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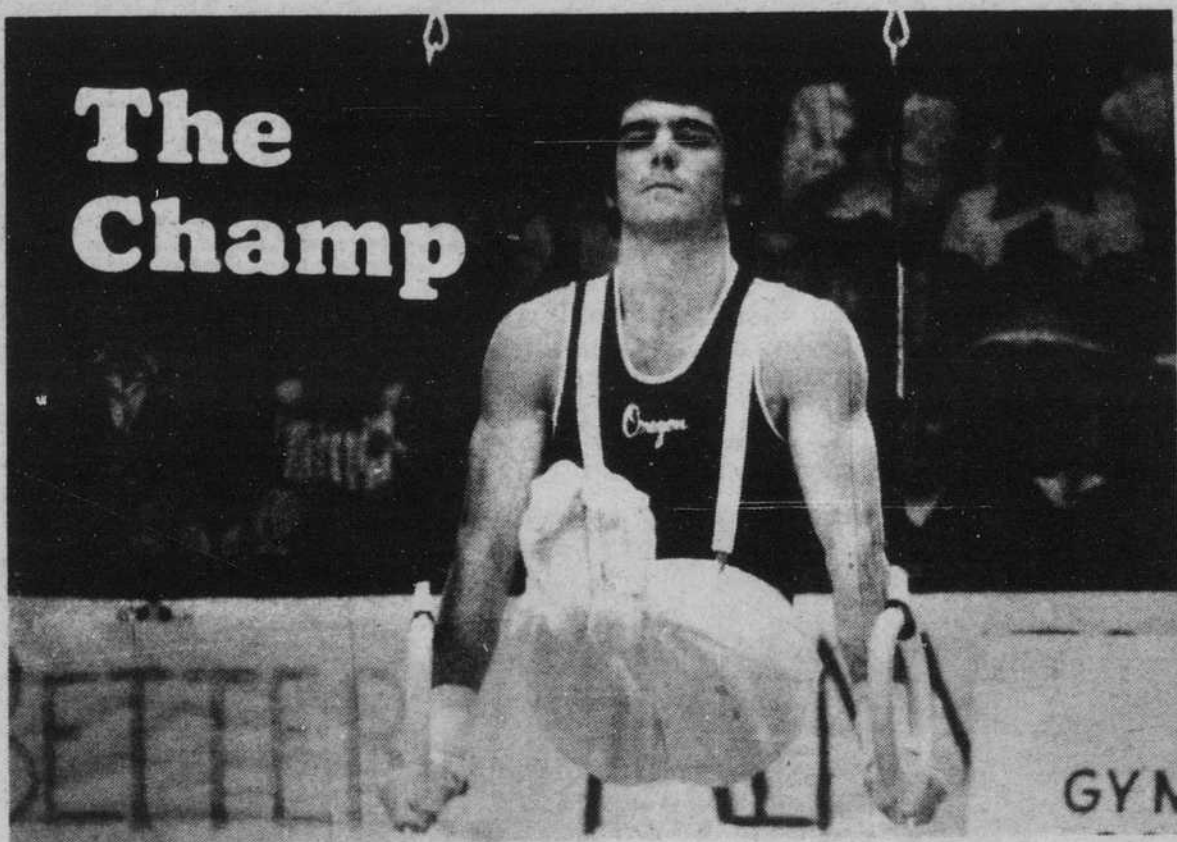
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The Champ



McEldowney rings true, rewarded with NCAA title

By MIKE MARINO
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All week he was the cool one, completely under control. Seeing him chalk up while awaiting his turn on the still rings in Saturday night's NCAA championships, you'd have thought Oregon's Scott McEldowney was waiting for a bus.

Only after becoming the first Flying Duck to win a national title did the senior manage a little smile — one which soon grew into a wide grin.

"Boy, it feels good," he said after Athletic Director John Caine presented him with his award as the nation's top ring man.

