

Duck Tracks

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You might say that Coach Bill Borchers' University of Oregon Webfoots are going independent and aloof of the Pacific Coast conference this week only.

After three rounds of action the locals have battled to a draw—three wins and three losses for second place tenancy in the Northern division. The record indicates nothing out of the ordinary, but actually the Ducks have been anything but unimpressive. Sure, they blew the duke to the Washington Huskies in the last three minutes of the opener, Jan. 2, but they came closer to snaring the Huskies since UCLA stunned them 54-47 in the second game of a two-game series last December.

Since then, Coach Tippy Dye's darlings have unraveled a 10-game winning streak, swirling over Nibs Price's California Bears, the pride and joy of the southern circuit; the St. Louis Billikens; then Oregon, Idaho and Oregon State.

Cougars Get Lumps

Admittedly weak, the Washington State Cougars ran afoul of the Ducks and took a couple of brutal beatings in Mac Court. A garrison finish last Friday earned the Oregons a split at Moscow. Splitting with the Vandals in their own back yard is no easy trick and Dye would probably be more than satisfied with a standoff at the Memorial gym on the final week of the season. But there is no small chance that the Huskies will merely be playing out the schedule by that time.

Friday's opponents, the San Francisco Dons, have acted the part of a revived Rover. The USFers played dead dog for seven games before they were able to overwhelm Fresno State, 87-54. But a couple of those setbacks were two-point affairs with Stanford and Brigham Young.

Phil Woolpert's Dons, since singeing Fresno's Bulldogs, have won three straight California Basketball association tilts from San Jose, Santa Clara (Western representative to the NCAA tournament in Seattle last year) and St. Mary's, and just Saturday tacked on a 64-58 victory over the San Francisco Olympic club.

Repeat on Broncs

It's just possible that the Dons, picking up steam, may be to the coast what Santa Clara was last year. The Broncos, never standouts, were just mediocre until late in the season. Luckily the Cow Palace decided to have a Bay Area basketball tournament. Frank Walsh invited St. Mary's, Santa Clara, San Jose State and USF. There was no official recognition of this tournament as a qualification for the regionals, but the suggestion of the sports writers of the area was accepted and the "Cinderella story" began.

Whether the Hilltoppers are destined for Corvallis is a moot question. The Ducks will go a long way in answering it, however.

While the Webfoots are side-stepping the northern division, the warfare will concentrate in the Palouse, where the league-leading Washington Huskies invade what for them has been a jinx gym, Bohler that is, at Pullman. Although twice-winning the northern crown in the past two years, the Huskies have taken their raps against WSC, three of them in four attempts. Idaho's Vandals host Oregon State nine miles east at Moscow in the other series.

The Webfoots have the inside track on second place in the Northern division and a break from the schedule-makers to boot. Oregon State and Idaho, the only other logical contestants, face each other at Corvallis Feb. 3 and 3 at Corvallis, then two days later the Vandals must square off against Oregon Friday and Saturday at Eugene.

Shaw at the Mike

SHORT JABS—Jerry Shaw, big tackle for the Webfoots a year ago, has taken a move towards a sports casting career, a la Jack Shaw, his big brother who handles many of the football and basketball games in the San Francisco area for Associated Oil.

Shaw teams with Jim Jones, a '52 gridder, on a sports show over KWAX every Thursday at 6:15. . . . Some of the California schools are reported to be mad at Oregon for not re-scheduling College of Pacific in 1953. We ask why didn't California sign the Tigers? The Bears had two open dates until they signed San Jose State and Baylor a couple of weeks ago. COP is supposed to be on the way out—of football.

'SHALL WE DANCE?'

Presidents Debate Dance Issues

By Anne Ritchey
Emerald Reporter

"What do you think about abolition of the Mortar Board and Military Ball?" was the question asked several house and dormitory presidents Tuesday. The general campus reaction, according to these and other officers of living organizations, is that the dances should not have been abolished.

Most who favored completely doing away with both affairs stated that the campus has too many activities anyway, and that if attendance is poor and "the sponsoring organizations lose money they are not worth the trouble."

Tradition prompted one sorority president to suggest that they could both be kept, but given on alternating years. This would reduce the financial problem and still allow the dances to be continued.

