

DUCK TRACKS

By Charles Peterson

Scanning some of last week's news, we ran across a dispatch from New York which quoted Coach Harvey Harman of Rutgers University as favoring a return of the "fair catch" rule to college football. It set us to wondering how much effect a restoration of the old rule would have on the success of the Stag punt formation which Jim Aiken has installed with such fine results this season.

The "fair catch" rule, which was in effect until this season, permitted a safety man to signal by raising his arm that no attempt would be made to run back the punt after it was caught. Players from the kicking team were not allowed to tackle the receiver, and the ball was dead upon being caught. With abolition of the rule, the safety man must either take the risk of being hit and possibly fumbling or step aside and allow the ball to roll dead or be downed by the kicking team.

They Aren't So Dumb

Getting to the point of this discussion, the system in use by the Ducks makes it exceedingly rough on safety men who elect to attempt a return. Although sacrificing five yards by sending the kicker fifteen yards behind the line of scrimmage instead of the usual ten, the system allows the Oregon ends, tackles, and center to take off downfield without staying in the line to block. Thus, the opposing safety man usually finds a flock of Ducks a yard or two away and just itching for a shot at him should he be foolhardy enough to make the catch. Needless to say, the wise generally play it discreetly, letting the ball roll rather than risk the fumble.

It all adds up to a good piece of yardage which wouldn't be had should the old rule be returned to the books. And we wouldn't be surprised to see more and more teams adopt the Stag formation should the present rule remain in effect.

Cougars Like Their Sleep

We were talking to a couple of Washington State Cougars Friday afternoon after they had wound up a short, limbering-up workout and were waiting for their teammates to finish dressing. Byron Bailey, the hard-running halfback, and End Hal Lokovsek were admiring some of the Oregon Frosh who were starting their practice on the field below Mac Court.

After getting an earful of some of the practice shots being fired in preparation for the noise parade that night, they were relieved to hear that the racket would be confined to the campus and immediately surrounding areas. Seems that when they were in Missoula to meet Montana three weeks before, the Grizzly fans touched off an uproar in the vicinity of their hotel which lasted until past midnight. Sleep was out of the question, and Coach Forest Evashevski was no little perturbed. The lackluster showing of the Cougars the next day when they barely managed to eke out a 14-7 win did little to mitigate his attitude.

Tough on the Legs

Bailey and Lokovsek agreed that the Missoula turf was about the hardest thing this side of concrete. That was bad enough, but the lime used to mark the lines was the untreated variety which caused severe burns on the Cougars' legs. Lokovsek, incidentally, has about the shortest legs we've seen on a man of his height this season. The rugged wingman stands 6'3" but his underpinning looks like it would belong to someone around 5'10".

The Cougars are a remarkably young outfit, and the big majority of their players will be around to pester the opposition next year. Only Center Laverne Torgeson and Quarterback Bob Gambold will be lost by graduation in June.

If we had to select a defensive standout from Saturday's ball game, our vote would go to Ray Lung, the stocky guard who was playing his last game on Hayward Field. Week-in and week-out, Lung has made life miserable for the opposition both on offense and defense. He made the switch from guard to defensive end with surprising rapidity, and against the Cougars made tackles all over the field. Lung will be sorely missed by the Webfoots next season, but with Dick Daugherty, Dick Patrick, Don Eldart, and Emery Barnes all returning the Ducks will have the nucleus of a fine defensive forward wall.

Bear's on the Way

The Rose Bowl picture took a firmer shape over the weekend with California's win over Washington giving the Bears the inside track for the New Year's Day classic. The only thing that could keep them out would be a loss to UCLA this week and either a loss or possibly a tie with Stanford in the season finale. UCLA and Washington both have lost one in Conference play, so if Cal should stumble once and the Huskies and Bruins go the rest of the way without losing, the standing would end in a three-way tie.

The other half of the picture has settled down to a race between Illinois and Wisconsin. Ohio State looks like a shoo-in for the Big Ten crown, but is ineligible for Rose Bowl participation until 1953. Wisconsin nipped the Illini 7-6, but lost to Michigan. Selection will probably be based largely on their comparative showings against the Buckeyes should they go on otherwise undefeated.

AF Interviews ROTC Students

Four ROTC students were interviewed last week by Air Force Officers for possible appointment as Air Force second lieutenants.

The four were Cadet Lt. Col. Don E. Blythe, Eugene; Cadet Lt. Col. Clarence E. Ford, Portland; Cadet Maj. William K. Short, Eugene; and Cadet Capt. Jack R. Secoy.

The four students were interviewed by a board consisting of Lt. Col. Rex Beach, Maj. Robert J. Hill, and Maj. Norman W. Campion.

To be eligible to apply as a candidate for a regular commission, a student must have been designated a distinguished military student at the end of his first year of advanced ROTC.

The student must also possess outstanding qualities of military leadership, high moral character, definite aptitude for the military service, and be physically fit under Air Force standards.

Propaganda Shown in Film

By Marjorie Elliott

Russian propaganda in the movie "They Met in Moscow," presented last week to an audience of around 65 persons, was brought out in the healthy appearing peasants, their enthusiasm, and their large produce of stock.

Occasionally there were glorified shots of the capital.

The chief characters—a swineherd from the North, and a sheep herder from the Caucasus—met in Moscow at a fair. They had both been sent because they were hard workers, and had served the USSR so dutifully.

The handsome and dashing hero has several letters written for him to his love, because he could not write. Alas! They were written in a language she could not read. The villain, who wants the sweet young thing to be his, gives her the wrong translation, and finally persuades her to marry him.

As usual, the hero arrives at the scene in time to stop the wedding. The climax was a lover's duet, which just happened to be a war song praising the USSR.

This was the first of a series of Russian movies presented under the auspices of the Russian Arts Club.

