

Quack Cracks



All Is 'Go' For Stadium

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THERE SEEMS TO BE GENERAL public confusion about the status of the University's proposed new stadium.

Two big questions have a lot to do with this confusion—both of them entirely answerable.

- One: Is it definite that the stadium will be built on the North Bank of the Willamette River?
- And two: Will its being situated there hamper future park development for that area?

The answer to the first question, according to University President Arthur S. Flemming, is a definite, positive and unequivocal "yes." "We are going ahead with the plans," Flemming said in an interview Monday. "Work will start in July."

As for the second question, the answer is a just-as-definite, just as positive, and just as unequivocal "no."

IF ANYTHING, SAID FLEMMING, the stadium will stimulate the development of a park.

Explained Flemming: "There was talk of a North Bank Park years ago, but nothing was ever done about it. Now that the stadium's being built, there's a sudden burst of activity."

Flemming indicated that both the park and stadium users could benefit through mutual cooperation. Stadium parking facilities, for example, could be used by the park during all but five days of the year. And on those days, the park's facilities would be of tremendous use to the stadium.

In addition, the stadium will in no way crowd the North Bank Park. Nor is any expansion planned that will.

Its capacity is set for 40,000. And because the architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill is not going out of its way to make the structure expandable, that, he says, will probably be the stadium's capacity ten years from now.

FLEMMING ANSWERS FURTHER stadium questions in a 12-page "fact sheet" which traces the development of the idea from when the University purchased the North Bank site in April, 1959 to the present.

A FEW NOTES FROM THAT SHEET:

- April 1959—Eugene Register-Guard editorial urges that the North Bank land vacated by the Highway Commission not be zoned for residential and business purposes, but be given to the public for a "stadium, auditorium and zoo."
 - Same month—then UO president O. Meredith Wilson expresses interest in buying area, but insists that the land is "too valuable" for stadium usage.
 - May 29, 1959—State highway commission agrees to sell the University the land.
 - February 5, 1961—alumni association athletic advisory committee announces tentative plans for new stadium; shows model prepared by Marshall Bessonet of Medford.
 - April 25, 1962—State Board of Education purchases North Bank land "for use as a site for a football stadium."
 - Sept. 11, 1962—State Board approved appointment of architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill of Portland to undertake a preliminary investigation relative to the possible location and development of a stadium including consideration for a multi-purpose structure.
 - January 25, 1963—President Flemming informs County Commissioner Kenneth Nielson the University will do nothing with its land that will be incompatible with the rest of the park.
 - Summer, 1963—President Flemming asks Skidmore, Owings and Merrill to make a report on feasibility of building a new stadium at the Hayward Field site. Report comes back negative.
 - September 9, 1964—Mayor Edwin Cone of Eugene quoted in Register-Guard as hailing the plan as the first step in the development of the 500-acre metropolitan North Bank Park.
 - August 12, 1965—Lane County Parks and Recreation Advisory committee opposes placing stadium adjacent to North Bank park.
 - August 30, 1965—President Flemming meets with county commissioners to discuss alternate sites for the stadium, but commissioners agree that the North Bank would be best.
 - November 3, 1965—Million-dollar fund raising goal begins.
 - March 10, 1966—Million-dollar goal achieved.
- That's the scoop on the stadium issue. And if that still isn't enough information, you can get a "fact sheet" (from the President's office) yourself and study the developments in more detail.

Diamondmen Topple OCE

By GORDON ROSENBERG
Sports Writer

Oregon's baseball team used the majority of its roster to dump Oregon College of Education, 9-1, Tuesday afternoon on Howe Field. Coach Don Kirsch substituted freely, as 22 Ducks played, including eight pitchers.

Kirsch's counterpart, Joe Livingston of OCE, used 18 members of his 23-man squad, raising the game total to 40.

Dale Ehler, playing right field, and Dennis Baldrige, converted to shortstop for the game, led Oregon's 13-hit attack, as the Ducks tallied once in the first, three times in the fourth, and five times in the seventh.

Ehler collected 3-for-5 and drove in four runs to raise his team-leading RBI total to 32.

Baldrige singled in the fourth inning and rapped a grand slam home run to left field with two out in the seventh. He scored twice and drove in the four runs on the homer.

Incidentally, Dennis was hit by a pitched ball earlier in the same time at bat, but was not awarded first base because the

umpire said that he had not made a sufficient effort to avoid being hit. A moment later, 250 partisan Oregon fans were glad that he had stayed at the plate.

Other hitting stars for the Ducks were sophomore outfielder Phil Olrich (2-for-3), and sophomore Ted Novack, who collected his first hits as a Duck with two singles in three trips.

John Conrad started on the mound for Oregon and was followed, in succession, by Charles Hopkins, Mike Nicksic, Mike Snow, Joe Kniser, Larry Hills, Ken Hadden, and Jerry Gjesvold.

Hadden was the only one to toil for more than one inning, hurling the seventh and eighth. Gjesvold pitched 12 2/3 innings in relief last Saturday as Oregon split with Washington.

Kniser, a sophomore left-hander, was credited with the

victory, since he was the pitcher of record in the fourth inning when the Ducks took the lead for good.

The combined Duck staff struck out eleven OCE batters and walked only three. They allowed the Wolves only one unearned run.

Oregon's next action comes in a conference series with league-leading and nationally ranked Washington State University. The teams will play a single game at 3 p.m. Friday and a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday on Howe Field.

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Co-ed Softballers Notch Easy Win

The Oregon women's softball team combined 11 hits, five walks, and eight errors to forge a 19-7 victory over Oregon College of Education Monday.

Cindy Franck led the coeds at the plate with two singles and a triple.

The female Ducks scored nine runs in the sixth inning to nullify a late OCE rally.

IM Schedule

Golf

Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Beta Theta Pi.

Tennis

4:00—Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Clark

Mixed Doubles Tournament Set

The annual Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament will be held this Saturday, May 14. The tournament is open to all University students and will be held on the dorm courts.

Trophies will be awarded to first and second-place winners by the sponsoring recreation council.

Registration is in room 301 of the Student Union, and will close Thursday, May 12. There will be a registration fee of 50 cents per person. Balls will be provided for the matches.

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