

# DUCK TRACKS

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Lady, you didn't wish to give your name when you called us the other day, for reasons we can understand. You did tell Leo Harris, when you phoned him, that you were from the Emerald—a statement which he doubted. We're sure he would have told you how many tickets are issued to players, without your using this paper as a qualification. We're also sure your problem can be explained if you care to call this writer at the Emerald or Coach Jim Aiken at his office. You certainly have a legitimate complaint if you can't understand both sides of the story. We're using this only available avenue to reach you, since you didn't care to identify yourself.

## There's Nothing New...

From Boulder comes a story about a sophomore quarterback name of Lee Venzke, who injured a knee during practice earlier in the season. Instead of taking training life easy, according to the tale, Venzke gathered a flock of footballs and a couple of helpers before parking himself in front of a goal-post. He kicked conversions and plucked some grass after each boot.

Venzke, with his bum knee bundled in cotton and tape, soon could tell whether the kick was good, wide, or short, and would mention it while pulling the grass. The grass-pulling, continues the tale, was Buff Coach Dal Ward's own idea to teach Venzke the necessity of keeping his head down during the point-after-touchdown attempt.

What a novel idea! Here's betting that our Chet Daniels will have plenty of opportunities to exhibit the master's version to these boys when Oregon meets Colorado at Boulder.

There is something, however, the Webfoots might do well to learn from the Buffaloes. Oregon's three opponents this season have thrown 57 passes against the Ducks and have made 34 of them good for almost 400 yards. In 2 games, only 6 passes were completed of 29 attempts against the Colorado eleven. Of course, the passing ability of the various teams involved could be an important factor. Iowa State and Kansas State were the teams throwing against the Buffs.

## Painting Defense

Ted Holzknicht, defensive standout for Washington's Huskies, was the subject of a coast-to-coast Associated Press feature story because of his yen for painting murals on fraternity walls. They say he got his start in art because of his grandmother (Moses?), who urged him to try that field. We hear that Kip Taylor at Oregon State has one of these mural painters on his squad, too, only this boy chooses much smaller buidlings for his art.

Football coaches, as a rule, are about the unhappiest, morose lot of towel-soakers you'll ever meet. These gentlemen are capable of spinning enough bear stories to make ol' Uncle Remus feel unimaginative. So what are we to think of an individual such as Dixie Howell?

The All-American of 1934 at the University of Alabama drawled at the start of the season that this year's Idaho team was a fine outfit—his best team in years and years. It's difficult to imagine a coach saying such things, especially when he coaches football at the University of Idaho. Frank Leahy, coach of the Pur-sudbued Irish of Notre Dame, certainly never was one to crawl out on such limbs.

## Thumbs for Plums

The previous two weeks have left Howell's Vandals with as many losses charged against them, one to Montana and the other to Texas Western. The Idaho football teams which Oregon has met along the path have done little to establish the Moscow representatives as a bunch of jolly good fellows. The Vandals will be hungry to resume winning ways when they meet Oregon this weekend, a hunger which might be fed by thumbs and elbows.

Getting back to Howell, he is in his fourth year at the helm of the Idaho grid machine. Since coming to Idaho, Howell has coached the Vandals to a won 10, lost 15 record.

His 1934 playing season at Alabama was the year that school played Stanford in the Rose Bowl, and Howell's offensive record still stands as one of the greatest individual efforts the Rose Bowl has ever seen.

Since his college days, Howell has been coaching football and playing professional baseball except for one year, 1937, when he played pro football with the world's champion Washington Redskins.

In 1938-41 he coached Arizona State at Tempe, winning the Border Conference crown in 1939 and 1940. Howell came to Idaho after a hitch in the navy during the war and then coaching the backfield at Alamaba during the 1946 season.

# Oregon Spirit Shows Need Of Overhaul

How can we improve the spirit at football games?

"We have the spirit; all we need to do is bring it out." That was the opinion of students polled today.

"Oregon has the potential, now let's exploit it," they said. Fired by the recent Webfoot victory over the Montana Grizzlies, the students had many suggestions to offer for the backing of the team.

**Nance Lynch**—freshman in art—"I think we should have more organized yells—and longer ones. You just get warmed up and the yell is over."

