

Duck Tracks

By Phil Johnson

Despite Oregon's unfortunate 35-6 loss to Boston U. last Saturday, there will be no criticism from this corner or whatever it is.

Emerald critical comments can be efficiently handled by those brutal authors of Letters to the Editor. They have raised the art to a new low, if adequate judgment can be based upon last Thursday's issue featuring the annihilation of some homecoming committee chairmen, Dr. Means and the entire cast of "The Madwoman of Chaillot."

These daily massacres usually are the forerunners of numerous chain reactions.

After some unsuspecting campus individual or organization is reduced to rubble by a bitter letter-writer, another mob of person-piercing, pitter-patter-peddling penmen levels the siege guns upon the original critic. This can continue indefinitely.

But that isn't the reason for a gentle attitude by the sports department. Maybe it's just our lack of appreciation for unusually close haircuts.

What do haircuts have to do with sports writers? The answer was provided after Oregon State recently routed Washington 40-14 at Seattle.

Smooth Cranium

The Husky sports editor, who had reputedly adopted an unenlightened attitude in his columns, dropped into the Washington dressing room after the game. Although there have been no authenticated reports of females playing for the Huskies, he was immediately asked to leave the dressing room.

He refused. Consequently, the unhappy Seattle gridders adopted the only logical course—they shaved his head. He left.

Washington was not penalized for clipping.

The writer escaped with his head. Considering the fact that he was tangling with some extremely tough characters, it was indeed a close shave.

This first year of the second half of the century might go down in athletic history as the year of shaves—eastern basketball players shave point spreads; Huskies shave sports editors.

Deadly Sport

A new field is opening up for radio sports announcers. It concerns recent developments in the arena of medical science.

Dead men on the streets and dead women in bathtubs have been brought back to life on several recent occasions. Sometimes there has been considerable fluctuation in the situation—sort of a now-he's-dead, now-he-isn't case. Some chaps can collect life insurance two or three times and still be around to spend it.

The radio announcer's new opportunities consist of the chance to broadcast these operations in football or baseball style. The fans would love it. Will the patient live or die? It's dramatic, thrilling. It might even be described, without fear of contradiction, as a breath-taking matter of life and death.

Here's Red Stern describing the efforts to restore the life of a Mongolian drainpipe tester who was smothered in a carload of wool while attempting to get warm during a typical Siberian heat wave.

"The doctor's working over the body. A breathless silence falls over the stadium. There's the snap! It was the fibula..."

Coffin Corner

"There's the blood pressure going down...down...it's down to the 50 mark, the 45...the 40, the 35, the 30...AND THERE IT GO-ES. It's over...all over for this died-in-the-wool victim..."

"But wait! He's coming back! The doctor is still fighting for life! The pressure is up to the 30 again...it gets away from one man...he's the patient...it's coming back now...two minutes to go...two minutes to live unless he recovers quickly...mighty Oregon Medical School, top team in the nation according to the NAM poll, is rushing another All-American back specialist into the fray..."

"There's old Doc Blanchard plunging into the center of the spine...he's stopped for no gain...the patient fades to pass—to pass away...his corpuscles go into a 7-2-2 defense...two spinebackers ready for action..."

Theta Chis Down SAM; Hunter, Delts Post Wins in IM Action

In the won and lost department of Tuesday's IM volleyball series Theta Chi took two easy one from Sigma Alpha Mu; Hunter hall copped two straight from Nestor hall; and Delta Tau Delta swapped places with Phi Sigma Kappa on the "A" league ladder by pulling the second game out of the fire.

Three of the six games were entered on the books as forfeitures. McChesney hall, Minturn hall, and Campbell Club added wins to their tally card the easy way, when their opponents failed to put in an appearance.

Excellent teamwork and the hard spiking of Donnie Krieger made it possible too for Theta Chi to roll over Sigma Alpha Mu by the scores of 15-6 and 15-3.

Bill Benson started Hunter hall off in the first game with Nestor hall by accumulating seven points on his serve. In the opening contest, the Hunter team was clicking with workmanlike precision to grind out a 15-1 win. But during the next game, they were missing

their spikes, losing their serves, and leaving their position. It was only by the best of luck and the slim margin of 15-11 that they squeezed by Nestor.

From first appearances the contest between Delta Tau Delta and Phi Sigma Kappa looked like one of short duration, for the Delts accumulated 15 points while their adversaries pulled only two from the hat. However, the completion of the game changed after the teams switched sides. This time the Phi Sigs ran the score up to 16-14 before they finally bowed out.

McChesney hit the showers without having to play their scheduled game when Gamma hall failed to put in an appearance. Sherry Ross was also unable to put a team on the floor against Minturn hall. The same thing took place in the Campbell Club-Cherney hall match with the Cambellites winning by default.

Today's IM Schedule

3:50 Court 40—Lambda Chi Alpha A vs. Pi Kappa Alpha A
 3:50 Court 43—Chi Psi A vs. Phi Kappa Sigma A
 4:35 Court 40—Pi Kappa Phi A vs. Phi Gamma Delta A
 4:35 Court 43—Alpha Tau Omega A vs. Delta Upsilon A
 5:15 Court 40—Campbell Club A vs. Philadelphians A
 5:15 Court 43—Stan Ray Hall A vs. McChesney Hall A

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Hoopsters Get Varied Exercises

By Rick Tarr

In Tuesday's practice at Mac Court, Coach Borchert drilled the varsity cagers in a little bit of everything. He plans to pick up loose ends today to get ready for Thursday's regular scrimmage with Warren Hardware.

Things got started with full team drills under each basket. At one end Borchert worked on offense patterns while Don Kirsch concentrated his teams on defense at the other end. This was followed by a drill designed to train the guards and one forward in the style of offense to be used against a man-to-man defense.

This requires a loose, spread-out setup in which the guards keep up snappy passing or attempt a fake and drive under the basket. The center and one forward are apparently used as sleepers in this formation. During this lesson such things were stressed as always saving a dribble when possible, never holding the ball after the dribble.

The remainder of the session was taken up by a series of ten minute scrimmages. In each one a new combination of players was tried. The first one saw Dan Hendrickson, Dick Kofford, Jim Vranizan, Al Murray, and Darrel Hawes go against Ken Hunt, Bob Peterson, Hank Bonneman, Ron Phillips, and Bud Covey.

The latter aggregation came out on top as Hank Bonneman, six-foot seven-inch center dominated the backboards. Peterson and Covey sunk several good shots while Hendrickson and Murray sparked the losers. The other combinations went like this:

Hugh Marxer, Howard Page, Larry Chamberlain, Bill Choat, and Don Seigmund were against Bob Hawes, Mel Streeter, Doug Rogers, Chet Noe, and Ken Wegner.

Bud Covey, Ken Hunt, Jim Vranizan, Jim Livesay, and Keith Farnum were matched with Emery Barnes, Dick Nix, Dan Hendrickson, Ron Bottler, and Darrel Hawes.

Ken Wegner, Ken Hunt, Bob Peterson, Chet Noe, and Mel Streeter played against Bud Covey, Jim Vranizan, Larry Chamberlain, Jim Livesay, and Keith Farnum.

Chet Noe, Doug Rogers, Hank Bonneman, Bob Hawes, and Ken Wegner faced Ron Phillips, Don Seigmund, Dick Kofford, Emery Barnes, and Bud Covey.

A newcomer to the squad as of yesterday is Darrel Hawes, Bob's older brother. The elder Hawes, a P.E. education major, turned in a good performance and is to have a two-week tryout period.



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