

Duck Tracks

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Emerald Sports Editor

Sports Editor Dick Strite of the Eugene Register-Guard may have unwittingly touched off the fuse to a keg of high explosives Tuesday when he evaluated the plight of collegiate football at the University of Oregon. In his daily sounding board, Highclimber, Strite painted a bleak picture, indeed, for the future of the gridiron sport at Eugene.

Many problems which Strite cited have been public knowledge for a long time—mainly that the Webfoots are attempting to operate as amateurs in a conference that goes for recruiting in a big way. But who's taking the worst licking, Oregon or the Pacific Coast conference? Maybe the Montana Grizzlies can answer that one for us.

Harry K. Newburn, University president, evidently does not subscribe to the theory that a school "is judged by the company it keeps"; otherwise the Oregons would have withdrawn from the conference long ago. Newburn, who is a staunch supporter of de-emphasis, has proposed to slowly but surely put the conference on a strict purity code basis—which is a highly idealistic attitude, to say the least.

A Perplexing Problem

The question is, how can Newburn bring the University of Washington, the University of Southern California and the University of California into line? Are those institutions willing to give up the enormous gate receipts which go hand in hand with big time football?

And on the other hand, Oregon can hardly be expected to jump into the swim, stroke for stroke financially with the big four—five if you include Washington. If the school should take the opposite point of view and resign from the Pacific conference, every student and alumni would share in the humiliating loss of face, either directly or otherwise.

Name, if you can, one other person, who in the last 10 years, had done more to place Oregon in the limelight than either Morse or Van Brocklin. In the same token, that agate line of type in Sunday papers throughout the country, which merely indicates that UCLA edged Oregon 13-6 or that Cal plastered the Ducks 41-7 is the most valuable publicity the school can muster. To cut off this source would be an unforgivable case of short-sightedness.

Nothing But Trouble

Len Casanova has faced one series of crises after another this year—manpower shortages, inexperience, and injuries. Consider his predicament. When they are in top shape the Ducks have about a dozen or so top-flight PCC caliber gridders—all the rest, another coach wouldn't give a plug nickle for.

But Casanova has them and must use players who either have the ability and don't put out or don't have the ability and are too dumb to learn the essentials of good blocking and tackling. Take a look at the movies of the Montana game if you have any doubts.

What are Oregon's chances in 1953? First of all the Webfoots lose Monte Brethauer, probably the best pass-catching end on the coast; Hal Dunham, a pretty fair passer; Tom Novikoff, a great runner if he had some blocking in front of him; Ron Lyman, who has developed into a good end; Len Diederichs, a good competitor—tackle; Tom Elliot, a back who is already out for the year.

Wayne Johnson, end; Hal Simmons, a tackle; Don Sloan, a back who is out for the season; and Dick Stoutt, a rugged center, who hasn't played yet because of a fractured ankle; Emmett Williams, a top linebacker and guard; and Bob Wilcox, who also backs up the line.

A Tough Order

Can the addition of inexperienced, but promising frosh like Dick Pavlat and Larry Rose compensate for the above losses? Even if they do, that would only bring the Webfoots back to a par with this year's club.

Casanova, Jack Roche, Vern Sterling and John McKay give Oregon one of the most rounded, football-wise staffs in the business. Casanova, and the entire staff for that matter, are respected by their colleagues in the coaching profession.

We personally do not think that Casanova and any of his present staff are willing to go through another season like this one, especially if there is no guarantee that 1954 will be any better. Why should they risk their excellent reputations on a perennial loser? It is the policy of de-emphasis, not the coaching staff, which is responsible for a sorry situation. The coaches are blameless.

YW Sophomores To Hold Fireside

Cards and holiday refreshments will be the highlight at the Y sophomore women's fireside from 6:15 to 7:30 tonight. The fireside will be held at Kappa Kappa Gamma. Campus clothes are in order.

Tickets are 10 cents and are being sold by Y representatives in the women's living organizations. Tickets will also be sold at the door tonight.

Hostesses for the fireside will be sophomore Y members from Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega and Chi Omega. Fireside co-chairmen are Sue Fuller and Ann Hopkins.

The October fireside, first of five sponsored during the year by the YW for sophomore women, replaces last year's sophomore desserts.

Sign-up for Assembly Tickets on Wednesday

The sign-up for tickets to the Groucho Marx assembly will be next Wednesday. The assembly will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom.

Sign-up booths will be placed in front of the Co-op and the Student Union.

'Too Many Penalties' Says Bronco Coach

(P)—Santa Clara Coach Dick Gallagher says the calling of too many borderline penalties could mean the ruination of football. As Gallagher phrased it, "I think if the officials keep calling so many penalties, especially borderline cases which could go either way, football will get like basketball; the game will be ruined." The Bronco football coach emphasized he was not referring to officiating in the Far West alone.

All-American Board Names Coast Stars

(P)—Several star backs and an assortment of giant linemen drew praise today from members of the West Coast board of All-American football selectors. The backs are Heinrich of Washington, Jimmy Sears of Southern California, Paul Cameron of UCLA and John Olzewski of California. The linemen are George Black of Washington, Don Moomaw of UCLA and Elmer Willhoite and Bob Van Doren of the Southern California Trojans.

AWS Auction

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dinner and provide entertainment for the living organizations that bought them.

Entertainment was provided between bidding by the three sorority pledge classes. Bill Swenson was auctioneer for the event.

Rummage collected in Eugene and left over from the AWS auction will be sold today at the Rummage Center, in Eugene, according to Ancy Davis, chairman for the sale.

All proceeds from the auction and rummage sale will go into the AWS scholarship and charity funds.

Campus Erefs

● Alice Belt was the lone patient admitted to the student infirmary Tuesday. Other patients in the hospital are Jackie Wilkes, Delores Metzger, Ida Templeton, Norman Hestand and Jack Thornton. Dismissed Tuesday evening and Wednesday were Sally Hannah and Kay Lucas.

● The University symposium will hold its regular weekly meeting tonight at 7:30 in the forensics room in Villard, Herman Cohen, director of symposium, announced. The Tuesday meeting was rescheduled for tonight because of William Van Meter's lecture on the Fair Employment Practices act in Oregon held that evening.

● All Oregon students in the San Francisco area who are interested in a party during the Christmas holidays are asked to attend a meeting in the Student Union today at 4 p.m., Bob Glas-son has announced.

Campus Calendar

10:00 Home Ext	110 SU
11:45 Educ Plang Comm	112 SU
Noon Sigma Delta Chi	113 SU
1:00 House Comm	313 SU
4:00 Stu Afrs Comm	337 SU
Phi Lambda	112 SU
Gard Forum Dads Rm	SU
6:30 Rally Bd	110 SU
7:00 IFC	333 SU
7:30 Chess Club	111 SU
Phi Beta	2nd Fl Gerl

Howard Named To Coach Grays

MONTGOMERY, ALA. (P)—Clemson Football Coach Frank Howard has been named as one of the coaches for the annual gridiron all-star game between the Blue and the Gray on December 27th. Two other Southern coaches will be picked at a later date. The Northern coaches are Burt Ingwersen of the University of Illinois, Rip Engle of Pennsylvania State, and former Harvard Coach Dick Harlow.

Polio Brings End To Pig Skin Season

(P)—Polio has put an early end to the football season of Woodburn high school. The school says it won't play any more games this fall because of 3 cases of infantile paralysis in the town. None of the victims are of school age. Two are adults and the third is a 5-year-old. Woodburn has had an unsuccessful season, anyway. It has won only one of 6 games.

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