

Duck Tracks

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We pushed open the swinging door and walked into the training room at McArthur court. Inside, all by himself, was Bob "Two-gun" Officer, the Oregon trainer. Said he wasn't doing much of anything, since it was Thursday. "Come Saturday, and the track meet, though, it'll be a different story," he opined.

Looking around the room, we saw a number of shiny, scientific looking devices, and asked what they were. "Over there," he said, "is a whirlpool bath, of which we have two."

And then he pointed out the short wave diathermy machine, even gave a personal demonstration of how it works to produce deep heat for an athlete's injured limbs. He showed us the four infra-red lamps and the force bath, all new and efficient looking. But then he pointed at a less modern tub-like arrangement and there was real pride in his voice.



BOB OFFICER

'He Practically Raised Me'

Had he known Bill Hayward well? "Yes, I knew him, thank God. He practically raised me. I worked for him when I was in school (Officer graduated in 1927), and later hired me in 1931 as assistant trainer."

Officer said Hayward used to have great fun telling his younger athletes all about the former's prodigious feats in a track suit.

"And I never ran track at all in college," Bob admitted. "I was just a sub on the football team. But Bill had these kids so they would introduce me to their fathers and tell them how I had won the Northern Division meet singlehanded."

Working as assistant trainer from 1931 to 1937, Officer then served as head trainer until he joined the Navy in 1942 and became a PE instructor. He returned to Oregon for a year, then left to become coach at Pleasant Hill high. In July 1950, he returned to his old job. Memories just seem to accumulate when you stay on a job for several years. It doesn't seem long ago, wasn't really, when Bob was working over injuries of Bill Bowerman, a hustling young quarter-miler, or Don Kirsch and Bill Borchert, basketball players.

"They were pretty tough, though," he recalled, "they didn't get hurt very often."

Wintermute, John Day Finn—And a Swede

We said we guessed a man in a trainer's job would get to know the athletes really well.

"Yes," he replied, "you do. I think that was true even more before the war. Until my wife died last spring, we used to have a breakfast every year for the graduating seniors in all four sports. We'd bring them over for a real good feed. It got so they had to eat in shifts, there were so many of them."

In those pre-war days, there were other boys. Slim Wintermute, for instance, the tallest of the 1939 "Tall Firs," NCAA basketball titleists under Howard Hobson. Slim literally left his mark in the training room. On a wall near Bob's desk, is a height scale.

Wintermute is represented by a penciled "Slim" at the 6' 7 1/2" mark. Roger Wiley is at the 6' 8" position, and the tallest hoopsster Bob has ever had, Wally Borovitch, is at 6' 10". At the 7' mark is the name John Day Finn, a mythical titan from the wilds of Eastern Oregon whom Bob has always dreamed of getting to matriculate locally.

But wouldn't you know it, and maybe this is symbolic of something or other—John Day Finn has to settle for second place. The guy above him is one Swede Halbrook, who is 7' 3/4". And still growing. He is just sort of a guest star, however. Where he will seek higher education, and stardom, is something of a question.

Something of An Institution

Then Bob showed us his injury chart which he keeps day by day. He showed us the time clocks on his lamps which prevent overexposure—said to mention these; they are important safety precautions.

It was obvious that the gentleman likes his job. And also that he is good at it. Besides that, he is becoming something of an institution around Oregon. Nothing spectacular, you understand. But just ask the athletes about Bob Officer.

Webfoots Surprise Orange Nine; Win by Lopsided 12-5 Score

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both runners. When the dust had cleared, the score stood Oregon 6, Oregon State 0.

The men of Ralph Coleman's vaunted Beaver nine made an attempt to get back into the contest. Frisk singled, Shritcliff reached first on Averill's error, Jim Ruggles hit a one-bagger, and Bud Boub smashed a double to the left field to score two runs for the Orange.

Settecase Double

In the third inning for Oregon, Capt. Phil Settecase dumped a double into right field and scored a few moments later for the only Webfoot score of the frame. The Beavers were unable to score in their half of the third.

The fourth stanza saw another four run spree by coach Don Kirsch's nine. For the third time in a row, freshman outfielder George Shaw hit a one-base blow. He was caught stealing second, however. A base on balls, two errors, two singles, and a two-bagger by Phil Settecase followed in close order to yield the four counters and virtually cinch the contest for the Ducks.

In the second half of the fourth frame the host nine picked up one run to make the score Oregon 11, Oregon State 3. The only hit was

a single by right fielder Bud Shritcliff.

OSC garnered another counter in their half of the seventh on a single by catcher John Thomas and a two-bagger by center fielder Withrow, but the situation was looking more and more hopeless for the home nine as the game progressed.

One More

In the eighth frame, both squads picked up one more run to set the final score at 12-5. Oregon's tally came on a triple by the hard-hitting Nelson and Sugura's single. The Beaver counter was the product of one-base blows by Shritcliff, Houck and second baseman Danny Johnston.

