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Is Bellotti considering Buckeyes' coaching job?

Oregon coach Mike Bellotti visits Ohio State to meet with the Buckeyes' athletic director

By Jeff Smith
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More than two weeks after the first 10-win football season in school history, Oregon may lose the coach who guided it to such success.



BELLOTTI

Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti was in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday at the Ohio State campus, where he met with Buckeyes' athletic director Andy Geiger, according to Oregon media services.

"Geiger contacted [Oregon athletic director] Bill Moos last week and requested permission to talk with Bellotti," Oregon assistant athletic director David Williford said. "It is not required to ask permission, but it is recognized protocol."

Williford said that he had not talked with Bellotti, but he did speak with Moos to confirm

the situation. Williford also mentioned that he believed Bellotti was in Columbus with his wife, Colleen.

Ohio State's head coaching position has been vacant since it fired long-time coach John Cooper Jan. 2.

The Columbus Dispatch reported that Bellotti may also have been contacted by Geiger last week in Atlanta at the American Football Coaches Association meeting.

Geiger and Moos could not be reached for comment Monday, but Geiger did talk about the coaching search on Sunday with Columbus television station WSYX.

"I think it will take a few more days," Geiger said. "I won't get into names. There are people involved who don't want their name in the paper. This is a fairly important decision."

Bellotti's visit to Columbus sparks new rumors about his commitment to Oregon. He was linked to the vacant Southern California job in

early December, but announced he was staying in Eugene during a Holiday Bowl press conference on Dec. 3. He also agreed to a two-year contract extension that day to keep him at Oregon through 2007.

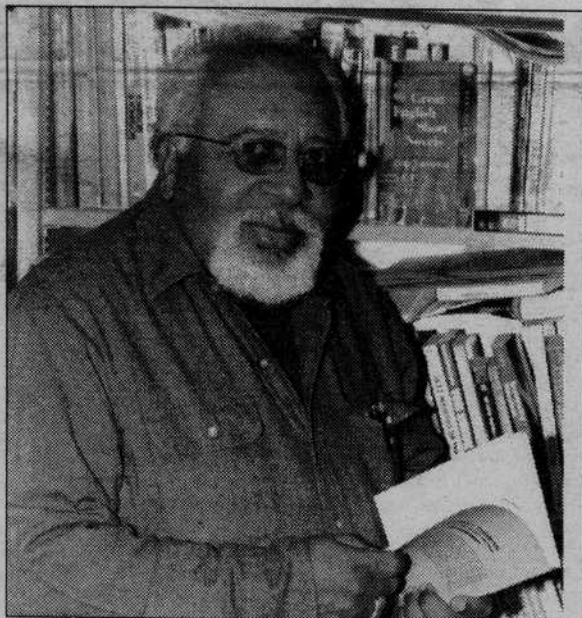
"I don't subscribe to the 'grass is greener' theory," Bellotti said back then. "Though some things bear scrutiny, the bottom line is I am very, very happy where I'm at, have been, and I believe will continue to be."

Bellotti, who was spotted at the Oregon women's basketball game Saturday, is 49-22 in his six seasons with the Ducks. Ohio State is a tradition-filled school that was not pleased with its 8-4 season that ended with a 24-7 loss to South Carolina in the Outback Bowl.

Bellotti becomes the sixth name to surface as a possible replacement, joining Minnesota coach Glen Mason, Youngstown State coach Jim Tressel, Stanford coach Tyrone Willingham, Ohio State assistant Fred Pagac and former Buckeyes standout Chris Spielman.

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Mike Bellotti
Oregon football coach



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Dr. Edwin Coleman, shown in his office, brings historic events to life.

The privilege makes the power

■ A University professor shares his experiences of segregation and prejudice in a white world

By Lisa Toth
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For University professor Dr. Edwin Coleman, segregation has been a way of life, not just a term describing racial separation.

While he didn't partake in the Montgomery Bus Boycott or march for civil rights in Washington, D.C., Coleman has seen how black stereotypes are still entwined with past and present American culture. "It doesn't matter if you are in New York, Mississippi or Chicago," Coleman said. "A certain element of people don't see me. Even if I wore my academic gown, that wouldn't matter."

Coleman retired in 1998 from a full-time position at the University after 33 years, but he continues to bring his stories to students on campus, and he can't seem to keep himself away from teaching

English classes. As the eldest of four children, Coleman grew up in El Dorado, Ark., surrounded by poverty and racism.

"You learned to live with prejudice and made sure you didn't walk on the same side of the street as a white man," Coleman said.

Coleman said his father was a barber and his mother cleaned a house for a white family. Coleman remembered how they combined their wages every week for a total of only \$30 to \$40. His parents never finished high school, but they taught Coleman right from wrong.

He learned how to read at Fairview School in Arkansas. The all-black school was strengthened by teachers who were dedicated to improving student knowledge and reading skills, despite often not having proper teaching credentials. Coleman said his teachers used education as a way to help black people move up in the world.

Coleman's family later moved to the segregated Alameda housing projects in California. The house-

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"I am not free until everyone is free."

Edwin Coleman
professor,
English

MLK Jr. Day speaker says justice goes beyond diversity

■ Dr. Julianne Malveaux's speech focused on economic justice, rather than 'softer, fuzzier' messages

By Lindsay Buchele
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Dr. Julianne Malveaux, a nationally recognized economist, writer and social ac-

tivist, gave the keynote speech Monday during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day events at the Hult Center.

Her speech, given to a crowd of about 400 people in the Soreng Theater, detailed how achieving diversity is only a small part of what needs to be done to create economic justice.

"Minorities can make or break corpora-

tions," Malveaux said. "If we choose not to eat this, smoke this, buy this — we have the control."

The evening's celebration, hosted by the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee, was the end to a day of events, including a march honoring King. The celebration included several selections sung by the University's Gospel Choir, a presentation of

awards, a dance performance, a speech by Mayor Jim Torrey and the keynote address given by Malveaux.

Malveaux's speech was based on the night's theme: "The Economic Case for Diversity in the New Millennium."

"We tend to focus on the softer, fuzzier

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Workers go on strike at Nike-contracted factory

The Mexican factory makes some apparel for the University

By Andrew Adams
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A labor dispute is currently in progress at a Nike-contracted garment factory in Atlitxco, Mexico, about 65 miles southeast of Mexico City.

The factory produces some licensed University apparel.

According to reports from the Worker Rights Consortium and the United Students Against

Sweatshops organization, workers at the factory are on strike over illegally fired workers, rotten food being served in the factory's cafeteria and the company's failure to pay Christmas bonuses.

Both Nike and the University have confirmed there is an ongoing legal dispute at the Korean-owned Kukdong International-Mexico factory, but neither institution could comment on the details of the dispute.

Agatha Schmaedick, a member of USAS and a University alumna, said the situation in Atlitxco has intensified to include clashes between police and protesters. She said several of the leaders of the protest have been arrested, and others have been hospitalized with injuries received from police. Schmaedick said an unidentified college student was questioned by

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