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PRIORITIES IN QUESTION AT ART MUSEUM



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The art museum's recent switch in oversight from the Provost's Office to University Advancement has some worried that the museum's role as an academic entity will be undermined.

After recent management change, some question academic priorities of art museum

ALLIE GRASGREEN
News Reporter

When University President Dave Frohnmayer moved the art museum's oversight to University Advancement, the University's primary fundraising office, it raised eyebrows among the University community.

At the time, in June, Provost Linda Brady — the University's central administrative academics officer — oversaw the museum. For many, her presence guaranteed a connection between the museum and academia. Frohnmayer said University Advancement could successfully resolve pressing issues the museum was facing, including hiring a permanent director.

University Advancement's purpose certainly contrasts with that of the provost, who "provides leadership for matters that affect academic program, research, and outreach involving faculty members, students, and staff members." According to the Provost's Office, the provost is the spokesperson for academic matters at the University.

University Advancement, on the other hand, "serves the University of Oregon by building and strengthening relationships with diverse constituencies that encourage investment in and support of the

University, its programs and initiatives" — in other words, it strategically develops donor relations.

Instead of Provost Linda Brady overseeing the museum, that responsibility now lies with Vice President for University Advancement Allan Price. As multiple sources pointed out, this move directly contradicts the Association of Art Directors' "Professional Practices in Art Museums," a standard guidebook often used by museum and university administrators. The book is compiled by the association's Ethics and Standards Committee.

It states because an art museum is a university resource, "it is appropriate that the director should report to the central administration of the university/college rather than to some section/part of the university/college such as a department, division head, or school." This reporting structure is designed to ensure the museum's responsiveness to University community concerns.

Both Price and Brady report directly to Frohnmayer.

Price acknowledged the move's implicit suggestion that the museum is not an academic entity, but said despite the advancement office's donor-driven nature, the museum's academic

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Eugene goes to the polls: State's two measures explained

Ballot campaigns for the two controversial measures were most expensive in Oregon's history

JASON N. REED
News Reporter

This fall, Oregon voters have been wrapped up in the most expensive ballot campaign in the state's history, and they've been asked to decide on two measures that revive debates on past issues. The record-breaking spending swirled around a proposed tax on tobacco to fund health insurance: Measure 50. And in an attempt to reform Measure 37 from 2004, voters will decide if they want to tame private landowners' rights to build homes and large developments, specifically in prime farmlands and forestlands: Measure 49. The special ballot election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6, and all mail-in ballots must be deposited by Friday, or dropped in a ballot box by Tuesday

ELECTION

Mailing Deadline Today

The last day to safely mail in special election ballots is today. After today, ballots sent through the mail likely wouldn't reach the elections office by the Tuesday deadline, and must be dropped off at a ballot box instead.

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UO student's portraits of hip-hop artists to be featured in downtown art walk

Lexis Clay-Weary uses a variety of unconventional mediums to create her music-inspired artwork

MIKE O'BRIEN
News Reporter

University senior Lexis Clay-Weary, a digital arts major, has always been into art, but she never liked to draw people. will.i.am of the Black Eyed Peas changed her mind.

When Clay-Weary was a junior at Sheldon High School, a picture of the Black Eyed Peas ran in "Eugene Weekly" to promote the popular hip-hop group's upcoming concert.

"I really liked the contrast," she said. "I reduplicated it and it turned out really cool."

Clay-Weary's picture of the Black Eyed Peas will hang alongside several of her other pieces when she debuts her art at the Museum

of Unfine Art and Record Store Friday night.

During the first Friday of every month, the Lane County Arts Council leads its ArtWalk, a tour through different downtown art galleries. While this Friday's ArtWalk will focus on Broadway galleries, such as Diva Downtown Initiative for the Visual Arts and Passionflower Design, MUARS is an additional stop recommended by Lane County Arts Council.

"The hosted tour doesn't go to those places, but they're open during the tour," explained LCAC board member Meg Trendler.

Though Clay-Weary has shown art in the Black Student Union's Black Arts Festival, Friday marks her first gallery showing.

AT A GLANCE

The Museum of Unfine Art and Record Store is across the street from the post office, at 537 Willamette St. The First Friday ArtWalk will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Goldworks Jewelry Arts Studio, located at 169 East Broadway.

