

Don't even bother reading this

Every once in a while, I make up letters and answer them in an attempt to be somewhat humorous.

Of course, these letters are never actual letters from actual readers.

But at the end of those columns, I usually end them by asking readers to submit any kind of question to me they might have about sports.

Well, I actually got one.

Because I've begged readers to submit, I feel I have no choice but to run this letter. Plus, there's really not much going on in sports right now.

Oh sure, baseball is starting. But I think baseball stinks.

Yeah, this letter stinks too, but not as much as baseball.

Here it goes. I swear I didn't change a single word in this piece of work.



DAVE CHARBONNEAU

However, I have to say Runyon was one of the best sideline celebration artists in the country. When the Ducks were winning, he would do some pretty wacky dances on the sidelines. Luckily that didn't happen all that often because it could get ugly at times. Let's hope Runyon is healthy next season when the Ducks will probably win a lot more games. Because if he's on the bench, we'll have to watch him dance a lot more.

Hopefully, he'll be in the

game shooting your "Kentucky Chuck Shots."

Bring a sign to the games next year. Maybe you could even get Damon to sign it for you. Whatever you do, don't bring a sign that says "Hey Damon Runyon, can I have the next dance," or else you're screwed.

Anyway, cut back on the crack but thanks for showing interest in my column and giving something to fill up my weekly column requirement with. I'm sure the students of this campus will be happy to know they're not so screwed up in the heads after all once they read your letter.

See ya.

Dave.

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Shelley convicted for third time in four weeks

SEATTLE (AP) — For the third time in less than four weeks, former Washington football player Jason Shelley has been convicted of a crime.

Municipal Court pro tem Judge William J. Garling on Tuesday found Shelley guilty of obstructing a Seattle police officer during a chase last October.

The judge ordered Shelley to pay a \$750 fine. He suspended a 90-day jail sentence and another \$250 fine on the condition that Shelley be in good behavior for one year.

Police arrested Shelley after a car and foot chase in the University District.

Less than a month later, Shelley and two other ex-Husky athletes, Prentiss Perkins and Charles Barnes, were arrested at a University of Oregon dormitory in Eugene and accused of groping a woman. They were convicted March 14 by a jury of misdemeanor sexual abuse and face a retrial on a felony burglary charge.

In King County Superior Court in Seattle last week, Shelley was convicted of second-degree assault for breaking another student's jaw in a pickup basketball game more than a year ago. Sentencing is set for May 20.

Dear David Charbonneau,

Did you see the 1994 NBA stuff shot competition? I think Isiah (some people call him J.R.) Rider is my favorite basketball player now. But I wanted to ask you, sometimes a stuff shot is when a player throws the basketball through the basketball hoop and sometimes it is when a player blocks another player's shot from getting to the hoop.

To clear this up, maybe you could call the first shot I described as "the chuck shot." You could write, "With three minutes left in the basketball contest, Orlando (some people call him "O," but I think those people know him personally) Williams jumped up high and chucked the basketball through the basketball hoop."

This way it would be clearer as to what really happened.

I also wanted to ask you, would it be neat if I brought a sign to our next home contest that said, "Hey Damon Runyon, do a big Kentucky Chuck Shot." That would be a certain type of chuck shot. It's not from Kentucky, it just sounds neat. If I brought such a sign, would fans like me more or would they be angry with me because they don't know what a chuck shot is?

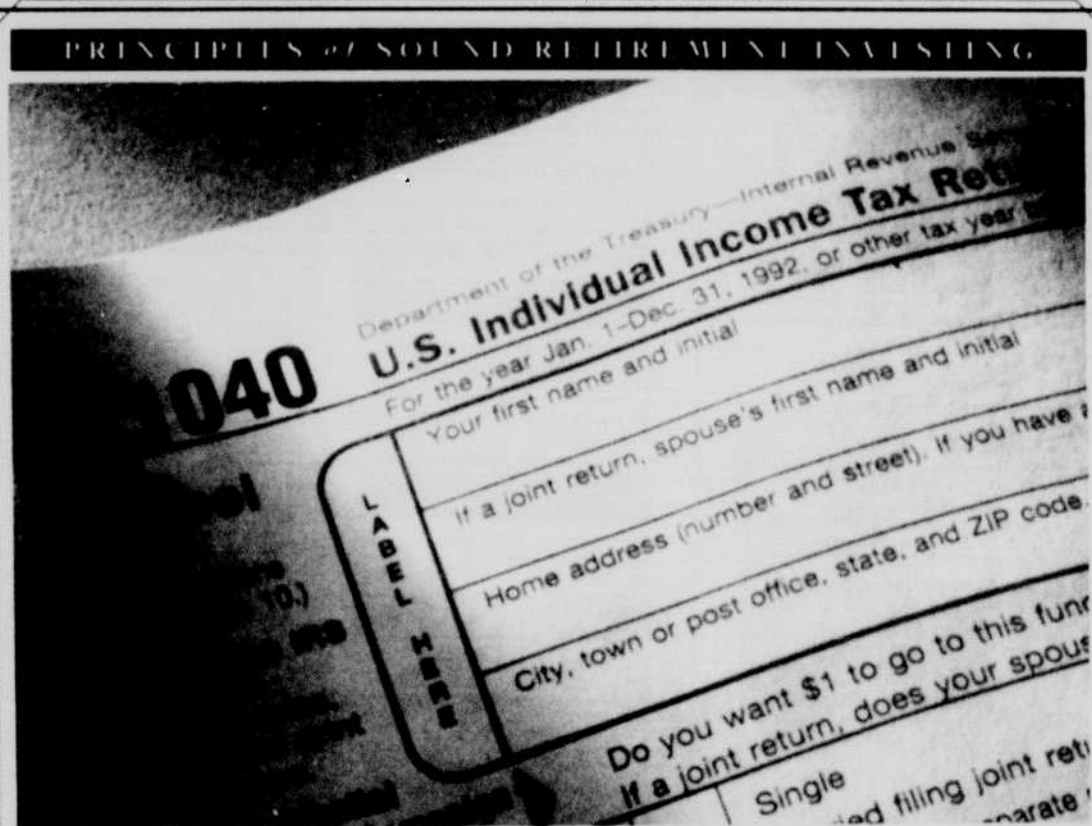
Could you write me or tell everyone in your column the answers to my question?

Sincerely,

Bart Crackenbeagle

Well Bart, first of all I want to say that you've obviously done way, way too many drugs in your lifetime (no offense, of course).

Secondly, the Oregon basketball season is over. And even if it wasn't, bringing a sign asking Runyon to make a "chuck shot" wouldn't be too effective because Runyon was injured this season and didn't play.



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