

The Sandy Post Sports and Recreation

Board approves swimming program

by SCOTT NEWTON

The swimming team is back on board at Sandy Union High School after action by the board of directors at a special meeting Monday night.

Olin Bignall, representing the Committee to Reinstatement Sandy Swimming, said the Sandy Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the committee. "There will be no problem," Bignall said. "The money will be raised."

With that assurance, the board voted 3-0 to reinstate the program.

The board seemed to have two primary concerns. The first being that they meet Oregon School Activities Association guidelines. The second being that the program is run through the school.

In presenting his case for the swim team, Bignall made reference to the size of the crowd as evidence the swim program will be supported. About 50 persons were in the audience.

"We have a viable program. It has always been viable," Bignall said.

Bignall said he was told about 32 students got together Monday and ex-

pressed interest in swimming. Mike Kostrba, athletic director, told the board about 21 students were out for swimming at the end of the season last year.

The Committee to Reinstatement Sandy Swimming will need to raise \$5,175.20. That includes 124 hours of pool time for practice and 15 hours of meet time at a cost of \$29.95 per hour.

Travel expenses are also included in that \$5,175.20. The coaching will be donated at no cost.

Board Member Bob Boring said he is "extremely happy" to work with the group, and is glad to "see this support." However, he said the board's vote does not obligate them in the future.

After other business was attended to by the board, Bignall addressed that issue.

He pointed out that this community is in a "water-active area."

He mentioned several swimmers who have received scholarships, and pointed out that Jeff Youngbluth and Jay Swails ended up as air-sea rescue men, "the elite of their profession."

Scott LeRoy and Rob Bignall became commercial deep sea divers, and Ron Hewitt received a commission at the Coast Guard Academy, he said.

"The achievements and accomplishments made by these graduates more than compensate for the money invested," Bignall said.

He continued, "The future students of the program are already in the grade school preparing themselves for the opportunities that these former students had available to them."

"The fact that this program has been discontinued will be a major loss to our students, school and community."

"I could go on naming other losses this regressive decision has caused, but suffice it to say the community and its youth have been done a great disservice by this action. A greater loss than by eliminating any other athletic program."

"If this continues to the point of closing other activities of the pool, there will be more and more losses to this community."

"Before this pool was built, every year three or four young people lost their lives by drowning. To my knowledge we haven't lost a life in this area since the water safety and aquatic program went into effect."

"What price for a life?"

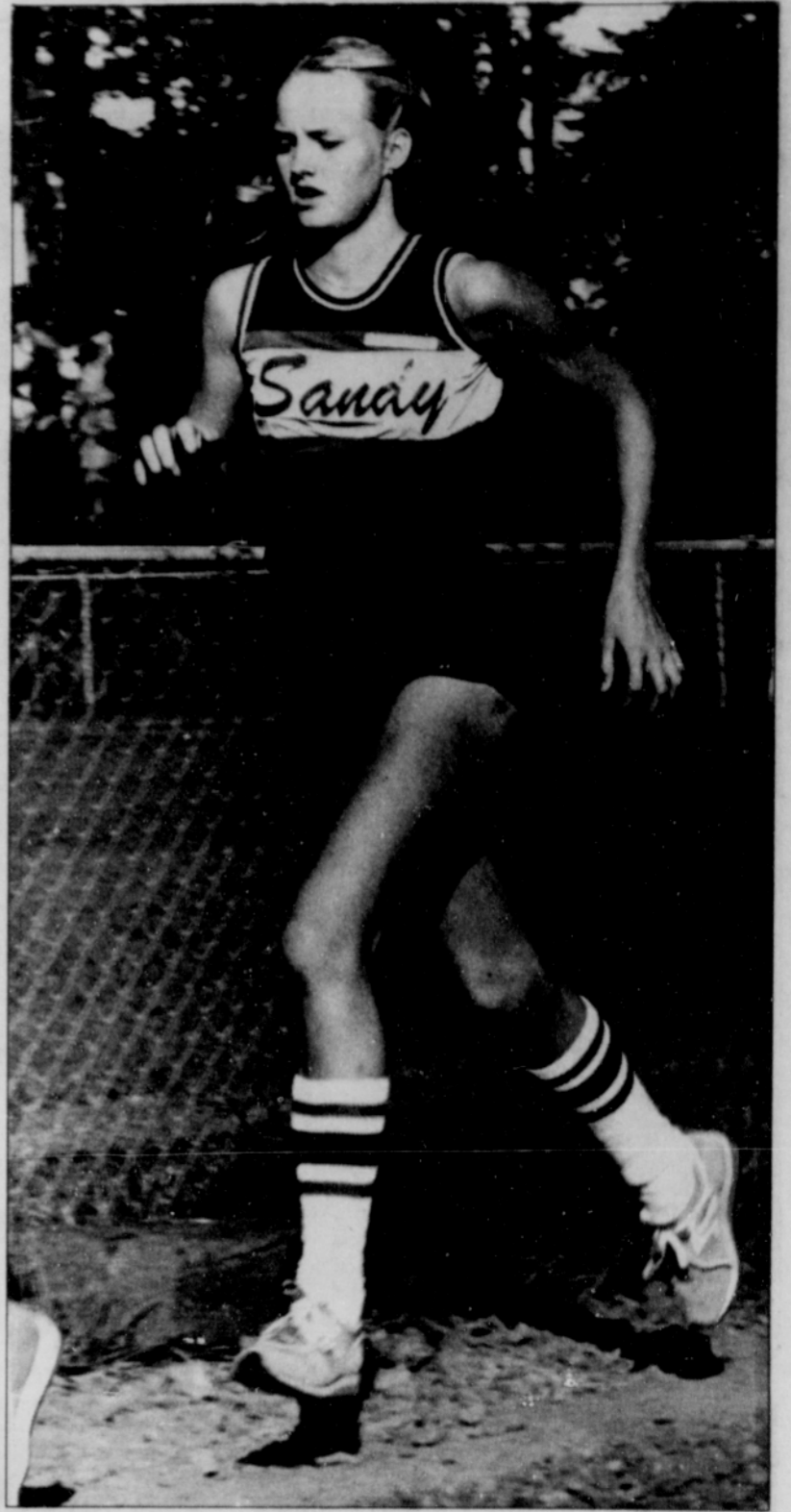
The group in attendance applauded Bignall's remarks.

