

'PLAY BALL'

Spring is here; books have been laid aside, all rust and smut cultures have been discarded, fundamental research is dormant, the broken bats have been mended, and the spikes have been sharpened for the cry of "PLAY BALL" has echoed thru the Tottering Tower. The rains have ceased and even the seeds in the plots will remain dormant until the last strike is called. This drivel may not be poetic but helps me to say that the kittenball season is on.

Midst horseplay, laughter, and no serious thought a Thursday evening seminar was devoted to the election of officers as follows:

J.J.C.-----	Coach (with reservations)		
C.J.Eide-----	Associate Coach (promoted without salary increase)		
Borlaug-----	Manager		
Hart-----	Fifth Columnist	Andrews-----	Assistant Fifth Columnist
Dosdall-----	Cheerleader	Chen-----	Assistant Cheerleader
Gottlieb-----	Bat Boy	Vaughn-----	Score Keeper
Widow Saline----	Mascot	Miltich-----	Assistant Mascot
Gugler-----	Water Girl	Downie-----	Water Boy
Landon-----	Chief Heckler		
E.C.S.-----	Base Duster, Trainer, Commentator, and Talent Scout; with all the perquisites appertaining thereto.		

The season has now passed the halfway mark and already there are some blemishes upon our escutcheon. The winning complex is a thing of the past; this year we are using the recreational approach and find the games more enjoyable. E.C.S. has been really functioning in his capacity as Commentator, but nary a base has been dusted; also, we aint been hitting. However, three bats were broken at the last practice session, indicating that we may still get a few hits in the remaining three games. Scores to date are:

Plant Path. -- 19	Horticulture -- 2	Plant Path. -- 15	Biochemistry -- 4
" " -- 7	Orphans -- 9	" " -- 5	Dairy 7

The bowling season ended with the Plant Path. team on the bottom. This game was played for fun and a good time was had by all. However, our heads are bowed in shame and humiliation since we were unable to interest the Chief in this noble sport. In fact the only spectator of note during the season was Miss Dosdall. The bowling team hereby wishes to express its thanks for her moral support. The final individual averages were:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Average</u>
Young -----	145	Presley -----	118	Eide -----	101
Preston ----	137	Martin -----	116	Rose -----	97
Darling ----	136	Darley -----	109	Tervet -----	79
Shema -----	118	Downie -----	107	Sackston -----	73

'EROES OF THE PAST

S. O. S.

It's a turrible crisis! Something's gotta be done about it and us OLD 'EROES has gotta do it. The D-Ball team got itself 2 lickings. Ward Marshall was away from the first game, and both Tommy King and Bill Loegering were out of the second. Smelling his way to first, Tommy got nosing around too much in the prior game and got it broken, and Bill split his thumb telling the umpire what he thought his judgment on balls and strikes was. They been speculating on presence and absence hypothesis ever since! Team came back and beat Animal Industry but that wasn't enough. What they need is more help from us OLD 'EROES and more SCORES.

The infield is good, and the outfield is fairish (sometimes 3 blonds, and even if there is one brunet, one of the blonds is fatter, thus making fairishness epistatic). Base running is sporadic but not like rabbits. More like nature lovers, pickin posies between bases. The hitting aint like it was when Willie Keeler and murderer's row kept the enemy pitcher up in the air by knocking the ball back at him so hard that he had to jump into a woodchuck hole to save his life or go up into the air to keep the bat from hitting his ankles--the few times the bat missed the ball. There was athletes in them days! The esthetes these days are too polite. They won't throw a bat at the pitcher's ankle like it was an accident so as to keep him upset in the air. They aughta make the enemy pitcher throw the ball when both his feet are in the air. Maybe then they could get them some base hits. But, even if, what would they do with their hits iffen they got em?

Remember the old one about Moose Melander pretty near gettin to first base on a home run? That aint unknown on our current team. Maybe they don't run fast enough thought to be called current! Some of them run like 2-ton trucks, not like us whippets. Even if they ever get a chance to run, some have to be cranked up on every base and between. It's a pretty good team except for the few little suggestions just mentioned. Anyway, they can still talk a pretty good game. That is, they could if they didn't talk so soft like; they never make the umpire and earth quake like we did. Competition is pretty sharp, and maybe too much can't be expected of a bunch of spring-buds. But they might at least sass the yumpire once a game; else why play? But maybe nobody ever told them nothin about sassin the Empire. There are some good pitchers here now, and 1 or 2 not so good. Trouble is our esthetes just about gets used to hitting fast pitching--AT IT I mean--Then they pose pretty for a slow pitcher and take a terrifical swing before the ball leaves the pitchers hand. That dont work 2 good, but try to talk them out of it or get them to put the blame on the bumpire where it belongs! Now what us Old 'Eroes want to do is, what are we gonna do about it? S.O.S. A postage stamp and self-addressed envelope is enclosed for each Ole 'Ero. Wrote a piece for the team! Maybe us athletes didn't learn rhetoric like the esthetes but we sure could wham that D-ball. Then and ever since--maybe better since than then. Hellup quick! S.O.S.

