

# Fonseca suspended indefinitely

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Oregon distance runner Peter Fonseca has been suspended indefinitely from the Duck track team by coach Bill Dellinger over questions on whether he accepted \$14,000 in prize money after finishing third in Sunday's Los Angeles Marathon.

Fonseca ran in his first marathon on Sunday, competing for his native Canada and ran the fastest time for a Canadian this year. By finishing third, Fonseca was entitled to accept the prize money, but to do so would have been in violation of NCAA rules prohibiting any college athlete from accepting any money in any sport.

Fonseca said Tuesday that he did not accept the money because he wants to run for Oregon, but has to wait for Dellinger to clear the way for him to return to the team.

"I'm suspended until he (Dellinger) finds out if I took the money," Fonseca said. "If he allows me to run for the U of O, I will forego the money, but I have to do what's best for me and so I must accept the money

if I can't keep my scholarship and run for the Ducks."

"I think he has to find out everything for himself," Fonseca said of Dellinger.

Attempts to reach Dellinger for comment Tuesday were unsuccessful.

According to Fonseca, the conflict between him and Dellinger began when Fonseca decided to run in the marathon, and Dellinger said if Fonseca ran he would be off the team.

"I thought he would still let me run for the team," Fonseca said, "(although) he did tell me I couldn't run for the team."

"We're different people with conflicts of interest," he said. "I just wish he could understand me and I could understand him."

Despite the conflicts of interest, Fonseca said he wants to return to the team quickly.

"I want to run for the Ducks, that's the bottom line," he

said. Fonseca has had a stellar career for the Ducks in both cross country and track at Oregon.

In 1987 Fonseca competed in both the Pacific-10 Conference and District VIII cross country championship meets and was a member of the 1988 cross country team that finished seventh at the NCAA meet. Last fall, he was the Ducks No. 2 runner on a team that finished second in the NCAA cross country meet.

Fonseca had a disappointing track season two years ago, but came on strong at the end of the season and placed second in the 10,000 meters in the Pac-10 meet.

Last year he was bothered by a stress fracture the last half of the season, but rebounded this year to have a strong cross country season and had qualified for the NCAA outdoor meet in the 10,000 meters back in December.

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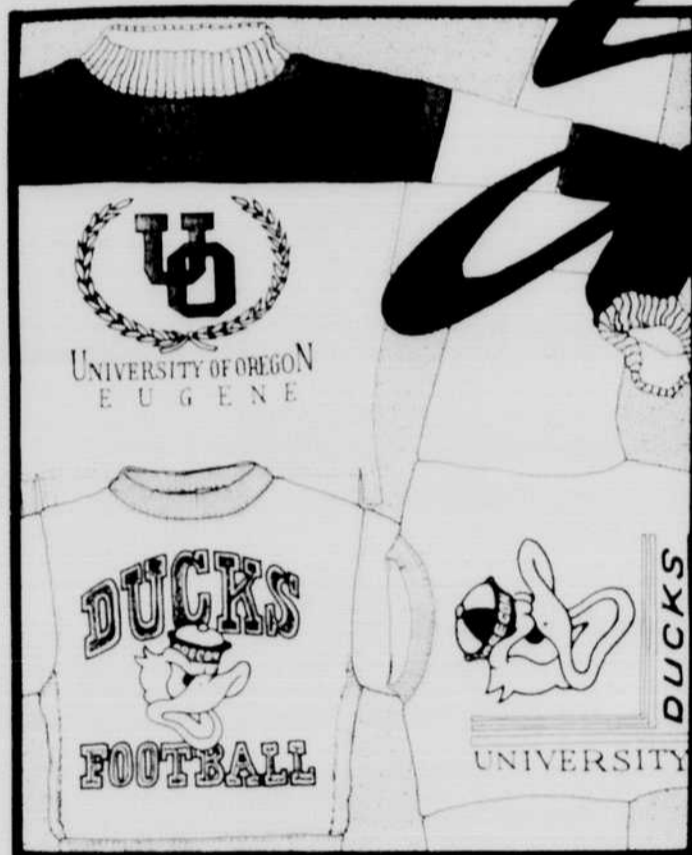
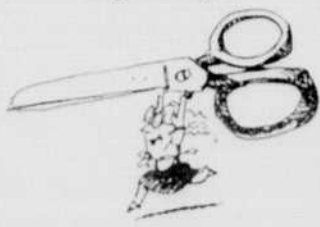
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