

OB marks eighteenth season As head basketball coach

*Good old O.B.
crazy*

O. B. Nelson Coaching



O. B. Nelson has served Parsons College in many areas since his arrival on the Parsons scene. As student, athlete, coach of football, basketball, baseball, and tennis, History Professor, and as guest speaker or master of ceremonies, O. B. has delighted everyone with his jovial wit and antics in all areas.

By Dave Pierce
Oscar Bernard Nelson, better known by most as O.B. Nelson, is midway through his 19th season as head basketball coach of the Parsons Wildcats.

O. B. has been a vital part of the athletic scene at Parsons College as a student, athlete and coach for 22 years.

Instant Coach
The versatile cager boss has given of his time and talents to the coaching chores in the fields of football, basketball, baseball, and tennis. For instance, in 1964 when former head baseball mentor Joe Lutz was called to take over duties as Director of Admissions for Parsons College, the Wildcat baseball team was left without a coach. O. B. Nelson was given the change of duty and responded with a winning season, recording a respectable 21-7 mark.

A full Colonel in the Iowa National Guard, and a speaker of great charm and spontaneous wit, Nelson has a rich athletic background which began right here at Parsons College. O. B. earned 10 major letters in football, basketball, and baseball during his undergraduate days.

Nelson attended Parsons for three years prior to World War II, and upon his return, finished his senior year in 1946. He received his M.A. Degree at the State University of Iowa in 1961.

O.B. started his coaching career at Grinnell, Iowa High School following his college graduation, and came back to Parsons as head basketball coach in 1947, when he also assisted in football. He was named as head grid coach in 1948, serving well in this capacity until 1958 when it was found that his football duties overlapped into the basketball season, and consequentially were interfering with his basketball responsibilities.

Nelson's teams won both the Iowa Conference football and basketball titles during the 1955-56 season, making him the first coach to accomplish this feat since Glen Devine at Morningside College in 1926. In addition to his basketball duties, Nelson is an Associate Professor of History. The head mentor is married and the father of six children, four girls and two boys.

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Two Nelson teams, 1960 and
titles and competed in National
Kansas City.

Injuries to Plaque

Cager

The Wildcat cager squad has suffered the loss of several basketball players this past season due to injury, an emergency appendectomy, and an illness have depleted the ranks so to speak of the Wildcat hard court squad.

Veteran Elias Sidelined

One of the starting veterans on the Wildcat line-up this season, Wayne Elias was injured in the game against Central College. The scrappy, six foot guard from Moline, Ill., pulled and tore the ligaments in his left foot and has been sidelined since that time. The two year letter winner has been working on physical therapy measures to help strengthen the ankle but it still isn't known when this stalwart will rejoin the cager line-up.

Mike Putman from Ottumwa will also be forced out of action for an indefinite period of time. Mike, who has seen much action this season as a forward for the Wildcats, is in Jefferson County Hospital recuperating from a case of pneumonia.

PC to Travel To Warm Honolulu

Head football coach and Athletic Director Chelo Huerta announced that the Wildcats of the gridiron will be traveling to Honolulu via the airways to play the University of Hawaii in the final football game of the season.

Huerta had just returned this week from a week long NCAA convention which was held in Washington D.C.

Other teams which have been scheduled for the 1966 cam-



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Football*

Head Football Coach Chelo Huerta
quarterback Daynor Prince the Most
chosen unanimously by his fellow
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*I'm going
for football*

GEORGE'S PIZZ