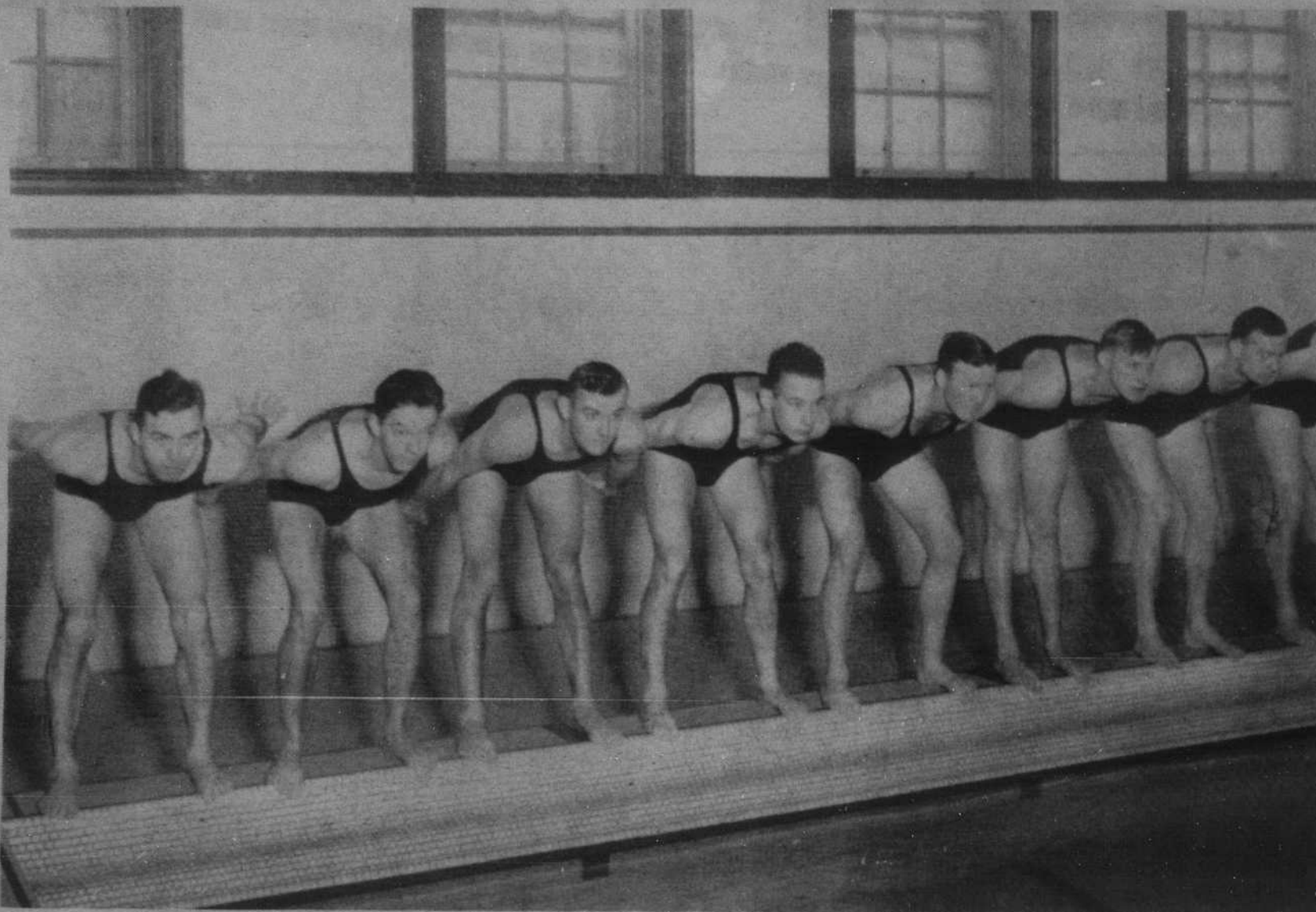


Chilton keeps fit the Oregon way



(At far left) Bob Chilton was a member of the University's 1936 Northwest championship swimming team. The Aquaducks enjoyed their fourth straight undefeated dual meet season in '36. Oregon photo courtesy Bob Chilton

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The student ascends the ladder and positions himself on the diving board. Without flinching or looking down, he performs a graceful back dive off the high-board into Leighton Pool.

Just a typical student in a University springboard diving class? Wrong. Meet Bob Chilton, University graduate and the Northwestern inter-collegiate springboard diving champion of 1935.

Chilton is back at the University after almost 50 years' absence, taking P.E. classes. "The confidence he has in himself, you can tell he's a man of action," says Lani Loken-Dahle, University springboard diving instructor and one of Chilton's biggest fans. "He did that back dive off the high board... afterward he told me he hadn't done one since 1955," she says.

Chilton, originally from Klamath Falls, returned to Eugene in 1977 after retiring from his Los Angeles-area career as a test pilot and administrator for Rockwell International. Chilton went to Rockwell, formerly North American Aviation, in 1940, and began testing planes for the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941.

"I think the first time I got the idea to be a pilot is when Lind-

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•Cross Country Ski Week began March 2 at Mt. Bachelor and continues through March 10. The celebration is co-sponsored by KTVZ and Rossignol. Events include track skiing, telemark technique, picnic tours and marathon racing.

Daily discounts will be featured with a rental, lesson and trail ticket package offered at \$15 for adults and \$12 for children and seniors. The finale will be the **Cadcade Crest Ski Marathon** March 10 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Nordic Sports Center.

•Wild Women Adventures is offering an **Instructional Cross Country Ski Tour** March 10. It will be a how-to tour day with experienced trail guide teaching: trail breaking, stream crossing, how to get up and down hills, pacing and more. Cost is based on a sliding scale fee of \$8-12.

•Wild Women Adventures is offering a **Breitenbush Hot Springs Ski Weekend** March 22-24. Get away for spring break and enjoy a combination of leisure and recreation. Weekenders will be housed in cabins with open air hot tubs and skiing just out the door. On the snow, morning technique lessons will be offered and afternoons there will be instructional tours. Other options include sledding, snow sculpting or total relaxation. Cost is based on a sliding scale fee of \$75-100.