was Thursday's Sigma Nu-Sigma Chi clash. The white cross crew tallied first in the third quarter, and with a commanding lead in first downs, the game seemed to be "on ice."

However, the Sigma Nus came roaring back on an optional pass-run play which connected for a TD. One play later they notched the all-important extra point which gave them the ball game . . . and so . . . watch for the Sigma Nus to take their league and be a rough contender in the championship play-offs.

Best game of this week should be this afternoon's clash between Minturn and Kappa Sigma. Kappa Sigma spilled the Phi Psis, 12-2. As heretofore mentioned, Minturn toppled the Phi Psis, 13-0 . . . (however, this could be another case of the comparative score fallacy).

Great Extremes

The general rule this year seems to be one of two extremes: either win by 30 or 40 points or win on first downs. Examples of first-down victories are: Pi Kappa Alpha 2-1 over Chi Psi (last year's champs); Nestor 1-0 over Theta Chi (last year finalists); Hunter 1-0 over Alpha; Sammies 1-0 over Yeomen; and Lambda Chi 1-0 over McChesney.

Last year—around May 15—there was a serious discussion at an IM meeting concerning the inclusion of boxing, bowling, track, and maybe swimming, in the intramural program.

The most interest seemed to be centered around boxing. The vehemements expressed over the inclusion of boxing in the IM program seem to have simmered down a little, but Herb Nill, ASUO veep, is still interested in getting boxing into the IM picture. (Present resolution is to get 10 houses to sign a petition so the question may once again be brought up at the intramural board meeting.)

First, a little history to bring the situation up to date. Up to 1940, four sports were featured in intramurals: touch football, speedball, and volleyball during fall term; basketball, handball, and wrestling were featured winter term; and track, golf, softball, and tennis were scheduled spring term.

In 1940, the Inter-Fraternity Council passed a resolution, asking all organizations to cut down the IM program to three sports a term. The intramural board, composed of all living organizations on campus, passed the resolution, and that is the way it stands today . . . three sports a term.

More to Come?

However, we must realize that the "ulterior motive" behind an intramural boxing program is an intercollegiate boxing program (if? . . . when?).

Ike Deeter, boxing coach at WSC, wrote: "The average fellow, if he woks out two or three weeks should be able to go three (3) one and one-half rounds with one minute rest in between.

"However, in your matches, in the event someone gets tired and is being outclassed, do not hesitate to stop it. Safety should be your first thought in a program such as you are undertaking."

Gus Likes . . .

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mers, Gus has been, as he put, it, a "roughneck" on an oil drilling crew in California.

Here at Oregon he is a member of the Order of the O and Sigma Nu Fraternity. He was counted a promising baseball pitcher last season until he was forced to leave the team in favor of spring football practice.

Huskies Toughest

By the way, Gus said that the hardest, toughest football game he ever played was last year's 27-28 heartbreaker with Washington.

And then too, there is Fred. Fred is what you might call a blue tailed setter. He is a dog and he is the mascot of Sigma Nu. Gus always feeds Fred and waters him and sees that he sleeps tight.

At that point, my stock of questions was nearly exhausted; so I asked the big guy if there was anything else to mention and he said: "No, except you be sure and say how much I appreciate the way I've been treated here at Oregon. There are no finer people anywhere."

I like the way he said that.

Austrian Coed Finds Diversity in America

By Kathleen Fraser

An attractive brunette with a charming accent is Ruth Kolman from Linz, Austria who is studying art here on the campus this year as a result of the Student Exchange Program of the United States Forces in Austria.

She smiled as she explained what she went through to get to this country. A year ago she applied to come over here. There was a sheaf of forms to fill out and a lot of "red tape", she explained. Then for a long time, Ruth heard nothing until the middle of August this year and then she had ten days to prepare to come to the U. S.

