

Looking Out

Invasion of the kayaks

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For the Emerald

"It's Spring," the man said, eyeing the canoeists, paddling down the Millrace. The canoe, traditional craft on Millrace waters, is soon to be joined by a host of invaders, namely, kayaks.

Kayaking, a relatively new interest for runners of rivers in the Eugene area, was first popularized in this vicinity last summer when participants in the University's Erb Memorial Union sponsored Outdoor Program acquired a mold and began building their own boats, from the ground up.

They have continued throughout the winter, and now, one mold and 34 boats later, are proceeding to return to streams and beaches, as the rays of a spring sun warm the frigid waters.

"It's about time," say the builders, now growing tired of practice sessions in Leighton Pool and yearning for the roar of real rivers with real rapids. And, amid showers dropped upon them by an un-compromising April, they are going out.

For beginners, practice sessions are currently being scheduled. For the rest of this term, for example, a Kayak Clinic will be held on the Millrace every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., free of charge, for anyone who thinks they might be interested in giving the sport a try.

If you can't make that, a second clinic will be held every Friday evening at 9:30 p.m. in the pool at Sheldon Community Center, and again fundamental techniques will be taught. Both clinics are sponsored by the Outdoor Program.

To further stimulate interest, a canoe and kayak race is presently being slated for Sunday, May 11 on the Willamette River from Jasper Park to Skinner's Butte Park in Eugene, a distance of fourteen miles. The race is being organized by Mel Jackson of the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department, the sponsoring organization.

Plans call for two divisions in the event—one for canoes, the other for kayaks—and trophies will be awarded for the first four places in each division. Further information can be gained by contacting Jackson at 342-5221, ext. 346.

Kayaking is not restricted to rivers and the rapids there-in. Often, when word comes in that the waves are right, local enthusiasts head for the coast for a turn at surf-kayaking, a sport somewhat akin to surfing.

In addition, kayakists from Portland State, a school longer attuned to the value of the sport, have made extended tours in their single and double-seat craft, probing the islands of the San Juans, in Puget Sound between the U.S. and Canada.

Kayaking is a sport new to this area and it's a going concern. Persons interested in acquiring further information about the sport are encouraged to drop by the Outdoor Program Center in Rm. 23 of the EMU, or to attend the free clinics, either Thursday or Friday.

Who knows . . . you might just find it's the greatest thing since sliced bread.

Netters face OSU

Oregon's tennis team, coming off two wins over Washington and Seattle last weekend at home and a Tuesday win over Portland, are preparing for Oregon State Saturday afternoon.

Before the Beavers however, the Duck netters travel to the Eugene Swim and Tennis Club for a dual encounter.

Although the OSU tennis team defeated the Webfoots 5-4, earlier this year, Coach Buzz Summers is confident that the Ducks will keep its undefeated record on its home courts for the last two years intact.

If Oregon should win, it would mean an unofficial Northern Division title.

Ducks Ron Zielinski and Les Hansen have been the top singles winners for the Webfoots so far this year. Zielinski has won eight matches and lost four, while Hansen has won seven and lost four. Sophomore Rick Wilson is running a close third, winning seven singles contest and losing six.

The duo of Wilson and Zielinski have been the most successful doubles team for the Ducks, winning seven doubles matches and losing four.

Bushman leads hitting stats

Ducks meet Puget Sound

In a warm-up for this week-end, Oregon's baseball team challenges the University of Puget Sound and probably All-American pitcher Rich Hand today.

Hand, who has only lost two games in three years, is a likely starter for PSU in the 3 p.m. affair at Howe Field.

The Ducks, who split a doubleheader with Portland Tuesday, face Oregon State Saturday in a single Pac-8 encounter.

Oregon is presently tied with the Beavers at the .500 mark in Pac-8 Conference play with a 6-6 mark and just two games off the pace set by four California teams at 8-4—Southern California, Stanford, UCLA and California.

