

Duck Tracks

By Phil Johnson

Oregon's varsity ski squad will consist of a determined band of athletes when they compete in the 11th annual Warren Vanderbilt Memorial Meet this weekend at Norden, California.

The Duck skiers not only hope to take high honors in the University of California-sponsored meet—they also wish to prove their contention that they should have been entered in the University of Portland National Intercollegiate Ski Meet last Friday at Mt. Hood. The question of the awarding of varsity letters to members of the ski team also might be running through their minds as they slide over the crystals.

Several members of the squad were extremely disappointed when they learned that they would not be allowed to enter the national meet. Some of them, believing that the team would participate, had gone to Mt. Hood earlier in the week.

Half of the members of the squad had not registered for spring term at the University and consequently were ineligible for official competition. However, their registration cards were in an envelope held by a house brother of one of the team's members, and they could have been pushed through the registration process at a moment's notice.

Roque Moved

Consequently, the skiers were quite surprised when they discovered that Oregon would not enter the meet. According to Stu McCollom, one of the Duck show performers, Coach Nap Roque of Portland University, the official host for the meet, also was surprised, because (as he told McCollom) Oregon Director of Athletics Leo Harris had informed him (during the Reno Snow Carnival) that the Ducks would enter the national meet.

It is possible that Harris subsequently altered his plans, which he certainly has the right to do, (although it does not contribute to Oregon's harmonious relations with the Portland school) or that Roque misunderstood his statement. In either event, the Webfoot skiers are unhappy.

Remembering that 1951's Duck squad was the first Oregon ski team since early World War II days, they felt that it is necessary to make a definite attempt to strengthen the ski situation at this school. The future of Webfoot skiing will depend upon the success with which the University attracts new students with snow-worthy talent. Therefore, it is necessary to increase the "prestige" of University skiing.

McCollom Optimistic

Entering a national meet is one pathway to prestige. McCollom stated that he felt quite certain that the Ducks would have finished fifth in a field of eleven teams at Mt. Hood. This would mean additional prestige.

Harris apparently did not believe that the Ducks would wind up in fifth place. He didn't wait to find out. He terminated possibilities of Oregon success in the meet.

According to ASUO President Barry Mountain, Harris offered three reasons for his course of action:

- 1—Only three members of the ski team were enrolled in school.
- 2—He did not receive an official invitation to the meet — only a telephone call from the sponsors.
- 3—Oregon has established a policy of never sending representatives to a national meet unless they have placed high in the Northern Division or could adequately represent the Pacific Coast Conference.

The fact that only three skiers were enrolled is insignificant—the others were prepared to enroll before the meet. The lack of an official invitation also is unimportant—the sponsors had personally called Harris. How official can we get?

While Harris hardly has an argument on the first two points, an examination of the third would unearth arguments on both sides.

The skiers maintain that the Ducks would have gained prestige by entering and would have received widespread recognition by placing fifth in a field of eleven. They might point to the fact that Stanford, which competed in the Mt. Hood nationals, finished behind Oregon in the Reno Snow Carnival.

On the other hand, Harris, before making his decision, probably considered Oregon's extremely low ranking in the Northern Division Meet, which was completely dominated by Washington and WSC skiers, many of them being world-renowned Norwegian stars.

It is difficult to reach a clear-cut decision on the question of Webfoot success or failure at Mt. Hood. The answer may be found this weekend.

Varsity Awards?

Another question, the awarding of letters to the skiers, also might be settled during the Warren Vanderbilt Meet. Some individuals have felt that the skiers should not receive varsity

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Scholarship Recipients Announced

Recipients of Oregon Mothers' and Mothers' of Men's Halls scholarships for spring term have been announced by the scholarship committee, which awarded them Tuesday.

Eamon Barrett and Robert Christian received the Mothers' of Men's Halls award.

Those receiving the Oregon Mothers' grants include Dorothy Blanchette, John Calverley, Audrey Campbell, John Evans, Earl Ferguson, Richard Fuhr, Anita Holmes, Mary Jordan, Ann Ka-fourly, Norman Latimer, Merrill Lewis, Doris Phillbrick, Mary Robinson, Donald Stark, Richard Stearns, Karl Stromberg, and Sharon Williams.

Manager Sought

Anyone interested in becoming manager for the Frosh baseball team is requested to contact Hal Zurcher or Don Kirsh.

Theta Chi, Delts, Fijis, SAE, SAM, Westminster 'Mural Softball Victors

Theta Chi, Delta Tau Delta, SAE, and SAM won intramural softball games Wednesday over McChesney Hall, Chi Psi, Kappa Sigma, and Gamma Hall, while the Legal Eagles and Phi Kappa Sigma defeated respectively to Phi Gamma Delta and Westminster House.

