

# Life With Bowermans Differs Little

## From Early Coaching Days at Medford High School

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Bill Bowerman failed in one of his first coaching endeavors. He was a senior at Medford High School and gave up trying to teach Barbara Young, a sophomore, how to play tennis. "I closed my eyes when the ball came toward me," recalled the once tennis pupil, now Mrs. Bill Bowerman.

There is a fine balance in the life of the University of Oregon track coach, whose big moment comes this weekend when his mighty team meets the great competition of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. (NCAA).

This balance is supplied by Barbara Bowerman, who insists their life now, when her husband is being hailed as a track genius, differs very little from the days when he was a high school coach at Medford. "He is just working harder," she claims.

While Barbara shares her husband's enthusiasm for athletics, theirs is not a one-sided life. Her interests in art, poetry, music, fine literature and the political scene are shared in return by Bill. On occasion she has tutored track men in their English courses when they have had academic difficulties. Barbara holds a common bond

with other coaching wives, whose husbands assume they understand the plays and strategy diagrammed on paper napkins, scraps of paper, or in conversation with other coaches. Like most wives, she manages to appear understanding.

A perfectionist in his profession, Bill demands more of himself, even, than he does of his athletes. The unwinding process starts as he leaves the university campus and drives the eight miles to their McKenzie River home.

When the Bowermans moved to Eugene from Medford, with their three small sons, they

spent months searching for the right home site before selecting a point in the Coburg hills on a bluff overlooking the McKenzie River. Here they built their home, doing a large part of the construction themselves.

Barbara has combined "gracious living" with the outdoor life, and entertains faculty members, people of the athletic world, and her husband's students with equal ease, whether it be two or 25 for dinner.

Tonight she entertains 20 plus, the executive committee of the National Collegiate Track Coaches Assn. and wives.

In the 12 years the Bowermans have lived "on the river"

the menage has included goats, mink, skunks, racoons, horned lizards, Siamese cats, chickens, dogs, birds, sheep and rattlesnakes. As Barbara explained, "That comes from being the mother of boys, not a track coach's wife."

### A Good Sport

If she is not a sportswoman, Barbara Bowerman is above all things a good sport. The above list of "boarders" has been taken in stride along with the practical joking of her husband—never malicious, but many times surprising. Both receive "the needle" as well as they give it.

Now that their three sons are older, the pets have been reduced to three "middle-aged" dogs and eight sheep. Flowers and shrubs grow in profusion around the house, and Barbara's hobby of "bonzai" has produced an impressive number of dwarfed trees through this Japanese process of root pruning.

Time was when this would have been impossible. The goats, kept to eat the poison oak, preferred Barbara's plantings. The goat era ended abruptly soon after they pushed open the front door in the middle of the night and ate all the prized plants in the living room planter.

Chance brought the Young family to Medford for Barbara's high school sophomore year, when she met Bill. She completed her schooling in Los Angeles, receiving her degree in English at UCLA. Vacations with relatives in Medford and visits from Bill in Los Angeles spanned the next seven years. Bill graduated from University of Oregon and after a year's coaching in Portland he accepted a coaching position at their alma mater, Medford High School. They were married at the end of that first Medford year.

### Coach's Day Long

"It seemed like an ideal life," Barbara recalled, "with Bill teaching school and coming home at 4 p.m." Only it never worked out that way, because a coach's day is a long one, and dinner is either late, after practice, or early on game nights.

Their oldest son, Jon, is serving with the U. S. Marines in Honduras, and plans to continue his college work next year. Jay has just completed his freshman year at University of Oregon where he has become a Beta "brother" of his dad, Tom, the youngest, will be a junior at North Eugene High School in the fall.

The best memory Barbara Bowerman has of being the coach's wife is the trip she shared with him to the 1960 Olympics in Rome. It was a trip made possible by the Bowerman's many friends, and the only thing about it which has bothered her is that she hasn't been able to thank personally these who made the trip a reality.