Clay-Weary's artistic focus is primarily portraits of hip-hop pioneers, such as LL Cool J and members of Run-DMC.

"It's funny because I used to hate doing faces and now I hate doing anything but faces," she said.

MUARS Owner Shawn Mediacast met Clay-Weary through a

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IN MY OPINION | KAMRAN ROUZPAY

All (back) aboard the Dixon bandwagon

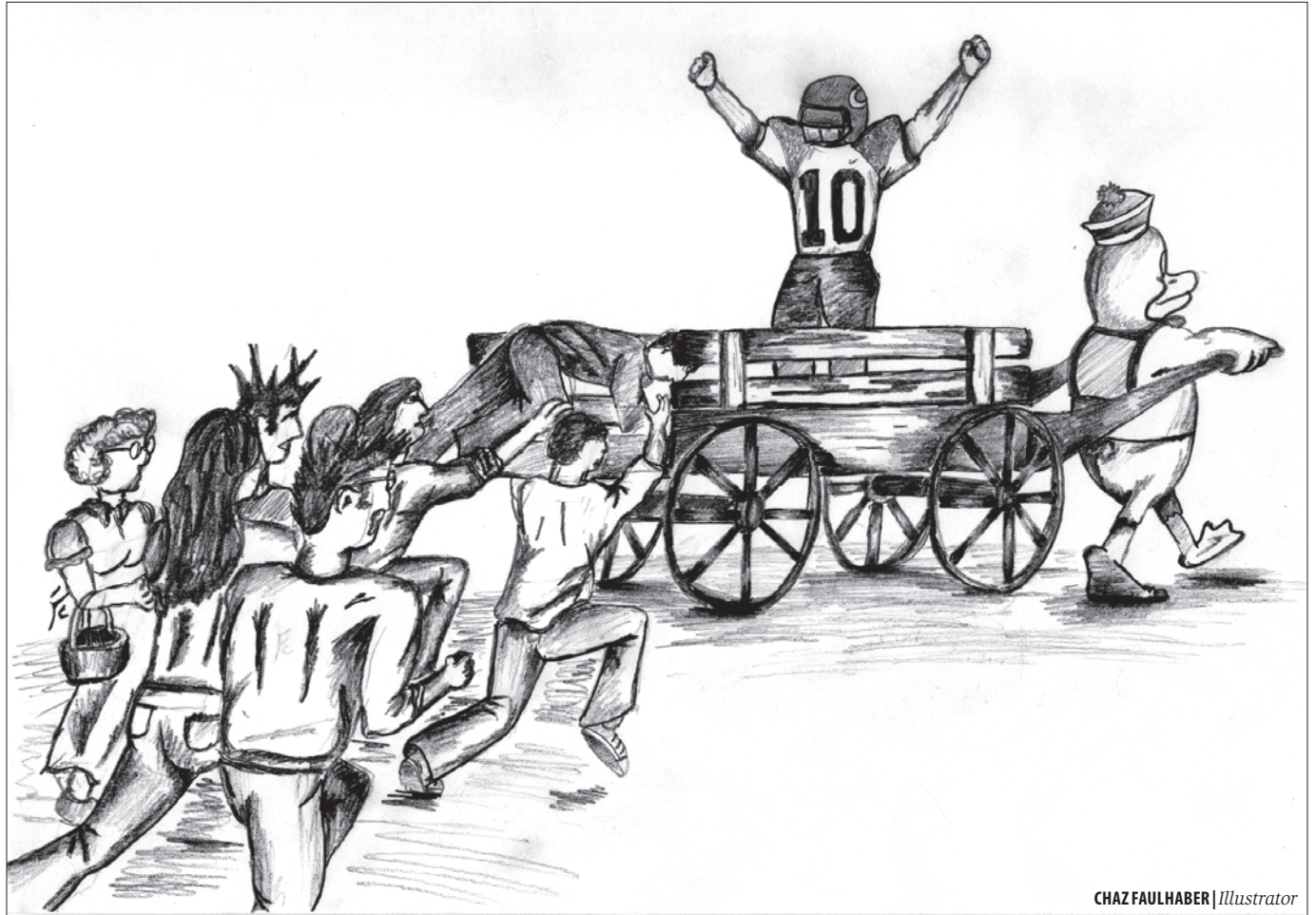


A CLEVER RUSE

Five months ago, Dennis Dixon was the most despised person in the University community. As we all know, Dixon signed a contract to play for Atlanta's farm team over the summer and forgo much of his senior preseason — a critical preseason for the entire team. Admit it, you were pissed. So was I. So was Bellotti. It was justified.

