ATHLETES' FEATS
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Winning Isn't Everything

Competition is the way of life for man. He competes for his home, his family, his work and everything around him but success eludes him many times.

Athletics, itself, emphasizes competition; much more because athletics is winning. But is winning everything?

The late Vince Lombardi answered that question by demanding winning isn't everything, it's the way to the winning post's successor. George Allen, elaborated by saying "whenever one wins he grows a little smugger but when he loses, a little bit of him dies."

These maxim promote an ultimate means to one end—winning. This type of winning emphasis produces positive thinking but with no alternatives. Winning, in the ultimate sense, in an unachievable status of perfection. Perfection is complete excellence—an abstractive people can always strive for but never attain. In this day and age, however, many athletes are trying to literally apply Lombardi's maxims to their teams' motivation and performance.

That is wrong... Agreed. The purpose of athletic competition is to win but to make winning paramount and to penalize the losers is without reason. Surely anyone wanting to lose should not be in athletics but by the same token those who cannot lose should also curtail their competitive activities. One learns from his mistakes which in turn makes him a better person. Thus, moderation is the answer. one must seek to win but be able to learn and cope with his mistakes as well.

Did you know that in the Ashland-Anderson game, Dan Johnson's 58 yard touchdown scamper was nullified by a twelfth Grizzly on the field not because of roughing the kicking?

Boys P.E. Gains Aides

SOC seniors Marty Popp and Rick Waddell are acting as student teachers in the Boy's P.E. department.

Popp, a Cosy Bay resident through high school, was named MVP in the 1969 Shime football game. He also made All-State two years in both football and basketball. Popp is now a four-year letterman in basketball at SOC.

Waddell, 21, a lifelong Ashland resident, has attended the University of California, and later加盟了 the basketball and place-kicker in football; center and guard in basketball, and utilityman in baseball. He will graduate from SOC during the winter term.

Popp and Waddell will be serving as student teachers for the early part of the school year.

All are hoping to teach health class after graduation.

Looking at how he could improve coaching at AHS, Waddell says, "The idea of young coaches is fine. I prefer the coach-athlete division, like John Wooden's at UCLA rather than the buddy-buddy relationship.

Popp was less specific: "There are some things I see that I don't like, but as a student teacher it's not my position to scrutinize."

"The attitude of the individual has changed," added Waddell. "Athletes don't mean the same things as they did; they belong to somewhere, not just the Grizzly Cooler, who would like to coach in Ashland.

Spikers Eye Initial Action

Bringing a new sport into high school requires a lot of preparation and twice as much confidence. The confidence is there and the preparation has already begun as 21 girls work out for next Tuesday's game. It will be a league volleyball match with the Grizzlies.

Coach Betty Kimball is quite pleased with the team that is being formed. The team has been conditioning and working on skills since the beginning of the school.

"It looks good," says Kimball, "we have quite a bit of potential. Melinda Smith's height will be a definite asset to the team."

The competition in Southern Oregon was derived after a state tournament two years ago when there was a representative from each district except District 4. Women coaches from the So. Oregon Conference got together to formulate teams.

Volleyball matches consist of the best two out of three games. Each game last eight minutes or the first team to fifteen points.

Coach Kimball has problems with referrals. "We're going to try to use girls from SOC for the first few games."

Tuesday's match will be at Ashland at 6:30 p.m.

"We might not be too prepared for our first game," added Kimball. "But then again, being new at it too, neither will Grizzlies."

Coed P.E. Offers Variety

Coed P.E. has long been looked upon as not belonging to a high school education program. This year through the cooperation of the students and the teachers a new selective coed program will be tested.

Students will have their choice of two or three athletic areas during a nine week period. Some of these classes will be mixed, according to the teacher's discretion.

For instance, the girls may have a choice of flag football and speed away or body conditioning. The latter is coed. The boys may then be offered flag football and team handball or coed bicycling and archery. Students will decide, for example, if they wish on bicycling, then the last of the nine weeks on archery.

P.E. teachers. Betty Kimball, Sara Linton, Tim Brown and Dick Copple, are given the opportunity to teach the class they are interested in and wish to pursue.

Commenting on the selective system Brown said, "We get rid of the repetition for the students and enables them to specialize in the areas they are interested in and wish to pursue."

Brown stated the students also gave the teachers an opportunity to break from the "boredom of always teaching the same classes."

Brown said, "the coed system will be interesting, and a good social experience."