

Duck Tracks

By Phil Johnson

"I was lucky." Those are the words which were employed by Sophomore Ken Eaton as he described last week's Intercollegiate Three-Cushion Billiard Championship Meet, in which he captured the Pacific Coast Conference crown and placed third in the nation.

It was a telephonic tournament—results were phoned to Chicago from colleges in all parts of the nation. Since Eaton was one of the top four scorers in the nation, he has been selected to compete in the National Intercollegiate Individual Three-Cushion Championships at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on April 20 and 21.

Eaton was "very surprised" by his sudden rise to national prominence in the sphere of billiards. However, his customary nonchalance was not affected.

"Evidently, there are not very many good three-cushion billiard players in college," he stated modestly. Nevertheless, he admitted that he was "playing a little better than usual."

Bellissimo Optimistic

Student Union Athletic Director Louie Bellissimo believes that Eaton has a "good chance" to take the national title during the Ann Arbor meet. "He knows his three-cushion billiards," Bellissimo stated.

Incidentally, Director Bellissimo, who is the organizer of Oregon's billiard teams, did not have the opportunity to watch the outstanding performance of his squad, which took the PCC team championship, and did not see Eaton in action.

Bellissimo planned to watch his team compete, but he decided to eat supper before the meet began. "I went upstairs," he later stated, "grabbed a sandwich, came back down, and they were through." Evidently, college billiard performers are not subject to the evils of procrastination.

Eaton played his first game of billiards last fall. However, he has played pool, which is similar to billiards, for some time.

He has been roaming around pool tables since the age of six, when his father purchased a small pool table for him.

He is eagerly anticipating the trip to Ann Arbor, because he has never been east of Baker, Oregon. He also hopes to see some major league baseball teams in action.

In addition, the national meet attracts his interest. "Oh, I should do all right," he nonchalantly remarked when questioned concerning the possible outcome of the Ann Arbor clash.

Bellissimo holds a similar opinion, and he has reserved a Student Union pool table for Eaton. "He can practice any time he wants to," Bellissimo stated. The incentive to practice will not be lacking. Only three other individuals stand between the skillful sophomore pre-law student and a national championship.

Possible Playoffs

Eaton is the captain of the Pi K Phi intramural championship bowling squad. Incidentally, there is a possibility that the Pi Phi will meet the faculty champions, the powerful Flying Saucers, in a supreme championship tilt. Arrangements have not been completed.

Coach Don Kirsch's Oregon Ducks apparently are ready to uphold the great Webfoot tradition in Northern Division. Demonstrating great strength at the plate during their six games last week, the Ducks finally provided some outstanding mound performances during the Friday-Saturday clashes.

Local baseball fans were beginning to doubt the ability of the Oregon hurlers. Then Stan Aune and Bill Mays combined to stop Lewis and Clark with six hits and three runs, and Mel Krause and Bob Schoonover held the Portland Pilots to four hits and three runs. Schoonover pitched the final two frames and surrendered no hits and no runs.

Oregon has taken eight Northern Division horsehide titles during the nineteen years of league competition. Washington State claims five, Washington three, Oregon State three, and Idaho none.

Cougars Lack Luck

Oregon ad WSC are the only teams which have not finished in the ND cellar. Washington State, incidentally, coached by the humorous Buck Bailey, is not rated as a lucky team.

The Cougars gained three consecutive Northern Division championships and then dropped three extremely close series decisions to the California representatives.

WSC met the California Golden Bears for the 1947 Pacific Coast Conference crown. A two-out-of-three playoff was scheduled, but weather conditions interfered. The first game was halted by rain with Cal leading 6-1.

The second clash was rained out in the fifth inning with the two teams deadlocked 4-4. Cal was declared the "winner" of the playoff. The Bears then took the national championship.

In the following spring, USC dropped the Cougars 7-5 (rained out) and 6-3. The Trojans captured the national crown.

The Cougars met USC for another PCC title duel in 1949. Washington State took a one-sided 15-2 decision in the opener, lost the next one 2-1 in 10 innings, and fell apart for a 9-2 loss in the third.

Skull and Dagger To Present Award

Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's service honorary, will award its annual William Frager scholarship during intermission of the All-Campus Sing, May 11, according to President Jack Beyers. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Thursday in the Office of Student Affairs.

The scholarship, amounting to \$150 has been given each year since 1949 to an outstanding sophomore man. Winner is selected from among eligible petitioners.

To be eligible, the candidate must be a male member of the Class of '53 who has been connected with campus activities and who has outstanding grades. Financial need will also be a basis of selecting the recipient.

