

Monday Proclaimed Leo Harris Day

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Monday was officially proclaimed Leo Harris Day in Eugene by Mayor Edwin Cohen.

In his proclamation, made at Monday's Oregon Club meeting in the Eugene Hotel, Mayor Cohen praised Harris for "a fine job, well done as the athletic director at the University of Oregon for the past twenty years."

Harris, retired last month after bringing the University of Oregon from the dreags of poor facilities to a high and exhalted position among the nation's finer institutions of higher learning.

Mayor Cohen then introduced Skeet Maneroud, a member of the Ducks' 1930 Rose Bowl team and a close friend of Harris, who in turn, introduced the guest of honor.

Harris received a standing ovation when introduced and when the applause died down, he said, "My thanks and appreciation to you all. This is a very moving thing for me."

Jack Morris, vice-president of Oregon Club, presented Harris with a plaque from the Club.

PRaises Staff

Harris had nothing but praise of his staff, the Oregon Club, and the University of Oregon after his 20 years of service in capacity of athletic director.

"I am especially proud of this, the Oregon Club in their support of all athletics at the University. Some Clubs take football to heart but let the rest of the sports go. Oregon Club does a fine job of supporting all athletics," he said.

"I also feel that my job has been made a lot easier by a team effort—with help from the faculty, students, and the staff. It has taken a great deal of team work and I've gotten it all along," he said.

Harris than delved into the past, back to 1947 when he took the job, coming to Oregon from Carmel, California and a successful career in coaching and administration in the Fresno area.

"The job didn't represent a great future in athletics, the facilities and the University's image were pretty poor," Harris noted.

However, he took the job and has brought Eugene and the University into the national spot-light with a great administrative policy and ability.

When he took over, Harris set four goals for himself and his school.

"I wanted to improve the image of Oregon athletically, and nation-wide."

He strove for national recognition and got it.

During his tenure of office, the Ducks went to four football bowls: the Rose Bowl, Liberty Bowl, Sun Bowl, and the Cotton Bowl.

The Ducks also won the very first NCAA basketball title under coach Howard Hobson.

"Secondly, I wanted to improve the facilities."

Harris had come from a well-to-do school district in California and was used to better facilities.

"The facilities at Oregon were really bad," Harris mentioned.

He noted that Hayward Field was a terrible place to play football, and that MacArthur Court, while not so bad physically, just wasn't big enough.

Harris also mentioned that Howe Field and track facilities were very, very poor, but listed the swimming pool as one of the "worst in the U.S."

IMPROVES FACILITIES

In his term as athletic director he has improved these facilities and the athletic offices to modern, up to date buildings and superb facilities, including the new North Bank Autzen Stadium.

Harris' next move centered around finances.

"I wanted the ability to finance the needed improvements."

Today the University has grant-in-aids worth over \$100,000 compared with the 1947 "stock" of next-to-nothing.

He noted that the scheduling of teams was very important and especially with football where the biggest money lies.

The decision as to the type of athletic program to run was the fourth goal. "There were two courses, the straight football emphasis or the all-around, all-together type program which we finally decided on," Harris added.

"We chose the latter, though the hardest, in order to preserve unity in the department and get the best from everyone," Harris said.

Harris then mentioned each coach individually and credited his department with a fine job in building Oregon to national prominence.

Finally, Harris closed the door on any doubt that may have shrouded the questions about his retirement.

"It was totally my decision alone," he said. "It was to be announced last year but I'm glad it didn't happen, as I wanted to see the stadium drive completed and the funds in before I left."

BELKO SPEAKS

Basketball coach Steve Belko was the only other speaker on the agenda and he expounded briefly on the Ducks' fortunes against the UCLA Bruins and the USC Trojans.

"Coming close is like kissing your mother-in-law," he said. "We don't like it."

The Ducks lost to the Bruins 34-25 and to the Trojans, 73-70, after a strong second half comeback failed.

"These kids may not be the most talented but they have the biggest hearts in the world," Belko said in defending them.

"We played two of the most talented teams we've played in the last two or three years," Belko explained.

Individually, Belko felt that John Pinkstaff and Nick Jones had exceptional weekends.

JONES TIRED?

However, he felt that both boys were a little tired the second night, although one would have never known it of Jones when he poured in 35 points, just two shy of the school record held by brother Steve.

"Nick really put on quite a show, a real display of basketball against SC," Belko praised.

Finally, Belko defended the slow-down tactics he used Friday.

"If people want to see Alcindor perform they'll have to wait until he's with the Globetrotters for an exhibition. We wanted to win and this is how we felt we had the best chance," he said.

Emerald SPORTS Writer After Prize

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SAN FRANCISCO (Special) — Emerald sports writers usually have not expanded into the high literary field . . . and they probably won't.

However, with apologies to John Steinbeck and his friend Charlie, the staff feels that it would be appropriate to give the Nobel Prize Winner some competition and feature a possible number one best seller.

The title: "Travels With Coach Smith and His Gymnasts."

Usually in most stories, the writer starts with the characters, the setting, the main plot, and all that other Mickey Mouse material.