Pitcher Jack Reading of the Delts held the Chi Psi club hitless, while striking out 6 men. His mates blasted Bob Maxwell for 8 runs and 7 hits. Chi Psi errors helped the Delt cause.

The Sammies trounced Gamma Hall 8-0, behind Jerry Barde's 2-hit pitching. Gamma was hitless until the fourth inning, when Stone blooped a single over second. In the last inning Glass got Gamma's only clean hit of the game, a liner into

Rotary Convention Coming; Senator Morse Slated to Speak

More than 600 Rotarians and their wives from all parts of Oregon and southwestern Washington will meet here Monday and Tuesday for the organization's annual district conference. They will represent the leaders of 40 clubs in the two states.

Headquarters for the conference, expected to be one of the largest held in the state, will be in the Student Union. All sessions will be held on the campus, in the SU, Villard Hall and the Music Auditorium.

United States Senator Wayne L. Morse will be featured speaker at the organization's annual dinner Monday evening. Morse will speak on current international problems with particular emphasis on the long-range military situation.

The convention also will bring to the campus former Governor Charles A. Sprague; Harold T. Thomas of Auckland, New Zealand, a representative of Rotary International; Rabbi Julius Nodel of Portland; Olin D. Sharpe, a regional Boy Scout executive from Portland; and District Governor Joe P. Breckel of Vancouver, Washington.

Baum to Head Mu Phi Epsilon

Frances Baum, junior in music, is the new president of Mu Phi Epsilon, national fraternity for women in music.

Other officers are LaVern Watts, junior, vice-president; Mary Frances Robinson, junior, corresponding secretary; Kathleen Ackerman, sophomore, recording secretary; Marjorie Carlson, junior, alumnae secretary; Irene Whigan, junior, treasurer; Mary Swigart, sophomore, historian; Ann Britts, sophomore, warden; Sally Lichty, junior, chorister; and Lois Schmidt, sophomore, chaplain.

Jr.-Sr. Breakfast Petitions Called

A call for petitions for committees for the YWCA-sponsored Junior-Senior Breakfast, scheduled for Apr. 22, has been sent out by Bonnie Birkemeier, chairman of the event.

Committees available include publicity, promotion, program, catering, tickets, and invitation.

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Duck Court Team Bows

Oregon State's high-flying tennis squad continued in its winning ways Wednesday at the local courts with a convincing 8-3 pre-season triumph over the Oregon netters.

This victory left the Beavers with a 31-2 won-lost record for the past two years. Only Tom MacDonald, Don Neraas, and Jerry Berreman managed to win for the Ducks.

MacDonald, only Oregon victor in last year's Beaver encounter, outlasted OSC's number one man, Don Megale, by a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 count. Neraas, Oregon's fourth man, breezed past George Allison, a Beaver letterman, 6-4, 7-5. Berreman, in fifth position, edged past another Oregon State letter winner, Dick Russell, in a drawn-out 6-3, 2-6, 8-6 match.

The Ducks were luckless in five other singles matches and three doubles.

In a match of returning lettermen, Ray Thornton of the Beavers topped Dan Cudahy 6-1, 6-3. Jack Leach, a transfer to Oregon State from Compton Jr. College, walloped George Boyd in the final one of the top five matches.

In other matches Bud McCoy, beat Bob Friend 4-6, 6-4, 6-0. Jack Pimentel, OSC, took Merv Englund 6-2, 6-4, and Ron Runge, OSC, won 8-6, 6-4 over Martin Meadows.

The Ducks play was particularly futile in doubles. In three matches they weren't able to win a set. Leach and Thornton beat MacDonald and Friend 6-0, 6-3. Pimentel and McCoy teamed to win 6-2, 6-4 over Boyd and Neraas, and Megale and Allison trounced Cudahy and Eldon Chowning 6-1, 6-1.

center. Barde had the men from Straub completely baffled, and not one reached second base.

Dick Daugherty blasted a homer with none on to save the Kappa Sigs from being shutout. Sigma Alpha Epsilon hit Kappa Sig pitcher Neish for 8 runs in a ragged game. SAE pitcher Bloom held the Kappa Sigs under control all the way except for Daugherty's blow.

Theta Chi nosed out McChesney by an 8-7 score in another ragged game. Crozall was the winning pitcher for Theta Chi.

Pi Kappa Phi Is Intramural Bowling Champ

Pi Kappa Phi captured the University intramural bowling title the latter part of the winter term. The Pi Phi's defeated Gamma Hall and Sigma Chi for the crown.

The champions took first place with a three-game score of 2533. Gamma Hall followed with 2,514, and Sigma Chi trailed Gamma with 2,465.

The title-winning squad included Captain Ken Eaton, Sid Swearingen, Warren Woodruff, Pinky Dwyer, and Bob Davis.

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