

Duck Tracks

By Sam Vahey
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That's quite an interesting array of athletes that are enrolled in the University of Oregon this term from various junior colleges and high schools up and down the Pacific coast.

Topping the list are six recruits from various JC schools, including four from California. Another is from Everett junior college and the sixth comes to the campus via North Idaho JC. Five of the six will be turning out for Len Casanova's football squad next fall and will undoubtedly give a boost to Webfoot gridiron power.

Baseball and Football

Searching for a backfield slot will be 170 pound Walt Gaffney, an All-Southern California JC halfback from San Bernardino. Walt probably won't have much time for spring football, though, if he keeps playing for Don Kirsch's varsity baseball nine. Another back, quarterback to be exact, is Stan Dmochowski, who seems to hold equal prowess throwing a football or pitching a baseball. He, like Gaffney, has been seeing plenty of action on the baseball diamond.

Three linemen, averaging close to 190 pounds each, have chosen Oregon for their new school, and also could give Casanova plenty of assistance come next year's football season. Topping the linemen, (in weight, that is,) is Keith Turner, 190 pounds, and an all-Northern California JC guard from Fresno. Everett's contribution to the 1953 gridiron group is 185 pounder, Don Gransberg. The final addition is Tim Flaherty, 185-pound guard who saw a lot of football while playing for Muir JC in Pasadena.

Ed Keegan, North Idaho junior college, is the lone basketball aspirant. Standing an even 6 feet tall, Keegan is a good prospect for the guard position. He's quite a softballer, too, by the way. While playing for the Sigma Nu intramural nine Wednesday afternoon, he enjoyed a perfect 3 for 3 at the plate.

Another welcome addition to the football picture will be Emery Barnes, elongated end who still has another year of PCC eligibility left in the football ranks. After attending Portland State Extension Center in Portland for a term, he came back to the campus with an extension GPA of 2.8, high enough to make him eligible for plenty of football action next fall.

Right from High School

Five more good prospects have just enrolled at Eugene, peculiar in that they come straight from the prep circles. Included among these mid-term freshmen are: Charles Clark, tackle from Los Angeles; Morris Adams, all-city end for Bell high in L.A. and also a top-notch sprinter and baseball outfielder; Nick Marculis, all-league wingman from San Pedro high; Les Wolfe, another guard from Los Angeles; and Don Truitt, baseball catcher and all-league halfback from Bell high in L.A.

My, isn't it an interesting hubbub that the major leagues have got into over whether or not President Eisenhower should throw out the first ball of the major league pennant races. It seems to us that this little difference has gone a little too far. Personally, we think that the baseball industry has about as much claim on the services of President Eisenhower for opening day baseball ceremonies as the Russians have for the invention of the auto, the telephone and electricity.

Perhaps the baseball people would like to present a law to the government stating that the president's duty, among other things, would be to "Throw out the first baseball for each baseball season. After all, it is the favorite national sport."

This is a bit exaggerated, but it appears from where we sit, during these times, that the chief executive of the most powerful country in the world has a few somewhat more important responsibilities than tossing a horsehide onto the playing field at Girrifth stadium in Washington, D.C. the first day of baseball season.

As far as the claims that this will hurt the game and the gate receipts, the baseball business has survived worse crises than this in its lengthy history. Besides, we hold to the axiom that more people see baseball games for the nine innings of play, than for the enjoyment of watching a solitary horsehide get lofted out to the diamond on the first day by the country's president.

Peanut Vendors Strike, Too

Here's an interesting note from the wires of the Associated Press a few nights back. "Chicago—Peanut vendors may go on strike at Wrigley field in Chicago, Friday." Now wouldn't this be a blow to baseball? First the president refuses to throw out the first ball, and now the diamond owners get in bad with the labor unions.

We don't think it's as bad as it all sounds, though. Fans always hear this kind of "crying towel" and "Think what it will do to baseball" stuff before every summer of baseball, but when the dust clears at the end of the season, the clubs don't appear to be in such a bad fix after all.

Condon Museum Features Rare Three Toed Horse Fossil

By Ann Ritchey
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The pioneer geologist of Oregon, Thomas Condon, has left his mark upon the University and the state in a number of ways, among them the Condon collection of fossils, which is housed in another of his namesakes—Condon hall.

One of the original five members of the University faculty, Condon was, according to J. C. Stovall, an assistant professor of geography, a "god of the university." He was actually the first person in this region who was trained in geology, and he taught the subject here at the university for a number of years.

Condon's main field of concentration in his collections was vertebrate paleontology, according to L. S. Cressman, head of the anthropology department. He also collected invertebrates, and has such things as turtles in the collection.

Materials of Interest

Indian materials of great interest, such as projectile points, scrapers and knives comprise a large percentage of the group of objects. The most valuable article of the collection is a fossil of a three-toed horse, and it stands in a separate showcase outside the museum of anthropology, botany, geology, paleontology and zoology which is the present home of the Condon collection.

Condon's real interest in geology began in his childhood days in Ireland, and continued as he came to America and studied wild-life and growing things in the state of New York, where his family settled.

After spending several years

teaching, Condon attended Auburn Theological Seminary and became, with his wife, a missionary to the Oregon country. After holding several posts as Congregational minister throughout the state, Condon settled at The Dalles, where he conducted an interdenominational type of religious service.

Condon's beginning as a geologist in this area came when the trappers and teamsters brought fossils they had noticed and collected while in the John Day area to him, since he was the best-educated person in the area. Becoming excited about the value and interest of these samples, Condon himself began accompanying the groups and soon was making regular contributions to the Smithsonian institute.

Significant Results

Perhaps the most significant result of Condon's early interest and discovery of the untouched deposits of fossil remains and oth-

er remnants of civilizations millions of years old, was that he opened the area for interested observers who were to follow him.

Other co-inhabitants of the Condon hall museum, located on the second floor of the building, are examples and reconstructions of early life on the Pacific coast. There are Indian articles, such as tools, weapons, jewelry and clothing. There are also musical instruments, eating utensils, real canoes, and samples of early animal life in this region. The evolution of man is shown dramatically in a series of skulls showing man's development from the gorilla and related animals.

Oratorical Contest Open to Seniors

Seniors who expect to enter the annual Failing-Beekman Senior Oratorical contest in June should see W. A. Dahlberg, associate professor of speech, for details and help as soon as possible.

The contest, which will be held on June 12, is open to all seniors, regardless of majors, Dahlberg said.

Cash awards ranging from \$125 to \$50 will be given to the three best speakers. Each student will give a talk from 12 to 15 minutes in length on a topic of his own choosing.



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