

SPORT NEWS

UNIVERSITY TO MEET PACIFIC

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special)—University of Oregon plays Pacific University basketball team here Friday night. It will be the last practice game for Oregon before they open the coast conference season against Idaho here January 19.

Coach Reinhart of Oregon, in spite of his team's one-sided victory over the Multnomah club at Portland Friday night, 40 to 12, is not satisfied. Oregon players, who after a whirlwind start, were completely fagged out in the second half and scored only 13 points to 10 for the clubmen.

The Oregon-O. A. C. game originally scheduled for Eugene February 13, and Corvallis February 20, have been changed so that the first game will be played in Corvallis and the second in Eugene on the same dates.

Oregon's remaining schedule follows:

Jan. 15—Pacific at Eugene.
Jan. 19—Montana at Eugene.
Jan. 23—Washington at Seattle.
Jan. 25—Montana at Missoula.
Jan. 26—Idaho at Moscow.
Jan. 27—Washington State at Pullman.
Jan. 30—Washington at Eugene.
Feb. 6—Idaho at Eugene.
Feb. 8—Washington State at Eugene.
Feb. 13—Oregon Aggies at Corvallis.
Feb. 20—Oregon Aggies at Eugene.

16-YEAR-OLD STUDENT DECIDES TO GROW FRUIT

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—George Lyon, Jr., 16-year-old Harvard student, has decided to lay aside his studies and devote his time to the fruit growing business. For several years he has been specializing in English and public speaking.

He holds the rank of colonel, was a class mate of President Lowell, receiving his degree in 1921. He was twice on the staff of the governor of Nebraska.

Billy Evans Says:

Figures occasionally misrepresent fact. The fielding averages of the National league offer conclusive proof.

Pittsburgh, National league pennant winner and world champs, ranked last, tied with the Boston Braves.

If one had never seen the Pirates in action and were willing to believe in figures, the natural inference would be that the team was weak in fielding.

On the contrary I know of no club in the majors that offers a better defense.

Truly, in baseball, fielding averages do not convey to the reader the real value of team or individual.

On the contrary, the making of errors is often proof of the willingness to take chances, so after everything is said.

PIRATE MARKS.

With the exception of Sand of Philadelphia, Glen Wright made more errors than any other shortstop in the National league. Yet of the major leaguers playing that position, Wright would be my choice.

In reality, the wide area of territory covered by Wright, is responsible for many of the errors charged against him. He makes plays on balls the average shortstop wouldn't reach.

Traynor doesn't head the list of third basemen in the National league fielding averages, yet he easily the peer at that position.

Excepting Bell of St. Louis, Wright made more errors than any other third baseman. I like Traynor. He is often charged with error that would be a surprise to most intelligent players in the league.

Errors in fielding were often a result of being too good. It is not correct that impression.

—BILLY EVANS, IN SUMMER.

Kansas Giant



In Leo "Dreadnaught" Latta the University of Kansas believes it has the biggest basketball player in college competition. He is 6 feet, 6 inches and weighs 250 pounds. He plays guard on the Kansas team and is the leader of the squad.

LEARNING GOOD HURLERS

CHICAGO (AP)—Five new pictures, making a total of 18, are now on the roster of the Chicago White Sox for securing by Manager Eddie Collins, who is striving to find one or two first rank hurlers to help Lyons and Blankenship.

With old Chief Bender as a pitching coach, the Sox boss has high hopes of finding the material he needs either from the five pitchers recalled for further test, or the five new ones drawn from the minors last fall. The Sox problem centers around the mound staff.

Earl McEwen, an Indian southpaw, picked from the Little Rock Southern league, looks good to Collins, and Alphonse Thomas, purchased from Baltimore, already is considered among the regular boxmen. He won 30 and lost eleven games last year in the International league.

The Sox otherwise will take the field this season with the lineup unchanged. Ray Schalk will open his fourteenth year behind the bat, with his major league game record approaching 1,600.

up the 1925 play of the Pittsburgh club, the defense of the team stands out as the predominant factor in its success.

It would be hard to conceive a much better outfield than Max Carey, Kiki Cuyler and Barnhart, yet not one of them ranked in the first 20, according to the averages.

Max Carey, who I regard as the most valuable outfielder in the National league, finished 40th in the fielding averages with a mark of .555. He made 29 errors, more than any other outfielder in the organization.

Cuyler, with 12 errors, was second in the error making, while Barnhart, with 12 mistakes, was tied for third.

On the other hand the Chicago Cubs topped the fielding averages, but finished last in the standing.

After perusing the fielding averages of the National league I am convinced more than ever that figures do not prove a ball player's real worth.

Honorable mention to the best pitcher, on the coast, goes to the San Francisco Giants.

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SAMOANS KEEP DEATH FEAST

PAGO PAGO, Samoa (AP)—

The death feast, an institution which has been handed down in each succeeding generation of native Samoans from the earliest times, will not be abandoned at present, the assembly of titled chieftains has decided. In this decision His Excellency Henry F. Bryan, captain of the U. S. navy and present governor of American Samoa, has acquiesced.

In its inroads, western civilization has abolished many of the

'Peck's Bad Boy'



Cecil Crapo, member of a wealthy Wichita, Kas., family, has been arrested more than 30 times, but he has never gone to prison. Now he's in danger of it, however, being held for highway robbery. He's been up for everything from speeding to throwing stink balls in a theater.

picturesque social or tribal customs of the islands but the primitive method of showing respect for the dead will not be outlawed until the Samoan people themselves are ready for the change.

A resolution to do away with the ceremony was defeated in the American Samoa annual tano. The tano is an assembly of titled chiefs who meet each year with the officials of the administration, and is presided over by the naval governor in person.

The Samoans believe that the proper way to honor the dead is to gorge themselves with food, then yell, chant or sing their hymns of sorrow until they fall asleep from exhaustion. The food is furnished by the family or clan of the deceased. All people are at liberty to partake of the feast. Food usually consists of pigs roasted whole, taro, breadfruit, baked bananas, fish, bread and perhaps keg beef brought from the traders' store.

The main objection lies in the fact that a family which has been unfortunate to lose one of its members may be unduly impoverished in maintaining the custom. It is especially so in the case of high officials whose family cannot afford the great amount of food and sometimes so impoverished the entire community that it does

not recover financial comfort for months.

Governor Bryan in closing the discussion of the resolution of abolition said:

"The majority of the Samoan people are against the resolution, therefore it cannot be made a law. It is a Samoan custom, and it is for the Samoans to change their customs in accordance with their own desires."

Governor Bryan summarized the policy of the administration for 1926 as "Lesser taxation, improving of the school system, a progressive road-building program, better health facilities for the Samoan people and encouragement for a larger output of copra."

The chiefs expressed confidence in the naval administration and promised the loyal support of the Samoan people to any measure taken by the government for the betterment of Samoa.

COOLIDGE LIKES BUYING ON INSTALLMENT PLAN

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The present lay scheme of buying everything from heating stoves to automobiles on the installment plan appeals to President Coolidge as having some advantages at least over the old practice of running up a bill at a store and perhaps never paying it at all.

The President told callers Tues-

day that as a boy in Vermont he often watched with concern the process by which some of his neighbors had their purchases chucked up until the totals reached dangerous proportions.

He considers a definite obligation to pay at stated intervals far preferable to the old way and does not take much stock in assertions that widespread installment plan sales are endangering

the country's prosperity. So long as the practice does not go too far.

THIRD ARM FROM BACK

VIENNA—A boy baby born to Frau Maria Henlin, had a third arm growing from his back. The infant plan sales are endangering

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