We watched last season end sourly, but we still had high hopes as Dixon showed immense potential, and Jonathan Stewart would surely skyrocket. But then in June, Dixon shocked us all by signing that baseball contract. I — as did many — felt extremely betrayed. I felt he let down our community, our school, and our program. And then he had the nerve show up for training camp like he was going to own the place — like it was his team. Needless to say, the heat was on for Dixon's final season.

And then he let his game do the talking. Dixon showed up big, and through all his Heisman-worthy performances, told all the naysayers — including myself — to shut the hell up. And we did. I won't deny that I was hating on Dixon, and you shouldn't either. I know there are some out there like Chip Kelly who stood by Dixon from the start, but most of you were just as confused as I was. We lashed out in anger and frustration, and Dixon faced



CHAZ FAULHABER | Illustration

potential mutiny from fans and even teammates. For this — not his stellar on-field displays — I fully applaud Dennis Dixon's season.

Seriously, what cojones on this guy. People talked trash about him all summer, including a skeptical Bellotti, and he never let it get to him. He was one tough, early loss this season from getting benched. Let's be totally honest. All it took was one atrocious loss for fans, critics, and possibly coaches to say, "I told you so." Basically, Dixon had an uphill battle this year from the very beginning,

which actually began last year against Cal.

His performance notably went downhill following that brutal

loss. He didn't crumble following this year's loss to Cal, and lead his team with honor despite the loss. On top of all the off-field pres-

50-foot, egomaniacal billboard in New York.

He is unquestionably the most resilient and reliable quarterback in the nation, worthy of everything good that comes to him. His mental toughness, not his physical attributes, are his most impressive assets.

If he got through last year's spirit-crushing criticism as well as he did, then I doubt there's nothing Dixon can't do. So, on behalf of all rude, presumptuous critics in the world, I apologize to you, Dennis Dixon.

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He is unquestionably the most resilient and reliable quarterback in the nation, worthy of everything good that comes to him.

loss, and skeptics wondered if he'd ever live up to his potential. But he bounced back mentally stronger than he'd ever been.

sure, he is rallying the Ducks toward a potential national championship and Heisman-winning season. And he did it without a

EDITORIAL

Arena funds need clarification

By all estimations, the University's plans for a new, state-of-the-art basketball arena to open in 2010 will prove a winning proposition for everyone. Assuming that a few remaining hurdles — including the acquisition of land neighboring the vacant Williams' Bakery — are cleared, construction of the arena can begin.

But questions regarding the University's means of funding the operation are swirling before a single shovel even breaks ground. The Emerald reported yesterday on an obscure tax law known as arbitrage — an action the University could find itself in violation of if it doesn't tread carefully.

If a public body, such as a state university, takes out a low-interest bond, then immediately turns and invests the bond in a higher-interest-rate market, it is committing arbitrage. The incentive for an institution to do so would be to exploit the price differences in separate markets, and make an instant profit as a result of these differences.

Talks on the future of the arena had stalled, but Phil and Penny Knight's \$100 million donation to the University's athletic department reinvigorated plans to move forward. It suddenly seemed that the athletic department had nearly all the money it would need to build

the arena.

But the picture became cloudy when the University revealed its plans to take out \$200 million in bonds from the state to pay for construction costs. None of the donation money from Phil and Penny Knight would be used to build the arena.

Instead, the donation is being used to establish the Oregon Athletics Legacy Fund, with the aim of providing a financial safety net for the athletic department. This money will be invested and could yield returns as high as 10 percent. By contrast, the bonds will come with an interest rate of only 4.6 percent. The University plans to pay the loan back with the revenue the new arena is expected to bring in. That number is expected to fall between \$8 and \$14 million annually.

The bond, meanwhile, will cost the University \$11 million to \$12 million per year. So if the revenue from the new arena were to fall closer to the low estimate of \$8 million, the University would be forced to dip into its own pockets to pay the remaining bond debt. But if the University paid for it with money from the legacy fund — invested money earning returns in excess of the 4.6 percent bond interest rate — that is arbitrage. As a result, the University would be forced to pay taxes on

the difference between the two interest rates.