Looking at Oregon's statistics in Pac-8 play, Phil Bushman is the top hitter for the Ducks with a .353 average. Bushman also leads the Webfoot squad in hits, 12, and is tied with shortstop-pitcher Jim Van Wyck for total bases, 13.

In addition, Bushman, a fleet centerfielder, has scored the most runs for the Ducks, eight, and leads in stolen bases with four.

Third sacker Colby Howe leads Oregon in the runs-batted-in category with six, while packing a .263 batting average.

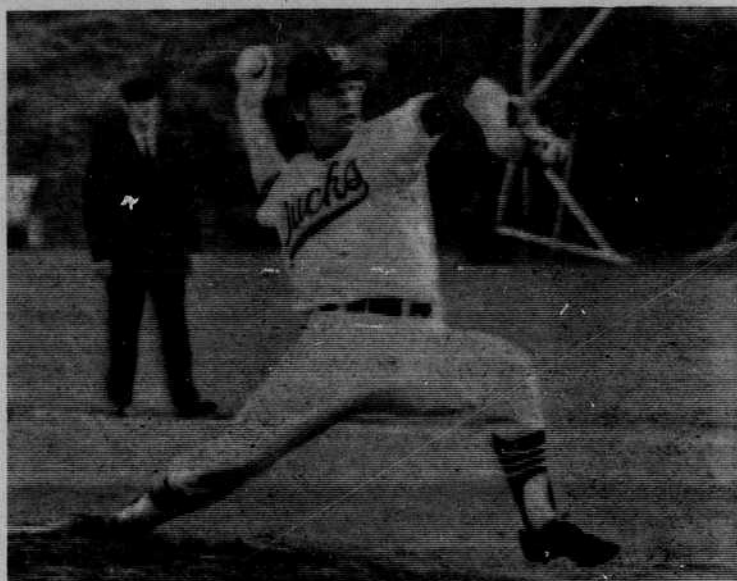
Jon Wheeler continues to lead the Ducks' mound squad, carrying an earned run average of 0.75 in 24 innings on the hill.

Wheeler also leads Oregon in strikeouts, 28, walks, 17, complete games, three, and shutouts, two.

Van Wyck is 1-0 in confer-

ence play with a 1.13 ERA, while Fred Cardwell is 2-2 and own a 4.18 ERA, Rick Mealey has a 1-2 record and a 1.93 ERA,

Fred Massar is 0-18 (5.00 ERA), and pitchers Dave Anderson and Greg Hollen have no decisions in conference play.



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Oregon golfers host Beavers

The Oregon golf team meets Oregon State in a dual-match Friday afternoon at Eugene Country Club.

Earlier in the year the Beavers prevailed 18 - 9 over the Ducks; however, Oregon finished six strokes better than Oregon State in the U.S. Collegiate Invitational held last week-end.

Oregon with a 3-3 record in matches this year needs this win to insure a winning season.

Tee off time is set at 1 p.m.

Womens' group encounter PSU

The University women's softball team is sporting a two-game winning streak as they beat Portland State University 9-4 in Portland last Friday and defeated Oregon State 13-8 in Corvallis on Tuesday.

Heading the pitching staff are freshmen Joanne Husom and Jan. Nemyre who have shared the mound duties in each of the away games.

Top hitter in the Oregon State game was shortstop Sue Sullivan who went five for five at the plate. Chris Mueller has hit four for eight in the two games.

Others on the team hitting above .300 are Cindy Franck, Jan Nemyre and Sherry Halligan.

On Monday, May 5, the women hostess OCE. An "A" game and a "B" game are scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on the ROTC field and Gerlinger Field, respectively.

IM schedule

SOFTBALL
3:35—North Field—Diad's vs. Marginal Product
South Field—Fiji's vs. Deady
Upper Field—Sheldon vs. Gano
4:40—North Field—Rec & Park Management vs. Hawaiians
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TENNIS
4:30—Douglass vs. Pi Kappa Alpha

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