

Duck Tracks

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Oregon fans will see bigger and better athletic teams in the future if the university's newly adopted grants-in-aid program is half as successful as early indications point it out to be.

Under the new plan, the grants-in-aid scholarship will be increased from the present 60 to a future 100. This will not only allow more scholarships in the sports which are already being helped, but it will also give help where help has never been given before. For example, the football grants will be increased from 40 to approximately 70, including 25 to the freshmen players.

Basketball players will be offered 20 scholarships instead of 10. Twelve of these aids will go to the varsity team, eight to the frosh. In baseball, the number will be increased to eight; the same will be true in track.

In order to finance this increased program, the budget will be increased from this year's \$27,500, to a new goal of \$60,000. The goal may be increased to \$90,000 in the following years to allow for a reserve.

A new office has been set up in the athletic department to take care of the administration of this program. Bill Bowerman, frosh football and track coach, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Athletic director with the specific job of administering and supervising the system.

As Athletic Director Leo Harris and Bowerman point out, this is not a change in the school's policy to provide "unauthorized and excessive assistance" to the university's players. "It is merely an effort to provide more adequate manpower under a . . . program of aid to those athletes in need of financial help."

Oregon Gets New Frosh Coach

A new face will appear in the coaching ranks of the athletic staff at the university next year. It will belong to Willard "Bill" Hammer, who will take over the duties of frosh football coach, and also be the mentor for the university's newly organized intercollegiate wrestling team.

Hammer's job, before his Oregon appointment, has been line coach and head wrestling coach at the United States Coast Guard academy, New London, Conn. Before his coaching at the military school, he was line coach and mentor of the mat squad at Springfield college in Massachusetts.

Basketball Hopes Not So Dim

Oregon's hopes in the Northern Division basketball race for the 1953-54-55 seasons aren't as gloomy as they were at the end of this year's season. At first, Webfoot backers put on a pessimistic air for Coach Bill Borchers' prospective 1953-54 crew; not because the Ducks wouldn't be good, but because the Oregon State Beavers would be better. With a host of speedy and lengthy returning basketeers, the OSC gang looked like the team to beat, especially since they would be joined by 7-foot plus Swede Halbrook, who completely rewrote the Rook scoring records.

But now, with the acquisition of Gary Nelson, a rather imposing seven-footer from the prep ranks of Washington, the Oregon hopes are on the up and up. Although the elongated Elma, Wash., lad won't be eligible for varsity competition in his freshman year, he will be around for the next three seasons to at least slow down, if not surpass the hoop antics of his equally tall rival-to-be from Corvallis. In a comprehensive analysis of next year's basketball squad, one must not overlook the fact that Ed Halberg, Barney Holland, Kenny Wagner, Bob Hawes, and Bob Stout will all be back for more service under Borchers.

'Murals Let Everyone Play

We might take space here to give a little rundown on some sports that you Mothers and Dads probably don't know your sons are starring in—the extensive intramural program.

Much can be said in favor of the intramural program, but the basis advantage of it is that it brings sports in the university down to the level where anyone (almost) can participate in them. The only requirement is that the participants be bona fide members of the school. According to Dr. Paul Washke, intramural director, and Gene Evonuk, the assistant director, intramurals have climbed to the best position they have held in university activities in many years.

Evonuk estimates that more than fifty per cent of the university males are active participants in the program. To incite interest, perpetual trophies are awarded to the winners, including an all-sport cup which goes annually to the team which racks up the most points during the year.

A total of eleven sports are divided into the three terms of school. They include everything from rough and tumble football in the fall to a relaxing golf tournament in the spring. Again we must emphasize a point. The intramurals allow everyone to become a star and get athletic recognition. Although they don't get as much off-campus recognition, the 'murals are nevertheless one of the most important parts of the campus sports schedule.

Packed Slate Set For Duck Moms

With the annual business meeting of the Oregon Mothers at 9 a.m. today in the Student Union, the Mothers Weekend program gets underway.

The Madrigal Singers, under Donald Allton's direction, will entertain. Speakers will be Mrs. John Caughell, president of the Oregon Mothers; Arthur Priaux, president of the Oregon Days, and Pat Dignan, ASUO president.

Next event for "moms" will be the All-Campus Luncheon at 11:45 on the old campus.

From 2:30 to 4 p.m., mothers may attend a tea in Alumni hall in Gerlinger. The affair is sponsored by the Eugene Mothers' club, Associated Women Students, and YWCA.

Mothers will view the Junior Weekend float parade as it arrives on campus about 4:30 p.m.

Highlights of Saturday's activities will be the All-Campus Sing in McArthur court at 8 p.m.

Sunday's schedule includes a 9 a.m. Mothers Executive board meeting at the University-Faculty club.

Sunday dinners honoring mothers will be served in living organizations at 1 p.m. At 3 p.m. Sunday, the two winning All-Campus Sing groups will perform at the Sunlight Serenade near the music school.

Registration for mothers will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union. Trophies will be awarded at the Sing for living organizations with highest percentage of mothers registered.

Day Features Three Contests

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game series in the Willamette valley that could determine the outcome of the ND baseball race.

The Benton-Lane county rivals are presently running one-two in the conference scramble with the last four games against each other.

OSC After Third Straight

The Beavers will attempt to win their third division championship in a row, having served as co-titlists in 1952 with the Washington Huskies. OSC Coach Ralph Coleman, in his twenty-second year at the Beaver helm, has a host of returnees from last season's western regional winners.

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