

Don't fire Read... yet

University Pres. William Boyd will make a decision today that could strongly effect the future of intercollegiate athletics on this campus.

The big question? Whether or not to fire or force the resignation of head football coach Don Read.

It's no secret that the football program hasn't been doing too well in the recent past. In the last five years, the Ducks have lost three times as many games as they've won. To find Oregon's last winning season, one must go back to 1970, when coach Jerry Frei led his team to a 6-4 record and a second-place tie in the Pacific-8.

With the 1976 season just completed, Read has compiled a 9-24 record in three years. But is it fair to use him as a scapegoat for Oregon's losing ways? Dick Enright, the head man preceding Read, only had two years as coach before he got the boot. A year ago, following a 3-8 season, many people were ready to fire Read, but two newcomers to campus — Boyd and new Athletic Director John Caine — had enough faith to give the coach an extended two-year contract, plus \$30,000 extra to help recruiting.

A year has passed on that contract, and Oregon is 4-7 — that's one more victory than in 1975. If anything will save Read's job, it will be the 23-14 victory over the Beavers in Corvallis last Saturday.

And his job should be saved. Not just because we beat Oregon State, but because the football program isn't likely to find a coach as good as Read who will be willing to work for \$30,000 a year and handle Oregon's small recruiting budget. Not and expect to win many games.

How many coaches would jump at the chance to come to a university with the reputation of giving a man two or three years to turn a program completely around — especially in the tough Pac-8 — before dumping him? Not many.

The Ducks' 1977 schedule is plenty tough; the team opens against Georgia (ranked fourth in this week's AP poll) at Georgia. From that game, Oregon plays Texas Christian and Louisiana State before moving on to its usual conference games. By the time a new coach is selected, gets his recruiting done and installs his personal system of play, it could be too late — Autzen Stadium might look like the Empty Bowl.

The Emerald urges Boyd to keep Don Read for at least his remaining contract year. Rome wasn't built in a day — and neither was a winning football program.

regulate and finance all men's and women's intercollegiate athletics on an equal opportunity, integrated basis. I was a student member of the committee.

A "single-structure," integrated athletic department would be quite different from a merger of the present structures. I submit that the difference is more than merely semantical. Webster's Dictionary defines merger as causing to be legally absorbed, sunk, or extinguished; to blend gradually: after by transitional stages; to destroy the distinctions of; ... integration, on the other hand, means to form into a more complete, harmonious, or coordinated entity often by the addition or arrangement of parts or elements; desegregate ... The difference is obvious.

I continue to strongly support the integration of the men's and women's athletic programs. I do not support Dr. Sisley's proposed re-structuring described in Tuesday's Emerald as it does not represent a meaningful integration of the two programs and continues to maintain program distinctions based on sex. A careful review of the many court orders and desegregation plans would expand on the differences between merger and integration and provide your office with a guideline for reviewing proposed plans for combining the two programs.

Jane Aiken
2nd year Law

Let's duke it out

Addressing the Nov. 22 letter "Trivial Question," I would like to point out to the apologetic Mr. Ms?, Whatever?, Callaghan that as a member of the "wasp family" (the ingenuous choice of analogy overwhelmed me to the great extent that I just had to repeat it) otherwise known as the Greek system, that he, she, it (I give equal time to undecideds) has an open invitation to take a swat at me any time the person so desires. My mere affiliation with the Greek system warrants no such action and I could probably find some legal proceeding to settle the situation. But, being the short-tempered person that I am, would choose to bust you in the mouth — and do so most enjoyably.

Anticipating a response that such an action would only be typical of an insect well-deserved of being swated in the first place, (there's that catchy analogy again) I have already prepared my answer: I have always, and will always return a provocation by violence with violence, regardless of any organizations to which I might belong. I am not a believer in the fast-growing old phrases, "mellow out man, let's all be mellow."

As for all of the doubts that you have by now dismissed about my obvious segregation from the "serious" activities of campus life, I am a 3.8 student, and happen to take my studies quite seriously. Yes, Greeks have career goals too. (Maybe I missed the point of your letter, Callaghan, and by "serious" aspects of campus life you meant the Gay People's Alliance, the "I Found It" people, or maybe you even meant scratching nasties on bathroom walls).

Anyway, take that swat at me big buddy, only I'm not going to give you the time to ignore me and walk away.

Brent G. Summers
Junior, Political Science

Plain poppycock

Ronald Robinson's statement that radioactive water accidentally leaked into the Columbia River (Tues, Nov. 23) is very reassuring. After all, what would the president of United Nuclear Industries have to lose with bad nuclear publicity? I'm sure it is an impartial analysis of the situation. The opinions of scientists that merely dedicate their lives to the study of such things aren't and should not be called to the public's attention. What do they know?

Oh sure, they say radiation can cause Kromazone damage in fish and other living things. But how do you know you even got chromozones? I can't even find it in the dictionary!

The nuclear "heads" deal us dope about how safe nuclear power and waste are. Now, they wouldn't go through all that trouble just because they want to salvage a costly investment that took a nose dive, would they? Of course not. And if you think they would, that's just plain poppycock!

Shall we tell them to stick it up their reactor cores? Or shall we bail them out? That stuff is bad for us, isn't it?

Sure, kids. Why do you think they call us dopes?

