

Ellickson Plays Oregon Watchdog

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Who is the University of Oregon's faculty athletic advisor and what does he do?

It is doubtful whether many students not directly connected with U of O athletics could come up with the answer. Some probably do not know such a position even exists.

The man serving in this inconspicuous but important capacity is Ray Ellickson of the physics department, who for the past eight years has handled the processing for the athletic staff, checking on the eligibility of Oregon's athletes.

Ellickson has two main responsibilities. Number one, "Certification of all varsity and freshman athletes' eligibility, so they meet (Pacific Eight) conference and NCAA requirements."

Number two, "Two or three times a year I attend meetings of the conference, and once a year a meeting of the NCAA."

The fulfillment of the first part of his responsibility insures the athletic department that all Webfoot athletes are meeting conference and NCAA requirements in their studies. The present NCAA standard is a 1.7 GPA. However, Oregon demands a minimum grade point of 2.0 for all sports participants.

PROMOTE STRONGER CONSTITUTION

The conference meetings are centered around the theme of discussing, preparing, and amending new rules to promote a stronger Pacific Athletic Conference constitution. At the annual NCAA meeting—this year to convene in Houston—the college and university athletic representatives adopt national rules and regulations for athletic competition.

Ellickson examines the grades of all athletes in the University—usually about 500 in all—and keeps their respective coaches up to date concerning their studies.

"Once in a while I'll go down to the registrar's office for a special clearance if a transcript must be checked or a grade is needed," Ellickson said, "but most of the time I just call up and check. The girls in the office are very helpful."

Ellickson spends an average of three hours a week on his athletic duties.

A look into the doctor's background reveals a very interesting situation. Before coming to the University of Oregon he had little interest in athletics, having never competed in sports while a student.

He first taught physics at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where sports were non-existent, and later returned to Reed in 1946, serving for two years as head of their physics department. At Reed too, athletics were de-emphasized.

In 1948 Ellickson came to Oregon as head of the physics department and associate dean of the graduate school.

In 1959 when Orlando Hollis, Dean of the Law School, vacated his position as faculty athletic representative, Ellickson was asked by the athletic department to take over.

ONLY TWO GAMES IN HIS LIFE

Reminiscing a bit, Ellickson said, "I had never seen more than two college football games in my life before I came to the University of Oregon."

"I was a baseball fan, as I lived a mile or so from Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn, where I went to see the Dodgers," he added.

Since becoming faculty athletic representative Ellickson has naturally become enthusiastic about sports. He attends all the Duck home games—viewing every sport—and makes an occasional road trip with the team. This fall he accompanied the football team to the University of Oklahoma.

Ellickson feels that a university should maintain a balance between academics and athletics. He reports that a national poll of university faculty by the committee of intercollegiate athletics showed, "two-thirds to three-fourths of the faculty want a program at the present level of academic and athletic emphasis."

Ellickson feels that athletic scholarships are a good investment. "They give a great number of kids from the wrong side of the tracks an opportunity for a college education who wouldn't get one without athletic benefits."

In ND Cross-Country

Harriers Plot WSU Upset

Washington State's Gerry Lindgren is the individual favorite, and the Cougars are the defending champions, but Oregon has the depth—and on that basis, coach Bill Bowerman nopes his Webfoots will prevail at the Northern Division cross country championships Saturday at Pullman.

Bowerman's eight-man traveling squad is scheduled to leave Eugene via the University-owned "Green Hornet" bus at 2 p.m. Friday and arrive in Pullman that night. He sees the meet as "no sure thing" for any team.

"Washington State is basically the same team as last year—except that they picked up Gerry Lindgren and lost Chris Westman, which means they're slightly stronger," Bowerman said.

"We don't have a Kenny Moore (three-time All-America distance runner who graduated from Oregon last year)—but I think we're more balanced than before."

"We beat Oregon State last week," Bowerman said. "So the team we'll probably have to beat is WSU."

"The University of Washington (the other team entered) is probably going there for the ride."

Lindgren, who gained fame by winning the National AAU 10,000 meter championship as a prepster in 1964, and then tied for the world six-mile record in a dead heat with Olympic champion Billy Mills in 1965, will get rugged competition from Oregon State's Tracy Smith, who is the defending national three-mile champion and undefeated in eight races this year.

Oregon's contingent includes Cedric Weidemire, Bob Williams, Dave Wilborn, John Woodward, Hal Jackson, Damien Koch, Arne Kvalheim, and Roscoe Divine.

Frosh-Pups Battle In Seattle Contest

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The Oregon frosh football team, fresh from a two-week layoff, takes on the University of Washington Pups in Seattle Saturday.

And frosh coach Norm Chapman promises that the Ducklings will be more ready for UW than when they were defeated by the Oregon State Rooks, 3-0, October 21.

"We're going to play a lot harder up there than we did against OSU," Chapman predicted.

Chapman felt the layoff was a help in that "we've had an opportunity to get some guys healed, so we'll have most of the boys available."

A pair of injuries have occurred, however, during the idle period. Defensive end Dennis Hammons of Portland has undergone knee surgery and will be lost for the rest of the season while Bob Hodel of West Covina, California, also had a knee operation. Both should be in shape for spring practice.

UW Now

Washington is currently sporting a 1-1 record with a lop-sided win over Washington State and a 16-7 defeat at the hands of Oregon State. Oregon is also 1-1 with the win coming against WSU.

Chapman noted that the Pups are a strong offensive squad with a balanced attack. "They move the ball real well, quite consistently, as a matter of fact," the coach continued.

He singled out John Dethman, a prep All-American from Wy'east High School in Hood River as an outstanding player for Washington.

Looking over his own squad, Chapman was pleased with the progress made during the last two weeks. He said that some of the team had been working out with the varsity during the period but hoped to have the entire offensive unit back together this week for polishing-up drills. He added that his defense would stay with the varsity for most of the week.

Sinclair Switched

The main change from the Oregon State game will be the switching of Cam Sinclair from defense to offensive half-back. "He's been working pretty hard. I think he'll do a pretty fine job," praised Chapman. Other changes in the lineup find Jim Massey from Rockaway starting at flanker-back, Jim Franklin of Sepulveda, California, starting at safety, Bill Reed of Portland starting in place of Hammons, and Ron Simpson of

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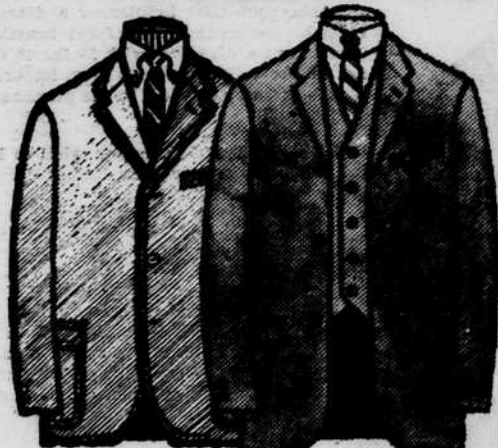
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