Education First, Football Second OREGON FOOTBALL

The attitude of President H.

K. Newburn and the adminis-

tration has been based on the

premise that the primary pur-

pose of an institution of higher

learning is to educate; athletics

We do not call Newburn's

is of secondary importance.

There has been a lot of howling about Oregon football this season. Partisans think the Webfoots are losing too often. They say Oregon should spend more money to obtain players or play in a conference more its calibre.



H. K. NEWBURN Perspective Not De-emphasis

attitude "de-emphasis" of football. We believe it is merely placing football in the proper perspective. A university's reputation is based upon impressions made by persons graduating from that school. A winning football team can mean temporary pres-

the graduate who forms public opinion. The administration does not disapprove of football. It recognizes the values of athletic participation. What it is unwilling to do is make athletics of para-

tige but in the long haul it is

mount importance at Oregon. We do not believe that the University should enter a program of intensive proselyting. Alumni money which might be used to lure athletes to Oregon can be better used to further the cademic side of the school.

Coach Len Casanova has done a good job this year. We congratulate him.

It's nice to have a Rose Bowl team. But if it means sacrifice of high educational goals, we'll pass it by.

Two Platoon System



"An' now, coming in to replace Fagan, Chambers and David in th' cheering section-we have three fresh, spirited-"



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What About 'De-emphasis'?

By Al Karr Emerald Managing Editor

How far should a school go financially in building athletic teams?

At the University of Oregon the determinant is the belief that the purpose of the institution is to provide the best possible education for its students.

Within this framework, competitive athletic participation is encouraged to the utmost. But the program must not be allowed



to handicap academic pursuit, Lyle M. Nelson, director of public services, said in explaining the philosophy of the University administration.

rinancial Aid Provided

It is the policy of the University and its athletic department to provide tuition grants-in-aid to athletes needing such aid, and to provide work projects for competitors needing further financial assistance, both in accordance with the rules of the Pacific Coast Conference.

Any aid beyond that allowed by the conference, besides being illegal, is out of line with the main purpose of an educational institution, Nelson said. "We are opposed to any such subsidization," he said, "as not being hon-

Not "Bought" Athletes

Athletic Director Leo Harris put it simply, "I just don't believe in buying athletes." (Besides, he asserted, bought athletes don't play as well as those who are not "purchased.")

It is this line of thinking and policy which has caused discontent on the part of some students, and occasioned lamenting columns by Register-Guard Sports Editor Dick Strite and Emerald Sports Editor Larry La-

Other students, however, have expressed agreement with the policy and the philosophy behind it.

Critics claim that the policy of "de-emphasis" places Oregon at a disadvantage with some other schools in the conference, who are said to financially go after talented athletes in a big way. These athletes are lured to the other schools, it is claimed, and few, if any, go to Oregon.

No Conclusions

Strite came to no conclusions in his column, which was printed after Oregon's 14-14 tie with underdog Montana, but he did say that University President H. K. Newburn's policy was cutting Oregon's own throat competitively speaking. He wondered if some sort of compromise could be worked out for the present, since, he said, the bigger schools are not ready to go along with such a "purity" program.

The gripes, which have been uttered off and on for the past few seasons, were stronger after the Montana game, when the Grizzlies tied Oregon. They mention the record of the football Webfoots in the last few years, when Oregon finished eighth in the conference last year, in the cellar in 1950, in a tie for sixth in 1949, and in a tie for the championship in 1948, Oregon's Cotton Bowl year.

Harris, however, emphasized that Oregon is faring and has fared pretty well grid-wise, after all. He pointed out that this year the team will finish ahead of Oregon State college and Idaho, and can end up along with California and Washington State, "pretty good company." The Webfoots played good games against Cal and UCLA, one of the strongest teams, he pointed out.

It must be remembered, Harris said, that Oregon is one of the smallest schools in the PCC, and that it is one of two state institutions in a state whose population is proportionately small. Under these circumstances, he pointed out, we are at an athletic disadvantage with the bigger schools in the conference, "whether you buy athletes or

Better Next Year

And Harris predicted that Oregon's football squad would be better next year than it is this season. This year's coaches have done a fine job, Harris said. "We won't have a championship team though" he hastened to add. The athletic director asserted that Oregon would be lucky to have a championship squad once every 10 years, since this occurs only when a school is able to get a collection of consistently-clicking football players.

But Oregon has had a more recent championship team than USC, for instance, Harris reminded.

We are doing tremendously with the material we have, he said. "We'd just like to have more material."

Education First-

Harris, too, stressed the concept that an education comes first at Oregon.

With that idea first, Nelson explained, the University recognizes the importance and value of the intercollegiate athletic program. "We do favor the athlete's getting an even break," he said; "the athlete should have a chance to get some study time during the football season and not be tied down too much with other activity."

Thus, though athletics is out of line with the main educational purpose of the institution when it seriously interferes with educational pursuits, financial aid is provided within the confines of conference code.

PCC Rules

The athletic code of the Pacific Coast Conference allows the payment by the institution of all tuition fees required of the athlete by the University, the payment to be made by grants-in-aid. Also, the athlete may do work under the sponsorship of the school, provided he is paid no more than \$1.50 per hour and no more than \$75 per month.

Barring such other aids as tutoring, no greater financial aid is permissible from the school, and aid to the athlete from any other source outside his family, guardian or other normal means of support is illegal.

Grants-in-Aid

The grants-in-aid must be from funds donated for that purpose (with no specific athlete mentioned with the donation), except that 60 athletes per year may receive grants from other funds. The grants are to be made on the basis of need, and on the basis of the individual's participation and may not be withdrawn after they are awarded.

A large percentage of Oregon's athletes are given the grants-inaid, Harris said, covering part or all of their fees. The fund is supplied by alumni donations, according to Nelson. Recipients are. approved by the scholarships and financial aid committee of the

Work Projects

Work projects are assigned to those athletes who need additional financial assistance, Nelson said. They provide work up to the maximum pay of \$75 per month or \$600 per year, designed



to cover board and room or a portion of it. Funds come out of the operating budget of the athletic department.

One difficulty with this part of the program, Nelson explained, is_ that many athletes who need the aid do not have enough time to work to earn it. About all they can do, he said, is to put in as many hours as they can and receive pay for the hours they

The program is in recognition. of the definite contribution of athletics to the educational program, Nelson said. Athletics has a contribution, to a reasonable. point, he said, because of its emphasis on team play, coordination and the like, but overemphasis through such practices as huge subsidization seriously handicaps the institution's purpose educational benefit for the student.

The College Crowd

Campus Headlines Elsewhere

By Rae Thomas

During a 9 o'clock office management class at Michigan State, one coed noticeably fell asleep. The amused professor wrote "Rock-a-Bye Baby" on the blackboard and directed the class in group singing. Waking up, the red-faced coed vowed to either keep awake or cut the class from now on.

From the Allegheny "Campus", a movie review: "Park Theatre, Island of Desire, with Linda Darnell, Tab Hunter, Donald Gray. The romance of a Navy nurse and a young Marine marooned on an uninhibited Pacific Island."

When asked by a student pollster whether she preferred malestudents in ROTC uniforms or in civilian dress, an Akron university coed replied, "If they wear uniforms they don't have to buy so many clothes. That leaves them more money to spend on

A letter to the editor of the Daily Northwestern, complained long and loudly of the low grade of humor that turned up in the campus humor magazine: "Profile is approaching new depths in pornography, vying with the University of Illinois's Shaft for infamy in the licentious." Said the editor: "The issue set an alltime sales record on campus."