

DUCK TRACKS

By John Barton
Emerald Sports Editor

Robert Ruark, syndicated columnist whose writings appear on the Oregonian editorial page, yesterday presented an interesting discussion of the recent boxing death of a young fighter in St. Nick's arena in New York.

Ruark gave a thorough and positive denunciation of boxing as a sport. He quoted one New York legislator who called boxing "legalized homicide," and completely agreed with him. Ruark ran over the physiological reasons why boxing is deadly and extremely dangerous, in his opinion. And he hinted that it's no worse than tossing a man to the lions for enjoyment of the spectators.

Ruark isn't just an editorial writer with an idea. He covered the boxing game for years when he worked for a metropolitan newspaper. He knows boxing pretty well, inside and out.

Oregon basketball coach John Warren mentioned the other day that varsity teams in the Pacific Coast Conference will very likely be using freshman players next year, and there will be no frosh teams.

The reason for this would be, of course, the depleted manpower of colleges everywhere in the nation. When enrollment starts dropping 20 per cent and more (mostly men), schools can hardly be expected to turn out good varsity teams.

Many athletes come out of high school with enough ability to fit into the varsity scene fairly well.

During the late war, all coast schools dropped the freshman non-eligibility rule and let the "kids" play with the "men." Many schools also dropped football. Those that kept it either had plenty of men around in armed forces training programs or scraped together enough 4-Fs to field a grid team. Usually it was the former.

Webfoot football was non-existent during the war years, and got under way again in the fall of 1945.

A current prayer of Duck hoop fans might well be that the right foot of Will Urban doesn't give out again during the season. Will broke a bone or bones in his right foot during last fall's pre-season practice, and went into the season slightly behind training, although it didn't bother him too much.

But now that same injury has occurred again, and in the same way. The bones have separated. According to physicians, Will is going to be ready to play next weekend against Idaho here, but won't be able to go south with the team this weekend.

In the conference standings, the St. Mary's and University of San Francisco games this weekend aren't important. But two victories for the Webfoot squad could mean a lot right now, and two losses surely won't help Oregon's prestige, except to make the Ducks underdogs in a lot of games.

Someone mentioned that Urban may be held back for the rest of the season by protecting the injured foot, and trying to prevent the mishap from recurring. Considering the spirit Urban puts into his game, that isn't likely.

Will plays with a great deal of determination. His coaches have said that his determined nature on



SLATS GILL

the court have made him an outstanding basketball player when he otherwise might have been just an ordinary one.

So it isn't likely that an ailing foot will hold him back too much. Naturally, all possible measures will be taken by the training staff to see that it doesn't happen again, and chances are that the foot will remain intact. Sponge rubber and tape can be mighty handy when you know how to use them.

While the Ducks are in San Francisco this weekend, there will be some good basketball over at Corvallis when the Aggies take on Washington. Washington, now using Tippy Die's fast break and race horse methods of play, will be up against the traditional Slats Gill type of slow, methodical ball control. One might say the Beavers do lots of fast running, but usually just at their end of the floor, in plays starting out of the Gill weave.

Washington, of course, will be running full tilt every time the Huskies get their furred paws on the ball. Two Oregon state victories would be to Oregon's advantage, since the Purple and Gold team is riding the crest of the ND race. Predictions are difficult and somewhat useless, but we figure the two teams will split, with OSC winning the first night out.

John Warren commented after Oregon's series with Washington that the Huskies are great individually, but not collectively, yet.

Professor Sets Universe Talk

Where did the universe come from?

That's the question E. G. Ebbighausen, professor of physics, will attempt to answer in his lecture at 8 p.m. next Thursday in 207 Chapman. "A Theory of the Universe" is the topic of his speech, part of the University Lecture Series.

Because the earth, meteors, and the sun are nearly alike in chemical composition, they may have a common origin, according to the theory which Ebbighausen will present his lecture. This theory is based on the idea that the earth was formed after some great explosion.

Ebbighausen and G. D. Hoyt, also an associate professor of physics, are now engaged in a research problem in nuclear physics. They have nearly finished building a beta-ray spectograph, a machine which they will use to analyze radioactive material sent to Oregon

by the University of California.

The information thus obtained will be of value in determining the properties of the nuclei of radio active materials, Ebbighausen said.

