

SPORTS

WHAT IS COACHING COMING TO?

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

IN MY SENIOR YEAR AS A HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYER, I REMEMBER THINKING ONE DAY I WANTED TO BE A HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACH I HAD ALL THE RESPECT IN THE WORLD FOR MY COACH JOHN HIGGINS, AT ST. ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

The one thing I remembered about Coach Higgins was he really cared about all the kids that played, on his team, or not. He did not have to tell you this, you could tell it by his actions. The old saying goes, "Action speaks louder than words." And that is what made my coach so special to me and my teammates.

In the early 1970's I became the head coach at St. Elizabeth High School, and yes you can say a dream come true. I had a good bunch of kids that I treated as my own. At the end of my first year we ended the season 17-16. Not bad for a team of first and second year players, only two juniors and no seniors. One of the juniors on the team was a fine player. Led the league in scoring, with more than twenty points per game. His name

was Jeff Cunningham, who went on to college and played very well.

But it was Jeff Cunningham's making the All-League Team that showed me the ugly side of coaching. Before the coaches meeting three coaches call me to see who I would vote for, for All-League. They had offered to vote for my player if I would vote for theirs. I was really bothered by this, because I felt that some of the kids that should make All-League Team, might not. And sure enough it happened. It wasn't one of my players, but it was a player that should have made the team. That has stayed with me ever since.

Then two weeks ago, I see where Tyron Manlove, the outstanding sophomore from Wilson did not, I repeat, did not make The Portland Interscholastic League, All-League Team. The Wilson Trojans finished second in league play behind Benson, with a record of 16-2, and beat every team at least once. The two teams to beat Wilson, was Benson and Cleveland.

On top of that Manlove was the leading scorer in the league with a 23.7 average. Far and away the best player on his team and I feel the best

player in the whole P.I.L.

But because of The P.I.L. open-enrollment Policy, some coaches in The P.I.L. did not vote for Tyron. In an effort to prove a point. Well coaches, you know who you are, the only thing that you proved is that you are to immature to coach our young men. How childish can one be, to take it out on a young man, who did not break any rule. Coaches if you don't like the rules, change them. Wouldn't you tell your player or your own kids that's the right way to do it.

This has made me sick, that right again sick to my stomach.

Of the five players that made the All-League Team, Jason Franklin and Earl Clark of Benson, Jessie Coulter of Grant, K'Zell Wesson of Jefferson, Joe Greene of Madison and Manlove's teammate Leland Mayes, it will be marred for ever. One of those kids knowing he should not have made the team over Manlove.

I hope this is a lesson to the insensitive coaches that did not vote for Tyron Manlove. Stop playing God, and let these young men play basketball for the right reasons. If you can't do that, do us all a favor and get out of coaching, please.

Trade, Jobs And Wages In America

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

THE LEAD ARTICLE IN THE APRIL 1994 SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN MAGAZINE SUGGESTS THAT, CONTRARY TO POPULAR WISDOM, FOREIGN COMPETITION (IMPORTS) IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR ECONOMIC ILLS, IE. LOSS OF HIGH-PAYING-MANUFACTURING JOBS AND A FALL IN "REAL EARNINGS" (THAT IS, A DOLLAR SEEMS TO BUY LESS EACH MONTH).

While the article is written by two leading lights of the American Economic Association, there is an insightful bit here and there that we lay people can get a handle on. Though our eye brows are still raised over that statement about "imports", we commend their observation, "Evidence suggests that earlier fears that machines would replace people may be closer to the mark than thought". I don't know who it could have been who thought otherwise--perhaps two other highly educated economists from Harvard and MIT.

Now, this type of job/wage displacement dominates the news each day and we are especially drawn to comment on the horrific losses in not only the manufacturing industries but in telephone companies and in banking and financial institutions. And African Americans are being heavily and disproportionately impacted in the latter three as new super computers take their toll on ranks that ballooned from affirmative action only a few decades ago. And "last hired, first fired" reverberates throughout the

nation.

Last year I dealt with this phenomenon in several articles. And in particular I cited the displacement of a considerable segment of the black workforce in manufacturing under the pressure of high-value imports like automobiles. You will note that in my first paragraph here, I cite our two brilliant economists as saying that "foreign competition is not responsible for our economic ills". The gentlemen seem quite confused do they not, for while there is a good correlation between their agreement on "machines replacing people" and the events in the telecommunication industry and financial institutions, they appear way off when it comes to evaluating the loss of manufacturing jobs to imports.

