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# SPORTS

## DAILY TRIVIA

Who is the only pitcher to start two All-Star games in the same season?  
See page 8 for answer.

## Jordan gets wish, Bulls sign Jackson to 1-year deal

### ■ NBA:

Chicago's general manager Jerry Krause said this will be Jackson's last season in Chicago

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Phil Jackson is back with the Chicago Bulls for one last year, a \$6 million man ready for another NBA championship run.

That means Michael Jordan can't be far behind.

"I know the city of Chicago is breathing easier tonight," the coach's agent, Todd Musburger, said Wednesday after Jackson agreed to a one-year deal.

Jordan pushed his coach's return with threats of retirement, effectively strong-arming owner Jerry Reinsdorf. Several times down the stretch run to the Bulls' fifth championship, Jordan said he had no inter-

est in breaking in a new coach or being part of a rebuilding program.

"Michael's support was not only a statement of tremendous loyalty from a superstar to his coach, but it's something that had to weigh on their psyches," Musburger said.

In a brief statement from his Montana home, Jackson avoided mention of the bitterness that surrounded his contract negotiations.

"I'm grateful for a team that loves to work together and with a great coaching staff we are once again prepared to conquer that monster — an NBA title.

"I am pleased that Jerry Reinsdorf and the management of the Bulls have concurred

and will allow us a chance to do it once again."

One more chance appears to be all he'll get.

"I want to emphasize this will be his last year," general manager Jerry Krause said.

Not so fast, said Musburger.

"Phil is looking forward to next year. We don't know what will happen after that," he said.

Bulls spokesman Tom Smithburg would not divulge financial terms of Jackson's deal, except to say the salary is the highest ever for an NBA coach who is not also a gen-

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**Todd Musburger**  
Jackson's agent

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## Slumping Griffey gets defensive

■ MLB: Griffey attacks the Mariners' front office for making him play in an exhibition game

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Once chasing Roger Maris, Ken Griffey Jr. is now chasing curveballs in the dirt.

He's stuck on home run No. 30. He hasn't homered in 12 games and is mouthing off at the Seattle front office for making him play an exhibition game.

What's the deal with Junior?

Griffey was ahead of Maris' record 61-homer pace by as many as 15 homers on May 27 and broke his own major league record with 23 homers through the end of May. He faltered in June, but still led the great Yankees slugger's pace 29-27 on June 22.

But Griffey has only one homer since then. He hit No. 30 on July 5 to snap a 10-game homerless streak, and it remains his only homer in 23 games heading into Wednesday night's game at Cleveland.

The elusive No. 31 — the halfway mark to eclipsing Maris — has not come.

"As long as we keep winning, I don't have to hit another home run the rest of the year," Griffey said after going 0-for-4 in the Mariners' 6-2 loss to Cleveland on Tuesday night. "You guys are the ones who walk around with the prediction sheets. I don't see anybody in here with