With Bill, she not only attended the Olympics but revisited with him the points in Europe he had served during World War II.

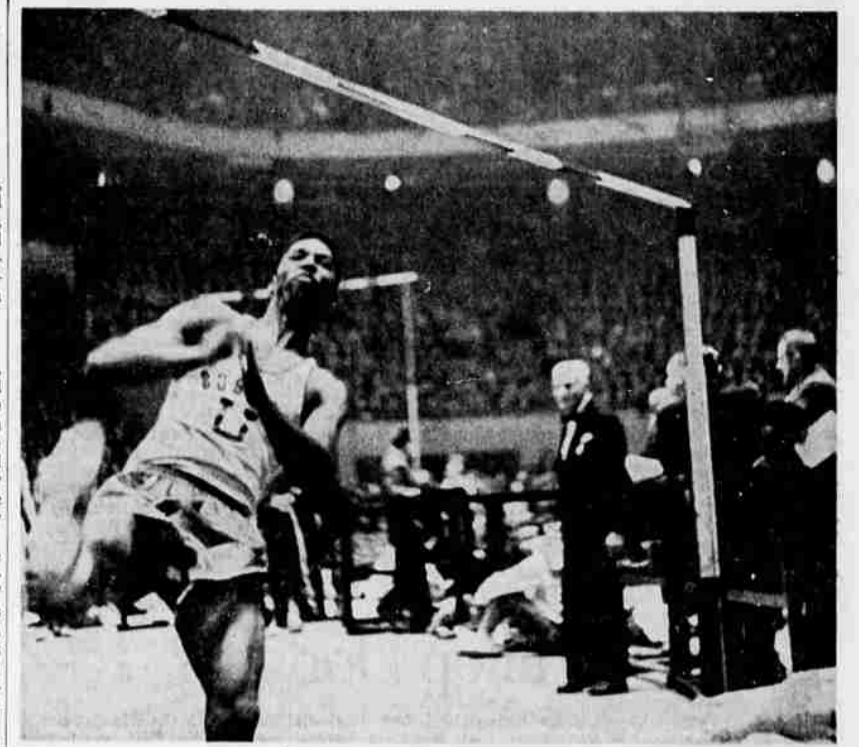


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## Track Wife

Barbara Bowerman, wife of Oregon's track coach, Bill Bowerman, is shown here with two of the remaining Bowerman pets, beagles Lady and Rum. In the background is the sweeping flow of the McKenzie River viewed from the bluff on which the Bowermans have built their

"outdoor living" home in the Coburg hills. The 41st annual National Collegiate Athletic Assn. (NCAA) track-and-field championships on Hayward Field Friday and Saturday have been demanding on the time of both Barbara and Bill.



## North Trips Roseburg, 9-7

Junior Legion	W	L	Pct.	GB
North Eugene	3	0	1.000	—
South Eugene	2	1	.667	1
Roseburg	2	1	.667	1
Myrtle Creek	2	2	.500	1½
Drain	0	1	.000	2
Springfield	0	2	.000	2½
Cottage Grove	0	2	.000	2½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS  
North Eugene 9, Roseburg 7  
Myrtle Creek 9, South Eugene 6

A two-run homer by pitcher Mike Snow has put Martin Bros. (North Eugene) all alone atop the American Legion junior baseball standings.

Snow's homer came in the 10th inning as Martin Bros. tripped visiting Roseburg 9-7 and made it three straight wins. Myrtle Creek downed Wicklund Sporting Goods (South Eugene) 8-6 at Riddle despite a three-run homer for the losers by pitcher Jerry Gjesvold and a solo drive by Wayne Smith.

Don Fisher and Ron Weakley each slammed home runs for Myrtle Creek.

