

DUCK TRACKS

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With New Year's resolutions as prevalent as Communists in Senator McCarthy's oratorical demonstrations, the athletic world welcomed the initial week of a new year and a new half century with an unprecedented barrage of promises, threats, withdrawals, and resignations.

The Rose Bowl game touched off one of the loudest explosions of the new year as Pacific Coast representatives, six-time losers in six years, suggested that Pacific Coast Conference teams might not appear in future Tournament of Roses activities.

This ill-timed announcement followed the latest of the innumerable humiliations which have cost PCC members the loss of more face than a plastic surgeon ever saw.

These Pasadena punishments are as old as the history of that predecessor of all bowl games, the Rose Bowl battle of 1902. That fray, incidentally, was a classic example of Rose Bowl horror. Michigan routed Stanford 49-0 in a "battle" that didn't even last for the full four quarters—the argument was stopped when Stanford's last substitute succumbed.

That incident was equalled if not surpassed by the 1934 game, which featured a highly-rated, highly favored Stanford aggregation against Coach Lou Little's lowly Columbia squad. According to Western scribes, Little Columbia would be lucky to survive the afternoon's terrifying developments. Columbia won 7-0.

However, the worst was yet to come, although some people considered that California's 0-0 tie with "hopeless" Washington and Jefferson was worse than anything that the future could save for the much-abused Westerners. Alabama routed USC 34-14 in the 1946 example of Rose Bowl frustration.

A new angle was added for the 1947 demonstration. Mighty UCLA, undefeated, untied, and mentored by Coach of the Year Burt LaBruce (subsequently eradicated), was highly favored over the Illini, who ranked only second in the Big Nine.

Bruin backers stated that Illini wasn't good enough to play UCLA—they should have scheduled mighty Army instead. Nevertheless, developments (mainly UCLA's 45-14 loss to the Illini) indicated that there were fallacies in this argument.

The following year featured Michigan's 49-0 slaughter of the once-great Trojans from USC. This was the worst loss of Southern California gridiron history, although the 1950 edition of El Trojan displayed potentialities of exceeding that noteworthy feat.

The California-Northwestern battle of 1949 opened a new era—the age of How Unlucky Can You Get? Northwestern, another second-place Big Nine squad, edged out the California Bears 20-14. Although movies of the game show that officials called an inaccurate decision that cost the Bears a touchdown and also awarded a touchdown to Northwestern despite a Wildcat fumble outside of the end zone, there are those who maintain that a good team "makes its breaks," so perhaps Northwestern "made" those breaks.

The 1950 nightmare was equally grotesque. An Ohio State eleven, which had absorbed a 27-0 setback at the hands of Minnesota's Golden Gophers, defeated California 17-0. Charging Bears miraculously managed to avoid blocking with their six outstretched arms. The latest Pasadena tilt, with the long Cal touchdown that nullified, apparently was the final straw. The old "wait till next year" spirit seems to be declining on the Pacific Coast.

If the game is abandoned, all of the PCC schools will lose money unless a suitable substitute is found. Oregon's income from the 1951 contest is approximately \$7000, a sizable sum, considering that Duck profits from the 1950 season are estimated at \$10,000. Such financial considerations might force continuance of the Rose Bowl arrangement.



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Another new development also affects the Duck gridiron picture. St. Mary's College announced that it intends to abandon the circles of intercollegiate football competition. The Gaels lost a significant \$150,000 during the past season.

This alters the situation on the local character-building athletic fields. Oregon-St. Mary's games were scheduled for 1951, 1952, and 1953. However, no mortal blow has been delivered to Duck gridiron hopes—the 1950 Gael freshman football squad had been rated as the strongest in the school's history. Furthermore, Oregon gained only an estimated \$4000 (about one-thirty-fifth of 1950 Duck income) by playing St. Mary's at Eugene.

This is insignificant when compared to the \$16,500 which Boston University guaranteed to Idaho, never a drawing card attraction, for the Boston-Vandal clash. Of course, Idaho was forced to meet expenses for the trip to Massachusetts, but this amounted to little, according to Vandal authorities.

While athletic directors juggled financial statements and stared unhappily at the future, the nation's coaches considered the abolition of spring football training. This has become a new issue since the outbreak of selective service activities, since many athletes will be lost to the military fields, many of the gridiron who normally turn out for spring football will be needed for other sports, which theoretically will be drained of talent. Such activities include golf, baseball, track, and tennis.

Other arguments opposing spring gridiron activities include the belief that football players are kept from their studies and also that they lose opportunities to work. The latter is important because most players cannot work during pigskin season.

Duck Athletic Director Leo Harris stated last night that he favors spring training abolition if the ruling is universally adopted. He added that spring workouts for interested non-lettermen might be substituted for the present arrangement.

Harris also proposed that both teams be allowed to advance fumbled spheroids, thus adding excitement to the game. Harris added that teams should be allowed less time in huddles. This would speed up the game and add place pressure on the quarterback. Harris also would like to see the college adoption of the professional rule that allows a griddler to keep running until he is effectively stopped—if he merely falls down, he can get up and continue. This also should enliven the game.

At one time, ball carriers galloped freely with the advantages of this rule, but it was abolished because it was feared that the ruling would be responsible for numerous injuries. Nevertheless, professional results have not substantiated this fear.

Ominous Foreboding of the Week USC's 41-19 halftime basketball lead over the California Bears.

Johnson Hall To Receive Renovation

By Marjory Bush

Johnson Hall, behind its pillared exterior, is receiving a near-complete first-floor renovation, including revamping of the president's office and construction of a new conference room.

