

Non-Sponsored Skiers Gaining Prestige

Leading Team In Northwest

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A little less than five years ago, the University had an official ski team that was sponsored by the Athletic Department. In the winter of 1958, however, the team lost that support after a trip to the Reno Winter Carnival for "conduct unbecoming to a University ski team."

There was a two year lapse after that incident when the University did not have a ski team. Then a freshman named John Beer decided that Oregon should be represented in Northwest ski competition and proceeded to form the Ski Quacks and a ski team.

BEER WAS elected the first president of the organization and served for two and a half years in this capacity. In that time he built the group up to a membership of well over two hundred students and it became one of the most popular clubs on the campus.

At the same time, with Beer acting as organizer, coach and a top performer, the ski team began to improve to a point of high stature among other colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest.

Beer relinquished the presidency this fall and one of the early members, John Seaman, assumed the office. Seaman has followed in Beer's footsteps and the team is, this year, the finest intercollegiate ski team in the area.

ALTHOUGH the team still hasn't regained sponsorship from the University yet, it is on the road to getting it by virtue of its brilliant record.

The Duck skiers can boast that they have six racers who are classified as Class A skiers by the Pacific Northwest Ski Association. This is more than any other Northwest school with the possible exception of the University of Washington.

There is also a very likely possibility that several members of the team will qualify to participate in the United States Olympic tryouts that will select America's entries to the 1964 Olympic Games. Two of the meets in which the team will race this winter are considered qualifying meets for the Games with the winners able to enter the eliminations.

AMONG THE team members this year are three of the first six winners in the slalom at last year's Winter Carnival. Also, there are four of the first six in both the giant slalom and the downhill.

The equipment owned by the ski team racers is impressive. The top ten men have skis, poles, boots and bindings that have a retail value of over five thousand dollars.

Ski Schedule

Jan. 26

Schwaegler Cup, White Pass.

Feb. 2-3

Oregon Ski Team Tryouts; Oregon Collegiate Ski Meet, Hoodoo Ski Bowl.

Feb. 9-10

Nevada Winter Carnival; Reno, Nevada.

Feb. 22-23-24

Oregon Winter Carnival; Mt. Bachelor, Oregon.

March 2-3

PNSA Championships, Stevens Pass, Washington.

**Olympic Qualifying Races



ABOVE IS THE picture of the University of Oregon Ski team. The girls, from left to right, are: Judy Boudie, Roberta Ralls, Suzie Patterson, Carla Lawson, Sharon Williams and Cindy Howerton. The men, from left to right, are: Skip Sloan, Doug Taylor, John Seaman,

Mike Shepherd, John Beer, Larry Decker, Mike Holt and Pete Stragnola. Missing due to participation in the Sun Valley Open are Mike Moore, Denny Reese and Clark Guening.

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Women Skiers Top Gov't Camp Field

Three Oregon woman skiers copped high honors in the Associated Women Skiers Silver Cup races Sunday at Government Camp's Multitor Mountain.

Cindy Howerton topped the field in the C class slalom with a time of :35.8 while Carla Lawson and Mary Kay Norman went one-two in the class B race with times of :31.4 and :33.6.

The best representation by the University in the men's divisions were a fourth place in class B slalom by Doug Taylor and a fifth by Richard Brown in the class C event.

Pete Stragnola turned in a commendable effort in the B class when he finished his race on one ski and his time was still high enough to capture tenth place.

JFK Wants Strike End

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy has asked the special three-man board he appointed to end the dock strike to keep after both sides today by underscoring what he calls "The Imperative Public Interest" in getting the month-old walkout settled. Yesterday the board gave its findings after thorough study of the walkout, saying a pay raise and benefits totalling 39 cents an hour would be fair to both sides. The striking dockworkers had wanted 86 cents worth. The shippers had offered 22.

Red's Gunboat Sinks

TAPEI, FORMOSA (UPI) — The Nationalist Chinese believe they sank a Communist Chinese gunboat in the Formosa strait today. The Nationalist defense ministry says ships of the Formosa Government fired on the Red Chinese gunboat after they were attacked and the Communist vessel then disappeared from the radar screen.

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