

# TROJANS NEED LOW HURDLERS

## Cromwell Starts Campaign for New Obstacle Stars

## Local University Without Any Prospective Champions

## Reynolds Only Returning Man in Stick Events

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A dragnet, such as police throw out bandits after they have escaped in their high-powered cars, is in operation at U.C.T.

these days. Dean Cromwell, the Trojan track coach, is looking for a low hurdler, and if there's a timber topper of any ability at all in school, he will be located before the investigation is over.

A great famine in the way of hurdling talent has fallen upon the local university, which is something new.

Cromwell has a penchant for developing able men in the obstacle events, and usually is well supplied, but this year is an exception. Only one experienced man is among those present, and the inexperienced ones are entirely too lacking in knowledge.

### TO RACE FRIDAY

The initial move in the drive for low hurdlers takes place Friday in the Coliseum. The interfraternity track championships, from which all varsity letter men and frosh of known ability are barred, is scheduled for this date. Cromwell has determined to stage the low-hurdle event, permitting all of his prospects to perform, varsity and frosh included. If the intramural department rules that the men cannot compete in the interfraternity affair, a special race doubtless will be staged.

Cromwell, after producing champion hurdlers such as Fred Kelly, Earl Thompson, Leighton Dye and Ken Crumblin, finds but a single timber-topper back for work. Last year he had Dye and Reynolds in the high sticks, and Crumblin and Dye in the low. This year he has Reynolds in the high alone, and no one in the low at all. Reynolds is too good a broad jumper to risk butting in the low hurdles. Cliff is capable of giving anybody a battle in the high, and having done so, can devote his entire attention to the broad jump.

There would be little sense in taking him out of the field event, where his ability is known, to put him in the low hurdles, where he is an unknown quantity. In the broad-jump last year, Reynolds took fourth in the I.C.A.A. meet, third in the N.C.A.A. events, and third in the A.A.U. Nationals, beating out Ned Gordin, former record holder, with a leap of 33ft. 6 1/2-in.

Prospects for Cromwell's low-hurdle derby include Mort Keer, who seems content to rely on his reputation right now, rather than doing any honest work. Someone has said that Keer is the worst hurdler in the country, as far as form goes. This is possibly true, but his tremendous speed between hurdles is a valuable asset, when he is in shape.

### NEW MEN GOOD

Maurice Walker and Charles Webber, respectively, transfers from Riverside and Santa Ana Junior colleges, may be the miracle men who will develop into the saviors of the team.

Webber has run the high hurdles in good time, but is new in the low sticks.

Alex Graham has potentialities, but seems too lazy to develop them. He ran a few sprints last year with fair success. Marshall Bonham was unbeaten as a frosh last year, but is one of those unfortunate individuals who is blessed, or handicapped as the case may be, with short legs, making college varsity hurdling nearly impossible. Hugh Hutchinson, who sprints, broad jumps and high jumps, may be able to combine all three of his events together to gamboil over the obstacles. Al Bowen, high-jumper, has hopes of making a hurdler out of himself, and will be permitted to enter the race.

The three frosh racers will be permitted to enter—Jimmy Payne, national prep champion; Duncan Powers of Poly's State championship squad, and Leo Adams, the Bay League dash.

If weather this week permits training, the event Friday will be the full 220 distance. However if rain calls a halt on the preparatory activities, the dash will be only 120 yards.

The interfraternity event itself promises to be a pleasant affair for all concerned. The Zeta Kappa Epsilon squad will be attempting to win its third successive title, but plenty of opposition will be found on all hands. Bill Hunter, head of the intramural activities, has arranged for medals to be awarded place winners in each event, with a trophy for the winning team.



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