

Quack Cracks



Here's More On Stadium

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ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Norv Ritchey likes to defend the Athletic Department's handling of the North Bank stadium by referring to an experience he had as an Oregon freshman in 1948.

"I walked into the old athletic offices in McArthur Court at that time," he related. "And about the first thing I saw was this plan for a stadium to replace Hayward Field."

"Steel was the backbone of that plan," he said. "And with the Korean War about to start, nothing progressed very far."

But even at that the overall plan for a stadium has obviously progressed—and this bit of history supports Ritchey's views very well.

The stadium is not a rush-rush project; it is not being ramrodded down anyone's throat, and it—above all—is not being hurriedly or carelessly planned.

"The stadium concept we have now," said athletic publicity director Art Litchman, "is the end result of the thinking of hundreds of people."

"Nobody's ideas have been discarded without consideration."

Said Ritchey. "If we can build this stadium (40,000 seat) for the price we're talking about (less than two million), it's going to be the greatest stadium feat in many years."

Since only two 40,000-seat stadiums in recent years — Texas Western's and Green Bay's—have been built for comparable prices, his point should be well-taken.

NOW—LET'S LET THE DEPARTMENT offer specific answers to specific questions.

First, we'll go to the "plan" submitted by Charles Parker, which was discussed in Tuesday's "Cracks."

According to the Athletic Department, it has some good points—but there are definite reasons that it has not been adopted.

"In many ways, his plan isn't what we want," Litchman explained. "For instance, his bleachers rest on dirt—not cement. So, besides being more difficult to maintain, it's not too satisfactory from an aesthetic viewpoint."

"The city of Eugene and Lane County don't want anything but an attractive structure near their park," he said. "And so do we. It's practically impossible to correct a design error. So we might as well do it well."

Even at that, Ritchey added, Parker's estimated construction cost of less than \$1.5 million (\$500,000 less than the current proposal) was only an estimate—not a bid.

"We could be talking about essentially the same price," Litchman said. "For instance, he may figure it costs \$45 to haul so many yards of dirt—and we may be figuring \$55."

"These things add up."

Nor would the open end of Parker's horseshoe structure be an advantage as far as construction is concerned, according to Litchman.

"Our stadium plans call for the ends to be built last regardless of the equipment," he said. "So, getting cranes and so forth in will be no problem."

However, Litchman emphatically added that he has considered the better points of Parker's plan carefully—and that Skidmore, Owings and Merrill knows about these points.

"They won't recognize the plan because only parts of it has been submitted to them," he said. "But SOM has been apprised some features of it—such as Parker's earth-moving techniques."

"We have considered his plan very carefully," Ritchey said. (Athletic Director) Leo Harris discussed this with Parker. He had people running in and out of his office for a few days because of it."

According to Litchman, a few other companies, such as the Bessonet Construction firm of Medford, have also submitted plans whose features have been incorporated.

The covering that will be over the stadium's donor section is largely a Bessonet idea, he said.

LITCHMAN ALSO HAS ANSWERS for those who object to the North Bank site.

"It's the natural site," he said. "It's close enough to the University (only twice the distance from Mac Court to Franklin Boulevard) that the students who don't have cars can walk there. And those who do have cars will probably walk, too—instead of fighting the traffic."

"The North Bank area is going to have more roads built into it, and the roads that are there are going to be widened regardless of whether or not a stadium will be built."

"It has more access routes than any other area in Eugene," Litchman said. "No other available open place can compare with it."

He detailed the problems a stadium south of Eugene situated near Highway 99 would have.

"One lane can handle 1,200 cars an hour, Litchman explained. Highway 99 is two lanes one direction—that means it will take care of only 2,400 north-bound cars per hour . . . obviously an insufficient number."

"Even if the stadium were situated between two such highways, it still would fall far short of what's necessary."

And these figures, Litchman said, were based on the assumption that there is no traffic on the road to begin with.

Stadiums on such roads as west 11th, he said, would be impossible to clear.

Girls Win Ball(?) Crown

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It's not fair.