Another sorority president agreed with Marian Briner, president of Mortar Board, that the dances should be allowed to continue this year and then be decided upon for next year on the basis of this year's success.

Several of those commenting, particularly fraternity presidents and men's dormitory officers, suggested that the dance with the better attendance should be continued. Again a sorority president answered the question, saying that she definitely thought the Mortar Board had the larger attendance and greater support by students in general.

Keep Mortar Board

The men end to agree with this. Most expressing an opinion thought that if one of the affairs "had to go," it should be the Military Ball. As one fraternity officer said, the Mortar Board is "an honor," and all of the men had the

general opinion that the women should be given the opportunity to ask the men to at least one major dance during the year.

Sponsors of the dances, the organizations that finance and promote the affairs, should be given the opportunity to decide for themselves, thought one sorority president. This would again be in line with the idea that this year should be the deciding one for the future fate of the events.

Of those supporting the continuation of the dances, most felt strongly about tradition and thought that if anything had to be eliminated from the social calendar, it should not be dances—particularly these two. Although one fraternity president held this opinion, he thought that the sponsors would lose so much money that they would be inadvisable. "Let the dances be reinstated," he suggested, "if the students feel their loss."

UO Symphony Gives Concert

The University symphony will present its second concert of the year Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in the music school auditorium, according to director E. A. Cykler, professor of music.

Soloists to perform with the symphony include Rosalie Blickenstaff, pianist; Doug Stobie, bass; Audrey Mistretta, contralto; Dorothy Anderson, soprano, and Dorothy Pederson, pianist.

The program will be open to all students without charge.

Research Training Offered in Maine

Tuition-free summer research training opportunities for 28 especially gifted science students of college level will be available next summer at the Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial laboratory at Bar Harbor, Maine, according to an announcement by Dr. Clarence C. Little, director.

Purpose of the summer studies program is to encourage and assist students of promise in exploring the possibilities of research as a career.

Applications should be made to the Laboratory's Administrative Director before March 20, 1953. Students are charged \$150 for board and room for the ten-week period and are expected to pay travel expenses to and from Bar Harbor.

Does He Know ... ?

FRAME, W. Va. (AP)—West Virginia police have a unique description for a stolen car. Bessie Shaffer of Frame, W. Va., reported the theft—saying the car should be easy to find.

The description: No fenders . . . no doors . . . no headlights . . . and the car looks heady for the junk heap. She didn't say whether it would run or not.

Frosh Council

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dent has stated that since the election is set up as it is, "there is no need for a screening committee".

Members of the group, listed by Feliz, are John Oliver, Bob Patterson, Russell Cowell, Arden Parker, Rhoda Wolfe, Marvin Young, Jay Roper, Dorothy Iler, Pat Ryan, Eleanor Bowman, Carolyn Moore, Jack Fenton, Sonja Edwards, Joanne Kopp, Hazel Forsythe, Dick Lyons, Daryl Gould, Peggy Miller, Roberta Bower, and Prudence Duch.

Sixteen Men Drafted from UO; More May Get 'Greetings' by June

The total number of men who have been drafted from the UO this year has now risen to 16 according to Si Ellingson, counselor for men. Fourteen were called during fall term and two have been called this term. It is expected that at least another 16 will be called before the end of the school year.

Ellingson reports that the number is comparatively small due to the fact that most college men not eligible for scholastic deferment for the following school year are drafted during the months of August and September. Maj. Nicholas N. Mihailov, AFROTC, reports that most college men deferred during the summer months are those who are in good standing with ROTC units.

The men now classified as being in good standing and having deferments from the U of O are about half the freshman ROTC class, 294 men; 75 per cent of the sophomore class, 233 men, and all the upperclassmen, 333 men. All newly entering basic ROTC students are on probation for one term before they are eligible for deferment.

The scholastic deferment system guarantees a freshman one year of college if he has never been deferred before. The sophomores, in order to be deferred must have ranked in the upper half of the males in the freshman class or have received a score of 70 or high-

er on their selective service qualification exam. The juniors must have ranked in the upper two thirds of the males in their sophomore year, or passed the exam, and the seniors must have ranked in the upper three fourths of the males in their junior year, or have passed the exam.



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