

Money woes

and no immediate solutions



The big squeeze is starting at Oregon's athletic department — and not everyone is prepared for it.

Developments on two fronts, at the Oregon Legislature and a possible merger between the men's and women's intercollegiate programs on campus, has given some administrators headaches.

At the Legislature, a controversy is brewing on the question of state support for non-revenue producing sports. The State Board of Higher Education approved last week a legislative proposal that would ask the governor's permission to seek a nearly \$1 million subsidy for non-revenue producing sports.

But there are stipends to the proposal. Because the Legislature is worried the subsidy might replace student support of sports programs, student incidental fees that now support athletics would be removed from the jurisdiction of the Incidental Fee Committee so students could not cut the amount of fees currently allocated.

Current rules say students may only reduce funding by 10 per cent per year and may not make the reduction in consecutive years, but some ASUO officials are concerned about losing even that small control.

Mark Cogan, ASUO vice-president for legislative affairs, is one of those worried.

"They're (the State Board) always talking about saving minor sports — that's the emotional issue being brought about," said Cogan. "But in effect, it's just indirect aid to major sports."

Cogan's concern stems from the fact that revenue-producing sports at Oregon presently contribute about \$400,000 per year to non-revenue sports. However, he says the proposal has no guards to make sure the revenue-producers maintain that subsidy — but the State Board could increase the student share, leading to little or no student control.

Could sports like crew, swimming, tennis and golf survive without some kind of legislative support? Could women's sports? That brings in the second question of a merger.

Last week, in a vote of six to one, the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee chaired by Journalism Professor Karl Nestvold approved the following motion:

The committee recommends the adoption of a merged department of intercollegiate athletics with separate directors of men's and women's athletics, with the assurance that the directors of men's and women's athletics be responsible for the operation of their respective units, including such matters as budget use, scheduling, hiring of coaches, allocation of scholarships and decision making powers in the coordination of support services.

The phrase "with the assurance that . . ." was put in because Women's Intercollegiate Athletics head Dr. Becky Sisley and other members of the committee were concerned the women's program would be "swallowed up" by the men's program, leaving the WIA with a subsidiary role.

Other arguments against a merger include a fear that an athletic program now operating in the red such as Oregon's could not support any new activities. In a statement to the State Board, Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education R.E. Lieualen stated:

Although football and basketball, especially at the University of Oregon and Oregon State University, appear to be able to support themselves through gate receipts, television, radio and conference income, and contributions, they are unable to generate the income which, even in combination with student incidental fees, will maintain a competitive level of support for any substantial number of "other" intercollegiate athletic activities, including women's activities.

And there lies the reason for the legislative proposal. Sisley is now in favor of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee proposal if it doesn't take away the women's powers, but the money to include the women and non-revenue producing sports must still come from somewhere.

But if it comes from the Legislature, conditions will surely be attached — conditions that might be less than satisfactory to the students who have a right to control where their own money goes.

It's a question that will be answered soon, for everyone involved knows the point has come where outside help must be found or certain programs dropped. Oregon's athletic department cannot continue to lose money.

One only hopes there is an answer.

Will Harshman be fortune-ate?

SEATTLE (AP) — What's in a fortune cookie? A story of things to come?

Marv Harshman, the University of Washington basketball coach, hopes so.

"I think we must have an edge," Harshman said Monday as the Huskies prepared for Thursday night's Pacific-8 Conference showdown with eighth-ranked UCLA in Los Angeles.

Harshman was served a fortune cookie at a local restaurant Sunday night.

"It said something like, 'You are going to come through a great adversity with flying colors'."

"I figure that's got to be down in Pauley Pavilion," he said with a laugh.

The Huskies and Bruins will be battling for the Pac-8 lead. Both teams are 4-1, one game ahead of Washington State, Oregon State and Oregon. Washington defeated cross-state rival WSU 71-68 Saturday in Pullman, and UCLA downed cross-city rival

Southern Cal 77-59 Friday night.

The Bruins followed that game with a convincing 103-89 nationally-televised triumph Sunday over seventh-ranked Tennessee.

Fortune cookies aside, Harshman knows the Bruins' capabilities.

After watching part of the Tennessee game on television, "I was kind of awed myself," the Husky coach said.

"They have a lot of players, but the answer is how well can Husky forward Kim Stewart keep Marques Johnson, UCLA's All-American forward off the boards, and can we get out and stop them from running all the time," Harshman continued.