Neither team threatened in the ninth and final stanza.

Coach Don Kirsch of the Webfoots spread the pitching chores among Mays, freshman Norm Forbes, and veteran Stan Aune, while the losers used two hurlers, Brem and Goldhard.

Mays was the winning pitcher, while Bailey Brem of the home team was credited with the loss.

Students Collected Pencils for India

Get the lead out! That's the motto for the University's campaign to collect pencils for students in India and Pakistan.

The campaign started Wednesday at the suggestion of Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review, who pointed out the need of international friendship at the journalism banquet Tuesday night.

Recently returned from the Far East, Cousins urged individuals to make an immediate effort to convince the people of India and Pakistan that we want their friendship. Otherwise, he said, there is great danger that they will turn to communism.

At his suggestion, members of Sigma Delta Chi, men's journalistic fraternity, began collecting pencils the following day.

So far, the group has gone to 14 living organizations, collecting a total of 882 pencils, more than 60 at every house. The aim of SDX is to get at least one pencil for every student in the University.

Chairmen Named For 'Kistie' Sale

Chairmen for the Phi Theta "Kistie Sale" have been selected. All chairmen will meet today at 1 p.m. in the Student Union.

Filling the chairmanships are: General co-chairmen—Nan Nimnaugh, Pat Bingham; publicity—Laura Sturges; promotion—Ann Hopkins; distribution—Bettye Millsap, Dorothy Kopp; booth sales—Jackie Stewart, Tricia Lawrence; house sales—Jean Piercy, Jackie Jensen; collections—Ebette Gilmore, Sylvia Wingard; decorations—Ione Scott, Maralyn Dyer.

Chairmen for the sales are all freshmen women. Members of the Phi Theta honorary will act as advisors to the freshmen chairmen. Advisors are Gretchen Greffe, Sarah Turnbull, Mary Ellen Burrell, Elaine Hartung, Mary Alice Baker, Denise Thum, Fran Neel, and Pat Choat.

The "Kistie Sale" is an annual event sponsored by Phi Theta Upsilon, junior women's honorary, to raise money for scholarships.

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Huskies, Oregon Clash Saturday

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be the 880. Hutchins will have a chance for revenge against the Washington half mile ace, Ken Morgan. Last year's meet saw Morgan come out the victor.

Only one meet record looks to be jeopardy. This is the 216' 1" javelin mark set by Boyd Brown of Oregon in 1939. Missfeldt may have to go all-out to take Washington's Bill Kerry and has bettered the record mark more than once, though not this year.

Following are then tentative entries:

100 yard dash—Bill Fell, Jerry Mock and Bruce Springbett.

220 yard dash—Fell, Mock and Ted Anderson.

440 yard dash—Anderson, Doug Clement, Merlyn Samples.

880 yard run—Jack Hutchins, Al Martin, Bill Hail, and Jack Loftis.

Mile run—Fred Turner, Art Backlund, Roy Bradetich.

Two mile run—Wayne Reiser, Ben Johnson and Gerry Garrett.

120 yard high hurdles—Larry Blunt, Tom Swalm, Ralph Risley and Dick Zimmerman.

220 yard low hurdles—Jack Smith, Emery Barnes, Walt Badorek and Charles Phillips.

Broad jump—Don McClure, Al Opplinger and Tommy Edwards.

Pole vault—Packwood, Russ Mannex and Ed Robison.

Javelin—Chuck Missfeldt, Chet Noe and Brian Weddell.

Discuss—Ben Lloyd, Walt Badorek and Don Long.

Shotput—Noe, Lloyd, Bob Craig or Jim Jones.

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Jayvee Nine Wins

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corner of his throw to second was wide, but Paul Byhre grabbed the ball on the basepaths and tagged out the runner between first and second.

Chuck Hoeflein led the Eugene club coached by Jack Smith of Sigma Chi with two hits in three attempts.

Each team committed three errors.

Score:	R	H	E
Oregon	8	14	3
Eugene	3	5	3

Oregon: Albright, Blodgett (5) and Hedgepeth, Greenley (4).

Eugene: Stott, Henkle (4), and Ahre.

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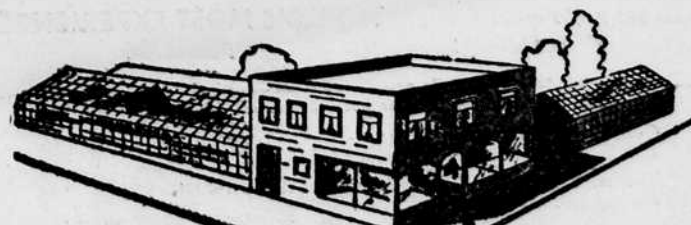
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