

curve with perhaps more at the higher end and lower end."

Many contend that participating in sports on the college level and going to school is comparable to having two full-time jobs.

Lengthy practice and training sessions involve the athlete's time year-round, not just during the respective seasons. And at the collegiate level, a total commitment to excellence must be given to his or her sport. However, another commitment must also be given to studies.

"Time management and the awareness that the competition level is higher at the collegiate level is the common problem," Nicholls said, describing the adjustment problem. "It's hard for athletes to go from being number one at home to just normal here."

Learning to juggle school and sport is a difficult task all athletes must accomplish. A policy of former Oregon swimming coach Rich Schleicher was that "one is not to be put off for the other," demanding both academic and athletic success. This is an area where many athletes fail — when priority is

sometimes given to sport or books, but not to both.

"Some athletes fall into that trap," said Choo Choo Young, Oregon football player. "It's hard. You have to realize that football is a big part of school and a year-round thing. But you have to do the best you can."

Young should know. He's Oregon's contribution to the All-Pac 10 scholastic squad and divides his time between football, studying for his elementary education degree and also as a volunteer for the Big Brother/Big Sister program. He also belongs to an academic fraternity.

Young may be not so much an exception of a student-athlete as he is to the student-athlete

stereotype.

He credits his family and his high school background for his academic success, and mentions Nicholls as being helpful to "getting on the right foot."

It used to be said that a person could tell how easy a class is by counting the number of jerseys worn in the room. But in actuality the time schedule lists few classes that can be considered "Mickey's", some of which are taken by many students.

In fact Nicholls says that her job started "because many athletes were taking the Mickey Mouse courses."

All requirements in the long run are the same for all students, including courses

required for majors and upper-division credit for graduation as well as maintaining full-time status for the athlete. Athletes and non-athletes basically travel the same road.

With all of the pressures, it's easy to see why some athletes would want to find relief in a not-too-demanding class. But eventually the required classes do have to be taken.

Athletes are always in the public eye and receive much attention. When an athlete has academic problems, the public finds out about it and thus advances the dumb jock theory.

Nicholls offers a counter-theory to the dumb jock stereotype. "In many instances the athlete is a better student. How

can you manage to survive with 30-35 hours of practice a week? How can you say that this lacks discipline?"

Nicholls sees another aspect of the student-athlete stereotype as unjustified. "Many people believe that athletes live in the laps of luxury which is just not true. A full ride from the NCAA doesn't cover all expenses and there are rules which do not let the athlete work or borrow money. This hurts people from poor families the most."

Taking into account the mental, physical, social, and monetary pressures that must be met by the student-athlete, the concept of the dumb jock may just be a bum rap.

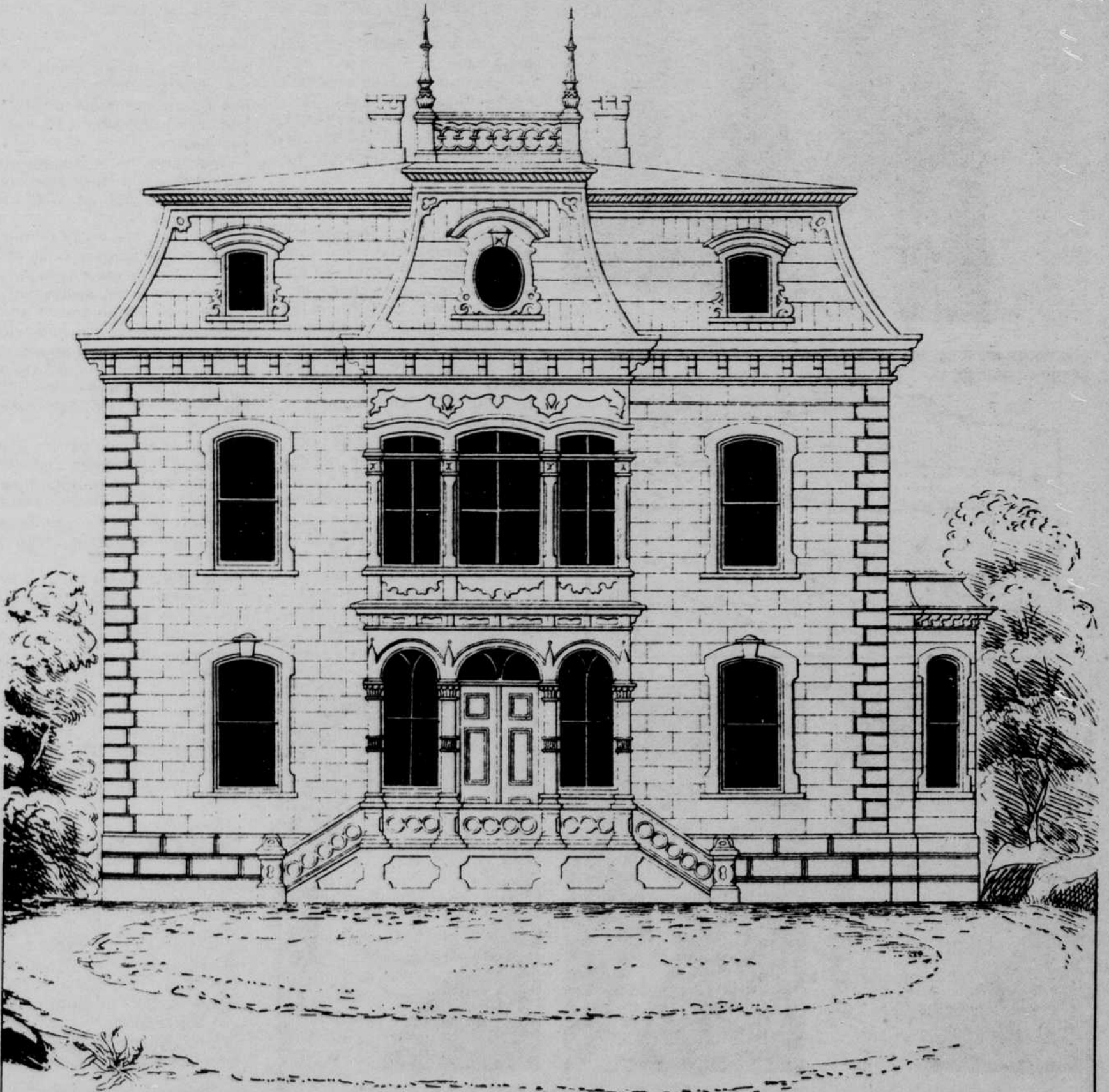
## Washington to miss Blazers' next two games

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers announced Tuesday that forward Kermit Washington will miss the team's next two National Basketball Association exhibition games with a sprained ankle.

Team spokesman Cheri White said Washington sprained his left ankle in the exhibition game in Portland on Sunday evening in which the Blazers beat the defending-champion Boston Celtics 114-99.

The Blazers' next two games are Thursday evening in St. Joseph, Mo., against the Kansas City Kings and Saturday evening in Spokane, Wash., against the Seattle SuperSonics.

The 6-foot-6 Washington scored four points against the Celtics.



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