Vanport Slates Homecoming

Vanport Extension Center in Portland will celebrate its fifth annual Homecoming Friday Saturday, and Sunday.

Homecoming activities will begin at 8 p.m. Friday when the football teams of Vanport and Oregon College of Education meet at Lucky Beaver Stadium. Highlight of the evening will be the coronation of the Homecoming queen during half-time.

Saturday events will include the traditional alumni banquet on the campus, and annual Homecoming dance in Columbia Hall. Open house in all departments will be held 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Freshmen can always find something to complain about, but college life would be pretty dull if they didn't.

What most schools need is more Spirit and less Spirits.

Iodine should be wrapped up with every can of sardines taken on a picnic.

English Town Next Speech Lecture Subject

"New Achievements in English Town Planning," will be discussed in the second of the University Lectures, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, in 3 Fenton.

H. C. Osborn, English city planner, will present the lecture.

Other outstanding speakers will be sponsored by the Lecture series throughout the year, according to Chairman R. H. Ernst, professor of English.

"Wordsworth, the Struggle for Poetry," will be the subject of Ernest G. Moll, University professor of English, Nov. 16.

Jacques Lipchitz, sculptor, will speak on "Thoughts in Sculpture," Nov. 21. This address is a co-operative venture of the Portland Art Museum, Reed College, and the University of Oregon.

Pound to Talk

Roscoe Pound, legal mind of the day, will present an address on Jan. 25, and E. G. Ebbighausen, University professor of physics, will speak on new developments in physics Feb. 18.

Those assisting Ernst on the University Lecture Series committee are Arnold Elston, associate professor of music; A. M. Vincent, professor of art; E. G. Ebbighausen, professor of physics; Olga Yevitch, program director of the Student Union; Chandler Beall, professor of romance languages; Luther Cressman, head of the anthropology department; W. A. Dahlberg, associate professor of speech.

Other lectures are being planned for the balance of the school year.

KOAC to Air Campus Recital

Patsy Olsen, pianist, and Donna Anderson, soprano, will be presented on "Campus Recital," KOAC radio show, from 8:15 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. tonight.

Miss Olsen will play Schumann's "Scenes from Childhood," including "From Foreign Lands and People," "A Curious Story," "Catch Me If You Can," "Entreating Child," "Perfect Happiness," "An Important Event," "Dreaming," "By the Fireside," "Knight of the Rocking Horse," "Almost Too Serious," "Frightening," "Child Falling Asleep," and "The Poet Speaks."

Miss Anderson, accompanied by Ethel Hallin, will sing Duparc's "Ecstasy," Puccini's "Un Bel Di" from Madame Butterfly, Decurtis's "Come Back to Sorrento," and a popular number, "That Lucky Old Sun."

UO Radio Studios Want Announcers

All men interested in announcing experience for the University radio studios take heed.

Auditions will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. on the third floor of Villard Hall. Chief announcer Al Hicks will be in charge of the try-outs.

The term "announcer" is broad in definition, and includes sports announcers, masters of ceremonies, disc jockeys, and even the Bob Hope variety. "So is you have the ability, the experience, or even the interest, be there at 4 because the best positions are open now," Hicks said.

Federal aid is simply a system of taking money from the people and making it look like a gift when you hand it back.

Campus Merry-Go-Round

At Sig Ep. . .

The new JIFC secretary-treasurer is Sig Ep Gene Lehman.

Curt Finch and his orchestra will furnish the music for the house dance set for Dec. 2.

Thanks to their cooks, the Sigma Chis and Sig Eps enjoyed the same Halloween surprise dinner.

At Gamma Phi. . .

The lead feminine role of Desdemona in the University Theatre's production of "Othello" will be played by Gamma Phi Pat Saunders.

During the recent storm a tree blew down, hitting the Gamma Phi house, but inflicting little damage.

At Rebec. . .

Recently announced was the engagement of Ruth McKeen to Wayne Jensen of Tillamook, Oregon.

Apple dunking, masquerades, and a horror chamber were a part of the Monday night Halloween party, under the direction of Jeanette Stone, party chairman.

A new member of Rebec house is La Delle Elschen.

At Phi Kappa Sigma. . .

Chaperones for last Friday's fireside were T. F. Mundle, assistant professor of English, and Frank Black, associate professor of English.

This Saturday, the Phi Kappa mothers are having a meeting and banquet at the Del Rey Cafe.

Martel Scroggin, junior in journalism, was recently pledged to Alpha Delta Sigma, professional advertising fraternity.

Recent dinner guest at Phi Kappa Sigma was E. G. Ebbighausen, associate professor of physics.

At AOPI. . .

A recent visitor at AOPI was the national president, Mrs. Mary Paschen Lindrooth. Mrs. Lindrooth arrived at the Eugene chapter Tuesday for a three-day visit. A tea was given in her honor Wednesday afternoon.

Marjorie Fulton and Berniece Bradley were initiated into AOPI Wednesday night.

At Hendricks. . .

Recently pinned were Louise Moeser to Ed Kirshner, SAE, and Mimi Cooper to Jim Smith, Sigma Nu.

At Sigma Chi. . .

Jim Goode and Bill Short are president and vice-president of Scabbard and Blade, military honorary. Bob Gray is vice-president of Druids, junior men's honorary, and Herb Cook is a sophomore representative on the Executive Council.

Bill Prichett recently presented his pin to Beverly Loretz of Eugene.

Student Court Plans Meeting

The newly reorganized Student Court will probably hold its first session this week.

Steve Church, senior in business and court member last year, is aiding the new court chairman, Henry Adams, senior in business, in setting up preliminary organization of the court.

Traffic cases will come under the court's jurisdiction first, and other functions may be added later. The Office of Student Affairs handled traffic citations while the court was being formed.