

Duck Tracks

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Well, we always said that there is nothing like a spring afternoon in the springtime. That is, we always said it until last Monday afternoon when we closed the books and beetled up to Howe field for a look at the baseball Ducks. Being new to this sort of thing, when we spied the inviting sun-drenched plot of grass behind third base we innocently strolled over and made ourselves comfortable. More accurately, we tried to make ourselves comfortable.

No sooner were we seated than we were attacked by roughly a million small but exceedingly persistent gnats which swarmed over us like Marines over a beachhead. Attacking in waves of 10,000, they ignored staggering losses as Peterson beat himself silly trying to keep them off. In the midst of the battle, we turned quickly to attack a particularly clever one who was burrowing in the direction of our inner ear, and in the process managed to acquire a handsome grass stain on the seat of our britches. At about that time somebody hit a lusty wallop which we missed because the sun was in our eyes. The next day we sat in the bleachers with the bright people.

Horsehide-Hammerer

Now let's get closer to the job we're supposed to be doing here, namely, composing a sports column. From what we hear about Oregon State's catcher with two first names, John Thomas, the big boy may turn into a king-sized scourge of Northern Division pitchers. He certainly found the offerings of Oregon's pitchers to his liking here Thursday as he hit for the cycle—a homer, triple, double and single—in five times at bat. With his 220 pounds well distributed over a 6 foot 4 inch frame, Thomas has all the equipment to live up to advance notices out of Corvallis tabbing him a possible surprise.

The big guy is of course the same John Thomas who plagued coast conference pass defenders last fall as he hung up a new PCC pass catching record with 36 to his credit. A junior, he's taking his first serious fling at baseball at OSC after concentrating on spring football the last two years. A transplanted Beaver from New Jersey, he starred as a baseballer in his prep days. He's also captain-elect for the Orange football team next fall.

All the slugging wasn't on the opponent's side last week though. Coach Don Kirsch's Webfoots put the wood to the ball lustily enough but not quite often enough. Catcher Jack Smith's homer in the OSC game is generally conceded the mightiest blast in Howe field so far. Others collecting homers were Joe Tom, whose four-master drove in the runs which beat Pacific, and second baseman Daryle Nelson and right-fielder Dick Salter against Willamette, and Pete Alvord against Lewis and Clark. Earl Averill Jr. with a pair of triples against Pacific was another bright light for the Ducks at the plate.

Powerful at the Plate

What it all adds up to is that Oregon is getting enough extra-base blows but not enough singles in between. The Ducks had only 33 hits in their first four times out. Strangely enough, their worst hit production came against Pacific when they scored their most runs. That day they crossed the plate 12 times on seven hits. Eight Pacific errors had a lot to do with it, though.

Of course, last week was largely experimental, which accounted undoubtedly for Kirsch's willingness to stick with his pitchers even when they were in hot water. Smart strategy, we think, which should pay off later in the season. Now Kirsch has at least an idea of what his men can do under fire.

Hits and misses—Forest Evashevski has 80 Cougars for spring practice including his very fine backs from last season, Byron Bailey, Ray Hobbs, Dick Bower, and Bud Roffler—WSC hasn't yet lost a man to Uncle Sam, thanks mostly to ROTC—Bob Payne, the footloost Beaver, is off again, this time back to Hawaii with the AAU champions, Stewart Chevrolets from San Francisco—Two other Beaver cagers, Glen Kinney and Paul Sliper, lined up jobs with Universal Motors in Honolulu while on the OSC trip to the islands—Universal Motors sponsors an AAU team which the Beavers tumbled—Don Heinrich, Washington's All-American candidate, is missing spring practice at Seattle with an injured arm.

Decorator's Club Open to Eleven

An American Institute of Decorators student chapter, now in the process of formation, will have eleven voting members if their charter is granted them.

Active membership in this group is limited to three-to-five-year students. Lower division students will be non-voting members.

Students qualified for membership are Jack Perkins, Lawrence Jansen, Alan Zurflueh, William Milliken, Carle Anderle, Robert King, Frances Flehr, Barbara R. Bates, Joan Sides, Jeanne Hall, and Phillip Elvigion.

Upon receiving their charter, the AID will work to bring visiting designers to the campus for talks and seminars. They also plan to assist new students in getting started in their chosen field, according to Zurflueh.

Who is the ugliest man on the Campus?

Official to Discuss Deferments Plan

Draft deferments for college students and the future as it pertains to them will be discussed twice today by Dr. W. C. Toepelman, a staff associate of the American Council on Education.

Dr. Toepelman will speak first at a luncheon in his honor at the Faculty Club. At 5 this evening he will talk to students in the Vets' commons.

He will deal with the manpower question and primarily how it relates to the recent executive order by President Truman on student deferment on the basis of special tests.

Breakfast Petitions Due

Petitions for the YWCA Junior-Senior Breakfast are due at 5 p.m. today at the Y office in Gerlinger or to Bonnie Birkemeier, Pi Beta Phi.

Committees open include publicity, promotion, program, catering, tickets, and invitation. The breakfast is scheduled for Apr. 22.

Bertram Jessup Heads Gathering In Portland

Bertram E. Jessup, associate professor of philosophy, headed a three-day gathering of the Northwest Society for Aesthetics Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in Portland.

Jessup, who is president of the society, presented a paper entitled "Belief and Attitude in Aesthetic Judgements" as a part of the weekend program.

Arnold Elston, associate professor of music, presented "Style Consciousness in Contemporary Music" before the group.

Five University music students entertained at the society's Saturday afternoon session with a concert of chamber music. Playing for the society members were Donald Hibbard, Glenn Garrett, William Woods, Charles Humphreys, and Shirley Dawley.

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