

Duck Tracks

By Bill Gurney
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The nerve center of athletics at Oregon is a carpeted office in McArthur Court, and the man responsible for their efficient administration is Mr. Leo Harris, athletic director par excellence.

The organization he heads is a large one, with a turnover of from two to three hundred thousand dollars per year. And Mr. Harris is faced with the same problems as any private businessman, for if Oregon is to continue to compete in the PCC, his department must keep its head above water financially. The state of Oregon's only contribution is money for salaries paid to staff members for services in the PE department. All improvements, aid for athletes, and coaching salaries must come from gate receipts and student fees.

Football makes profit

Last year, even with a faltering Oregon Grid squad, football receipts made up \$23,000 of the \$28,000 profit showed by the athletic department. Basketball accounted for about \$3,000 more, while sports such as baseball, track, golf, tennis, and skiing finished in the red.

"I think we may lose money this year—its hard to draw crowds unless you have a winning team," said Mr. Harris. An example of this is the paltry 14,000 fans who showed up for the recent UCLA game in the mammoth LA Coliseum.

As to Oregon's long range position in the PCC, Mr. Harris said: Naturally, we are at a disadvantage in competition with larger, richer schools, but we intend to continue on our present basis."

"In recruiting athletes, our policy has consistently been to emphasize Oregon as a place where a boy can get a good education."

About the movement towards de-emphasis of college athletics, Harris had this to say concerning such controversial points as abolition of bowl games and spring football practice:

"I've never felt that bowl games in themselves are bad—I do think that receipts from them should be divided upon a nearly equal basis around the conference. This would prevent the rich from getting richer, and the poor from getting poorer.

"I think if all schools dropped spring football drills, it would give other sports their rightful place in the sun and increase interest and participation in them."

New stadium seen

Harris is also looking to the future in regard to Oregon's stadium situation. Hayward field has a capacity of about 23,000, with new steel bleachers on the ends which Harris planned and added. In the planning stage is a proposed new stadium to be built across the street from Hayward field where the present pre-fabricated housing is located.

This stadium will first probably be built to hold 30,000 fans, with provision for ultimate enlargement to 45,000. No specific date has been set for its construction, but there is a very nice drawing of it hanging in the main athletic office.

Mr. Harris is a Stanford graduate of 1927. He has a solid background in college athletics, as he earned three letters at tackle for the Indians under the great Pop Warner, originator of the single and double wing formations.

1926 National Champs

In 1926, his team won the national football championship as determined by the Dickenson rating system, and went on to play Alabama to a 7-7 tie in the 1927 Rose Bowl.

Commenting on his college football days, Harris said: "For me playing college football was a fine experience. I think that in athletics the crux of the matter is leadership at the coaching level. Playing under Pop Warner was really an educational experience."

"I think football in those days was much the same as it is now, although there was no platoon system, and there was a difference in emphasis. By that I mean, at the present time many more college football players expect financial help in getting through school. This has its bad points, of course, but it does enable many deserving kids to get an education who wouldn't otherwise."

Daughter who flies

Mr. Harris has been at Oregon since 1947, with a long career of coaching and administrative work previous to that. Now he has a new interest, the activities of his daughter Lorraine, or "Larry" as he calls her. She is a stewardess for Pan American, and has been to Hongkong, Singapore, Tokio—"all the places I'd like to go; and someday I'm going to do it," said Mr. Harris. There is also a Harris son, Keith, who is currently a quarterback for University high school. Perhaps someday there will be another Harris connected with the University of Oregon football team.

Director



Leo Harris

Matthew Arnold Browsing Room Discussion Topic

"Don't Underestimate Matthew Arnold" will be the topic of the fifth in the Browsing Room lecture series tonight at 7:30 p.m. with Al-burey Castell, head of the philosophy department, as lecturer.

Castell will discuss Arnold and the humanities, stressing Arnold's England, and his ideas of criticism, culture, and literature. He will also discuss Arnold's feeling about the Bible as literature, his thoughts about poetry as literature, and the arguments Arnold has aroused since his time.

Arnold was an English poet, classical scholar, and literary critic. He wrote "Essays in Criticism", "God and the Bible", "Tristram and Isuelt", and "Sohrab and Rustram". He wrote poetry and prose, and his works extended into the field of philosophy.

Castell came to Oregon in 1949 from the University of Minnesota. He is the author of several books, including "College Logic" and "Introduction to Modern Philosophy".

Symphony Rehearsal Set for 6:30 in Court

Today's rehearsal for the University Symphony Orchestra will be at 6:30 p.m. in McArthur Court. That time was chosen in order to permit the orchestra to complete the rehearsal before the 9 p.m. Halloween festivities in the court.

Tonight's practice will be the final rehearsal before the orchestra's appearance Thursday night in the anniversary concert commemorating the University's 75th anniversary. The public is invited to that concert.

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Business Honorary Receives Approval

The local chapter of Phi Chi Theta, national business women's honorary, was inspected and passed Tuesday by Mrs. Jeanne Clark, national vice president of the organization. Mrs. Clark found the Oregon chapter very satisfactory, Beth Miller, president, said.

'Mice and Men' Shows Sunday

"Of Mice and Men" is the title of a movie which will be shown at 2:30 and 4:15 p.m. Sunday in the Student Union ballroom.

Stars of the film adaptation from the novel by John Steinbeck are Burgess Meredith, Betty Field, and Lon Chaney, Jr.

Admission price is 30 cents.

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