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Walker booted because of remarks

Haney terms comments 'detrimental'



Barry Walker

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By Don Coulter
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Barry Walker, senior point guard on the University men's basketball team, was kicked off the team by head coach Jim Haney Monday for remarks made after a game this weekend.

Walker was informed of the decision by Haney before Monday's practice. The dismissal was based on comments made by Walker following the Ducks' 94-51 loss at Oregon State University Saturday, Haney said.

"I felt that Barry's public remarks in the past two days are detrimental to the well-being of the team, and that well-being must come first," Haney said.

Walker, who started five games this season, did not play in Saturday's game although Haney played every other member of the squad. Even seldom-used guard Greg Bell saw action at the end of the game while Walker watched from the bench.

Walker said after the game that "If he (Haney) would have told me to go in there with a minute to go, no way would I have gone out there. I've got too much pride for that."

Haney said he "didn't play Walker in the last two minutes because it would have been an insult to him." Instead, the coach opted to give freshman point guard Scott Perry playing time because Perry out-performed Walker in practices prior to the game, Haney said.

"I go in practice as hard as anybody, but I don't get anything out of it," Walker said after the OSU game. "I could see if I had a bad attitude... but there's nothing that I know of."

Walker has admitted having personal problems with Haney during the past four years, but Haney maintains they had nothing to do with why Walker did not play Saturday.

"We're down to six games to go in the season," Haney said. "We needed to give the younger guys an opportunity

to play.

"I've spent hours thinking about it," Haney said of his decision to drop Walker from the team. "It was a decision I had to make. Some are fun to make, and some aren't. This one wasn't."

Haney said he is not worried about the effect Walker's dismissal will have on the rest of the squad, although Walker was extremely popular with teammates.

"We've talked about the whole issue," he said. "I'm not afraid of the consequences."

"Any team that's losing is going to be frustrated, and sometimes unfortunate remarks are made," Haney said.

Walker was not available for comment Monday. He is the team leader in assists with an average of 2.7 per game, and was averaging 6.3 points. He had appeared in each of the Ducks' 20 games prior to Saturday.

Despite yesterday's action, Haney said Walker will remain on scholarship this year.

PSU dorm work hurts rates here

By Ann Portal
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Portland State University is remodeling its student housing, and University students in Eugene are going to help pay for the \$2.24 million project.

A system-wide account pays the interest on all Oregon university or college housing bonds, which means the PSU remodeling will end up increasing University dorm rates about \$10 during the 1982-83 academic year, according to Dick Perry, the state system's director of the management and planning services division.

Beginning this spring, nine "very, very old" buildings housing PSU students will be renovated to meet building codes and safety standards, says Dave Hertz, PSU's director of auxiliary enterprises.

Also scheduled for major work is the Ondine Residence Hall, a dormitory-like structure two blocks away from the PSU campus. All 10 buildings are run by Portland Student Services, Inc., a non-profit cooperative PSU hires to manage the state-owned buildings.

The decision to remodel during tight economic times has raised some eyebrows at other Oregon colleges and universities, where housing officials have deferred major repairs until later bienniums.

The University originally intended to remodel its dormitories during the 1981-83 biennium, but decided not to, Perry says.

Repairs at the University usually are paid for out of the housing department's own budget, says Dan Williams, University housing director. That budget is separate from the main University budget.

PSU is "playing the game by the rules," Williams says, adding that most schools just don't have to sell bonds to finance remodeling.

"We're all entitled to do the same thing. It's one of the costs of being part of the state system," he says.

Hertz says PSU has poured a lot of money into the old buildings, but some problems have reached the point where it is "counter productive" to keep spending small amounts.

The \$2.24 million will help convert old oil boilers to natural gas, increase access for the handicapped, replace outdated electrical circuitry and install sprinkler systems lacking in wood buildings, he says.

The decision to remodel was made long ago by the State Board of Higher Education and the Legislature. However, the effect on dorm rates of selling the bonds at current interest

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Washington tuition near ceiling

Spokane (AP) — Resident undergraduate tuition at Washington's two major universities is \$361 higher than average tuition in 13 Western states, says the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

"Plainly, the West's traditional commitment to low-cost public education is at a risk," says Phillip Sirotkin, director of the interstate commission.

Resident tuition at Washington State University and the University of Washington is surpassed only by tuition in Oregon and at the

Colorado School of Mines, according to a commission survey.

Oregon's universities charge about \$30 more per year than their counterparts in Washington, the survey points out.

Average resident tuition in the 13-state western region is \$698 a year. WSU and UW charge \$1,059 a year.

State legislators hiked tuition at the two universities by 54 percent last year.

California state universities reported the lowest tuition in the interstate survey, \$275 a year.



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Soft EMU window seats provided cushy spots Monday for reading and — zzzz — studying.