Thirty Five In Group

Thirty-five girls came from Austria to the United States to attend various colleges and universities. The group sailed from Bremerhaven, Germany for New York. The crossing was quite smooth, Ruth related, but many were seasick anyway. She hastened to add that she was not one of them.

Her impression of New York City was summed up in one short sentence, "I loved it!" She said she would have liked to stay much longer than the three days she was there, but she hopes to go back there on her return trip to Austria next year.

America Different

The main thing she has noticed about America is that it's "different." New York and Eugene are nothing alike, she stated. Even though it is different, she related, she said quite sincerely that she "liked it very much."

Everyone Kind

All the people she has met over here seem very kind and everybody smiles, she said. One thing quite different from Europe is that people here who drive cars are much more courteous. When she comes to a corner, the traffic stops to let her cross the street, a system which is quite different from her country.

In regard to the climate here, Ruth said quickly but with a smile, "It rains too much." The climate of Austria is somewhat the same now as it is here but later on there will be snow. It is possible to ski in Austria until April as it gets much colder there in the winter time.

Ruth and her family were in Austria throughout the war, but they came through it "all right." She was going to high school then and during the bombings the schools were closed. After the war she finished her education, and worked for a newspaper in Linz doing illustrations and small sketches.

Conditions Improved

Conditions have improved very much since the war, thanks to the Marshall Plan and "Ruth said you can get everything, if you have the money. The standard of living over there is not as high as ours because wages are low. She has a girl friend who receives the American equivalent of a little over \$16 a week.

Another thing that impressed Miss Kolman about the United States is the way people dress. Everyone seems well-dressed while in Austria, most people can't afford it. She noticed that here at the University, everyone dresses alike and you can't tell who has a lot of money to spend on clothes and who doesn't.

Shoes are another thing she commented on. "They are all alike, all white, and never cleaned," she said. Girls in this country are well-groomed. Those in Europe

rarely wear lipstick and she said that all girls "seem so pretty to me."

Social life in Austria is not organized like it is here. They have nothing to compare with the sororities and fraternities and there are no dances like our "Hello" dance, which she said she likes very much.

Few Austrian Communists

According to Ruth, there are very few Communists in Austria. The presence of the Russian soldiers in the country seems to discourage Communism. There are four occupation zones in Austria, as there are in Germany, but they seem to get along much better than the German zones.

In the city of Vienna, which is divided as is Berlin, there is very little trouble. She thought that this was because Austria has had its own government since 1945 with two free elections during that time.

The Austrian government handles its own economy while the occupation forces take care of the occupation duties. The Americans pay for the houses they use in the country which leaves the people with a good impression, she stated.

First Disliked Occupations

At first, the Austrians didn't like the idea of an occupation but now they are glad to have American troops there because of Russia. The people of Austria and of much of Europe, in fact, are very afraid of Russia. The reason the Austrians are particularly concerned is because Russia has more troops in the country now than all the other occupation forces put together. If war came, they would lose everything, she said.

Ruth will be staying here in this country for one year and then go back to Austria. There she wants to do art work for newspapers and also for books and other publications. She also does portraits.

She also mentioned that she would like to do art work for various publications on the campus, so if someone wants her for such work, just call on her as she'd love doing it.

Tons of dirt circulates in the air of our big cities—but you don't have to listen to it if you don't want to.

Rules for Mules Same Old Line

By Hal Lindbeck

It's the same old thing. Modern educators have thought up new things for us to learn, but their ideas on methods of study haven't changed.

A thirteenth century teacher (anonymous) wrote a treatise on the subject of how a student should study. Here is a condensation of his rules.

1. Concentrate a fixed hour each day to each study.
2. Fix the attention on what is read. Do not pass over it lightly.
3. Extract from the daily reading some thought, some truth, and engrave it upon the memory.
4. Write out a resume, for words which are not commemorated to paper fly like dust before the wind.
5. Discuss the mater with fellow students in disputations or in friendly talk. This exercise is much better than reading for it dispels all doubts and obscurities.

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