"They have not played as well offensively when they have to play a set offense. We have to play with a lot more patience and make them play defense."

"I don't believe they like to play defense very long."

The Huskies, who have won 13

of their last 14 games, like to run, but they don't want to get into a shooting game with the Bruins, Harshman said.

"Our problem is on our offense, if we bring different people in, especially if Edwards is out of there," he said.

James Edwards, the Huskies' 7-foot all-conference center, has a history of foul trouble. He went to the bench with three personals early in the first half against the Cougars Saturday and fouled out in the final two minutes with the outcome still in doubt. Edwards finished with nine points — the first time in 18 games this season he hasn't scored in double figures — and 10 rebounds.



WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

WRESTLING—Oregon State vs. Oregon at McArthur Court, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 3

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL—Oregon JVs vs. Umpqua C.C. in Roseburg, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 4

MEN'S BASKETBALL—Stanford vs. Oregon at McArthur Court, 8:05 p.m. OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION JVs vs. Oregon JVs at McArthur Court, 3:30 p.m. SWIMMING—Dolphin championships at Leighton Pool.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL—Seattle Pacific vs. Oregon at McArthur Court, 5:30 p.m. Southern Oregon vs. Oregon at B-54 Gerlinger Annex, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 5

MEN'S BASKETBALL—California vs. Oregon at McArthur Court, 8:05 p.m. SWIMMING—Dolphin Championships at Leighton Pool. WRESTLING—Oregon vs. Washington in Seattle, 7:30 p.m. WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS—Oregon vs. Oregon State in Corvallis, 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 6

SWIMMING—Dolphin Championships at Leighton Pool.

Three more added to baseball Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — Three more names were added to the membership roll of baseball's Hall of Fame Monday when the Veteran's Committee named the late Amos Rusie, a turn of the century pitcher, shortstop Joe Sewell and longtime manager Al Lopez to the Cooperstown shrine.

They will be inducted in ceremonies on Aug. 8 along with infielder Ernie Banks, the only player elected in the Baseball Writers Association of America election earlier this month.

The 10-man Veteran's Committee which includes Hall of Famers Stan Musial, Burleigh Grimes, and Charlie Gehringer huddled for more than three hours before reaching its decision.

"We had a long list of candidates to examine," said Ed Stack, the new president of the Hall of Fame.

Ground rules for the Veteran's Committee require that those under consideration be out of baseball for 25 years and that five years have passed since their last consideration by the writers. The committee is limited to adding three names to the Cooperstown roster which now has reached 161.

Rusie and Sewell were named as players and Lopez in the nonactive category that covers managers, umpires and executives.

Rusie, who died in 1942, pitched for 10 seasons with Indianapolis, the New York Giants and Cincinnati Reds, winning 243 games and losing 160 for a .603 percentage. In eight seasons with the Giants, he won more than 30 games three times, and won 20 or more the other five years. His best years were 1894 when he compiled a 36-13 record and 1897 when he was 29-8.

Nicknamed "The Hoosier Thunderbolt," he sat out the entire 1896 season in a contract dispute and was under suspension in 1899 and 1900 before being traded to Cincinnati in 1901 in a deal that brought pitcher Christy Mathewson to New York. Rusie pitched in just three games for the Reds and was 0-1 while Mathewson went on to Hall of Fame stardom with the Giants.

Sewell played 14 years as a major league shortstop, the first

11 with the Cleveland Indians and the last three with the New York Yankees. He had a career batting average of .312 with 1,011 runs batted in.

Twice, Sewell led the league with only four strikeouts in an entire season and his total of 114 career strikeouts is the fewest of any player with 14 or more seasons of major league service.

Lopez spent 19 years in the majors as a catcher but was elected not for his playing, but for his record as a manager with Cleveland and the Chicago White Sox.

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Lacrosse club to meet

The Oregon Lacrosse Club will have an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the EMU. The room will be posted, and newcomers are welcome.

Women JVs lose to Lane

Jean Masters scored 31 points, but the Oregon women's junior varsity basketball team dropped a 66-60 overtime decision to host Lane Community College Friday night.

Donna Green had 23 rebounds and 16 points for the Ducks. Leading Lane were Janel Huser with 24 points and 19 rebounds, and Terry Booth with 14 points.