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the Ducks to an eighth straight NCAA Tournament appearance last month. She has a .687 winning percentage, best of any men's or women's basketball coach in Oregon history.

She has said she is not concerned about losing her job, but is open to conflict mediation.

A memo written March 11 by Runge to Moos, obtained by The Oregonian last week, detailed the coach's concerns about the future of the program.

"The events of the past week have caused me to both search

my soul for the reasons that such a controversy is spinning around our program, and to reach out to

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Jody Runge
Oregon head coach

my friends and supporters to seek solutions that will heal this rift in our basketball family," Runge wrote. "I am committed to active

participation in a dialogue that will eliminate the conflicts within the program."

In the memo, Runge asked that Daniel Close, professor of counseling, family and human services, be a neutral consultant in the dispute.

Close said Wednesday that he was briefly interviewed Tuesday by representatives from Bond, Schoeneck and King. He described the process as "a standard approach to mediating a conflict," but does not know when the investigation will be resolved.

"I really have no idea what's going on," he said. "Right now, I'm trying to stay away from it as much as I can."

Football

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Field, also the league's director of player personnel, at (541) 683-6079.

"If they've ever loved football, ever watched football, ever played football in the back yard with their brothers, we want them," Field said.

Field has tried to keep the spirit of Oregon football alive in the WAFL's two beaver state teams. Former Duck wide receiver Osbourn Thomas will coach the Unforgiven, while former Oregon players Brent Davis and Walker

Templeton will assist Thomas. Thomas was a wide receiver for

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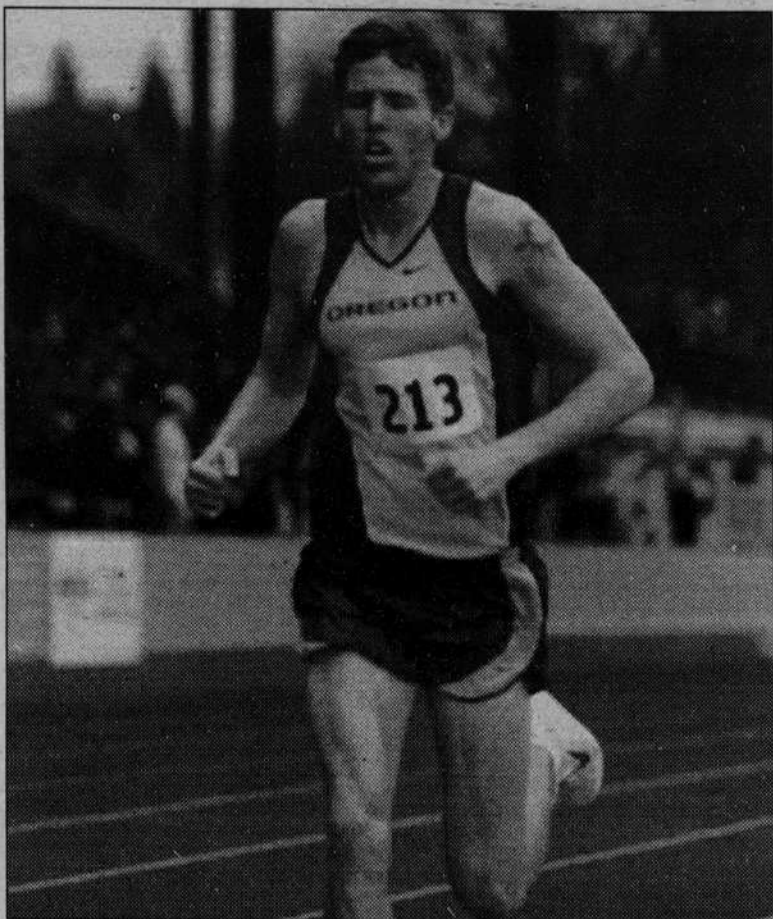
Randall Field
Unforgiven
general manager and owner

the Ducks from 1979-84 while Davis competed for Oregon as a

linebacker from 1996-98. The most recent Duck is former defensive lineman Templeton who roamed the turf at Autzen Stadium from 1997-2000.

The WAFL's league philosophy, as it says on its Web site, is "to establish a credible, ethical and viable women's professional full contact football league ... an association of teams sharing equally in the income of the league and retaining their own teams' profits."

For more information on the Oregon Unforgiven and the WAFL, go to www.unforgiven2001.com and www.WAFLfootball.com.



Laura Smit Emerald

Sophomore Jason Hartmann has already locked up an NCAA bid in the 10,000 meters and will look for another in the 5,000. The NCAAs will take place at Hayward Field.

Track

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make up for his stumble today in his preferred events, the 110 hurdles and pole vault.

Pappas, who stands at 18th place, put forth a third-place finish in the shot put with a toss of 45-1.

The multi-event portion of the Relays concludes today at 11 a.m. CDT with the 110 hurdles.

Going the distance

Last season, sophomore distance runner Jason Hartmann was kept off of the track in order to become accustomed to the collegiate scene. This year, Smith can't keep Hartmann off of the oval.

In his first ever 10,000 meter race on the track, Hartmann earned an automatic NCAA qualifying mark

and ran the seventh-fastest time in Oregon history.

Hartmann's time of 28 minutes, 56 seconds ranks him fourth in the nation.

"I was quite happy with my time," Hartmann said. "I'm looking forward to training hard and if I just stick to the fundamentals, I'll keep improving."

With a trip to the NCAA meet at Hayward Field already secured, Hartmann can now work on a nationals bid in the other long distance race — the 5,000 meters.

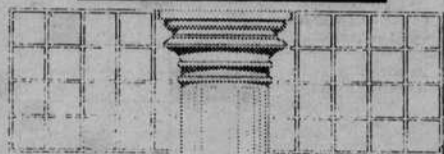
"Hopefully I'll qualify for the 5K if everything goes right," Hartmann said. "If it happens it happens. But I love both [the 5,000 and 10,000]."

Hartmann's next race will be on April 14 when Oregon hosts the Washington Dual meet.

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