

Duck Tracks

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Dick Strite, sports editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, sounded a cautious and very sensible note early this week when he indicated that the wave of optimism sweeping behind Oregon's Ducks right now should not be.

Oregon has what looks like a winner, yes. The Webfoots certainly looked good in taking Oregon State twice. But to be talking about winning the Northern Division with six games played and 10 (in conference play) remaining isn't being fair.

When a fan does that, he's just leaving himself open for a let-down. Remember that Oregon lost four games on the Inland Empire trip last year. IF the Ducks come home with a 2 and 2 record (which would be good), THEN, Oregon fans can start talking championship—but not before then.

Most of Oregon's attention will be turned to Moscow this weekend. It's there the Ducks will be playing. But there will be an important (to Oregon) series in Seattle this weekend too, when Oregon State meets the Huskies. Earlier in the week, when this column was optimistically figuring the chances of Webfoot survival in the 1951 race, the assumption was made that Oregon State would lose both those games.

That assumption was made for convenience there—not because we figure the Beavers are sure to drop those two games. Slat's teams are never sure to do anything.

But Gill is famous for being able to figure out how to battle a given offense (and defense) between series, and even between individual games. From the records, it doesn't look like he has much to work with this year, but with that particular coach, you just can't tell.

Someone asked in the Emerald shack the other day, "Why doesn't Oregon get more home games—games right here at Hayward Field?"

The answer to this one is, of course, money. That's the first answer. Oregon doesn't seat enough people here in Hayward stadium (23,500) to make it pay well.

Why do you suppose Washington never plays here, but always in Portland or Seattle? Portland's Multnomah stadium has a capacity of 37,000 which is far from being huge, but is certainly larger than

Hayward's wooden grandstands.

How long has it been since Cal or USC played here in Eugene? It is possible, as with Washington, to get them in Portland, but it's mighty hard to get them down here. There just aren't enough paying seats.

Why did Michigan never return its half of the series with Oregon, which the Webfoots started in 1948 in Ann Arbor? We have no official athletic department statement on this subject to go by, but we'll bet a Wolverine peit it was because there just aren't enough seats in this part of the country to make it worth while for Mighty Michigan.

So you might say that Oregon doesn't have more home games with big schools because the big schools refuse to come here. And after all, you can just schedule so many small schools—you simply have to play some of the big guys. Don't you? So the Ducks travel.

Before the present national emergency came up, an answer—or at least a partial answer—to the whole problem was on the way. A larger Hayward Field was being planned. As it happened, the new-stadium-program got just to the stage where part of the seats Oregon DID have went down—and now the national emergency makes the whole picture kind of cloudy.

The problem eventually leads into the old controversy about the northern half of the Pacific Coast conference splitting off into a league of its own. That won't be kicked around here.

Spring term is ahead. With it comes baseball and track, among other things. Wonder if the weather this spring will permit practices? The element of rain has loused up Oregon's baseball season many times, and when track team can't get outdoors, it certainly doesn't help Webfoot cinder prospects in the ND.

Westminster House Plan Vaudeville Show Friday

Vaudeville has a rebirth on the Oregon campus Friday night when Westminster House features "An Old Time Vaudeville Party" complete with songs, variety acts, refreshments, and spelling bee. Campus clothes are in order for the party which begins at 8 p.m.

Sunday at 6:15 p.m., Rev. Thom Hunter leads the group in a discussion entitled "What Is My Reasonable Service." The discussion will be followed by a film on past Westminster activities.

February 6 at 6 p.m. is the date for the potluck at Westminster. University dorm residents are reminded that they are not required to bring food.

Christian House
A theater party for "Right You Are" is planned by Christian House Friday evening. Pat Harley is in charge of reservations. Refreshments are planned at the house following the play.

Saturday is the day for the group's annual ski trip, which leaves Gerlinger Hall at 7:45 a.m.

Married students plan a potluck dinner for 6:15 p.m. Tuesday for all couples. Tuesday also features the weekly International Tea.

Newman Club
"Lenten Regulations of the Campus" will be the topic of discussion at the Newman Club meeting,

7 p.m. Sunday in Gerlinger Annex. The Rev. Leo J. Linahan will explain Lenten regulations as they pertain to University students, answering any questions listeners may have.

