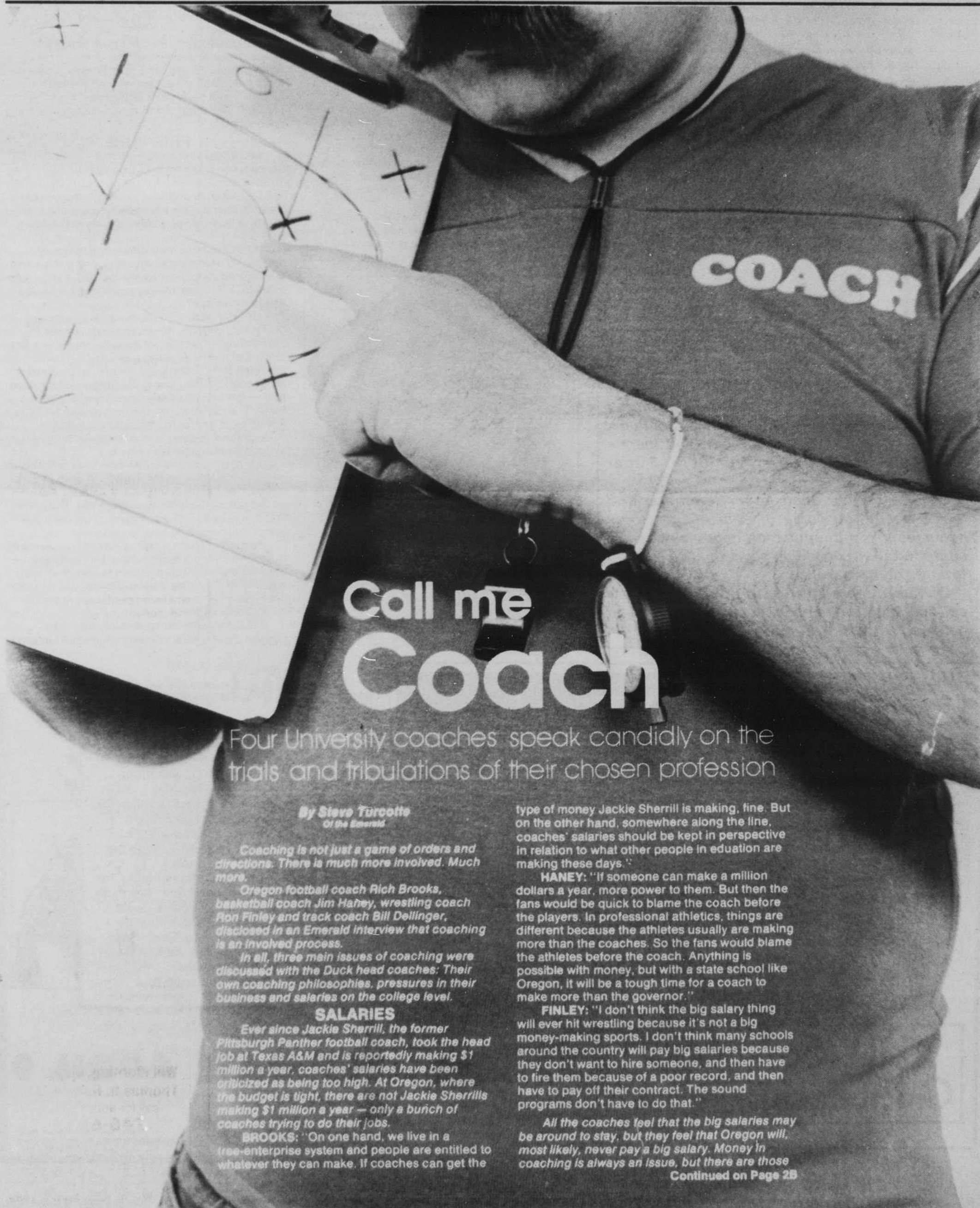


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## Call me Coach

Four University coaches speak candidly on the trials and tribulations of their chosen profession

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Coaching is not just a game of orders and directions. There is much more involved. Much more.

Oregon football coach Rich Brooks, basketball coach Jim Haney, wrestling coach Ron Finley and track coach Bill Dellinger, disclosed in an Emerald interview that coaching is an involved process.

In all, three main issues of coaching were discussed with the Duck head coaches: Their own coaching philosophies, pressures in their business and salaries on the college level.

### SALARIES

Ever since Jackie Sherrill, the former Pittsburgh Panther football coach, took the head job at Texas A&M and is reportedly making \$1 million a year, coaches' salaries have been criticized as being too high. At Oregon, where the budget is tight, there are not Jackie Sherrills making \$1 million a year — only a bunch of coaches trying to do their jobs.

**BROOKS:** "On one hand, we live in a free-enterprise system and people are entitled to whatever they can make. If coaches can get the

type of money Jackie Sherrill is making, fine. But on the other hand, somewhere along the line, coaches' salaries should be kept in perspective in relation to what other people in education are making these days."

**HANEY:** "If someone can make a million dollars a year, more power to them. But then the fans would be quick to blame the coach before the players. In professional athletics, things are different because the athletes usually are making more than the coaches. So the fans would blame the athletes before the coach. Anything is possible with money, but with a state school like Oregon, it will be a tough time for a coach to make more than the governor."

**FINLEY:** "I don't think the big salary thing will ever hit wrestling because it's not a big money-making sport. I don't think many schools around the country will pay big salaries because they don't want to hire someone, and then have to fire them because of a poor record, and then have to pay off their contract. The sound programs don't have to do that."

All the coaches feel that the big salaries may be around to stay, but they feel that Oregon will, most likely, never pay a big salary. Money in coaching is always an issue, but there are those

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