ANYONE FOR GOLF?

In 1952, 18 years ago, OSSHE purchased Nellie Beach's farm located just across the Willamette River from Corvallis for the purpose of building an 18 hole golf course and a recreation area for Oregon State University. Those seniors in 1952 that heard about the proposed golf course will soon have their sons and daughters enrolled at OSU, and we are still talking about the golf course. How much longer will it be?

Oregon State is one of the few universities on the Pacific Coast without a golf course. Pacific Lutheran, Washington, Washington State, Idaho and British Columbia are a few in the northwest who have courses.

In the 1950's such people as Don Martel, Don Wilkinson, Fred Merryfield, Karl Drlica, Clair Langton, Bill Paul, Jim Barratt, John Dilworth, Gene Terway, A. L. Strand, G. M. Robertson and many others worked on the preliminary layout of the course. Some even went so far as to actually stake the holes to see if a course would be feasible.

What are the benefits to be derived from the development of this area?

1. It could provide a golf course within walking distance of the campus for students, staff and townspeople.

2. It would provide recreational areas and facilities that would relieve some of the burden already placed on the overloaded Corvallis park system.

3. It would open up new and relevant fields of instruction in physical education and recreation.

How can such a project be financed?

1. Locate an "angel".

2. Donations and contributions from friends and alumni.

3. Contributions from faculty, staff, students and townspeople.

4. Student body funds.

5. Receipts from greens fees.

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A Proposed
Outdoor Educational and Recreational Area
for Oregon State College

- Rowing, boating, and canoeing
- Camp Education outdoor laboratory
- Picnic and recreation areas for social events
- 18-hole golf course
- Putting greens and driving range
- Club house with dressing rooms, showers, and social rooms

On the east bank of the Willamette River and north of the Van Buren Street bridge