

"I love hitting Donovan, even in real life. ... Donovan just feels good in my arms ... and I mean that in a purely heterosexual way."

New York Giants' defensive end Michael Strahan on Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback Donovan McNabb

■ In my opinion



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Violent fits from athletes shouldn't be tolerated

Kenny Rogers ended two weeks of speculation Sunday by announcing that he will attend the Major League Baseball All-Star game tonight in Detroit.

Well, my summer is complete, now that I know Rogers will represent baseball's best.

Rogers, a starting pitcher for the Texas Rangers, shoved two cameramen while they were filming the 17-year veteran prior to a game on June 29. One cameraman was sent to the hospital, while his equipment was hurled to the ground and stomped on.

MLB Commissioner Bud Selig suspended Rogers for 20 games and Rogers was charged a \$50,000 fine for the incident; however, Rogers has continued to pitch while the players' association has appealed the sentence.

Despite the incident, fellow players voted Rogers onto the American League squad after he posted a 10-4 record with a 2.54 ERA in 17 games this season. Rogers' contract includes a \$50,000 bonus for making the All-Star team.

"I know I belong there without a doubt," Rogers told the Dallas Morning News. "I'm going because I was voted in by the players and I earned it."

It is a complete joke that an athlete can throw a violent fit and his punishment is reduced or suspended to allow him the honor of playing in an all-star event. In the world of professional sports, the athletes are often placed on a pedestal that allows them to treat the media as their servants. They call when they need us and they shove when they are done.

Rogers' actions have crossed the line — a line that begins with verbal assaults and now includes physical attacks. For a week after the incident, Rogers refused to comment and failed to act like the "veteran" he is classified as.

On July 6, Rogers read a two-page letter that included an apology to his family, fans, teammates and the injured cameraman. He didn't explain his actions or allow any questions from reporters.

"Media coverage is important to the game, and we in baseball are obligated to treat members of the media with respect and civility," Selig said.

For all of the irrational stunts that Selig has pulled, by standing up for the media, he is setting the example that all professional sports needs to follow.

And as for Kenny Rogers... a chicken isn't roasted until its head is cut off.

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Canadians conquer Eugene Ems

The Emeralds only scored two runs during their weekend losses to the Vancouver Canadians

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It was over less than 10 minutes after it started, but don't tell the Eugene Emeralds that.

The Emeralds (10-10) lost their sixth game in the last eight contests 3-1 at the hands of the Vancouver Canadians (15-5) Sunday afternoon.

Vancouver scored twice in the top of the first inning on a two-RBI double by clean-up hitter Wes Long.

Long, who hit doubles in each of his first three at-bats, accounted for all three Vancouver runs before leaving the game in the eighth inning. Long was taken to a local hospital with a severe cut suffered during his last at-bat after the ball deflected off his bat and hit him in the face.

"He (Long) was definitely seeing the ball well," Eugene manager Roy Howell said. "We left the ball over the plate, and somebody is going to hit it."

"It's still nine against one. He hit the ball where we weren't."

Following a one-out double in the sixth inning, Long scored the Canadian's third run on a single by Ty Bubalo.

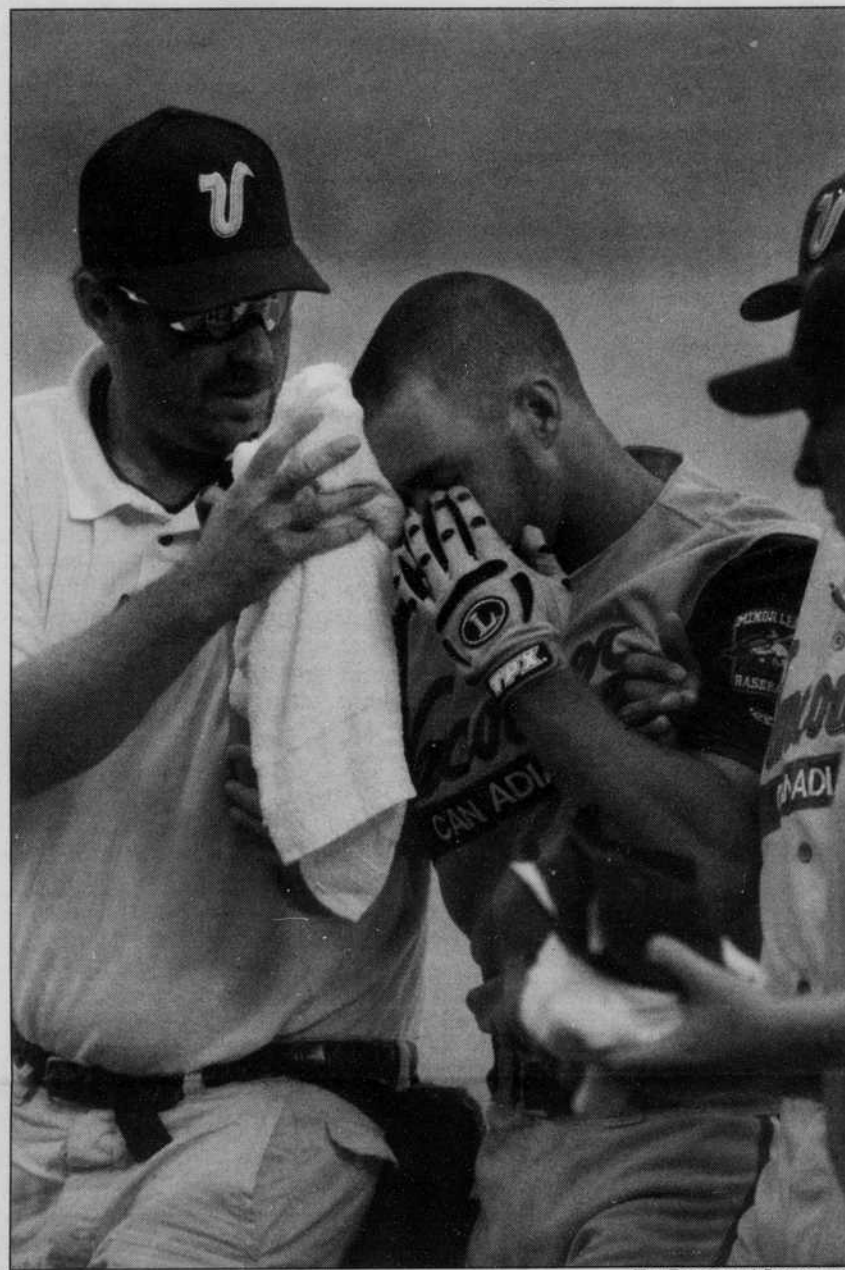
The Emeralds got on the board in the seventh inning when Kelvin Vazquez singled in Daryl Jones. Jones hit a two-out double and reached third base on a wild pitch during Vazquez's at-bat.