Football, basketball, and track get all the headlines and draw the biggest crowds, while the greatest of all spectator sports, women's intramural softball championships, are neglected by all but a select few.

Take the game Tuesday night at Gerlinger Field between the Off Campusers and Chi Omega for the women's intramural softball title.

There was something for everybody, sports fan or not.

For the sports purists, there was the Off Campus team, a collection of ringers gathered together for the express purpose of utterly destroying any opposition.

Tuesday night the opposition was Chi Omega, and they were destroyed in turn, 27-3, thus becoming the seventh straight victim of the Off Campusers.

While it might be impudent to say that the Off Campus team could beat Don Kirsch's varsity players at baseball, it is quite possible to believe they could wallop them in a game of softball.

In fact, it would not be stretching the truth much to say that one member of that team, the shortstop, is capable of starting for the varsity nine.



Chi Omega Displays Defensive Finesse

This girl has an arm that would make Ron Delplanche look sick, can run the bases like a female Maury Wills, and hits equally well both right and left-handed. And a good portion of her teammates aren't far behind.

If the Off Campusers are a de-

light to the baseball gourmet, the Chi Omega team would appeal to every other segment of the population.

If you're interested in looking at girls, go watch Chi Omega. This team consisted of nothing but good-looking dollies. One player stood about 5-10, with a perfectly proportioned figure, and was a delight to watch in the outfield. Too bad she couldn't catch.

Another girl had the most beautiful round eyes to go with an equally impressive face and body. Unfortunately, they didn't let her play until the last inning.

When the spectator is looking for humor and a good laugh, the Chi Omegas are again the ones to watch.

They specialize in the "picture plays," such as misplaying 17 consecutive fly balls, running into each other in pursuit of the ball (they both missed it), and throwing the ball to home plate three seconds after the runner has scored.

Yet they were always aware of their public image, so it came as no surprise when the second baseman was busy adjusting her babushka (that's some sort of headress), while an Off Campuser was stealing second.

And for the alibi appreciator, the Chi Omega team proved to be specialists, coming up with such gems as: "You should have come and seen us at a Thursday night game."

"But they practice every week. Tell them the Chi O's are cute."

For Woodell

Benefit Meet Set

An exhibition six-event track meet, featuring a red-hot mile field, is planned for June 2, with proceeds to go for the hospital expenses of Bob Woodell, the University long jumper injured last month in a freak Millrace accident.

Eight competitors have been invited to participate in the mile, including Dyrrol Burleson, Jim Grelle, Ken Moore, Wade Bell, and Roscoe Devine.

In addition to the mile, two other running events, probably the intermediate hurdles and the two mile or steeplechase, plus three field events, the shot put, javelin, and long jump, are scheduled.

Burleson and Grelle, both former Webfoot runners, are rated among the best milers in the world today. Burleson holds the school records in the 880, mile, and two mile.

Grelle, an old man in middle-distance racing circles at 29, has run more sub-four minute miles than any other man.

Moore and Bell are current stars for Bill Bowerman's Ducks. Moore won the PAC steeplechase last week in Palo Alto and is the

holder of the school three mile record.

Bell is normally an 880 man, but finished second in the mile in the PAC meet with an all-time best of 4:03.4.

Devine is the frosh prospect who is being touted as the best miler to enter Oregon since Burleson. Already he has snapped a couple of Burly's freshman marks.

Bowerman said he hopes Oregon State will send over some men for the meet.

Woodell suffered a spinal injury after the Washington State meet when a float being prepared for the Canoe Fete fell on him. He has since been transferred to a Portland hospital so he can be closer to his family in Beaverton.

All tickets for the meet will be \$1, and are available at Theta Chi fraternity, the Student Union, and the Athletic Department ticket office.

The first event is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

CAN THE COLLEGE GIRL COPE?

In June Redbook, college girls from nine colleges tell why they question the sexual codes of their parents... what they hope to gain from their so-called "freedom"... and how the "sweetness and terror" of this moral liberation has created new problems to replace the old.

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