

Phi Delt's Drop Sports For Intellectual Pursuits

Followers of intramural sports on campus were astounded Monday by the shattering announcement that the eternal legions of Phi Delta Theta have voted unanimously to withdraw with honor from athletic competition.

House President Brian Booth announced to a press conference early Monday that "The beloved brotherhood has decided to revise our traditional concept about the most important things in college life."

As a result, Booth added, the

Phi Delt's will shift emphasis from athletic to the "more gentlemanly pursuits of books, art and music. He prefaced his remarks with an announcement that the basketball court in the rear of the house would be converted into a solarium.

"We'll have to confine our athletic activities to walks and binocular-focusing," Booth warned. "I'm afraid anti-intellectualism is doomed on Kincaid street," he continued.

Reaction to the announcement was instant from campus figures. Hale Kane officers greeted the announcement with joy, expressing the thought that they would reign forever and ever atop IM point standings.

Pi Beta Phi representatives chuckled. "Oh, we're so relieved. At last, we won't have to steal those big, heavy, nasty old trophies.

The only pall of gloom came from national headquarters of

the fraternity at Oxford, Mississippi, where the possibility arose that the local chapter might be revoked for cause.

Alert Trading Nets Sprinters, Coach for Ducks

The climax of early spring player trades was reached today when Leo Harris, University athletic director announced the acquisition of two sprinters and an ex-football coach from three coast schools.

Terms of the trade call for Oregon to send a history professor to Stanford, an English instructor to San Jose State and publicist Art Litchman and an undisclosed amount of cash to the University of Washington.

In return the Webfoots will get Stanford's grid mentor, a San Jose 9.4 sprinter and a Washington 47-second quarter miler. Harris said the department know what to do with the sprinters but was still at a loss to know where to put the ex-football coach.

"I believe that we'll probably make him an assistant to Gary Cannon, head manager, but Two-Gun Officer has asked to have him put in the training room to test water temperatures," Harris said.

History and English department heads were unavailable for comment. Litchman's only statement was a muffled, "But I..."

SAE's, Theta's in Shuffleboard Final

Championship finals of the first annual intramural shuffleboard playoffs move into the sports spotlight tonight at Taylor's. Battling for the coveted golden mug will be the powerful Kappa Alpha Theta club and a team of veterans representing

Decker Relates Odor of O Plot To Nab Control

Odor of the O President Bob Decker disclosed Sunday a mammoth plot within his organization to take over control of the University through use of the Athletic Department.

"I knew nothing about it at all," Decker sobbed on the shoulder of Art Litchman, Athletic Department front man. "Bob Prall had mobilized the whole group and was going to start the machine in action today as sort of an April Fool's joke."

Decker paused to wail some more and Litchman wrung out his shirt, then the Odor Head continued, "Prall had gotten a subsidy from Revlon and everything; we were going to make it a smear campaign against everybody from Wilson on down."

Decker went on, tracing the history of the plot from the first tastes of power madness that gripped his group after a dosage of Sigma Chi spaghetti. "Then it was dunking the freshman women and finally taking ASUO funds for entertaining high school seniors. It got so bad that we just HAD to have more power and that's where Prall came in."

But the scheming Odormen failed to reckon with minor details. "We thought we had lots of backing in this, but in the end the athletic supporters let us down," Decker said.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Theta's battled their way past such talented teams as Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma and Alpha Omicron Pi to gain the finals, and the SAE's made it primarily with their "drink the other guys down" tactics.

In the all-university singles division, Chuck Mitchelmore will go against Marcia Mauney. Matches will start sometime after the third round.

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Ducks Hook Up With Dodger Club

Baseball Coach Don Kirsch announced Monday that a working agreement had been signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers, in a move to strengthen the Oregon baseball squad.

Kirsch commented that the pact "should give us lots of help, especially in the pitching department." He added that rumors that Don Newcombe would enroll here were "premature."

Duck Tracks

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Hully Gee! We didn't believe our eyes when Ephraim Cadwallar dropped in on us yesterday. Why, we hadn't seen Ephraim for nigh onto forty years, since he was playing a crackerjack first base for the 1918 Oregon baseball team. Ephraim had some colorful comments on today's third-rate athletes and the jack-rabbit ball, but what really stirred us up was his remark that Mrs. Grundy's Cafe, in Coburg, is no longer serving that delicious trash-bean soup.

Now, we stood still when Hank's Jim-Dandy Restaurant discontinued their Dutch turnip pancakes, and we said not a word when the Rush Inn gave up on their chili-and-lettuce salads. But this is too much! No longer will the worn and haggard sports writer, after long hours of pounding the six-day bicycle racing beat, be able to discover again that perfection of taste and nourishment, Mrs. Grundy's trash-bean soup.

But enough of reminiscences. The sports world moves along, and he who tarries over trash-bean soup will soon be left behind. We are worried over this trend among today's sports writers to speed up and shorten their writing. Larger type and thinner columns takes away from the space available, and a certain amount of cutting is necessary. But cutting down on style and originality for the sake of facts is inexcusable. These renegades must remember that a pound of originality is worth an ounce of facts in the sports writing profession.

A perusal of the latest "Roundup of Baseball Averages" shows some interesting facts. For one thing, we noticed that Hiram Hicksby hit .286 for Cheyenne Falls of the now-extinct Pocohantas League in 1904. This should be of special import to fans who remember the one game Hicksby played for the Eugene Emeralds in that year, before he was traded to Cheyenne Falls. In that game he struck out four times and committed three errors, giving little indication of his true value.

This little book, by the way, is one we heartily recommend to anyone who is truly interested in the great American sport. That it contains no records after 1920 is of little importance, as nothing has actually happened in the game since that time.



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