

DUCK TRACKS

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Tippie Dye, new University of Washington basketball coach, has made at least one interesting change in the Husky playing line-up. Frank Guisness, a guard last year and two years ago on the Husky Pup team, has been moved to forward. Guisness, at 6 feet, 3 inches, is plenty tall enough to play this position.

But as a scoring threat, he usually was feared last year when he was out front, and starting for the hoop from the outside right-hand corner. He's a driver, and a real threat when he starts booming toward that hoop.

To the best of our memory, Guisness has never played forward before in his life. In high school he played guard, if memory serves us correctly. That was at Vancouver high, where Guisness and his team-mates were pretty consistent contenders for the state title. Anyway, he's a forward now, and Dye probably knows what he's doing.

Oregon Football History

Received an extremely interesting copy of a letter sent to Duck Track Coach Bill Bowerman by Eugene Attorney Lawrence T. Harris. Mr. Harris says that he was looking through his files recently and came across a written account of the first Oregon football game. It came from a copy of "The Reflector," published by the Laurean and Eutaxian societies. The former was a men's debating society and the latter the same for women.

Mr. Harris and his wife in 1910 collected all issues of The Reflector and had them bound. They can be found today, he says, at the University's historical department.

With his letter, he included a copy of the story of the game. Its date is April, 1894. The title of the story is, "The Game of Foot-Ball."

Visionary Dream

This was apparently the first college athletics ever tried by Oregon. Before this first game, the story says, college athletics had always been a visionary dream at Oregon.

It was Oregon U. vs. Albany. Oregon won, 44-2. Room here doesn't permit the presentation in full of the story, but there are many interesting, and (today) humorous observations which can be picked out.

The method of scoring was undoubtedly different in those days, because Oregon picked up 22 points in the first half on three touchdowns or goals (the scoring is referred to by both titles) and one or more conversions. A first down could be had only by gaining 15 yards. No kickoff was used; the teams simply lined up and started charging as soon as the ball was centered. Eleven men were used, and the positions were the same as those we know today.

Oregon took the ball and drove literally to a "touch-down" in just six minutes. Albany then took its try, but failed to gain 15 yards, despite the use of a flying wedge, and had to give the ball up.

- Sickness Came

The second half of the game, the story tells us, was a repetition of the first half, except that Albany managed to trap the Oregon fullback, Templeton (whose brother played right tackle, ever heard of them?) in the end zone for two points. The Albany team was made up of gridiron veterans, while the Oregon boys had never tried it together before.

The game was finished with the only injury being the spraining of an Albany ankle. Apparently Captain Turner recovered from his illness. The magazine went into considerable discourse about whether or not the game was barbarism or good clean fun like boxing (and you know how they boxed in those days).

The decision was that it was the duty of the magazine only to report the game and congratulate the team for having been able to say, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Victory for Oregon was secured, and the game might have come to stay. At least that game had a good turnout. They even sat on nearby woodshed roofs to watch.

Ski Team Near

Oregon is going to have a ski team this winter. The athletic department asks all persons interested in skiing for Oregon this winter to meet next Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the basement of McArthur court with the coach, Leo Harris.

Tryouts for the Duck slat team will be Jan. 13 and 14 at Multi-por mountain (that's near Government Camp) when three other teams will meet with Oregon for a slalom and cross-country meet. The other squads will be from Oregon State, Lewis and Clark, and the University of Portland. More information on Oregon skiing will come next week.

University Schedules Full Theater Season

The theater season at the University will be a full one for the rest of the year, with four major theater productions scheduled, one special professional attraction billed, the Northwestern Drama Conference on tap, and special offerings likely.

"Right You Are (If You Think So)," now in rehearsal; "Goodbye My Fancy," now being cast; "Finian's Rainbow," to be cast when director Horace W. Robinson returns from New York; and "Anne of the Thousand Days," set for production as the last drama of spring term, are the regular plays scheduled.

Angna Enters, celebrated and popular dance mime, will be presented as a professional attraction Feb. 12; and the Northwest Drama Conference activities will be held on the campus for the fourth straight year Feb. 8, 9, and 10.

The annual experimental theater night will probably be scheduled spring term. The night, exceedingly popular with theater-goers, presents out-of-the-ordinary theater entertainment.

"Finian's Rainbow," a musical comedy which won fame on Broadway in 1947 with Ella Logan and

David Wayne in its cast, will be the big production of the year. It is the first musical comedy attempted by the University Theater since "Of Thee I Sing." The latter established box office records that still have not been topped here when it was produced and directed by Robinson in connection with Junior Weekend in the spring of 1942.

Top tunes from "Finian's Rainbow" include "That Old Devil Moon," "If This Isn't Love," and "How Are Things in Glocca Morra."

"Anne of the Thousand Days" is a Maxwell Anderson drama which was produced on Broadway last year with Rex Harrison and Joyce Redgrave. It is written partly in blank verse, as are the other "Queen" plays by Anderson—"Elizabeth the Queen," and "Mary, Queen of Scots." The latest Anderson play produced by the theater was "Winterset." "Anne" will be directed by Frederick J. Hunter.

"Godbye My Fancy," directed by Otilie Seybolt, will be the first production of the University Theater in its own "intimate" theater.

"Right You Are" is now in rehearsal by Hunter with production scheduled for early February.

Open House Set For SU Sunday

A special open house will be held at 6:15 p.m. Sunday in the Dad's lounge of the Student Union. Three SU standing committees—movie, dance, and concert—are sponsoring the open house for students who are interested in activities of the SU.

During this time interested students may sign up for work with one of the three committees. Records will be kept of those participating and they will receive preference when committee vacancies occur or a committee adds new members.

Activities open to students on the movie committee are ticket-selling and ushering during the regular Sunday movies, set-up of chairs, and cleanup. The dance committee is interested in recruiting students to help in floor preparation preceding Wednesday night square dances and Friday night mixers.

Refreshments will be served and a program of entertainment will follow.

Newmans Honor Oregon Student

Jane Weber, junior in general arts and letters, was elected president of the Northwest province of the Newman Club at its annual convention Dec. 26-29 at Pullman, Wash.

Also from the University of Oregon, George Yost, senior in architecture, was named regional chairman of extension. Rev. Leo J. Linahan acted as chaplain for the group.

The Newman Clubs will hold its first meeting of the winter term at 7 p.m. Sunday in Gerlinger annex.

A ski trip to Santiam Lodge will be planned.

Thirty students from Oregon State college and thirty from the University are expected to make the trip, Jan. 12-13.

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Student Petitions Due For Red Cross Posts

Petitions for Red Cross publicity committee posts are now being called for. The work of the committee will continue all term but will be more concentrated during the campus Red Cross drive in February. Petitions may be turned in to Frances Neel at the Alpha Delta Pi house by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10.

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