



Ed Coyne---Staff photo by Jay Graham.

Riding the West Ireland Coast Coyne rode through Connemarra, Connaught and Galway then cut through mid-Ireland and took a ferry back to Wales, biked to England and rode around there for two more weeks.

Coyne said, "I met a lot of Scots in Southern England and in every campground I met some friendly people." "I'd just pull out a map and look lost. They were always willing to help," he said.

Coyne said the main thing he found on his trip was, "many people had misconceptions about Americans." He said he went into one village where all the children wanted to see an American. "They had never seen Americans before," said Coyne. "They had only heard about them. That was an unusual feeling."

While Coyne was aware of the problems in Ireland he said, "I didn't find any trouble in Ireland. The problems were mostly in the South." Coyne travelled in the Eastern and central parts of the country.

Riding a place to sleep was never a problem for Coyne throughout his trip. "I slept on people's farms," he said. "If you ask permission, they'll never turn you down."

Coyne felt safe there, sleeping out wasn't a barrier to be overcome. "I felt safe there, I liked it and the people were friendly," he said.

As for food, Coyne carried backpackers food; macaroni and cheese, chicken and rice, and spaghetti. "I'd eat on a loaf of bread all day," said Coyne, "then stop at a pub for a couple of pints of beer." He ate a lot of breakfasts though. "They serve tea and all the bread you can eat over there," he said, "and they serve large breakfasts."

Coyne allowed himself \$7 a day for food. Coyne said "\$15 a day would be perfect to live easily, but under \$10, you're pushing it." The food given him by people he met helped his budget. "Some days I only had to spend \$1," he said.

When Coyne left Oregon, he had less than \$500. "I spent about \$100 on trains and ferry rides," he said, "so in reality I had about \$400."

Coyne said he started out travelling about 20-30 miles a day. "I gradually built up to about 70 miles a day," he said. "That was comfortable. I slept really good."

On the whole trip Coyne met only three Americans. "One was a couple and the

other was a girl from Michigan who was riding alone," he said.

Coyne spent about \$400 on gear prior to the trip including new tires and an over-haul, but when he returned he spent another \$85 replacing both rims and tires.

Coyne said, "This trip opened up a whole new world for me." For a city boy it was fun. He said, "I miss it now, I'd like to be back again."

And Coyne will do just that. He's currently looking forward to a trip next summer either through France or across the United States via the Bicentennial route. He said, "I'm looking forward to Europe. I wouldn't mind doing this as a job. This was just a cannon ball for me. I'd like to see every country."

Coyne said that for being an amateur he was surprised at how the trip went. "I went by Murphy's law that everything would go wrong," he said. And now since all went well, Coyne said, "It's the only way I'd ever go back."

## Split season has future possibility

By Thomas A. Rhodes  
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An old adage exists that no one watches baseball until the World Series starts. If that were true for anyone, it would be for me - that is, until this season. Naturally, the mid-season strike brought negative publicity (but publicity never the less).

Many of the baseball fans I have talked to thought nothing good came from the strike. They say the season, for what it's worth, is meaningless because of the lengthy break. The next time contracts are discussed, the players, like the writers, directors, and actors, will ask for a cut in the cable pie. As for the split season, the fans are thankful it is only for one year. I disagree.

Despite the ideal that something good can be discovered or come from any uninspiring occurrence, something new and beneficial came from the baseball strike. It is being looked at as something negative now, but in the long run, the sport could only benefit from the discovery that has made this season unique and, perhaps, more exciting than all others combined. That is, the split season.

Evidence can be found on the second page of the sports section of any newspaper. The standings display that, at the time of this writing, not one team in either league had a lead over the second place team by more than a game and a half. Never have the races been so close as the ones this year. What is even more exciting is witnessing the teams that have a strong possibility to go to the playoffs. When was the last time Detroit, Milwaukee, Montreal, or St. Louis have come this close to baseball's second season? Quite a while. Yes, the Yankees, the Dodgers, the Royals, and the A's, along with the Phillies, are in the play-offs too. They're there every year.

In short, the theory is the season is just too long and by the time the play-offs arrive, the players are tired, and I'm sick of hearing of the sport. The same problems appear with

basketball. Not only is the season too long, but if a team is below 500, or in last place mid-way through the season, kiss the year good-bye and pray for good picks at the draft. That is where the split season would benefit the leagues.

In essence, it is giving teams a second chance; giving players a one week lay-off. But, 154 games is just too long as the season trudges on. By the time the World Series rolls along, the football, hockey, and basketball seasons have already started.

More or less, baseball hasn't evolved since Abner Doubleday invented the game. The only major technical advance made in the sport, has been the Astrodome in Houston. Even then, the game never changed strategy-wise. It's not that every game needs to change or have a major technical achievement in its life time, but nothing, not even the style of uniforms have changed.

Some will argue the game isn't one that needs changes. Granted, as it remains one of the more popular sports in America, the sport has been floating on the same lightbulb for more than a century. However, if any change can or should be made, it should be made in the seasonal structure. This gives teams unlucky in the first half, hope for revival. Winners of the second half would get the home field advantage in the first round, thus giving an incentive to the first half winner to go for the second half as well. If they win both, they get a bye through the first round.

The split season would shorten the season to say 45 games for each half, which would, in turn, get players to work harder because they have less games and the races would be closer.

Baseball isn't a game gasping for changes, but if the second season is any indication of how exciting (for once) baseball can be, this theory should be taken into consideration, if not applied.

## Intramurals to begin next week

Looking for something to do during your Tuesday and Thursday lunch hours? Sign up now for Intramural flag football in downstairs Randall Hall and in the Student Center.

Intramural sports serve as a means of meeting new people, according to Intramural coordinator, Loren Swivel. "If people want to participate in an organized sport, they can,"

said Swivel. "And if an individual wants to get involved and doesn't know of a team, we can place them on one."

"The program is well run," said Student Program Specialist, Dave Buckley. "It provides a change for the staff, faculty and students to intermingle. It's competition, but not real high key, and that's what makes it enjoyable."

Participants in the Intramural program are required to be full-time students or employees of CCC.

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### SPORTS ACTION:

**Women's Volleyball vs. Chemeketa C.C.**  
Oct. 7 - 7 p.m. - Home

**Women's cross country - Oct. 10**  
**Willamette Invitational - Salem - Noon**

**Men's Cross country - Oct. 10**  
**Willamette Invitational - Salem - Noon**

**Women's Volleyball - Oct. 9/10**  
**Lower Columbia Invitational - Longview - TBA**

