

State funding

The million-dollar question



When the smoke clears from today's elections, and the new lawmakers are seated in the 1977 Oregon Legislature, there will be one measure to consider that will eventually affect every athlete who competes in an intercollegiate program at Oregon, Oregon State or Portland State.

The funding of non-revenue producing sports.

In a proposal submitted to the Chancellor's Office of the State Board of Higher Education by the presidents and their staffs of the three above-named institutions, the schools will ask for approximately \$1 million a biennium (\$500,000 a year) to help pay coaches' salaries and for some maintenance of facilities. The University of Oregon's share of whatever is allocated, if any, would be about 25 per cent.

Why, you may ask, should the people of Oregon be asked to support college-level athletics?

Well, according to University Vice-Pres. for Administration and Finance Ray Hawk, there are several reasons.

"Some facilities are owned by the state, such as Hayward Field and Autzen Stadium, and the state should contribute some of the expense for upkeep," said Hawk. "After all, these are used for other things besides track and football. Rugby, soccer, and all kinds of events are held at Autzen, while P.E. classes and intramurals are using the track."

But coaches' salaries? The biggest reason of all involves that old federal bugaboo, Title IX. You know the one — one section dictates that men and women must have equal opportunity for participation in athletics.

And it makes athletic directors from here to Florida sweat, scream and have bad dreams. You see, there's this problem — the federal government said the changes had to be made, but it didn't say how these new programs were to be funded.

And the time when football and basketball revenues could carry the load is over.

"What's happened is, football and basketball are no longer in a position to support all the other sports," said John Caine, Oregon's athletic director. "The question is, how do we fund Title IX programs? The government didn't tell us that."

"And that's not counting the inflation that has eaten away at our income. We're worried that we might be losing everything but basketball and football, because they're the only two that can totally support themselves."

Oregon has some sports that provide some income, such as track, swimming, baseball and gymnastics, but together, they aren't even close to breaking even. All AD income is put into — and drawn out of — one big kitty. And the pot only holds so much.

State support would allow some breathing room here — and at other schools, where some programs have been cut back due to lack of funds. By paying coaches, monies could be used for things like equipment, use of facilities and travel, for smaller schools have a great difficulty making money.

Does \$1 million seem like quite a bankroll? Guess again. "That amount wouldn't come close to covering what is needed," Hawk said. "We consider it to be a modest and reasonable request. When you go out with your hand open, you don't ask for an unreasonable amount."

But nothing comes free, and state money would be no exception. With public funds comes a risk of stipulations being attached.

"I'm not so naive to think the possibility doesn't exist that the Legislature would want a greater voice in running things," smiled Hawk. "That's the risk you take when you ask for money."

The final proposal will come from the Chancellor's office. Right now, its chances for success are unknown.

When you boil down all the talk, proposals and emotion, however, it comes down to a very basic thought — just how important is athletics in a University environment? No one can doubt that some sports serve an entertainment function — basketball and football are good examples.

But there are others that entertain only the students involved. Does the crew team go out to Dexter Reservoir and practice in the weather every afternoon to see its name in lights? The only spectators a cross-country runner might see are the birds and an occasional squirrel until he gets to the finish line, if then.

And for all the attention the swimmers get, they might as well swim in the ocean.

No, athletics, and keeping fit, are very much a part of education, as evidenced by the large number of students taking part. Why do you think the University has a physical education requirement?

Staying healthy is for everyone. An old Greek proverb says, "A fat paunch never breeds fine thoughts."

Keep that in mind when you jog to the polls today to cast your vote for the person who will ultimately decide just how important it really is.

NFL players, owners to hold talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Representatives for the National Football League owners and players union agreed Monday to try to find solutions to their long dispute over a new contract in view of two recent court rulings dealing with a reserve system and the draft.

The two groups established four subcommittees to discuss major issues which have kept them apart on a new collective bargaining agreement since the old contract expired Jan. 31, 1974.

The subcommittees, which will hopefully report back by Dec. 1, will concern themselves with the draft and the option compensation, pensions and insurance, grievance procedures and player contracts and legal issues.

After the three-hour meeting, Commissioner Pete Rozelle said, "The tone was basically healthy, both sides indicating they would like to have an agreement."

Rozelle described his role as that of a moderator. "I just sat and listened to both sides."

The players' union submitted to the owners a seven-point agenda which it called a "plan for responsible action," essentially recommending the establishment of the subcommittees.

The owners accepted six of the points but one, according to Ed Garvey, executive director of the union, they rejected out of hand.

"We asked them to reinstitute the check-off of union dues for 1976 in exchange for no-strike agreement," Garvey said. "They refused."