Handball Tilts Start

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Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Gamma Hall, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Stan Ray Hall, Merrick Hall, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sherry Ross Hall, Omega Hall, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Second bracket teams are as follows: Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Nestor Hall, Pi Kappa Alpha, Delta Upsilon, Minturn Hall, Alpha Hall, Campbell Club, Yeomen, Legal Eagles, Delta Tau Delta, Cherney Hall, Delta Chi, Chi Psi, and Kappa Sigma.

Olson Increases SU Publicity Committee

A 26-member committee will handle publicity for the Student Union during winter term under a new reorganizational plan worked out by Dick Olson, chairman of the committee.

Olson explained the function and responsibilities of the revamped SU Publicity committee at a Monday luncheon meeting of members in the SU building.

Formerly composed of members, a chairman and a secretary, the committee is now being prepared to take on double that number. Olson said that petitions are being called for this week.

Sub-Committees Created

In addition, four sub-committees were created and the position of assistant chairman was established. Bill Frye was named by Olson to the assistant's post. The sub-committees—news, scrap book, poster, and contact—will be headed respectively by Clyde Fahlman, Mary Gillham, Marjorie Tuggle, and Bob Zwald.

Duties and size of the four sub-committees were outlined by Olson during the meeting.

The news sub-committee will be responsible for supplying news releases, feature articles, and pictures concerning activities of the Student Union to the Emerald and the University News bureau.

Organizing and maintaining such material, along with other information about the SU, will be handled by the scrapbook sub-committee.

Poster Distribution Set

Poster and contact sub-committees will work together under the new plan. A permanent bulletin-board type poster will be supplied each living organization and up-to-date information on what's to take place during the week at the SU will be placed on the poster by the contact sub-committee.

Distribution of special posters and the relaying of information concerning special events to halls and houses will also be the work of the contact sub-committee.

Since the formation of the SU Publicity in fall term, Olson and his staff have worked in their office on the third floor of the SU. Business concerning the committee is talked over at regular Monday luncheon meetings.

Annual Party Set by Lawyers

The annual banquet of Delta Theta Phi, national legal fraternity, will be held starting at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Del Rey Cafe, according to Maurice Engelgau, dean of the local student senate.

Featured on the day's program will be a speech by Associate Justice Lamar Tootze of the Oregon Supreme Court.

"This meeting," said Engelgau, "is held each year during the early weeks of winter term with a view toward acquainting first year law students with men prominent in the profession who are members of Delta Theta Phi, and with local student and alumni members of the fraternity."

YW Cultivates Bridge Novices

Weekly bridge classes, sponsored by the YWCA upper-class commission, will begin Jan. 18, Karla Van Loan, chairman, announced Tuesday.

Limited to upperclassmen, the classes will provide instruction for the first 40 students enrolled. Since the number permitted to enroll is limited, Miss Van Loan urged students to notify the YWCA or living organization junior class president if they want instruction.

Classes will be held at 4 p.m. Thursdays in the Men's Lounge, Gerlinger and will continue through Feb. 8, unless needed for a longer period of time. Coffee will be served at each bridge session.

Charge for the entire group of classes will be 25 cents per person. Instructors will teach the Culbertson method. Set hands will be used.

Instructors will be Mrs. N. H. Anderson, Alpha Phi housemother, and Mrs. A. C. Hansen, Kappa Alpha Theta housemother.

T. H. Hendricks of Eugene was on the first Board of Regents of the University. Hendricks Hall, a dormitory for women, is named after him.

YW Delegates To Assembly Set to Speak

Delegates to the recent National Student Assembly of the YWCA, held every four years, will speak to guests at an open assembly of the YWCA today at 4 p.m., Alumni Hall, Gerlinger.

Speakers will include Dolores Jeppesen, Yoshiko Seki, Mary Ellen Burrell, Janis Evans, and Patsy Matsler.

The national assembly, held Dec. 27 to Jan. 2, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, included 1500 delegates from 600 colleges and universities in the United States.

Oregon's five women delegates were part of a delegation of 51 students from the Pacific Northwest, representing local campus associations.

Topics discussed by the delegates will include; 1. Parliamentary debate covering decisions and policies made for the organization program for the next four years. 2. General impressions of the cross-country trip and the various delegations at the assembly. 3. Main addresses at the assembly, particularly that of Dr. Vera Micheles Dean, who spoke on "American Foreign Policy."


Special guests at today's assembly will be members of the University YWCA advisory board, and the Eugene YW Board.

Jackie Wilkes, Ann Darby, and Flo Hansen are in charge of assembly arrangements. Refreshments will be served.

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