University officials insist this scenario won't play out, and it is unlikely to be a problem once the arena opens — so long as the legacy fund isn't used to pay back the bond. Plans for the new arena estimate its seating capacity to be between 12,500 and 15,000. That's between 2,500 and 5,000 more seats than are in McArthur court. It should make millions of dollars for the athletic department to spend at its discretion.

Furthermore, the Duck Athletic Fund, which consists of uninvested donor money, could be used to compensate for a potential revenue shortfall, should one occur, with no legal ramifications whatsoever.

As it stands, the new arena should pay immediate financial dividends upon its opening. But all of this uncertainty calls for greater transparency within the University's and athletic department's methods of financial allocation.

That the issue of legality can even be brought up in this process raises caution flags. The University should fully inform the public as to how it plans to borrow, spend and repay the money in order to avoid much of the uncertainty surrounding the issue.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Team up to tackle climate change

Hi football fans! Here in Oregon we're known not only for our great football team but also for being the Green State.

Fans, climate crisis is the playoff we just can't lose. Our home turf is on the line. The clock is running. It's third down and we have a lot of yards to go.

The world's climate scientists have huddled and they've given us a game plan. We have to tackle carbon emissions. In two years we'll need to cap those emissions and be on our own 10-yard line in 2010. Then we'll keep pushing back those emissions over the decades. The goal is to bring down carbon 80 percent by 2050.

We will need to break right through that defensive line of deniers and delayers. We will need to run interference on the oil companies, and block new coal plants. We'll have to rely on our receivers for some big plays — I'm talking about solar receivers!

We want touchdowns, not tipping points! We want stadiums filled with football fans, not hurricane refugees. It's up to us.

But we need an umpire and referees on this field. We need rules to this game. Where is our government? Where are the officials? They're presiding over the biggest barbeque in history. We need to get them out of their fantasy league, onto the real field, now, before the clock runs out on us!

We're handing off the ball now to every one of you. Take that ball and run with it. Don't slow down. Make a pitch to others whenever you see an opening. Bring players in off the sidelines. Above all, keep your eyes on the goal.

We are all part of Team Humanity, and together we're unbeatable, because we're playing to win the biggest trophy of all — climate security.

So let's all get behind the biggest kickoff in human history. Go Ducks! Let's beat those Sun Devils!

Mary Wood

Law School Professor



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CULTURE

Students celebrate Dia De Los Muertos

Many Nations Longhouse will host MEChA's Dia De Los Muertos event Friday starting at 5:30 p.m.

The holiday, observed in Mexico and Mexican-American communities in the U.S. with variations in other Latin

American countries, celebrates and remembers the deceased.

Friday's event will include a photography exhibit from Tania Frausto, a photographer and architect from Guanajuato, Mexico.

"Her art exhibit will focus on the retention of cultural practices," student Oscar Guerra said.

La Catrina will perform salsa and meringue music, and Mujeres, an offshoot of MEChA,

will read poetry.

Student Stephanie Patricio said the event is a way to keep culture alive while in college.

"I was starting to lose that, or I would have, if it weren't for MEChA and events like that," she said.

Tamales and horchata from Plaza Latina will be served.

—Robert D'Andrea

Measures: More money to develop downtown might mean less funding for other city resources

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at 8 p.m.

Oregon State Measure 49 — Land Use

Measure 49 modifies Measure 37, giving private landowners the opportunity to build a specified number of homes as compensation for land use restrictions imposed after they acquired their property. If the measure passes, landowners who previously filed Measure 37 claims that were approved will be allowed to build up to three homes on their property, or up to 10 homes if they can prove that land-use regulations reduced their property values. The passage of Measure 49 will also disallow large-scale development under the premise of property value reduction.

Supporters of the new measure claim it fixes the flaws in Measure 37 that allow out-of-control development leading to the destruction of Oregon's farmlands and forests. They also say such large-scale development would put too much strain on Oregon's waterways and reservoirs.

Proponents also say Measure 49 accomplishes what Measure 37 was intended to do. Families who want their property value to stay at

a marketable rate, build retirement homes or additional housing on their property and pass land through inheritance will have the ability to do so under Measure 49, and passing the measure will not put these requests in jeopardy.

