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Harding parties, Civil War doesn't

Now it's time once again for "Reader Mail." Printed in this column today are actual letters from actual readers. Actually, I make them up myself because all you people who read me religiously still refuse to write in even a single stupid letter, and I'm pretty steamed at the both of you.



DAVE CHARBONNEAU

can offer on this subject except to say the obvious: It's disgusting and a disgrace to sports fans everywhere.

On a lighter note, how about that Tonya Harding.

Last year about this time, I wrote a column about how I went to junior high with Tonya, and that although I didn't know her well, I knew enough to see that her popularity had gone to her head in a big way.

Well, I have a newfound respect for the Portland native. This summer, I went to the Cattle Company Square Cow Fun Bar three times (pretty cool, huh?). Anyway, of the three times I was in that meat market, which is also the sleaziest bar in town (why do you think I was there?), I saw Tonya there twice.

Call me the gossip guy, but she was bombed both times. My friends and I sat there and watched her and thought, "Well, she's definitely thrown in the towel now." She still didn't recognize any of us from junior high. She even dated one of my friends for a couple of weeks in eighth grade and had absolutely no recollection of it.

Harding won the U.S. figure skating championship this past weekend and will get one more crack at an Olympic medal.

To me, Harding is remarkable. Any woman who can party like she did those two nights I saw her, and then, four months later win the U.S. championship deserves a lot more than a gold medal. Try a gold-plated stein.

Imagine the party she'll have if she wins the gold.

Dave Charbonneau is a sports reporter for the Emerald.

Dear Dave,
 How come every year, it seems the Civil War basketball games become less and less important. Low attendance, less hype and a basically boring atmosphere now surround the once stellar battle.

What's up with that?

— Pig Champion Eugene

Well Pig, Saturday will be the 299th showdown between Oregon and Oregon State on the basketball court. You're right, the game has lost a lot of its attraction during the past few years.

The main reason is because the Beavers have been getting progressively worse since Ralph Miller left a few years ago. The Ducks have been bad for the past 20 years, so it used to be a big game for Oregon kind of the same way the football game is for Oregon State.

Now, however, beating the Beavers is not that big of a task for the Ducks, so a lot of the excitement of playing Oregon State is lost.

That does not explain what the hell the deal is with the football game. Year after year, the game draws a huge crowd. Yet,

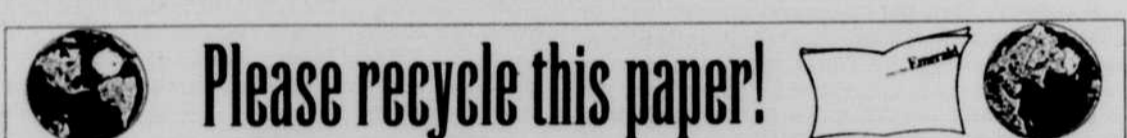
this year the game was between two teams nearly as crappy as the basketball teams, and the masses still came out to see the Beavers humiliate the Ducks in 30-degree weather.

I really think the main problem, with our school at least, is that people could give a damn about basketball because they have yet to experience McArthur Court when Oregon is winning consistently. The students who were here during the days of Terrell Brandon, Richard Lucas and Kevin Mixon are mostly graduated, leaving a group of students who have football rammed down their throats for three years while the basketball team loses 20 games a season. Game time is 1 p.m. at The Pit.

Dear Dave,
 What's your whole take on this Nancy Kerrigan fiasco? What's happening to sports fans?

— Slim Florence

This is no laughing matter. How a fan can be so obsessed with winning and losing that he actually tries to destroy the career of a competitor is beyond me. There's really no wisdom I



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