

**SPORTS**

**Measure 5 sinking college athletics**



**FROM THE SIDELINES**

BY JAKE BERG

The ship of higher education in the state of Oregon is quickly sinking and tied to the bow of that ship is a dinghy called intercollegiate athletics.

Measure 5 can take a bow for the flailing condition of higher education today, but only the ignorance of the system is to blame for what is happening to the state's intercollegiate athletics. Sports at Portland State, Oregon State and Oregon have been almost entirely self-supporting, getting by without the help of taxpayers, unlike most other state schools in the nation.

Dick Schultz, executive director of the NCAA, visited the University of NCAA and Saturday, where he expressed his disappointment at the fact that the state's three universities are looking at an accumulated \$6 million deficit.

The pressure on an athletic department to turn a profit is already great enough without having to worry about raising funds to simply survive, said Schultz, who was on campus as part of his plan to visit a different campus every weekend on what could be called a goodwill tour.

He said people must first be willing to give if they expect to receive.

"That's really the way it's got to work if you want athletics to be an integral part of the university," Schultz said. "When you really step away from it and look at it, that's the way you have to do it."

"It's something whose time probably hasn't come yet, but athletic departments have to do it."

In other states, athletic departments would not be able to live and breathe were they in the same situation as Oregon's three universities, Schultz said. Most other athletic departments would collapse without the

state funds they receive, unlike Oregon schools.

In fact, proposed legislation presently pending before the State Board of Higher Education would funnel taxpayers' money toward the state's collegiate athletic departments.

"The athletic revenue in 70 percent of the cases is not enough to pay the cost of athletics," Schultz said. "The financial pressure is one of the pressures that not only athletics but higher education in general faces right now."

"Athletic programs are really going to have to bite their cheeks — I think it's just a matter of tightening the belt," he said. "At the same time, we have to have good cost control, and I think that athletic departments are just learning how to do that right now."

The Sports Action lottery games were created to help fund the state's intercollegiate athletics, but Schultz is not in favor of the lottery. He said the NCAA as a whole was also very much against sports lottery games, but because of Oregon's special situation, the state is exempt from any legislation the NCAA passes against the lottery.

He suggested a hypothetical situation where two teams are tied at the end of the game and a player on the free-throw line misses two free throws.

"And somebody yells out, 'How many lottery tickets did you have on the game?'" Schultz said. "You're doing nothing more than betting on the point spread" rather than on the chance of who will win.

The pressure to win is great on any team, but to make money, winning is almost a must. Football is easily the most profitable of Oregon sports, and Oregon football coach Rich Brooks has always expressed his concern this pressure for his football team to win would eventually trickle down to the players.

"If your team isn't winning," Schultz said, "people will just stay at home to watch someone else on television."

Unfortunately, unless the current legislation to fund state intercollegiate athletics proves successful, sports action and self-generated revenue are the only lifesavers keeping Portland State, Oregon State and Oregon above the choppy waters of the NCAA.

And the mouth of that NCAA river seems frighteningly close to capsizing Oregon and Oregon State. If the additional funding is not received soon, officials from both universities have warned that the Ducks and Beavers will be forced to drop from the Pacific-10 Conference, one of the more prestigious leagues in Division-I athletics.

Should Oregon and Oregon State lose their Division-I status, they would lose more than better athletic opponents. Being a Division-I program has its advantages — like money. The money that both schools receive from the Pac-10 and television contracts are currently just enough to stay afloat, but the situation without those funds does not look promising.

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**Football**  
**Thursday, Oct. 31**  
 Score/League  
 CR's Revenge d. Sigma Chi 7-0/M1  
 Beta 1' d. KGB's 15-12/M2  
 Team Evil d. Ball Hogs 12-2/M2  
 No Play d. Kappa Sigma A 7-6/M3  
**Friday, Nov. 1**  
 ATO/Delta Gamma d. Delta Upsi/Kappa Delt 53-20/RD1/2  
 Chi Psi/Gamma Phi d. SAE/Pi Phi 48-28/RD1/2  
 Maui 2' d. After Hours 32-26/RD3  
 Sig Kap/Sig Phi Eps d. Wilcox — forfeit/RD3  
**Sunday, Nov. 3**  
 Team Evil d. Beta 1' 8-6/M2  
 Lambda Chi Alpha d. PIKE 2' 6-2/M2  
 Fiji Purple 2' d. Delta Tau Delta 12-6/M2  
 There Was One d. Sigma Chi A — winner by OT  
 Maui 1' d. The Trinloes 13-7/M3  
 Derek & the Doorknobs d. Sig Ep 3' 20-13  
**Volleyball**  
**Thursday, Oct. 31**  
 Score/League  
 Dunnfor Fun d. Posers in Action 2-1/C3  
 Newman Lazars d. The Beginners 2-0/C3  
 Los Companeros d. Still On Hawaii Time 2-1/C3  
 Air Spikers Remion Tour d. Internationals 3' 2-1/M3  
 S.D. Hammers d. Rim Job 2-0/M3

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