

# Duck Tracks

By Bill Gurney  
Emerald Sports Editor

Victor O. Schmidt, commissioner of the Pacific Coast Conference, was at McArthur court Tuesday, on his annual spring tour of the conference. Last fall on his visit here, he had outlined to us the desires of the conference in regard to de-emphasis of college athletics which were later presented at the January meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Step in Right Direction

Commenting on the degree of success met by these proposals, Schmidt said:

"The conference did not adopt our proposed resolution to instruct the rules committee to amend the free substitution rule so as to outlaw free substitution (the platoon system). Also, they did not accept our amendment to abolish spring football practice completely. But they did make one significant advance in that spring football sessions are now limited to 20 for all ... (members of the NCAA) ... We feel that this will do much to put competition on a more equal basis, for this conference, at least. Formerly, many conferences allowed more or less unlimited spring drills, while we of the PCC enforced a rule limiting the number of sessions to 30."

"Since almost all our inter-sectional competition is with schools which are NCAA members, this will put all our opponents on an equal basis with us in regard to practice time spent out of season."

Spring basketball practice received the same 20-drill limitation by the NCAA, but here again the more stringent PCC has completely abolished it. Explaining this tendency of the PCC to pioneer reduction in spring practice sessions for all sports, Schmidt said:

## Spring Practice Develops Pressure

"Our feeling is that indiscriminated spring sessions are bound to become too competitive and tend to develop unhealthy pressure upon the coaches and athletes to keep up with other schools."

"We do think," he continued, "that regulated and reasonable spring drills are beneficial."

How well, he was asked, is the new two-shots-for-a-defensive-foul rule working in Northern Division basketball competition this season?

"I haven't gotten the opportunity to check with all the coaches as yet, but I do know that the foul total for the Northern Division is definitely lower, and that was the express purpose of the rule."

Schmidt said that basketball officiating should be uniform throughout both the Northern and Southern Divisions of the conference, since there is an overall supervisor of officials, and many officials rotate between divisions. Several years ago, it was generally thought that Southern Division referees were most lenient in whistling down violations, especially in the backcourt, but Schmidt believes that any inequalities have been done away with.

## On Picking All-Star Teams

In reference to referees, they certainly have a tough task. But another job which is almost as tough is that of picking all-star teams; especially in basketball all-star teams at the University of Oregon.

There was a letter in Wednesday's Emerald from Bill Owen, which intimated that the pickers of the all-star team were either utterly incompetent, or prejudiced, or blind, or something.

The letter further stated it was difficult for "those interested in the facts on campus sports" to get any "factual information by reading articles printed throughout the season" in what was later playfully referred to as the "Daily (UGH) Emerald."

It was also suggested in closing that (you should excuse the expression) "activity points" be awarded to "more observant and competent journalists in the future."

Well, there is one thing we should like to suggest. If any readers of the "Daily (UGH) Emerald" wish to offer their services toward the achievement of a higher standard of journalistic objectivity and accuracy, we will receive them with open arms.

Especially if they don't split infinities, whatever that is, or get their tenses mixed up. Come on down and help us on the "Daily (UGH) Emerald," Mr. Owen. We've got activity points for you galore.

## Church to Show Warfare Movie

The United World Federalists is showing a color movie with that title at the First Congregational church at 8 p.m. Friday.

The film concerns the effects of mass atomic warfare in the future.

The evening's program, devoted to the theme, "Alternative to Korea," will also include talks by Roy McCall, head of the speech department; M. S. Venkataramani, graduate student in journalism from India; and Ray Siegenthaler, member of the Atlantic Union committee.

## Panel to Discuss Western Europe

A panel consisting of three Oregon professors and a foreign student will discuss "Intergration of Western Europe" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union.

Panel members are Gordon Wright, acting head of the history department; M. D. Wattles, assistant professor of economics; Mrs. Bernice Madison, assistant professor of sociology; and Peter Streefkerk, foreign student from Holland.

The discussion is sponsored by the International Relations club.

# Hawes, Duck Guard, Earns Starting Berth

By Martin Meadows

A late-season spurt has moved sophomore Bob Hawes into strong contention for one of the starting positions on Coach Bill Borchers' Oregon basketball team.

Hawes, a six-footer who hails from Bend, Oregon, has improved to the extent that he is currently the fourth highest Duck point-maker in Northern Division play, despite the fact that he did not see much action in pre-season competition.

At Bend high school, Bob, an education major, had four years of varsity experience on the hoop squad. During his junior and senior years his team made the trip to the state tournament at Eugene. It was during his junior year that Hawes was chosen to the second string All-State team as Bend wound up third in the playoffs.

Bob also was on the All-Big Six league group for two years, and in 1950 he tied Eugene's Dean Parsons for the conference scoring leadership.

As a freshman Hawes was on the first string Yearling crew which swept to a record of 15 triumphs out of 16 games, including 7 out of 8 from the OSC frosh. Bob was third in the frosh scoring totals that season.

Another sport which interests Bob is swimming, and he is good enough to be a life guard at Bend during the summer. He has also won several diving meets around his home town.

Bob comes from a large family, which numbers four brothers and three sisters. Basketball talent seems to run in the family, for his older brother Darrell was recently selected to the first string Intramural All-Star team.

With two years of competition remaining for him, Bob is one of the promising Webfoots performers who add a hopeful tint to Oregon's basketball future under first year mentor Borchers.



BOB HAWES, a six-foot sophomore from Bend, Oregon, is one of the speedy guards employed by Coach Borchers in his fast breaking offense.

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These meets will be held in the unfinished area in the PE building.

## Baseball Practice Held in PE Building

Baseball practice has gotten under way in the unfinished area of the P.E. building.

Each day, at designated times, different players take their turns in the nets, which are erected to deflect balls during batting practice.

Each player is allowed approximately 15 minutes of hitting inside the net. Bunting and form are stressed, as each player bunts from three to five minutes before swinging.

In this way, Coach Don Kirsch hopes to whip his regulars into good shape before the season starts in early March.

## Ball Comes Back

FORT WORTH, Tex. (U.P.)—Gene Murray teed off at the Colonial Club course with a mighty stroke. The ball went 25 yards, hit a tree, and bounced back. Murray, without moving from his tracks, reach-out and caught it in his hand.

## Signals Mixed

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (U.P.)—A mixup in signals between Barboursville and Montgomery high schools ruined a scheduled basketball game between the schools. The game wasn't played. Montgomery had gone to Barboursville and vice versa.

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