"All we need is a couple of clutch hits here and there," Jones said of the Ems recent struggles at the plate. "It is pretty much a concentration thing."

Jones came to the plate as the tying run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning but struck out.

"I think we let blue (umpires) get to us," Jones said of the calls. "He (the home plate

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Vancouver third baseman Wes Long is helped off the field after getting hit in the face with the ball. Prior to the injury in the eighth inning, Long was 3-3 with three doubles, two RBIs and a run scored.

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■ Outdoor recreation

A cure for the summer student blues

Located on a river, between the coast and the mountains, Eugene has access to many activities

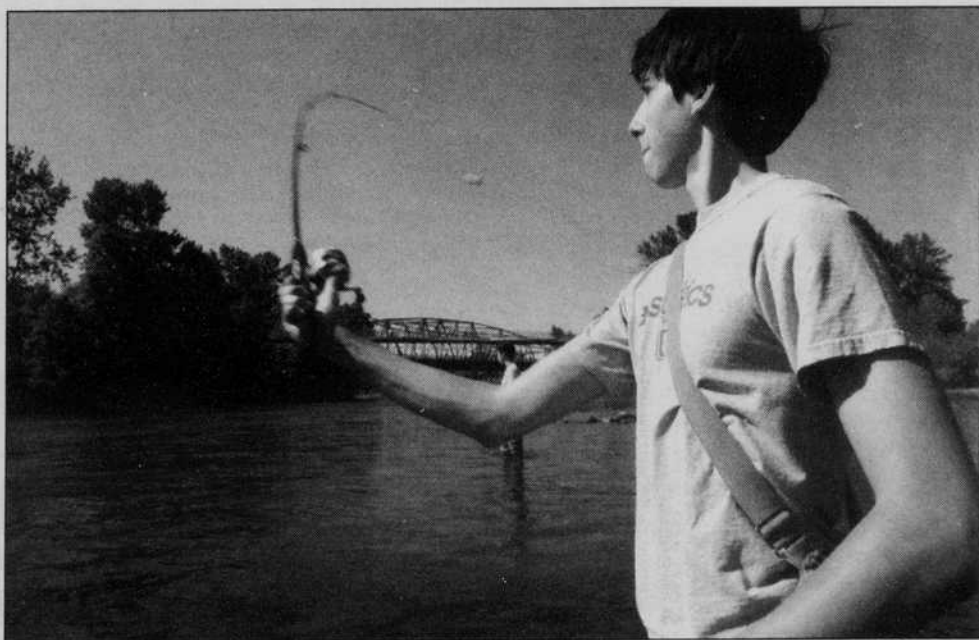
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Students staying in Eugene this summer face little trouble finding outdoor recreation spots nearby. Florence and the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers play host for a number of different aquatic activities.

The Willamette is a hot locale for fishing, be it with spinners, bait or fly. Sturgeon and a variety of salmon inhabit the river in and around Eugene. Chinook numbers are waning after the end of spring but can still be found as far north as Oregon City. High temperatures have created ideal conditions for shade fishing. Should salmon and sturgeon become scarce, the Willamette offers bass and bluegill that can be found near fallen trees and rock patches, which pepper the South Bank and Autzen Footbridge.

The McKenzie River is also excellent for fishing in Eugene and all of Lane County. Trout and steelhead are staples of the McKenzie.

White water rafting and boating can be done on both rivers, but especially in northern Eugene where the two meet. It is here that the water is calm but fast, creating an exceptional setting for canoeing and kayaking. For rafting, the McKenzie offers safe, exciting waters with rapids ranging from class one to three, fit for boaters from beginners to advanced. For those seeking more of a challenge, they can try the Deschutes, Rogue and Umpqua Rivers located



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Recent Churchill High School graduate John Beltran, foreground, fishes with his brother Eric, a senior multimedia design major at the University, in the Willamette River by the Ferry Steet Bridge on Friday afternoon.

just three hours from Eugene. Boating and fishing can also be done in nearby reservoirs such as Fern Ridge, Hills Creek and Wickiup.

The University of Oregon Outdoor Program offers hundreds of white water and kayaking trips throughout the year on 19 different rivers spanning the state. It also sells and rents out used boating equipment.

Waterfront campers can set up tents all along the banks of the Willamette and

McKenzie Rivers, but an even more adventurous place to camp is on the sandy beaches in Florence. Numerous campgrounds can be found near the water and less than a mile inland. Both camp and bonfires can be made here in the many fire pits lining the coast. Camping equipment can be rented from the OP Office located in the EMU. Students can also reserve vehicles for access to different

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