South Eugene	100	310	001	6	13	4
Myrtle Creek	101	220	30x	9	7	1
Gjesvold, Mendenhall (6), Marshall (8) & Goin; Weakley, Gutierrez (8) & Hansen.						
Roseburg	000	151	000	6	7	11
North Eugene	002	001	130	2	9	11
Hobbs, Boucock (8) & Besmer; Snow & Lange.						



## NCAA Choices

Two favorites in the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. track championships to be held on Hayward Field Friday and Saturday are Boston University's John Thomas in the high jump (above) and Stanford's Dave Weill, kneeling next to his coach Payton Jordan, in the discus. Thomas has leaped 7-3¾; Weill has gone 191-7½ in the discus.

## Question Remains Unanswered

# Big Five to Become Big Six?

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP)—The question of the hour—will the Big Five become a big six? remained unanswered Wednesday as faculty athletic representatives joined athletic directors for the two concluding days of the conference's spring meeting.

The faculty men and directors from the council which takes final action on problems of the athletic Association of Western Universities, nicknamed the Big Five.

The directors, who have been in session for two days as the association's administrative committee, have declined comment on a report that Washington State University will join UCLA, Southern California, Stanford, California and Washington in the circuit.

Presidents of the present member schools have full con-

trol of expansion, said Pete Newell of California, committee chairman. Tom Hamilton, executive director, said no applications for membership had gone through his office. There was no comment from the faculty men upon their arrival Tuesday.

Completing the committee agenda late Tuesday, the directors considered a proposed Rose Bowl pact with the Big Ten conference and discussed the projected organization of national federations to control various sports. Although they are known to favor both, the directors did not reveal what they will recommend to the council.

Hamilton said the Bowl Pact, by which each conference would provide a team for the annual postseason football classic, probably would not be finalized at this meeting. He indicated, however, the two conferences are close to agreement.

The directors asked the council to recommend to the National Collegiate Athletic Association a curb be placed on long-range scheduling of football games. They declared a moratorium on scheduling in the Big Five, and agreed to arrange no games beyond 1968 until Jan. 1, 1965. Then, they may draw schedules for 1969 and 1970.

They agreed among themselves to "give particular attention to improving the conduct and sportsmanship of benches and crowds at all events." Basketball was considered the main trouble spot, the directors feeling too many technical fouls are being called.

A raise in pay for basketball

and football officials also was approved, but the amount or percentage was not indicated.

The 1963 wrestling tournament was set for March 8-9, with the site still to be chosen. Next year's golf tourney was taken from UCLA and given to Stanford with the explanation that UCLA had been assigned both golf and swimming while Stanford had no championship event for the year. Golf dates will be May 17-18.

Net receipts from championship meets in track, tennis, swimming, golf and gymnastics will be distributed henceforth on a man-mile basis. This will give a greater share to teams traveling the longer distances.

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## Oregon Club Track Luncheon Thursday

A number of track coaches from many parts of the nation and their outstanding performers who will compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. (NCAA) here Friday and Saturday will be guests at a special Oregon Club luncheon Thursday. The meeting will be held at the Eugene Hotel.

Bill Bowerman, coach of the host University of Oregon squad, will handle the introductions, according to Tom Chapman, Oregon Club president.

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## Best Ball Tourney Set at Hidden Valley

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Already entered are the teams of John Zoller-Charles Sparks, Babe Carter-Fred Wilhelm, George Lynch - Keith Gubrud. Also expected to team with unannounced partners are Lloyd Mattison, John Prince, Sid Milligan and DeRoss Kinrade.

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## Giants Ink Warren

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Giants added their second Columbia University football star to their roster Tuesday, signing rookie halfback Russ Warren. The 22-year-old Warren joins Lion running mate Tom Haggerty, who was signed by the Giants last month.

## Pauly Named Captain

CORVALLIS (AP)—Steve Pauly was named Monday as captain of the 1963 Oregon State track and field team. Pauly, also a star basketball player, throws the javelin and runs the high hurdles.

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