**Cliff Dickerson**—junior in business administration—"I'd like to see snowball rallies the night before the game. A well organized white shirt section would help promote better spirit."

**Darlene Swanson**—sophomore in education—"Let's have more of the type of stunt the rally squad displayed with the police car. The spirit was a lot better at the Montana game than it was at the game in Portland."

**Ossie Plath**—junior in architecture—"A better organized rally squad is needed. Pre-game rallies just before the game would be good. There should be closer coordination among the rally squad in their yells. Athletic stunts, like flips and handsprings, by the rally squad members would help, too."

**Ann Darby**—junior in language—"Card stunts are a good idea. At Stanford and Cal they have card stunts and it seems to improve the spirit immensely. I think that the idea of an all-boy yell squad is good."

**Tataia Williams**—freshmen in liberal arts—"We should have a greater variety of yells. The crowd loses interest in the yells. Song queens will add to the variety."

**Kenny Warren**—sophomore in liberal arts—"We should show the visiting team more consideration. The white shirt plan is good. I think that the short, snappy yells will be good once they're learned."

**Gil Polanski**—senior in business administration—"The rally squad should make sure that the students know the yells before the game. There should be yells for Oregon players leaving the game. When a man has played a full quarter, he deserves recognition."

**Jack Boyle**—freshman in business administration—"Let's have some girls on the rally squad. You can't enthuse fellas with fellas."

**Rod Heestand**—sophomore in business administration—"Introduce novelties at the games. The victory bell should be emphasised more. The keeper of "Puddles" could go on the field in a costume to add color."

## Intraschool Swimming

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Events will include the 60 and 100 yard free style, 40 yard breast stroke, 40 yard back stroke, 60 yard individual medley, 120 yard medley relay, 160 yard free style relay, and one meter diving.

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# Petitions Needed For Homecoming

Petitions for chairman of the Homecoming Pre-game and Half-time Entertainment committee may be turned in at the ASUO President's office or to Homecoming Chairman Tom Barry in the Alumni Secretary's office in the Student Union.

All petitions are due by 5 p. m. today.

Chairmen of all Homecoming committees have been notified of a general meeting at 4:15 p. m. today in room 313 of the Student Union.

A call for petitions for the Homecoming promotion committee has been issued by Kay Kuckenberg, committee chairman.

Students are needed for work on posters, flying speeches, and other types of promotion.

Petitions are to be turned into Kay Kuckenberg, Delta Gamma, by 5 p. m. Wednesday.

# Talk to Feature Korea as Topic

Problems and suggestions on the Korean situation will be handled in a forum at 8 p. m. Thursday in the First Congregational Church, 490 13th Avenue East.

Paul S. Dull, professor of political science and history, will be one of the two speakers, while Kirt E. Montgomery, professor of speech, will act as forum moderator.

After the discussion there will be an open forum. The session will end with a refreshments and social period.

The forum opens the activity program of the YMCA's Little Town Hall for this year.

## Field Trip Cancelled

Geology student's field trip to Collier Glacier, scheduled for last Sunday, was cancelled due to bad weather.

It will be held on some future date when the weather is more favorable.

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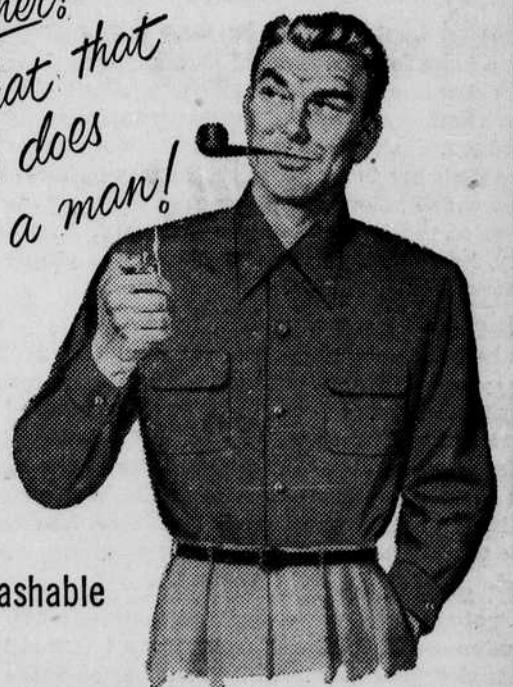
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