Matthew Mindolovich
Soph. Math.

Not drinking wine

In yesterday's Gallo wine editorial, the Emerald commented upon "the sight of Gallo's paid lackeys sipping Boone's Farm wine" at the Emerald board of directors meeting of Nov. 16. This statement is totally untrue. I attended the meeting and sat near the three Gallo campus representatives, who were the only persons in the meeting room receiving compensation from Gallo. At no time during the meeting did these representatives consume any Gallo wine; they were not in possession of any al-

coholic beverage. If anyone at the meeting was in fact "sipping Boone's Farm wine," it was certainly not the Gallo campus reps.

If the Emerald is truly concerned with preserving some sense of journalistic honor, it will make a prompt formal apology to the Gallo representatives and avoid such statements in the future. One can only question the strength of Emerald editorial positions if it must resort to untrue statements to support them.

Jim Dulcich
EMU Board
Sr., Finance

Errors noted

As flattered as we are by your attention and as fond as we are of Peter, your erstwhile reporter in search of "good quotes," we must mention that our energy self-sufficient house will only begin construction in February of next year, not be completed at that date, as was reported in your story.

Also, John Reynolds may be mystified to find himself promoted to advisor for the project — we have spoken to John but I'm sure that his talents are more than fully booked with his own considerable projects.

In any case, we thank you for your interest and would be willing to work with you on a more detailed review of the project at any time.

Mark Staley
Action Now

Another battle lost

The peoples of this land have lost another battle in their struggle to break the chains of oppression. The Emerald acknowledges that they will accept the fact that they will use the newspaper as a vehicle for the Gallo Winery as a means to crush the U.F.W. struggle and their attempt to live like human beings.

To be free of fear of being murdered, beaten, and assassinated by those who proclaim freedom through the means of exploitation. Yes, we have lost the battle against the Daily Emerald, but there will be a day when the children of this land will rise and proclaim freedom throughout the land, destroying the chains which hold us in a state of poverty. Poverty of the mind.

We shall rise! We shall rise!

Eric Wright
Economics, Sophomore

Letters

Editorial biased

In reading the Emerald editorial Nov. 19, 1976 entitled "Class War in Lebanon" I was shocked and dismayed. The tenor of the article showed the writer to be either ill informed, biased or both. For example, he talks of the "U.S.-backed Syrian invaders" and its "attempt to suppress the Palestinian struggle," but he does not mention that Arafat, leader of the PLO, was a signer to the Cairo agreement which authorized this "invasion."

He further argues that the Palestinian interests are the same as the interests of "all Arab people whether in North Africa, the Saudi Peninsula, Lebanon or in Palestine." I simply ask how he formulated this conclusion.

In order to give proof that the Lebanese war is a class war, he concludes "working class Lebanese and peasant Moslems, Jews, and Christians," all sided with the "leftist front." Fact tells us that Christians were as one against the Palestinians, and the few Jews in Lebanon fled in peril for their lives.

In light of the writer's attack on the American free press on one hand and his biased misstatement of facts on the other, is this editorial fit to be published in a newspaper catering to students of this institution of higher education?

An editorial rectification is called for in order to correct this misrepresentation.

Mordechai Peri
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Athletic integration

Re: Oregon Daily Emerald 11/23/76 "Women oppose athletic merger."

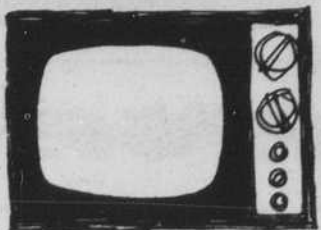
I am writing today to join Becky Sisley in opposing a merger of the men's and women's athletic departments. Rarely in the five years I've spent advocating equal opportunity in athletics have I found myself agreeing with Dr. Sisley. However, as you may suspect, my reasons for opposing the merger are quite different from hers.

Four years ago, I submitted a motion to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee calling for a "single-structure" athletic department to develop promote,

I AM LOVED.



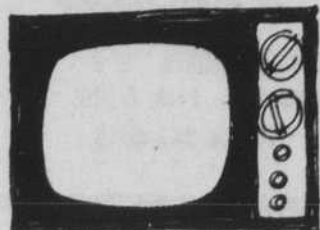
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PEOPLE NEED ME, WORSHIP ME, CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT ME.



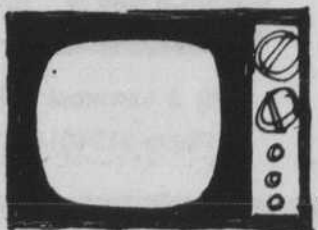
I AM THE GIVER OF NEWS. OPINIONS DON'T EXIST WITHOUT ME.



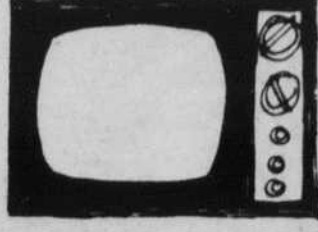
GO CRAZY WHEN I DON'T COME ACROSS WITH WHAT THEY WANT.



I AM THE INSIDES OF YOUR HEAD.



I SHAPE LIVES I TEACH HOW TO SHOOT. WHAT TO BUY.



IF YOU WANTED A GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT, YOU GOT IT.