Opponents, however, say that property owners should be allowed to do what they wish with their lands, and that government has no right to intervene in private property concerns. They also claim that passing the measure will allow the government to take landowners property without compensation, and some people will lose their life savings.

Oregon State Measure 50 — Cigarette Tax

This measure amends the state constitution by increasing the tax on cigarettes by 84.5 cents per pack, and increases the tax on other tobacco products to generate an estimated \$152.7 million in the 2007-2009 financial period. The revenue generated by this tax increase dedicates funds to provide health care for uninsured children and low-income adults in the state through Governor Ted Kulongoski's Healthy Kids Plan. It will also provide revenue for tobacco prevention and education programs.

Arguments in support of this measure point to the high number of uninsured children in Oregon — nearly 117,000 — and the necessity to provide them with adequate health care. Without funding from the tobacco tax, supporters say these children will be susceptible to a host of diseases and injuries that could possibly hamper any chance at a healthy development without health insurance. The funds to support tobacco prevention could reduce the number of tobacco-related diseases in this future generation.

Opponents have been waving the flag of constitutional purity across television screens, saying that by putting the tax in the document, it will give politicians the precedent they need to allow any future tax into the constitution. The major opponents have been funded by big tobacco companies who assert that by taxing cigarettes, the number of consumers will shrivel to a level that won't result in enough money to support the Healthy Kids Program. They believe politicians might be forced to create new taxes to make up for the lost revenue.

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Art Show: University senior hopes to use profits from her artwork displays to help finance college education

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mutual friend and said her music-driven artwork is a perfect fit for the venue, though other art is welcome.

"It's definitely more of a coincidence in that sense," he said. "I've shown people who do everything from collage art to landscapes to portraiture to more abstract stuff. It's really all over the map."

Mediaclast, who is also an artist, said passion is his main criterion for choosing artists to display.

"If I don't share the aesthetic of the person, I'm not gonna say 'no,'" he said. "Usually what I do is see that the artist has put a good deal of themselves into their art before I put it in a show."

Clay-Weary also used acrylic paints, colored pencils, watercolors, oil pastels, and old cassette tapes.

Mediaclast is glad to showcase Clay-Weary's art and said he is excited for people to see it.

"She's a great painter," he said. "Her art's very expressive.

It's very historical and completely relevant to the history of music and hip-hop."

Clay-Weary plans to continue participating in gallery shows.

"Each month, I'm gonna try to get into another gallery, trying to work my way up to more exposure," she said. "My goal is to use my talent to its advantage, and see how well my stuff can sell and help pay for school."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT



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The ASUO Student Senate dressed in a collection of costumes from punk to sunflowers to a get-up inspired by the show "Scrubs" during their weekly meeting Wednesday. The Senate meeting was conducted in just under two hours Halloween night.

ASUO senators show Halloween spirit

Student senators distributed excess funds while in costume at the Halloween Senate meeting

ROBERT D'ANDREA
News Reporter

A human sunflower, a creepy clown and an oppressive cop walked into the EMU Board Room Wednesday night. That's not the premise of a bad joke — those were among the costumes student senators wore to the Halloween Senate meeting.

Sen. Lee Warnecke dressed as a snowboarder and Sen. Lauren Zavrel was in full punk gear with a mohawk. Zavrel described what she was wearing as "myself, but hotter." Sen. Nate Gulley said he was dressed as Chris Turk from "Scrubs."

Sen. Billy Hatch wore black and white striped stockings, black pumps, white daisy dukes, and a black '80s wig.

Senate President Athan Papailiou, who limited his festive attire to a bright orange polo shirt, opened the meeting by asking all senators to stay focused on business and wrap up the meeting quickly. The Senate adjourned at 8:59 p.m., less than two hours after the meeting began, making Wednesday's session the quickest of the term.

The Senate allocated a

total of \$2,537 in surplus funds during the meeting. Students for Choice received \$250 to send a representative to the West Coast Feminist Leadership Conference. The Veterans Student Family Association was allocated \$530 for a two-sided banner the group will use during Veterans Awareness Week next week.

The Asian Pacific American Student Union, represented at the meeting by members of the group including former co-director Chii-San SunOwen, now ASUO vice president, was allocated \$757 to continue producing the group's newsletter. SunOwen said a miscommunication last year led to the group having to go into debt to produce the newsletter at the end of spring term.

