

Duck Tracks

By Phil Johnson

On the long, long road of human history, ten years is a very brief period of time—just a fleeting moment. But in the lifetime of any individual, a decade is a very lengthy, momentous interval.

Turn the clock back ten years for the moment—it's October, 1941—Hitler has launched his final all-out offensive against Moscow, but it's snowing on the battlefield... English planes dominate the Western European area... Allied forces are preparing another lightning offensive in the North African desert... Japanese soldiers and sailors are feverishly getting ready for a sudden strike against unsuspecting democracies.

Over on the other side of the ocean, at the little city of Eugene, Oregon, the University football team is slowly settling into fifth place in the PCC. The Ducks will meet Texas on December 6—and will lose 71-7.

Strong Hoop Squad

However, another interesting basketball season is expected. Coach Howard Hobson's Ducks captured the first NCAA national championship only two years ago in 1939.

Oregon's last team was fairly successful, and Hank (The Needle) Anderson was largely responsible for that success. He sank 13 field goals against Willamette to set an all-time Oregon record which will still stand a decade later.

A sophomore guard named Don Kirsch also "sparkled" last winter, and don't forget that obscure sub who suddenly jumped into the starting lineup and stayed there.

A tall fellow—they called him "The Goon." His real name was William Borchner. He was the outstanding rebounder on Hobson's "best ten-man team I ever had."

Borchner accounted for 22 rebounds in one game with Oregon State, and in 10 minutes of action against Willamette, he scored 7 points and took 11 rebounds. He seems to have a fair amount of knowledge about the game, too.

An Emerald sports editor, Jonathan K. Kahananui, missed some of his studies while he watched Anderson, Kirsch, Borchner and the rest of the boys play. However, Kahananui would later have several opportunities to make up for that loss.

Bone-Chilling Skeleton

Now let's jump a half-decade... it's 1946... the war has been over for 13 months... America's great armies, navies and air forces have demobilized to bare skeleton to satisfy the demanding public... Chinese Nationalist authorities report that the remnants of Mao Tze-Tung's Communist armies will be crushed within a few weeks... Alger Hiss is doing his work in Washington.

In Oregon's third-largest city, Eugene, fans still are talking about Eugene High's triumph in the last state basketball tournament held in Salem.

The Axemen had some tough competitors in that tourney. There was Hillsboro, district champions under a new coach. His name is Don Kirsch.

And Marshfield, also under a new coach, came to the state meet, too. This probably disconcerted some of the fans at North Bend, Marshfield's bitterest rival, because North Bend has a habit of usually winning the district crown. To add insult to injury, Marshfield's new coach, Bill Borchner, once played center in the state tournament—for North Bend.

North Benders will become accustomed to such disconcertation. The Pirates will whip their North Bend rivals and win district honors six times in six years under their popular coach.

Baker Back Again

Baker has a good team, too, but their clever coach Hank Anderson, isn't new to the prep game—Baker has been missing the district championship about as often as Soviet representatives to the U.N. are missing veto opportunities.

Hillsboro defeated Astoria 44-39 for fifth place in that tournament, but Baker and Marshfield both fell by the wayside in fourth place semi-finals. Eugene's state champs had knocked both Borchner's and Kirsch's squads out of the running.

An Oregon student, Jonathan K. Kahananui, has followed these events with interest. But he's catching up on the studies he missed five years ago.

Now let's jump almost five years—early October, 1951. Alger Hiss has done his work... the American public has angrily asked why our armed forces have been weakened since 1945... maybe we should have an investigation... we're at war again... Oregon is looking for a new basketball coach.

Leo Harris is considering several possible candidates... Don Kirsch, varsity baseball coach... Hank Anderson, newly-appointed head coach at Gonzaga... Bill Borchner, highly-successful Marshfield mentor. His choice will probably interest a basketball coach on the other side of the nation. The Yale's head man, Howard Hobson, is proud of his former players.

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Promising Frosh Lineman



JACK PATERA is one of the many outstanding freshmen on the Oregon varsity. Patera, a tackle, is expected to see considerable action during the remainder of the season.

—Photo by Dean Bond

ATO's Drop Sammies Pi KA's Blast Chi Psi

By Kee Briggs

volleyball series, Kappa Sigma In Tuesday's "B" League IM downed Sigma Nu 15-11, 14-16, 15-10. Theta Chi beat Delta Upsilon 15-13, 15-11. Hunter hall blasted Cherney hall 15-3, 15-6. Pi Kappa Alpha topped Chi Psi 15-12, 15-6. Phi Sigma Kappa nosed out Tau Kappa Epsilon 15-12, 15-8, and Alpha Tau Omega waxed Sigma Alpha Mu 15-5 and 15-8.

In the only three set game of the afternoon, Kappa Sigma came out of the fray with a win over Sigma Nu. The first game was a close contest, with the teams tied up at 11 all. Then Eldon Bushnell, for the Kap Sigs, stepped up to the serving line and placed four straight serves over to chalk up a win. The wind shifted in the next one and Sigma Nu tasted victory for an instant, but were unable to come through in the final game. The contest was marked with an amazing number of circus recoveries on the part of both teams.

Behind the excellent teamwork of Don Berker and Donnie Krieger the Theta Chi six posted two straight wins over Delta Upsilon. However, the DUS put up a valiant fight lead by Cece Daniels.

Hunter hall collected two wins from Cherney hall principally from the serving line. In the first tilt, Jack Neer took over and racked up a big percentage of the total points. In the second one, it was Rex Davis, who took over the honors to bring home the bacon by a 15-6 margin.

Pi Kappa Alpha added another victory when they dumped Chi Psi two games in a row, 15-12, 15-6. Both teams showed a lack of experience, but displayed marked improvement as the battle progressed. The games were primarily long range affairs with a lot of one handed returns.

With the excellent all around playing of Dick Wade, Alpha Tau Omega found little competition in the form of Sigma Alpha Mu, who were able to collect only 13 points in both games.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon—Phi Sigma Kappa meeting turned out to see who could drive the ball back the hardest. Although the

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OUT OF THE CELLAR

By Dick Thompson

Now that mid-terms are just about over it's time for you to relax a little. The recreation committee of the SU has setup ping-pong, bowling and billiard lessons to help you relax. I have talked with some of the people that are taking the bowling lessons and they say that they are having fun as well as learning something about the game. The lessons are given every Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 and 4:30.

Billiard lessons start this Thursday afternoon and ping-pong instruction, most of you will be starting from scratch.

The inter-fraternity league is still bowling at a terrific pace. Last night Pi Kappa Alpha took three from the Kappa Sig's and

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