McEldowney was the sixth of eight competitors on the rings and it seemed that his most agonizing trial came before his performance:

"I got pretty nervous after the first couple of guys went," he said. "The scores were kinda high, so I went outside (the main arena) to walk around and get ready."

In compulsory competition McEldowney had placed in a position he admittedly didn't want to

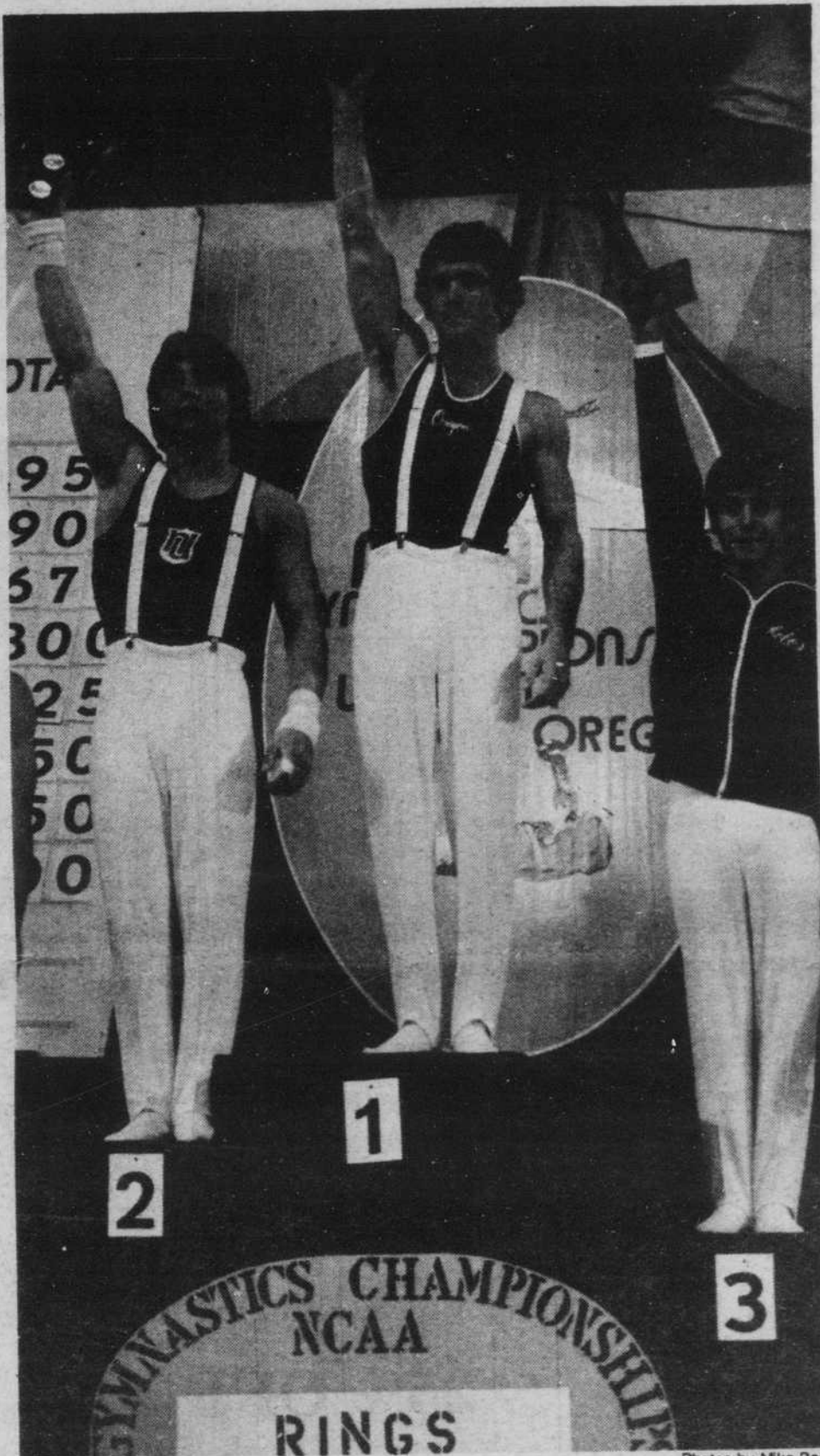
be in — the top qualifier. Kirk Mango of Northern Illinois, the first man on the rings, hit a 9.3 routine that kept him in first place as McEldowney took to the apparatus — needing a 9.55 to win.