Boring said there was nothing on the B ballot that didn't affect students, and said similar cases could be made for those programs as well.

A number of fund raisers have been set by the Committee to Reinstatement Sandy Swimming. On Oct. 15 a school dance has been planned, and a special recreational swim will be held Oct. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. Students will not be in school Friday because of state teacher in-service.

Swim team members are also selling pepperoni sticks.

Persons interested in making a tax-deductible donation may contact Nick or Shirley Roth at 668-6225, Roxie Burns at 668-6341, Marcus Smith at 668-6049, or Olin and Joyce Bignall, 668-6134.



SUHS senior Laura Stringham finished sixth against Centennial.

Cross country team gains 3-0 record

"It was all out, all the way," said SUHS junior Sam Romey of his victory over Rob Collins of Centennial.

The win was a key one for the cross country team, and for Romey. It left the boys team with a 3-0 Mt. Hood Conference duel-meet record.

For Coach Scott McMullen, it was a relief. Romey was beat out of first place two weeks ago on the final half mile of Sandy's 5000-meter course.

But at the half-mile mark Friday Romey stayed with Collins. When they hit the track Romey slipped in and took the inside lane, and proceeded to beat Collins in the kick.

The inside lane is an advantage as the runner on the outside has to run a little farther.

"It was tough for me, I know that," Romey said. "He's (Collins) a sophomore. That kind of scares me."

Donna Nelson also ran a good race, according to McMullen. She's run a faster 3000 meters, but McMullen said the Sandy course is tougher than some they've run on.

He's also pleased with Nelson's work in practice. The September Athlete of the Month at SUHS, Nelson ran a 5:49 mile between "hard" interval workouts one day this week.

Phil Ayers and Audie Ellis also ran well Friday, McMullen said. "It was a good team effort all-around."

The girls lost to Centennial in what could have been a key matchup. The boys have an important duel Thursday with Reynolds, a top MHC contender.

Brian Buhler, Sandy's number four runner, is out with a possible stress fracture. "We're going to have to run with our hearts," McMullen said, adding that Ayers, Elli and Tyson Cummings will be asked to "tighten the pack."

Though things have gone well for the cross country teams, times are tough now. Besides losing Buhler, Polly Kelley has quit the girls team.

Sandy boys 25, Centennial 30

Sam Romey, 1st, 16:28; Phil Burks, 3rd, 17:27; Brian Reick, 4th, 17:28; Audie Ellis, 8th, 18:30; Brian Buhler, 9th, 18:33; Phil Ayers, 14th, 19:27; Tyson Cummings, 15th, 19:41.

Sandy girls 31, Centennial 24

Donna Nelson, 2nd, 11:16; Sharon Jensen, 4th, 11:44; Laura Stringham, 6th, 12:07; Lisa Hassett, 9th, 12:26; Shelby Dries, 10th, 12:27; Patty Groombridge, 11th, 12:44; Petra Beissman, 12th, 12:46.

West Linn worn down by Pioneers

Many people think of Gordon Brinser as a quarterback, but his two interceptions Friday night played a big part in the Pioneers' 22-13 win over West Linn.

The Lions scored first Friday, within the first minute and a half.

Bob Wantowski helped put West Linn in the hole with a quarterback sack near the end of the half. But on a fourth-and-18 and the ball on the Sandy 23, they put the ball in the air. Brinser's interception in the end zone allowed Sandy fans to relax a little.

