

# Duck Tracks

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It is rather imagined that this column will have more readers today than have read it in some time. That is really unfortunate because actually this column is written for only three individuals on this particular day.

Most people will be looking at this column to see if there is any more about the "Ted Anderson case." Well, if that is what you're looking for then continue reading because you might be interested in what we have to say. Especially if your name happens to be Tom Elliot, Tom Swalm or Don Hedgepeth, please continue reading!

According to their "Letters to the Editor" of April 21, Messrs. Elliot, Swalm and Hedgepeth wanted us to give the facts so at this time we are going to give them the straight scoop.

## You Say Non-factual?

Elliot, Swalm and Hedgepeth all three claimed that our story on Ted Anderson didn't contain the true facts. We would like to prove now that they were wrong in this assumption. The best way to do this is to reprint our original article and then break it down.

Big Question on the Oregon track and field team these days is just what is the matter with dash man Ted Anderson? Anderson, a third-place finisher in last year's PCC track meet in the 440-yard dash, has been anything but spectacular in the Oregon meets this season.

Anderson had to settle for a second place behind Oregon State's Donn Smith-peter, a man who he beat frequently last season, in the Duck's first meet at Portland, two weeks ago. Most people figured this was just a case of Ted not being quite ready. But in last Saturday's Oregon-Washington meet supposedly speedy Ted was really a flop.

Starting fast at the timer's gun Anderson remained at the fore only briefly. By the time the sprinters reached the final turn of the quarter-mile grind, Ted was beginning to fade badly. Quickly the other men in the race took advantage of Anderson's faltering stride and raced past him.

Gordon Dahlquist, the Ducks' new 440 find, came home the winner of the event. Anderson failed to place.

Whatever it is that is keeping Anderson from reaching his capabilities is hoped will be cured by this coming Saturday when the Oregon team faces tough Washington State in an important dual meet.

## Definitely Not Spectacular!

Paragraph number one says that it has been a big question why Anderson had been far from spectacular in the first two meets of the season. There is no question that this paragraph contains the facts. Outside of Ted's personal friends and his track teammates no one was aware of what was holding Anderson back. And it was becoming a question to many people. That Anderson was not spectacular in the first two meets is obvious.

Paragraph number two tells of Anderson's record so far this year and then refers to him as being a flop this season. The part about his record is factual, naturally. That he had been a flop was also a true statement. Maybe the three gentlemen would prefer a less sensationalistic word than "flop." If they would prefer, we could use "failure," "disappointing" or "unsuccessful." But no matter what word we use, it all adds up to the same thing; Anderson had not lived up to expectations this season.

## Yes, Ted Faded!

Paragraph number three gives an account of just how the race progressed. The only statement that could be questioned in this paragraph would be the one about Anderson fading badly. In a race such as the 440 when several runners pass another competitor, what more can you say than that the runner is fading. The Eugene Register-Guard and the Portland Oregonian used the same term if you want to check back in their accounts of the track meet.

Paragraph number five only tells the final placing in the event. No question about factual material there.

Paragraph number six says that we hope that whatever is keeping Anderson from attaining the prowess he was capable of would be cured by the Washington State meet. That was our true hopes and there is nothing non-factual about it.

## Now, Who Should Apologize?

So, where are all the non-true statements that were supposed to be in the article? As can be easily seen, there are none. It seems rather apparent to us that Elliot, Swalm, and Hedgepeth have gotten hot under the collar from what the article implies and not what it actually states. It might be brought to their attention that we are not able to know just what our writing will imply to the different people who read our column. If they thought that our column made some statements that were not true they should have read it over a couple of times to make sure before jumping to conclusions.

We have nothing against Ted Anderson. We only wanted to bring to the public a question that they themselves would like to know the answer to. It is our belief that all this publicity has been of benefit to Anderson. Now everyone knows just what has happened to him and no one can jump to a wrong conclusion.

In finishing we would like to say that if we owed to Ted Anderson the public apology which we gave in the April 21 edition of the Emerald, then Tom Elliot, Tom Swalm and Don Hedgepeth certainly owe us an apology for their statements about our column which were entirely unfounded.

# Baseball Tutor Don Kirsch In Seventh Coaching Season



DON KIRSCH, Oregon baseball coach, who is now in his seventh season of coaching at his alma mater.

Snellstrom Braves and the Miller Lumbermen in the old Cascade League and managed a pennant-winning team five years ago. In addition, he successfully managed Eugene's entry in the State League.

One can see from this record that Kirsch, even though he is still young and has much coaching still ahead of him, has already compiled a more admirable record than many coaches attain in a full lifetime of college and high school athletic tutoring.

The University of Oregon and all supporters of the school owe Don Kirsch a salute for the wonderful job he has done in the past and is doing at the present time.

Although not many people realize it, Oregon baseball coach, Don Kirsch, is currently in his seventh year of coaching at the University. Kirsch is such a young looking mentor that many people find it hard to believe that likeable Don has been at the coaching game for that much time.

Kirsch is recognized as one of the best collegiate coaches in the west and his steady development of young talent paid dividends last year when, with only seven lettermen, he built a championship team. Nearly two dozen of his former players left the Ducks for careers in professional baseball in the past six years.

During the past six seasons as head coach, Kirsch has brought the Ducks in second two times, third twice and fourth once, plus the '53 pennant. In addition to his baseball duties, Don has also done a brilliant job of handling the Oregon freshman or junior varsity basketball teams since his arrival at Oregon.

### Attended Oregon

Kirsch, who attended Oregon during his college days, played both basketball and baseball during his collegiate career. In baseball he never played on a losing team in the fight for the Northern Division pennant. He was a sophomore regular on the title-winning team of 1941 and the Ducks swept to the title again in 1942 and 1943. In basketball he played guard for three seasons and captained the club in 1943.

He was graduated in 1943 and served as an officer in the army before being discharged in 1945.

Kirsch began his coaching career in the fall of 1945 at Hillsboro high school. He was head coach in both basketball and baseball and his first basketball team won the district championship and the consolation title in the state tournament at Salem. In 1947 the Spartans were again the district winners.

### Started in 1947

Don returned to Oregon in 1947 as the assistant coach in both baseball and basketball. Shortly after his arrival on the campus, the head baseball coach, Howard Hobson, resigned and Kirsch was chosen to replace him.

Kirsch maintained his interest in baseball as a player for several seasons following his return to Oregon. He played for the strong

## Faculty Attend Art Meeting

A group of faculty members are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Art Alliance at the Portland Art Museum, Saturday.

Wallace S. Baldinger, associate professor of art, is president of the organization and will present the opening address.

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