

words from the wedge

Sports in perspective

By STAN HORTON
Of the Emerald

Everyone seems to have one gripe or another against the Emerald and the Oregonian got its chance last Thursday.

L. H. Gregory, The Oregonian Sports Editor, registered his complaint against the Emerald one week ago. In his daily sports column, "Greg's Gossip," he spoke out against sports coverage which he said the Emerald was "no longer worth fooling with."

He was referring directly to the Oregon Daily Emerald. In the same column Gregory also stated:

"The Emerald at one time ranked among the best college papers in the country, especially in sports coverage. It ran a daily sports column that rivaled those of metropolitan papers. We don't recall names of all the bright, young men who at one time or another wrote this column, but among them was George Pasero, now with the Oregon Journal . . ." (he listed several others).

Gregory then got to the point he was really trying to make:

"However, the current Emerald seems to consider sports no longer fooling with, certainly not to feature."

"Duck Tracks" was the Emerald sports column that supposedly "rivaled metropolitan papers." It ran daily during the late thirties and early forties.

George Pasero was Emerald sports editor in 1939. The Oregon newspaper was then an eight-column, full-size paper. The Emerald was obviously not dependent on advertising income to support the costs of a daily paper.

Thirty years ago there was little or no advertising in the Emerald, especially on the sports page. There was always plenty of space to run a daily column.

Times have changed and so has the Emerald. The current five-column paper depends heavily on advertising income to partially pay for operating costs.

With the sports pages half the size of the 1939 pages and filled about one-third with advertising it is impossible to insert a daily column.

But Gregory was not criticizing the Emerald just because we do not run a column each day. He was more concerned with what has happened to the newspaper in general.

Actually nothing has happened. In 1939 the average University student would grab the campus paper and turn instantly to the sports page. No so today.

The vital issues of 1969 including Vietnam, the draft, race relations—have caused the college student to look beyond the sports page by broadening his thoughts and interests.

Sports have not been forgotten but have instead been put in the right perspective.

The Emerald "features" what vitally concerns the University student.

Don't get me wrong. The Emerald sports department takes a back seat to no one—including the Oregonian. We spend over 40 hours per week to provide adequate information concerning Oregon athletic events.

The Emerald does consider sports "worth fooling with" but cannot—with any sense of journalistic pride—be expected to "feature" sports.

Grelle says timing is right

PORTLAND (AP) — Jim Grelle, former distance runner for the University of Oregon, said Tuesday the timing is right for some records to be broken at the Oregon Indoor Invitational track meet Saturday at Me-

morial Coliseum.

Grelle, one of the officials of the meet, said, "Check the records and you'll find that most of the world records are broken the year after an Olympic Games."



CLAXTON WELCH
Chosen by Cowboys

Welch selected in football draft

From AP-Emerald Reports

Oregon running back Claxton Welch was selected by the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League in the ninth round of the pro football draft today in New York.

Welch was the Ducks' leading ground-gainer during the regular season. He netted 505 yards on the ground for a 3.58 average.

The former David Douglas High School star ran back seven kickoffs for 148 yards last fall as Oregon posted a 4-6 record.

Four players from Oregon State were also chosen in the player draft. Running back Bill Enyart, linebacker Mike Foote and linemen Jon Sandstrom and John Didion were the OSU picks.

Events canceled

All Oregon athletic events scheduled for this weekend have been canceled due to the bad weather.

The list of canceled events:

FRIDAY

Varsity wrestling vs. Portland State at McArthur Court
Frosh basketball vs. Lewis and Clark JV at Portland
Varsity gymnastics vs. Stanford in McArthur Court

SATURDAY

Varsity wrestling vs. Central Washington State in McArthur Court
Frosh wrestling—JC Tournament in McArthur Court
Frosh gymnastics vs. Klamath Falls High School at Klamath Falls
Frosh basketball vs. Linfield JV at McMinnville



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Court 43—Bus-ads A vs. Soc Jox A

4:20—Court 40—Desdemona Tavern A vs. P.N.F.R. A
Court 43—Adams A vs. Stafford A

5:00—Court 40—Young A vs. Willeox A
Court 43—Dunn A vs. Gamma A

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3:35—River Rats vs. Sigma Nu

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