It is hardly worthy of comment to cite the oft-quoted figures on the real or fanciful erection of hundreds of thousands of new jobs, a statistic rattled off by not only this administration but the two previous ones. This desolate economic landscape of fast food and service jobs, many scarcely above minimum wage, require million to work two jobs--even where both spouses are already employed. And many millions do not have health insurance, let alone a company pension or a retirement plan.

I will not burden (bore) you with some of the rarefied, esoteric and confused arguments these two intellectuals make in language only other economists could easily follow. Suffice to say

that all their pages of sophisticated ramblings boil down to a presentation of the following suspect conclusion. "Assuming that the loss of any U.S. manufacturing jobs was made up by a gain of nonmanufacturing jobs--an assumption borne out by the absence of any long-term upward trend in the U.S. unemployment rate--the loss of 'good jobs' in manufacturing as a result of international competition corresponded to a...minimal loss of wages".

Our two difficult-to-follow economists blame the confusion of the nation on its failure to understand the impact of their two main contentions; first the consequences of America's slow productivity growth as compared with even 'emerging' countries. The difference, 1% against 3% is said to be a major factor in America's trade imbalance. Secondly, they blame a concept called the "terms of trade effect". Foreign competition can force a decline in the prices of U.S. products relative to those of other nations. The net result is a reduction in real earnings because the U.S. must sell its goods more cheaply and pay more for what it buys.

Whatever you say, Mr. Charley. We understand and neither do we understand how to put it all together again. However, we plain citizens were dependent on you experts and academics for effective operation of the system. You mean you're not up to the job? Help!

North Portland E & M Sentry Gets National Respect

The owners of North Portland's E & M Sentry have earned respect locally for fighting back when other grocers have fled the area. Now they have earned national recognition for it.

E & M was named to this year's Honor Roll in Progressive Grocer Magazine, a leading national industry publication. It was the owners, Robert Malone and Chris Ehlers, that netted the nomination for the outstanding crisis work they've done in their neighborhood - a neighborhood that in recent years has been plagued with gang violence and increasing crime.

Malone says he is pleased to be listed among the top stores in the nation. But the event is not without some sadness.

"It's actually quite unfortunate that we've become role models and that other grocers have felt the need to leave the area. In many ways this neighborhood get a bad rap. There are still a lot of wonderful people in our community. It's a sad day when some-

one can win recognition just for staying."

When Safeway left the neighborhood in the early 1980s, Fred Meyer in the mid '80s and Albertson in the late '80s, The owners of E & M Sentry didn't just remain - they fought back. Along with other merchants and homeowners, E & M Sentry has recently helped form a local neighborhood consortium. Its goal - to reduce crime and support businesses. Formed just over a year ago, the consortium works to drive criminals out of the community through neighborhood watch efforts and paid security. The consortium also offers healthy activities for children, including a Boy Scout Troop, field trips, a back-to-school party and a street fair.

In conjunction with Portland Community College, E & M Sentry also sponsors a computer learning program for the local Boy Scout Troop. The program show kids an alternative to gang violence - education.

Malone said the number of loiter-

ers and shoplifters in his store's area has vastly diminished since the program started. "We've definitely seen an improvement," he said, "and we'll work with our employees, neighbors and local churches to continue to make a difference in the community." "Our main goal isn't to do crisis management, but to stop the problems before they start," he said.

E & M Sentry is a member of United Grocers. United Grocers is the largest retailer-owned cooperative in the Pacific Northwest serving 363 independently owned stores in Oregon, Washington and northern California. The company operates distribution centers in Portland and Medford, Ore. and is best known by the names of its advertising groups - Thriftway, Sentry Supermarkets, Select Markets, Shop Smart/Food Warehouse and Price Chopper - or by individual store names such as Kienow's, Larry's, Wizer's, Food-Valu, Hank's and many other fine independent grocers.

OPB TV Broadcasts Rich History Of Jews In Oregon

They came to Oregon with the earliest Euro-American pioneers. From department-store founders Aaron Meier and Emil Frank to former Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt and Portland Mayor Vera Katz, Jews have helped shape some of Oregon's most enduring institutions. On Wednesday, March 30, at 10:30 pm, Oregon Public Broadcasting airs Oregon Jews, a documentary covering the rich history of the Jews of Oregon from 1850 to the present.

In this half-hour documentary, Portland filmmaker Jan Baross chronicles the first three eras of Jewish immigration to the West: the 1820s, when Jews began leaving Germany to escape religious persecution; the early 1900s, when Jews left Eastern Europe to escape its program; and the late 1930s, when the rise of Nazism prompted the most urgent Jewish exodus of all.