The first tale told here is that in our first and only night in San Francisco, two women of questionable character were picked up in the lobby of our hotel.

Well, now that the stage is set and the reader has the urge to continue with the story, it's time to introduce one of the main characters. He is our driver, and for literary purposes, his name has been changed to R. Ramjet.

Ramjet drove the famed "Green Hornet," official Oregon team limousine, to Redding, Chico, San Francisco, and then the return trip to Eugene.

Ramjet, who has not had a ticket in 35 years of driving, knew the road like a professional. However, he didn't bother to tell his passengers this, and when he

passed three cars on the highway, each member of the team developed an ulcer.

Now, in the team department, first and foremost is Dave Telling, who paced the trip with jokes from the back of the bus. Telling led the team in stories, as well as consumption of soft drinks.

Next in our lineup of stars is Wayne Noecker. Wayne is known for being the last to show up, especially when something important is happening. Noecker gets the some-kind-of-award for talking in his sleep.

The second afternoon the Ducks reached Chico for a meet with the Chico State Wildcats, which they won, 146.50-106.05. Probably the only thing this campus is known for is its ratio of seven girls to one boy.

In our last night in Redding, one stop before heading home, members of the team decided to take a tour of the premises.

It was Saturday night so the "Teeny Boppers" were out. Redding, like most cities, has a main drag, and theirs is Interstate Highway No. 5. The entire evening was spent cruising this street and then parking in a lot, then watching other people cruise the same street. For an extra added attraction, they might stop at a drive-in for a hamburger before going back to that same lot.

Among other notes of interest was the fight over beds in the motel, the excellent meals—fit for a king—and the campus at S. F. State.

When the team arrived at the Bay Area school, they were confronted with an unusual happening. There were 100 people spralled over the floor of the gym halls. As it turned out, it was not a protest, but a waiting area for the swimmers who were having a meet.

Other noted characters in this story should be mentioned, if for no other reason the fact they helped contribute to the plot.

They included (not necessarily in order of their appearance) Jim Hampton, John Turchi, Art English, Jim Huston, and Wayne Aerni.

Also Mike Olson, Captain Al West, Brian Tallman, Carl Nelson, and last but far from least coach Dick Smith, who treats his team ideally.

Swim Relay Team Tenth Nationally

Head swimming coach Don Van Rossen announced Monday that his Oregon 400 yard freestyle relay team has moved into the number ten national position with a time of 3:14. The Ducks' mark came against Washington Saturday.

The relay team of Jay Greening, Don Smith, Bob Boyer, and Bruce Hess successfully wedged themselves between Princeton and Navy on the national list.

Stanford is the only conference team ahead of the Ducks, in fourth place with a time of 3:13.

Of the top ten teams, three are from the Ivy League, and as Van Rossen points out, this may give the Ducks a shot at the top in the finals of the NCAA's if the Ivy League and the NCAA don't come to an eligibility compromise before June.

Belko Schedules Coaching Seminar

The University of Oregon athletic department announced Monday that head basketball coach Steve Belko will hold a special basketball coaching seminar Wednesday noon in the SU.

Belko has indicated that it is specifically for the faculty.

The room number will be posted.

IM Schedule

BASKETBALL
3:50—Court 40—Parsons B vs. Ganoë B
Court 43—Alpha B vs. Gamma B
4:35—Court 40—Delta Upsilon B vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon B
Court 43—Chi Psi B vs. Delta Chi B
5:15—Court 40—Down Unders A vs. Counselors A
Court 43—Hauna A vs. Deadenders A

There will be a meeting Friday at 3 p.m. in the Intramural office in the PE Building for the managers of the winning basketball teams. Pairings will be made at this time for the play-offs.

HANDBALL
4:00—Hauna vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon

TRACK
All men's living organizations and independents are reminded that IM track will begin Thursday with preliminaries in all field events. IM field events include pole vault, shot put, broad jump, and high jump.

According to John Borchardt, IM director for the physical education department, all events will be held outdoors, weather permitting. If not, contestants are asked to go to the East Gym.

Borchardt indicated that prospective contestants should fill out event slips prior to Thursday's preliminaries and take them to the clerk of the course for their individual event. This should be done prior to the 4 p.m. deadline.

The field event prelims will be held Thursday, February 23, and the running prelims Tuesday, February 28. All contestants are reminded they may enter a total of three events, both track and field.

WRA Schedule
IM Badminton — 4 p.m. Tues., Wed., Thurs. — Outdoor Gym.
IM Bowling — 4 p.m. Tues. and Wed. — SU Lanes.
Women Joggers — 4 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri. — Track.
Badminton Interest Group — 7-9 p.m. Tues. — Main Gym.
Gymnastics Interest Group — 7-9 p.m. Tues., — Men's PE.
Amphibians — 9-10:45 p.m. Tues. —

Leighton Pool.
Basketball Schedule
5:00—Chi Omega vs. Kappa Alpha Theta (main gym)
Moore vs. Laurel House (outdoor gym)
5:30—Schaffer vs. Kappa Alpha Theta (main gym)
Kappa Kappa Gamma vs. Pi Phi (outdoor gym)

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