"Excommunication" is the topic for Tuesday night's study group meeting at 7 p.m. in the Student Union. Leo Geiselmann is in charge of the discussion.

Wesley Foundation
"Birthday Party" is Wesley Foundation's theme for Friday night's fun session which begins at 8 p.m.

Foreign students Nicky Haralu and Surinder Mehta will be the featured leaders of a discussion on "India" at 5:30 p.m. at Wesley Foundation. The discussion will deal with India's importance as a world power today with particular emphasis on the political, social and religious conditions in the Far Eastern country.

In the good old days of mom used to hide coffee in the coffee pot—now with the price where it is, she hides coffee.

Change, says a writer, helps us get better view of life. Yeah—if we get enough of it and spend it wisely.

They Gave Blood, Too



A MOBILE BLOOD BANK is hoisted onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Boxer at San Francisco, so some of the 750 crewman could give blood in Korea. The carrier, undergoing overhaul, has seen considerable action in Korean waters. (AP WIREPHOTO)

Heart Hop Stems from 'Ladies Leap'; Women Can't Stand Four-year Wait

Back in 1936 a leap year affair called the "Ladies Leap," a girl-ask-boy affair, began. However, the women didn't like the idea that this golden opportunity was presented only once every four years, so the affair developed into the now annual Heart Hop.

Throughout the years, many clever schemes and themes have evolved to put over the Heart Hop, this year scheduled for Feb. 9.

The war had brought an atmosphere of seriousness over the campus in 1944, when all but two of the candidates for king were in uniform.

Extensive campaigning, via posters, serenades, and trails of red hearts pointing to the living organizations where the dance was held marked the '45 event, themed "Heart Breakers." Ted W. Kent reigned over the dance and was honored with a millrace dunking.

Tradition Noted

A dunking in a barrel confronted the 1946 king because of a lack of water in the traditional dunking place, the Millrace. Promotion themes for the dance were put into sprightly verse, with such gems as "This is a girl-date-boy affair,

so listen, now's your chance, Grab your 9/10 of a man—and make his heart hop at the dance!" apparently describing the manpower shortage, circulating around the campus.

In 1947, each house was decorated to represent a phase in courtship, from the first meeting through marriage, to carry out the theme "Rapid Romance."

Telling the love story of a fellow named John was the objective of the 1948 'Hop'. The dance carried John from the "Broken Hearts Club," through the "Lonesome Hearts Club" and onto the "Haunted Hearts Club." After the climax

at the "Melted Hearts Club," the story ended happily at the "Happy Hearts Club."

Gerry Smith, Phi Gamma Delta, was crowned King of Hearts with a crown adorned with bronzed antlers to carry out the theme of the 1949 'Hop', "Twitterpation." Walt Disney's animal characters were adapted to carry a five part story following the theme.

Order of 'O' men tubbed King Bob Wilcox on the Kappa Alpha Theta lawn and then allowed him to reign over the 1950 dance, "With a Song in My Heart." Each house had a sub-theme, using the word Heart in the title.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

THE

HOURS FOR THE CAFETERIA SERVICE

IN THE

STUDENT UNION

will be as follows

LUNCHEON.....11:45 a.m. 12:45 p.m.
DINNER.....5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

NOTE:

The cafeteria is closed on Saturday and Sunday noon
AFFECTIVE MONDAY—
FEBRUARY 5, the UNION
will feature a **PLATE**

Special for 65c and

a SOUP and SALAD Special

for 45c at the cafeteria
for luncheon only

ROTC Riflemen In Contest

Norman Fugitt, junior in speech, leads the University's air ROTC rifle team as the group enters the closing weeks of competition in the Fourth Air Force National Intercollegiate postal match.

Fugitt has an average score of 370 out of a possible 400 for the 11 matches fired.

Joe Eoff, senior in psychology, is in second place on the team which is made up of the top riflemen in training for Air Force commissions.

Henry Wedemeyer, freshman in liberal arts, hold third place.

The rifle team has won four of the 11 matches in which it has participated.

The group is directed by Maj. S. E. Sheffield, assistant professor of air science. He is assisted by M/Sgt. Paul Steiner.