P.S. I forgot. How many balls did we knock the cover off in every game?

P.S. I forgot, how many barrels of balls did we pulverize that year when we wans't going quite so good?

P.S. We need these informations quick for the cornerstone of the new building.

P.S. The Editoress tried to say that S.O.S. stands for Strike out Stake, but he wouldn't stand for it and we all know there ain't nothing to it.

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THE FIELD

(Only Secondary to the D-Ball Field)

Spring was announced in the usual fashion: "All requests for space should be given to ---", posted prominently on the bulletin board. The results of that notice can now be seen; serried ranks of stakes adorned with inscribed white cards cover the margins of the plots. Patchworks of green--the results of the early birds--and brown--the effects of those who delayed--dot the landscape. And the perpetrators are as follows, not in order of research importance or of rank but just by the whim of the writer.

Downie--sugar beets, seed treatment and pathogenicity tests with some new and pathogenic fungi: Dsdall--a permanent, or apparently so, plot of iris now in flower but at times attacked by a Botrytis root rot: Sharvelle--the fungicide man--apple trees, young ones for the new orchard just north of the field house, strawberries and raspberries, and with Young, seed treatment of vegetables: Eide and his coworkers (Presley, Vaughn and Hendrix) diseases of potatoes and other vegetables: Hart and collaborators (Silverberg, Gottlieb, Schuster, and Young) on resistance of wheat to rusts: J. J. Christensen--breeding of flax resistant to wilt, rust, and other diseases,

corn and barley breeding in collaboration with Agronomy, and forage crop diseases-- Borlaug does a lot of this work and flax diseases too in his spare time: Tervet-- smuts of oats, barley and wheat, and diseases of Grasses: Clyde Christensen--tree nursery, a forest in miniature: Moore--"the seed treatment king"--naturally, seed treatment of cereals on a grand scale, also loose smut of wheat and oat breeding: Hanson--the disease garden and especially root rots of wheat: Levine--leaf rust of wheat: Loegering--timothy rust: Cotter--barberries: Martin--grass smuts: Andrews-- root rots of grasses: and E.C.S.--wheat breeding. Of course the Big Chief has a hand, more or less, in all the rest of the work.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Signs of Spring: 1. Eagle plows thru the mud to the field house, his summer residence. 2. Matt Moore and Tervet clutter up all available space with seed, bags, envelopes, smut, and WPA assistance. 3. Chris calls for requests for land and gets them up to and after all the available space is filled. 4. Kitten ball practice from 12:30 on every afternoon. 5. Warnings that the supply and travel budget to last until July 1 is less than \$100. 6. Coeds sitting on the grass by the Hort greenhouse. 7. Ph.D. finals.

Progress in teaching: Clyde Christensen has a student who misspells his own name.

Symptoms of thirst for knowledge: Darley brought a book to seminar, published in 1803. Matt Moore discovered that many of the pages had not been cut.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NEW BUILDING

May 12. 1941. The new Field Crops building at present being constructed to house the Plant Pathology and Agronomy Divisions is rapidly approaching completion. The two divisions will be located in separate wings each of four stories with head-houses at the rear connected to the main wings by enclosed bridge over the road. At the present time the shell of the building has been completed, the exterior brick veneer work, the decorative stone facings, the windows and stairways have been finished. The interior plumbing, most of which is concealed in the air spaces of the inside walls, will be completed this week after which the inside partitions will be blocked in. The inside partitions will be constructed of hollow cinder tiles which will be pointed up and painted with two coats of paint. The passages, toilets, and certain offices are the only rooms which will be plastered but nevertheless this finish while essentially utilitarian will be quite pleasing.

The new plant pathology wing has been designed with a very definite plan in mind. The ground floor will be devoted to classroom and laboratory facilities for college and graduate student instruction. The library, herbarium and Federal workers offices and laboratory will be housed on the second floor.

The administrative office, the chief, offices and laboratories for staff members, the preparation laboratory, histology lab. and photo lab. will be on the third floor, while the fourth floor will be for the use of graduate students who will be provided with individual offices and laboratory facilities. The seminar room will also be located on the fourth floor and should be sufficiently large to meet the constantly growing needs of the group and will be adequately ventilated.

The interior finishing of the building will be commenced within the next two weeks and the plant pathology wing should be completed by July 15. The new building while not exactly beautiful from an architectural standpoint gives the impression of neatness and efficiency and should be a great improvement over our present facilities.