Still photographs and interviews with surviving immigrants carry us from the 19th century to the tumultuous World War II era, when Vera Katz and her family arrived in this country, as she recalls, "with nothing in our hands." Oregon Jews also touches on the fourth wave, Russian immigrants, who are currently arriving in Portland.

An award-winning documentary filmmaker, photographer and playwright, Baross said she began this project after reading "Jews of Oregon, 1850-1950," a historical account by the late Steve Lowenstein.

"When I read the book, I thought, 'God, this is great,'" said Baross. "I didn't know how much Jews had contributed to Oregon."

Help For Parents

BY HARVEY L. RICE

All parents and grandparents know that discipline is a difficult and necessary part of raising children and grandchildren. You can learn how to make discipline more effective and more comfortable for you and your children or grandchildren. Sign up for the class "Discipline That Doesn't Hurt" that will be offered at the St. Johns Community Center in the Craft room on five Mondays, March 28, April 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Oregon State University Extension Services' Harvey Rice, M.S.T., Parenting Educator will explore such topics as

Discipline That Doesn't Hurt

And it works for 2-8 year olds! explore our values as parents, the developmental needs of our children, watch videos, tackle discipline problems with a new way of thinking and an arsenal of techniques. Understand your own and your child's behavior and select the discipline technique which best fits the need so child and parent. Please come grow with us and join the fun. Comprehensive workbook provided at class.

Registration for the five week series is required, and participation is limited to 20 parents. Contact the PCC Cascade Campus Community Education office at 244-6111 Ext. 5205 to register.

Application period for Oregon charitable checkoffs

The Oregon Charitable Checkoff Commission announced that organizations who want to be considered as a charitable check-off to appear on future income tax return must apply by July 1, 1994. For information, or to receive an application, call the Department of Revenue at 945-8288, or write to the Department of Revenue, 955 Center Street NE, Salem, OR 97310.

To be eligible for consideration as a charitable checkoff, an organization must:

Support private charitable causes or engage in public activities that are consistent with policies and programs of the state;

Ensure that checkoff resources will fund programs resulting in benefits to the state that are unlikely to occur under existing public and private programs;

Be qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions.

The Oregon Charitable Checkoff Commission will meet in August to review the applications. In October, the Commission will decide which organizations are eligible to appear on the 1994 and 1995 income tax returns.

The Oregon Charitable Checkoff Commission was created by the 1989 Legislature to determine if a charitable or governmental entity is qualified to receive contributions by means of a checkoff. Commission members are: Representative Lonnie Roberts, Senator Tricia Smith, Ruth McFarland, Richard Paul, Beverly Vonfeld, Ron Chastain, and Rick Main, ex officio member. One additional member is still to be appointed.

JORDAN LACKS SKILLS FOR THE BIG LEAGUE

Michael Jordan three-time N.B.A. most valuable players, lacks the skills to make it in the baseball big league. This may sound silly and unbelievable to Jordan's fans but not the Chicago White Sox. The club coaches last week sent the former N.B.A. player to the minor-league, with an official approval. Jordan has since recline to his minor-league career with an R.B.I. for Prince William.

CURE YOUR SPRING FEVER FAST AT PORTLAND MEADOWS!

If Spring fever has you looking for excitement, come to Portland Meadows. There are six more weeks in the live racing season and they include some of the biggest and best races of the year.

- \$40,000 Portland Mile, April 9
- \$50,000 Oregon Derby, April 23

They feature some of horse racing's top talent, so the best seats go fast. Call 285-9144 for reservations today.

HANDICAPPING CONTEST THIS WEEKEND

There's still time to be part of the Portland Meadows Handicapping Contest, this Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20. Guaranteed total prizes of \$10,000 and a \$5,000 first prize mean a weekend of intense competition and excitement. Call 285-9144 for complete contest information and get on the fast track to fun.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Gulfstream			Final Day! 10:00 a.m.				
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Golden Gate			1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.
Santa Anita			12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Portland Meadows Live					7:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Hollywood Greyhounds		4:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Phoenix Greyhounds		1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.



For information, call 285-9144. Directions: take the Delta Park Exit from I-5. Off Track Wagering: Multnomah Greyhound Park, N.E. 223rd & Gisan, Portland; Howard Johnson's, near the Airport, Portland; Best Bet, Beaverton; Ocean Palace, Portland; China Garden, Cornelius; Sherwood Inn, I-5 and Carman Drive.