

DUCK TRACKS

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Sportswriters are crazy!

They'll stand in the worst rain of the year and sink their brogues into four inches of mud any afternoon of the week just so the Emerald reader may awake the next morning to find a comprehensive coverage of the intramural pigskin derby.

Not one intramural writer has shirked his duty during the present campaign, and Uncle Sam's postmen with their motto, "... through wind, sleet, hail and snow ..." would have to go a long way to match the faithful to the sports page cause. And just so you know who I'm talking about, here is the list of faithful scribes: Jim Mendenhall, Jack Clement, Bob Pierce, and Jack Faust.

Campaign Finished

Well, the football campaign is all over except for the semi-final and final playoffs today and Friday. If yesterday's quarter-final matches have a great deal of bearing on the tournament in the finals on Friday. (There is no future in prognostications ... I lost a buck last year on Theta Chi in the finals.)

Yesterday's action featured rip-snorters. The Phi Delt's eked past Beta Theta Pi, 7-6. However, the Betas had the edge in first downs, and the semi-finals berth almost came their way. In the fourth quarter, the Beta crew had a "first and goal" on the Phi Delt six-yard line but they failed to go over.

Minturn snapped past Pi Kappa Alpha, 19-0, while the ATO's smacked Sigma Nu, 21-0.

So today on the intramural fields, Minturn meets the Phi Delt's and ATO takes on Nestor, a team which drew a first-round bye.

Independent Finals

Should Minturn and Nestor go to the finals, it will be the first time in intramural history that two independent teams will have gone that high on the intramural football ladder.

Should either hall get to the finals and take the championship game, it will be the first time an independent team has taken the football crown since 1936-37 when the Yeomen did the trick.

Now for the final league standings. In League One: Pi Kappa Alpha, (4-0); Chi Psi, (3-1); Lambda Chi Alpha, (2-2); Gamma, (1-3); and McChesney, (0-4).

In League Two: Nestor, (4-0); Sigma Alpha Epsilon, (3-1); Theta Chi, (2-2); Sigma Phi Epsilon, (1-3); and Cherney, (0-4).

In League Three: Sigma Nu, (4-0); Sigma Chi, (3-1); Pi Kappa Phi, (2-2); Sigma, (0-4); and Legal Eagles, (0-4). (The Legal Eagles and Sigma forfeited to each other ... hence the double loss).

In League Four: Phi Delta Theta, (4-0); Philadelphia House, (2-2); Sherry Ross, (2-2); Tau Kappa Epsilon, (2-2); and Phi Sigma Kappa, (0-4).

In League Five: Alpha Tau Omega, (4-0); Delta Tau Delta, (3-1); Hunter, (2-2); Phi Kappa Sigma, (1-3); and Alpha, (0-4).

In League Six: Minturn, (4-0), Kappa Sigma, (3-1); Phi Kappa Psi, (2-2); Sigma Alpha Mu, (1-3); and Yeomen, (0-4).

In League Seven: Beta Theta Pi, (4-0); Campbell Club, (3-1); Delta Upsilon, (2-2); French, (0-4); and Stan Ray, (0-4).

Boxing Front Quiet

Herb Nill is still endeavoring to get 10 houses to sign the petition for a special boxing meeting ... the intramural office remains silent.

The one disadvantage in such a boxing program, as this writer sees it, is the "training program" before bouts. If there are not hard and fast rules concerning how long two fighters should work out before a fight there are likely to be a few casualties along the line.

Let's take this hypothetical case. In one corner of the ring we have Joe Doaks, a fair to middlin' boxer, who works out every day to get in shape for the fight. In the other corner there is John Schmo, one of the best boxers in the school, who hasn't trained whatsoever.

Everything goes all right in the first round. Although John is supposed to be the better boxer, he can't touch Joe because the latter pugilist is in shape.

In the second round John begins to tire, and relaxes his guard. Boom! Joe lands an uppercut and John is on the mat with a concussion ... this sort of thing has happened.

So that is why I say that if this boxing deal goes through (and I do hope it does) there will have to be careful supervision of training for all competitors.

Final Enrollment Number Drops

Final registration figures reveal a total enrollment of 5,102 at the University which is a 13 per cent decrease under last year. This decrease is the same as that at OSC.

According to registrar Clifford L. Constance, most schools over the country have shown an approximate 15 per cent decrease.

The ratio of men to women has been slowly going up during the last three weeks, until there are now 2.12 men to every woman on the campus.

In the various classes, the juniors show the greatest percentage increase, 66 percent but this is because unlike in previous years, junior standing is determined only by the number of credits. This same reason accounted for the drop in the sophomore class of 34 percent.

The sophomore class, however, is still largest, with 1,795 members. They are followed by the seniors with 1,461; the freshmen with 1,269; and the juniors, in spite of having the greatest increase, are the smallest class, numbering 533.

Enrollment in the various schools also dropped except in the College of Liberal Arts which increased 29 percent and the School of Education which increased 19 percent. The School of law showed the greatest drop, 72 percent, while the School of Business Administration dropped 59 percent.

There is a decrease of only 6 percent in the number of new students registering. The total of returning students dropped 16 percent.

Books Sold Quickly, Co-op Manager Says

The book sale in progress this week at the Co-op has been successful thus far, according to G. L. Henson, manager of the student store. Henson reported that approximately two-thirds of the books had been sold by Tuesday morning. The remaining books will be on sale through Saturday.

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