Garvey also said the union representatives were dismayed to learn during a break in the talks that the owners had filed with the U.S. appeals court in St. Louis for a rehearing on the Rozelle Rule. The appellate court affirmed on Oct. 18 a lower court decision that the rule, which allows compensation for a player moving to another club, is illegal.

"They want the Rozelle Rule upheld," said Garvey.

Sargent Karch, executive director of the NFL Management Council, said after the meeting, "We told them we have the best opportunity to reach an agreement than we have had in the last 2½ years in view of the two court cases."

He referred to the decision on the Rozelle Rule and one in a U.S. District Court which declared the NFL draft of college players illegal.

"Those decisions removed all union liability to bargaining on the option compensation and the draft, issues over which they have refused to bargain," he said. "We think that has been laid to rest."

Karch also said the management council believes the best starting point for discussions by the subcommittee would be the so-called Anderson-Rooney agreement which was rejected by the union's board of representatives.

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Golfers miss final round

PALO ALTO—Oregon didn't qualify for the final round, but Kathy Young shot an 85-79-84—248 and Karen Henry a 92-86-87 — 265 in the Stanford Invitational Golf Tournament held here over the weekend.

Arizona State was the team winner, and individual winner was Pilar Dorado of San Jose State.

Volleyballers win twice

ASHLAND—The women's volleyball team beat Southern Oregon State College, lost to Chico State, then defeated Oregon College of Education in the Southern Oregon Invitational held Friday and Saturday.

Soccer teams whip foes

Sharon Refuerm scored five goals as the Oregon women's soccer team destroyed visiting Pacific 10-0 Saturday. Heidi Goranson also scored three goals, and Lisa Wilson and Judy Gregg chipped in a goal each.

Oregon's OISA soccer team also won Saturday as it beat Linfield 3-1 at Autzen Stadium. Tom Christ led the Ducks with two goals, with Earl Magnone tallying once and Sau Park scoring for Linfield.

Three cyclists finish high

Kim Carlson placed second in the women's division, and Terry Green finished third in the men's at the Oregon-Idaho State Cycling Championships in Bend Saturday.

Doug Sears also finished fifth in the men's division, and all three cyclists will qualify for the national championships Nov. 27 at Sunriver resort in Bend.



TUESDAY, NOV. 2
VOLLEYBALL—Portland State vs. Oregon at B-54 Gerlinger Annex, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 5
FIELD HOCKEY—Willamette Valley Tournament at Autzen Stadium and South Eugene High.
VOLLEYBALL—North-South Invitational at Portland State.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6
FOOTBALL—Oregon vs. UCLA in Los Angeles, 1:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY—NCWSA Invitational Championship at Laurelwood Golf Course in Eugene, 11 a.m.
FIELD HOCKEY—Willamette Valley Tournament at Autzen Stadium and South Eugene High.
VOLLEYBALL—North-South Invitational at Portland State.
WOMEN'S SOCCER—Oregon at Reed in Portland, 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.
NCSC SOCCER—Oregon vs. Oregon State in Corvallis, 2 p.m.
OISA SOCCER—Oregon vs. Oregon State in Corvallis, 4 p.m.
RUGBY—B-Side vs. Portland Rugby Club in Portland, 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 7
OISA SOCCER—Oregon College of Education at Oregon, 3 p.m.
TEAM RUN—PEK Bicentennial team run, 5 miles, Pre's Trail, starting from behind Autzen Stadium, 11:30 p.m.



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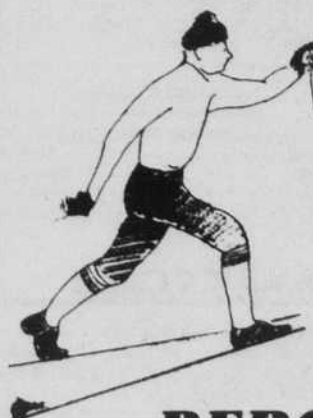
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V-ballers host PSU tonight

Oregon's women's volleyball team will try for an upset tonight as it hosts undefeated Portland State in a match at 6:30 in Gerlinger Annex.

The Vikings haven't lost a match in northwest volleyball since 1974, and Oregon hasn't beaten PSU since 1973. With a front line of Karen Strong (6-3), Abby Lyons (5-11) and Carmen Haun (5-10), Portland State has the height needed in volleyball.

The Ducks will rely on defensive stalwarts Shawna Baxter and Elayne Logan. Sue Stadler, a sophomore who's been out of the lineup for two weeks with a sprained ankle, will be back in action for the contest.