His set was solid, with the only trouble coming on the dismount — the old McEldowney nemesis. But it was good enough for a 9.65, and good enough for the championship. Jim Blush of LSU and Skip Zimmer of Temple tried, but neither could master the routine needed to beat him.

"There were a lot of good ring men out there," McEldowney acknowledged. "This year was a lot better than last year, and next year will be better. I'm glad I won't be around next year."

"A lot of people didn't think he could do it," Ballester said. "He took eighth in Illinois (in high school), and he has relatively poor flexibility. But he's improved super significantly."

For McEldowney, it was — to say the least — a fitting end to a fine career. "It's the best way to finish," he said. "Now I can hit that champagne."



Photos by Mike Baer

Scott McEldowney's championship performance in the NCAA championships Saturday night was an ideal finale to his college athletic career. He competed against eight top qualifiers for the title, which is also the University's first national gymnastic title.

Anti-apartheid groups second-guess Redden

By RICHARD SEVEN
Of the Emerald

After more than four months of review, it looks as if Attorney General Jim Redden's opinion on divestment will be issued soon. Meanwhile, members of various anti-apartheid groups are busy trying to guess what the ruling will be.

Walt Sheasby of the People for South African Freedom, PSAF, says there is reason to believe Redden will rule in favor of divestment.

"We can't find anything from the attorney general's list of authorities that would contradict our belief that the state board should divest," Sheasby says. "We also can't find any other possible barrier to divestment."

The State Board of Higher Education voted four and a half months ago to divest their holdings in corporations doing direct business in South Africa.

However, a question was raised over the

legalities of such a sale and whether the Oregon Investment Council (OIC) and not the board has control over higher education investments.

The list of authorities used by the attorney general in his decision process was sent to the various groups asking for the sale of higher education stocks in South Africa. The list includes Oregon statutes, court cases, former attorney general opinions and miscellaneous citations.

One major question Redden must consider is the "prudent person rule" which demands trustees of state investments to use the same discretion and intelligence as if they were managing their own affairs.

Instead of being a barrier to divestment, Sheasby says the rule could expand, not restrict, the trustee's discretionary powers.

"The modern trend in law is to regard managers of endowment funds as trustees of charitable corporations as distinguished from trustees of private funds," Sheasby

explains.

Higher education could thus be viewed through corporate law instead of private trust law, according to Sheasby.

"The state board, through acting as trustees of charitable corporations, have greater latitude and less liability," Sheasby says. "The attorney general seems to be quoting to this effect in his list of authorities."

Also among the attorney general's list of authorities he will cite are articles on "Scott on trusts" and Longstreth's "Social Aspects of Business Behavior." According to the articles, trustees, when deciding whether to invest or retain securities in a company, must evaluate the corporation's social performance. They must consider matters such as pollution, fair employment and racial discrimination.

Sheasby feels the situation in South Africa easily qualifies as racial discrimination and says the state higher education system

should not retain its stock in South Africa because of its social obligation as trustees.

PSAF along with the National Lawyers Guild, is currently working to parallel the Wisconsin attorney general's recent opinion that the University of Wisconsin should divest South African holdings because "state monies should not be invested in companies which practice or condone discrimination."

Citing the Wisconsin decision along with the recent violation of international law by Olin corporation for illegal sales of arms to South Africa, PSAF believes continued investment in South Africa could be considered in violation of higher education's legal and ethical responsibility.

"The attorney general should consider these additional questions to set the model for the systems around the nation," Sheasby says. "The decision must go

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