Chuck Kearney started breaking loose for some long runs in the third quarter, and scored with 7:01 remaining from about a foot out. Brent Kearney made the kick for a 7-7 tie.

In the fourth quarter the Pioneers started on their own four-yard line and drove 96 yards, with Kearney capping the drive with a six-yard run. The kick was good for a 14-7 lead.

West Linn, with four minutes showing on the clock, went from 30-yard line to 30-yard line in three plays.

Brinser's timing was again good as he nabbed another Lion pass to stop the drive.

The Lions probably figured fullback Scott Skipper was going to block all night, but with 45 seconds left in the game he broke a 45-yarder.

On the PAT attempt Todd Byron, the holder on kicks, took the snap and ran around the left end for two.

West Linn's Tim Jankowski took the kickoff 60 yards for a touchdown. The Lions went for two but were unable to complete the pass.

The Pioneers ran one more play as time ran out.

Coach Greg O'Meara felt they wore the Lions down pretty well with the 96-yard drive, which was flawless except for a five-yard penalty.

"We played as a team, like we're capable of," he said of their play second half.

"It's hard to bring down kids like Scott Skipper and Chuck Kearney," he said, adding that Pat Baird, Terry Lind, Mike Marleau and Brian Zimmerman also did a good job of blocking.

Kearney was good for 220 yards on 33 carries, and Skipper gained 70 yards on six carries. All together, the Pioneers gained 305 yards to 225 for West Linn.

Brinser completed two of six passes for 29 yards, with Byron making both of the catches.

Byron also sacked the quarterback once, and O'Meara praised his play at defensive end.

Joe Betschart led in tackles with seven, followed by Frank McKinnis, Skipper and Wantowski with five.

O'Meara said Columbia is a "good team that's had some bad breaks." The 1-4 Chargers fell 27-20 in two overtimes against Centennial last week, for example.



Lorrie Shelton places one against St. Mary's during the Sandy Invitational.

Photo by Scott Newton

Barrels set up locally for hunters

The Oregon State Elks Association's annual hide program is under way and members and friends are again asked to assist.

Collection barrels and salt are being distributed, and hides will be collected on a regular basis.

Locally, hunters will find the barrels at the VFW Post in Sandy, at the Tollgate Inn, and at the Sandy Lion's Club lot, on the east side of Thriftway.

The hides are collected for the veterans of the state of Oregon, who make belts, billfolds, gloves, purses and other items to sell in their commissary. Besides raising money, the work serves as valuable rehabilitation, according to information provided by the Elks.

The hide program has been an annual event for years in Elksdom. It is one of "our many programs in honor of the men and women who have given so much to their fellow coun-

trymen."

This program "helps us" keep our slogan, which is, "As long as there is a veteran in a hospital, he will never be forgotten."

Sutherland to be honored at hall of fame induction

Dickinson State College, Dickinson, N.D., will induct six men into the DSC Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 8.

Among them will be Clyde Sutherland, a former Sandy Elementary District superintendent who held that position for 13 years.

Sutherland, who retired in 1969,

was selected to represent the 1920s. He was captain of the basketball teams at Dickinson Normal School in '23, '24 and '26, and led the team in scoring.

He was the 1977 DSC Alumni Association "Chief Award" recipient.

SUHS volleyball team takes 21-19 win from Centennial

The Pioneer girls volleyball team got an exciting 21-19 win over Centennial last week, and won their second game 15-4.

They won games against St. Mary's, a ranked team, and Estacada, Saturday but failed to make the top four in a tournament at the high school Saturday. St. Mary's won the Sandy Invitational.

Tuesday night the girls fell 15-8, 15-3 to David Douglas. They are now 4-4 in Mt. Hood Conference play.

Against Centennial Jill Ingram served the Pioneers to a 16-16 tie, Michele Fleischman got it to 17-17, Paige Daugherty to 18-18 and Lorrie Shelton to 19-19.

Tamee Lindsay got the last two. She also hit a key spike shot to break Centennial's serve at 18-19.

In the second game against the

Eagles Judi Duff served seven straight, and Ingram the final two, as Sandy cruised to a victory.

Before the David Douglas game Lindsay said she doesn't really know why they can play so well against a team like St. Mary's but lose other games she feels they should have won.

She said there does seem to be less pressure when they're playing a team they're not supposed to beat.

"Because we're so young maybe everybody doesn't realize that everything is crucial, every play," Lindsay said.

She said she feels it is more important for them to play well than to win. "I'm fine if we play well and lose, but I don't even like winning when we play badly."



Photo by Scott Newton

Anne Sarich gets ready to boot one against Columbia. The girls lost that game 10-0, and fell 2-1 Monday to West Linn, with Sarich scoring Sandy's goal. Goalie Christa Searls had an "incredible" 36 saves in that game.