While work is being done on the administrative building by the physical plant, President H. K. Newburn, Assistant to the President Howard Lemons, and Director of Public Services Lyle M. Nelson are sharing the former conference room as a mutual office. Secretaries have been crowded into offices on the north of the building during the change-over.

One of the major changes of the administrative building is the remodeling of the old stage of the Guild Theater into a new conference room. Panelled in black walnut, the room now has a lowered ceiling of acoustical tiling. It will be finished with an asphalt tile floor and furnished with a new table and chairs.

Partitions of the president's office have been changed and the ceilings lowered. Redecoration of all offices and panelling of the north wall of the president's office is included in the completed plan.

The assistant to the president will have a new office next to the south entrance of the building, while the public services director will occupy the former office of the assistant. The waiting room for the president's office will be considerably enlarged. I. I. Wright, superintendent of the physical plant, said.

Administrative work will be carried on in offices in the northwest section of the building.

Appearance and efficiency have been considered in the remodeling program, Wright pointed out.

Date of completion of the entire project is indefinite, Wright stated, due to difficulty in obtaining materials. However, work on the president's office is being rushed.

Another recent change in Johnson was the moving of the photographic bureau into enlarged basement quarters. The bureau took over the offices vacated by the division of information for the Chancellor's office, which was moved into the third floor.

Cost of Sewage Plant May Fall To Lot of U of O

The University of Oregon, through the State Board of Control, may pay part of the cost of the City of Eugene's proposed sewage plant and outfall line.

Acting on a proposal adopted at the City Council meeting Monday night, Eugene City Manager Oren L. King, and City Attorney John W. Pennington, will prepare a bill for the state legislature requesting the state to pay 14.53 per cent of the project.

The figure is based on the ratio of the University's student enrollment of 5,102 to that of the city of Eugene which is 35,602. Out of the estimated cost of \$1,050,500, the state would pay \$152,637.53 according to figures given by King.

Lack of funds has held up construction of the plant, said King. In an interview Thursday King said that the money the state would be asked to contribute should enable the city to go ahead with construction plans.

King told the council that the state presently has arrangements for reimbursing the cities of Salem and Pendleton as its part in the operation of state institutions in those two cities.

An Illinois man said he turned robber because he lost his health. He now is confined to his room for eight years.

SU to Feature Basnet's Island Pictures Tonight

H. G. Barnett, professor of anthropology, will show his colored motion pictures on "Life In The Palau Islands" tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Adelaide Church Memorial Browsing Room in the Student Union.

A discussion led by Dr. John James, assistant professor of sociology, will follow the film.

Barnett went to the Palau Islands in 1947 to do research and work with the navy department. He stayed two years studying the native culture, industries, and vegetation of the Palaus. In 1949 his book, *Palauan Society*, was published. Barnett plans to return someday to the Palaus to continue his research.

"The Palaus are a small group of islands which were occupied by Japan during the last war. The Japanese were finally driven from them after intense fighting on Peleliev, which island is now under control of the Navy Department.

This lecture is the first in the winter term series. It is open to members of the association, faculty members and students of the university.

WAA Carnival Petition Deadline Set for Today

Today is the last day to submit petitions for the Women's Athletic Association carnival, according to WAA President Bonnie Gienger.

She said that she will accept petitions until 5 p.m. at Hendricks Hall. They will be accepted by Vice-president Phyllis Rich at Rebec House. Petitioners do not have to be members of WAA.

The carnival will follow the Washington State-Oregon basketball game Feb. 16.

Positions open are for co-chairmen and chairmen of committees on decoration, finance, food, publicity and promotion, cleanup, and booths.

Co-chairmen of the entire carnival will be chosen tonight by the executive committee of the WAA council.

Infirmary Inmates Run to Men Only

The infirmary was strictly a man's world Tuesday with six fellows taking an enforced vacation from their studies. The men were Jack Sullis, Joseph St. Martin, Al Wiebe, Les Collier, Dave Chapman, and Oswald Plath.

The flowers they refer to that bloom in the spring must be water lilies.

Station Airs University Class

A new experiment in radio, bringing the classroom to the air, is being conducted by the combined forces of the philosophy and radio departments this term.

Alburey Castell, head of the philosophy department, is having his ethical and political theory class tape-recorded. The class, which deals with man and society since the French Revolution, meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the audio-visual section of the library.

The first broadcast was conducted last Thursday with the technical arrangements being handled by the radio division under the supervision of Glenn Starlin, assistant professor of speech.

The thirty-minute programs will continue throughout the term. The tape-recordings will be shipped to KOAC at Corvallis and will be broadcast Wednesday and Friday of the following week from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Co-op Manager States Reasons For Book Sales

G. L. Henson, manager of the Co-op, has announced that Saturday will be the last day for students to receive full credit on books bought this term.

Henson stated that there has been much dissatisfaction on the part of the students because the Co-op does not buy back all books. The principal reason for this policy is that some of the books will not be used winter term.

War conditions and the drop in enrollment have fostered the uncertainty as to whether the same instructors will direct the classes and the same books will be used the following terms, Henson continued.

Spring term a questionnaire will be sent to all professors to clarify the problem of books to be used next fall. Most of the books purchased can be returned to the Co-op at this time.

However, books that will not be used next fall cannot be bought back by the Co-op, Henson stated. Action such as this would only tend to raise the price of other books to alleviate the loss of money inflicted by the piling up of a surplus of useless books.

Wickham Schedules Students to Meet

All girls on probation, those who have a G.P.A. below 2.00, are to meet at 4 p.m. today in the Student Union, according to Golda P. Wickham, director of women's affairs. Meeting place will be posted in the SU lobby.

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