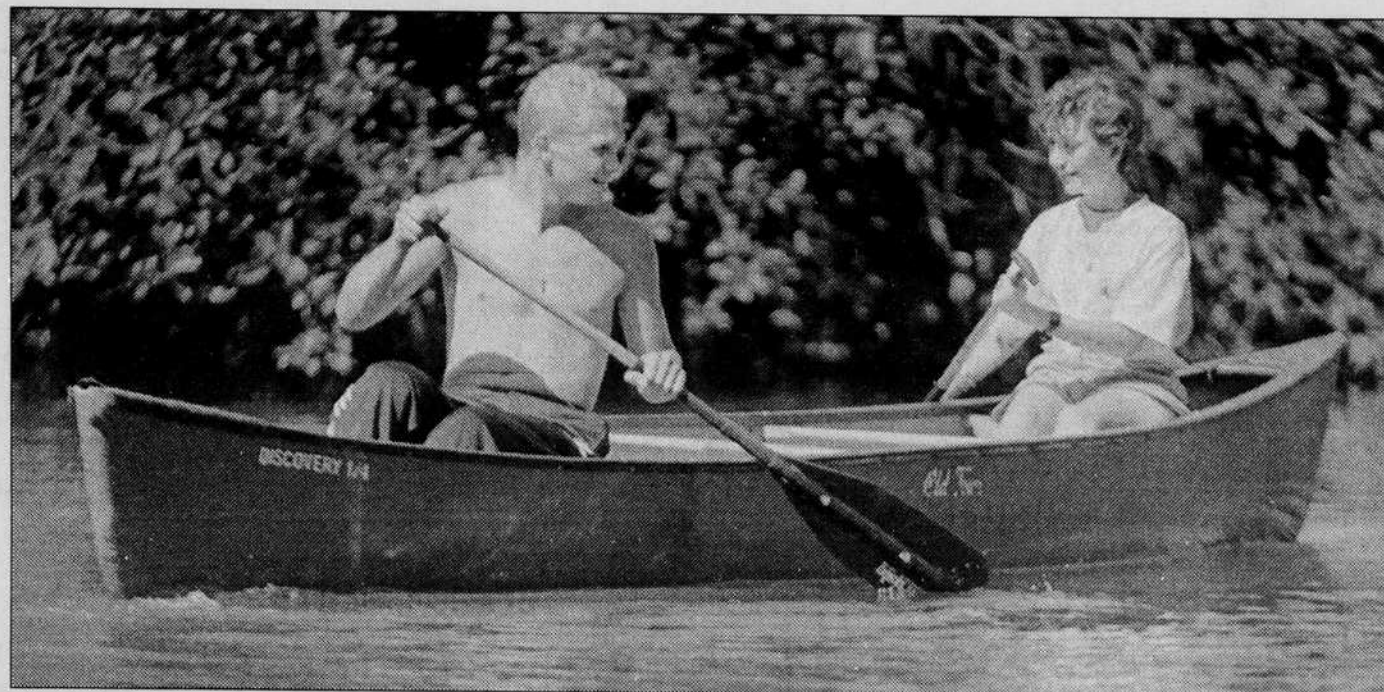


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**Ken Griffey Jr.**  
Mariners' center fielder

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## SUMMER RECREATION



CHAD PATTESON/Emerald

Foreign exchange students Alexei Mashkov and Viktoria Ivankova relax on the Millrace thanks to the EMU Waterworks Canoe Company.

# A playful paddle

The EMU Waterworks Canoe Company offers a leisure opportunity for a canoe or kayak outing

By Ryan Frank  
Sports Editor

For easy, accessible campus-area water sports, it does not get much easier than the EMU Waterworks Canoe Company.

If you are leery of whitewater rafting and just want to float down a waterway, the canoe shack can provide the opportunity you're looking for.

Located just off the banks of the Eugene Millrace, for the canoe shack provides canoes and kayaks for use student and non-student use.

"The [millrace] is good for beginners," said manager Derek Jensen. "It is a calm area with no rapids. It is the best place to start out and learn."

Not all portions of the millrace are open. Jensen said the waterway was recently closed off under Franklin Blvd.. The new closure makes it about a one-mile course that should last an hour to 1 1/2 hours on a ca-

noe.

The shack is located toward the middle of the millrace, with 3/4 of the course to the east of the shack, at adjacent to the intersection of Franklin and Onyx Street.

The shack has 15 canoes and four kayaks and also issues life jackets and paddles. Rental fee for the canoes and kayaks is \$5 per hour.

Jensen said there is no danger in a canoe outing and there is approximately one overturned canoe a month.

No appointment or experience is necessary for an outing on the millrace, and no guides are provided on an outing.

The canoe shack is open from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Sunday.

Parking is available in front of the shack and in the University Physical Plant parking lot.

*This is the fifth part of a Summer Recreation series that will appear every Thursday in the Emerald.*

## WEEK IN SPORTS

### UO Football

The Oregon football team begins fall practice Aug. 9 when the newcomers report to the team. The first official day of practice for the entire team is Aug. 14, and media day is Sept. 13. Oregon opens its season Sept. 4 against Arizona on national TV.

### NFL

Former Oregon quarterback Bill Musgrave retired from the Denver Broncos Tuesday. Musgrave was battling with Bubby Brister for the Broncos' No. 3 quarterback spot. Last season, Musgrave played in six games, including one start.

### NHL

(AP) — Detroit Red Wings defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov is out of the coma he had been in since a June 13 limousine accident but is not yet fully awake, doctors said Wednesday. Konstantinov and team masseur Sergei Mnatsakanov were upgraded from serious to fair.

### NFL

(AP) — Cowboys stars Michael Irvin and Erik Williams settled their defamation lawsuit against a television station in a deal that "represents a major step" toward rectifying the damage done to them, their lawyer said Wednesday./8

### Olympics

(AP) — Olympic organizer Thomas Welch faces a charge of domestic battery and a possible challenge to his 2002 Winter Games leadership upon his return to Utah from an African safari. Welch's lawyer, Max Wheeler, said he did not know when his client would return.