Application should be made on regular scholarship petitions available in the Office of Student Affairs. Completed petitions are due back in that office by 5 p.m. Thursday.

The scholarship is awarded in honor of William Frager, who was killed in France during World War II. While on the campus he was a member of Skull and Dagger, Alpha Delta Sigma, advertising fraternity, and president of Sigma Alpha Mu.

The \$150 is given jointly by Skull and Dagger and Samuel Frager, William's father and an Albany hardware store owner. A special board of judges, including Beyers and Director of Men's Affairs Ray Hawk, will meet this week to decide the winner.

Variety of Birds Now Being Reclassified

Bird specimens ranging from shining sunbeams to cowbirds are contained in the bird collection in the Condon Museum of Natural History, which is currently being reclassified under the University system of classification.

Most of the specimens were contained in the A. G. Prill collection, which used a private classification system. Marilyn Holcomb, sophomore in biology, is refileing the birds under the University system.

There are a few specimens which were collected in the late 1890's, and many date back to the early 1900's. Miss Holcomb said age apparently hasn't affected the birds except to make their skin so thin that it crackles when it is touched.

Sophomore Cabinet Of YW Meets Today

A meeting of the new YWCA sophomore commission cabinet will be held at noon today in Gerlinger. The cabinet will outline its spring program, according to Ancy Vincent, president.

All freshman women are invited to a meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday sponsored by the cabinet. Five committees to be formed at the meeting, said Miss Vincent.

The committees are: Picnic (which will include all freshman YWCA members), kiddie carnival (to raise funds for the Y-sponsored nursery), membership drive posters, Duckling counselor program, and Red Cross.

Social Dance Sign-up To End Wednesday

Sign-up for the proposed social dance classes will be continued today and Wednesday, the recreation committee of the Student Union announced Monday.

Interested students may register in 301 SU, at the check stand, or at the basement recreation desk.

The classes would be sponsored jointly by the recreation and dance committees of the SU.

'Lower Depths' Slated

"Lower Depths," a Russian film by Maxim Gorki, will be shown at 9 a.m. today in the audio-visual department of the library. The movie, sponsored by the department of foreign languages, has English subtitles.

History of Hand Press Surrounded by Mystery

By Howard Lindbeck

A shroud of mystery and rumor surrounds the history of the Washington Hand Press, now a museum piece located in the basement of the Journalism Building.

The early part of the press' history is clear and well documented. It was brought to Oregon City in 1845, by way of Cape Horn. It was used for printing the Oregon Spectator, the earliest newspaper west of the Rockies. In 1855 the press was moved to Salem and used to print the Argus.

But from that time until 1864-68, its history is lost in a fog of rumor and speculation. The most popular story states that it was bought by H. R. Kincaid and shipped by boat up the Willamette River to Eugene.

Boilers Blow Up

Somewhere between Eugene and Salem, the ship's boilers blew up, and the ship sank, carrying with it the press. After two years, the press was brought up from the river and the trip to Eugene was completed.

Kincaid, in his "Reminiscences," contradicts this story with an account of how he acquired the press. He states, "My brother, John, traded the Edmund Press to 'Bud' Thompson at Roseburg for the Spectator (Washington) Press in 1868."

This would seem to show that the Edmund Press, rather than the Washington Hand Press, was used to print the first four years of the Oregon State Journal, Kincaid's paper, which began publication in 1864.

Donated Press

Kincaid and his son, Webster, donated the press to the University in 1915. It was used to print college publications until 1922.

In July of that year, a fire destroyed the Journalism Building. The press was not seriously dam-

aged, the brayer (the part that spreads the ink) being the only part that was destroyed. This part was replaced in 1936, when H. Brandes donated a regulation size brayer with the compliments of the California Ink Company of Portland.

Nevertheless, it looks as if the press has finished its life of active duty. An attempt was made a short while ago to rehabilitate the press, but it was discovered that the press had a bent plate, and it would not be worth the cost to make it usable.

So unless the machine can find another benefactor, it will remain a curio—a fountainhead of rumor and speculation.

Phi Epsilon Kappa Elects New Head

Phi Epsilon Kappa, physical education fraternity, elected new officers last week.

Officers are Dale Daugherty, president; Everett Irish, vice president; Howard Smith, secretary; and Don Schmidt, treasurer.

A Founder's Day Banquet will be held by the fraternity at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Veterans' Memorial building.

Entertainment Group To Plan Reorganization

The campus reorganization committee will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Kappa Alpha Theta to discuss the reorganization of the committee.

There will be a discussion of the plans for initiating a filing system on entertainment and a board for judging campus events, Gerry Pearson, committee chairman, said.

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