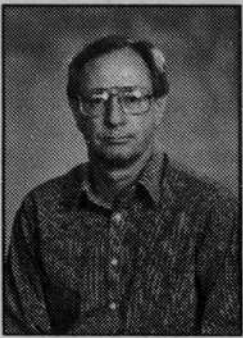


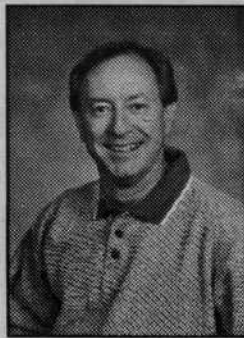
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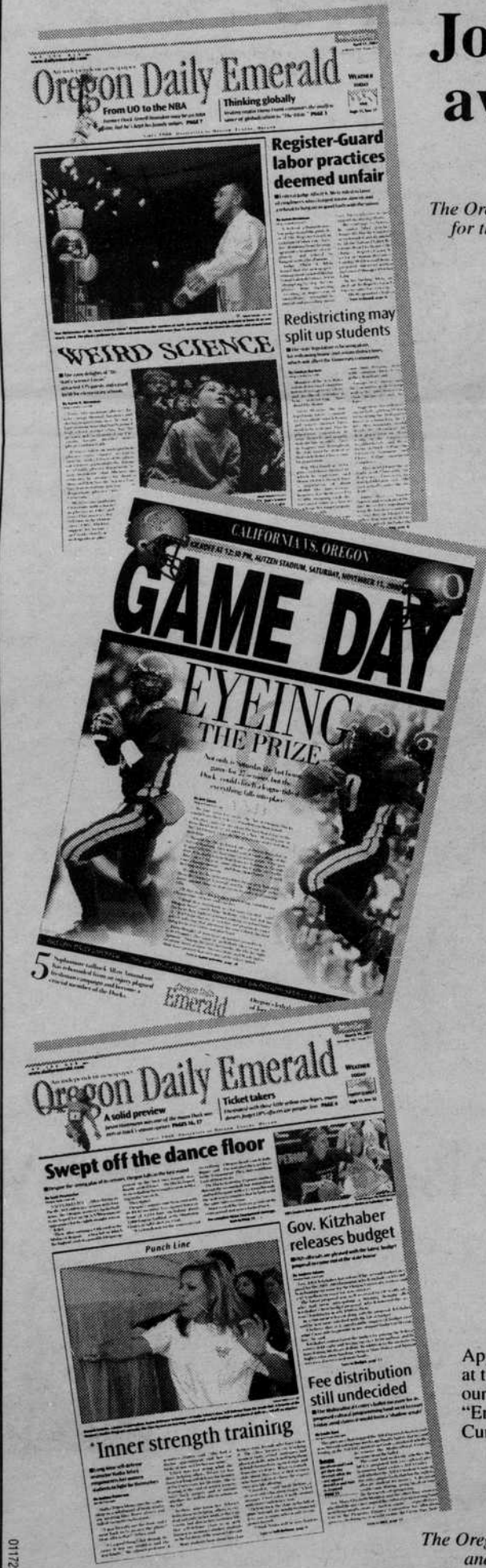
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their involvement with a semi-professional Australian league. Runge was unaware that their involvement infringed on NCAA rules.

That season, following road losses to the Washington schools, Runge and star guard Arianne Boyer, then a junior, clashed when Runge asked players to write down on paper why they lost. Boyer blamed her coach, which led Runge to suspend Boyer and call a meeting with Athletic Director Bill Moos and Boyer's parents.

Boyer, who finished her career fifth on the all-time scoring list, spoke out against Runge this year, saying she "is not a good coach."

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**Bill Moos**  
athletic director

While the Ducks continued their success on the court in the late '90s, tensions mounted between Runge, the Athletic Department, Oregon players and even her own coaching staff. Assistant coach Stephanie Osburn-Norman, a favorite of Duck players, did not return to the team following the 1998-99 season after Runge did not renew her contract.

The next season, Oregon won its first outright Pac-10 Conference title and advanced to its seventh straight NCAA Tournament. Runge was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year, her second such honor.

Up until this season, the controversy surrounding Runge and her program was for the most part ignored. Then eight undisclosed players went to Moos to address grievances against Runge, which ultimately appeared to have led to her resignation.

"While the accomplishments of our women's basketball program are impressive," Moos said. "I had some concerns that did not pertain to the win-loss record."

## THE RUNGE REPORT

Graduated from Kentucky in 1985

Coached at Florida, Alabama-Birmingham, Colorado State and Missouri

Career record at Oregon: 160-73, 100-44 in Pac-10 (eight seasons)

NCAA Tournament record: 3-8 (eight appearances)

Pac-10 Coach of the Year in 1994 and 1999

### TIMELINE

**1993** Runge is hired as the head coach of the stumbling women's basketball team.

**1994** In her first season, Runge takes the Ducks to the NCAA Tournament and is named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

**1995** Runge and then-Athletic Director Rich Brooks battle over a contract extension. Runge threatens to sue the University over salary disparities.

**1996** Runge revokes the scholarship of sophomore Kristin Niemann, who then goes into psychological counseling.

**1996** Guard Elsa Oliveira accuses assistant coach Kelly Kebe of slapping her in the face.

**1999** Runge announces that she will not renew the contract of assistant coach Stephanie (Osburn) Norman.

**1999** The Ducks win their first Pac-10 title. Runge is named Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

**2000** Oregon wins another Pac-10 title.

### 2001

**Feb. 23** When Angelina Wolvert refuses to shake hands with UCLA after a loss, Runge suspends the senior forward only to lift the suspension the next day.

**March 4** In a meeting with Athletic Director Bill Moos, eight unidentified players complain about Runge's coaching methods and request that she be fired.

**March 10** With a victory over Oregon State, Runge becomes just the third coach in the Pac-10 to reach the 100-win plateau.

**March 27** Law firm Bond, Schoeneck & King, which Moos hired, begins its independent review of the women's basketball program.

**April 30** Runge resigns from her position as head coach of Oregon women's basketball.

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