The only surplus requests that provoked debate came from Assault Prevention Shuttle. The group offers free rides to students who might be in uncomfortable or unsafe situations at night. Two years ago, 26 percent of its budget went unspent. As a result the groups' budget was cut, and current leaders will not have enough money to maintain vans or buy gas for the

entire year.

Sen. Neil Brown said it sounded as if the group was in a situation similar to Ad Club, which has no funding for the year because last year's leaders didn't go through the budgeting process.

"We're concerned about the precedent. What we have to establish is this isn't just you trying to increase your budget by subverting the (budgeting) process," Brown said.

Senate Vice President Donnie Kim said a precedent was set when the Senate turned away Ad Club, and the body had to follow that precedent regardless of the group asking for funds.

SunOwen said the purpose of the two groups and their circumstances should not be compared. "There's a big difference between APS and Ad Club," she said, noting that special circumstances including a low benchmark last year left the shuttle with a much smaller budget.

Eventually, senators allocated \$1,000 for van maintenance but decided to postpone a vote on money for gas or advertising expenses.

The group still has nearly \$3,000 in its gas budget, which is half of what it spent on gas last year.

Matthew McDaniel, a man who wants the University to rescind the doctoral degree of a man who he alleges sterilized tribal women in Thailand, returned to the Senate with his wife Michu.

McDaniel again made his case that the Thai government sterilizes Akha women without consent and under the influence of anesthetics. He said the government continues this practice and uses the University degree to legitimize it.

McDaniel translated for his wife, who speaks Akha, and quoted her as asking, "Who told somebody they could get a degree here to go and sterilize us?"

At the end of the meeting, Brown announced that he will resign after this term. He has accepted a post-graduate fellowship with the U.S. State Department. He will be working with the European Union in Brussels, Belgium.

Brown said he would like to stay on the Senate for as long as possible, but since he is a finance senator he will leave when a replacement is found. Whoever takes his seat will have a steep learning curve to prepare for the budgeting process winter term, he said.

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Men's hoops open with St. Martins exhibition

Head coach Kent names Joevan Catron the fifth starter for tonight's exhibition game at McArthur Court

KEVIN HUDSON
Sports Reporter

The No. 13 Oregon men's basketball team opens up their season with an exhibition game against St. Martin's University Friday, 7 p.m. at McArthur Court.

Oregon senior forward Malik Hairston said that this first exhibition game will be all about setting the tone for the new season.

"We definitely want to set the tone for the defensive intensity and just the way we're going to share the ball this year," he said.

Oregon coach Ernie Kent said that Joevan Catron will be the fifth starter to go along with the four returning starters from last season. Kent said that Catron's passion for the game is what won him the starting role.

"I just love his heart and I love his passion," said Kent. "He's going to ignite this crowd and he's going to ignite us with that energy that he brings to the floor and that's very important."

Kent said that this team is sure to be able to score, and he is mostly going to be looking at where this team is at on the defensive end of the floor.

"I'm anxious to see where we're at defensively more than anything else," Kent said. "We're so unconventional in our attack at this level that it's hard to get a feel for where we're at defensively."

One of the main reasons for concern is that the Ducks are looking to replace last season's team leader Aaron Brooks. Though Brooks was known for making several game-winning shots and taking games over offensively last year, Kent said that he will be missed most defensively.

"We miss his leadership at the defensive end of the floor and this is going to be a different kind of basketball team without him that's going to have to find its character, find its way and find out who they are," said Kent.

But senior leadership is something that this team should have plenty of with senior starters

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THE FAST AND THE HILARIOUS



GAME INFO

Soccer's Civil War

What: Oregon (8-7-2 overall, 1-3-2 Pacific-10) vs. Oregon State (7-8-1, 0-5-1)

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: Paul Lorenz Field, Corvallis, Ore.

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Freshman forward Jen Stoltenberg's energy, sense of humor provide Oregon soccer a spark off the bench

DAN JONES
Sports Reporter

Teammates of Jen Stoltenberg might have trouble believing this.

The freshman forward who speaks too fast, dances too much and laughs too often actually felt a little timid when she first practiced with the team.

"At first, I was nervous," Stoltenberg recalled. "I wanted to fit in with everyone. I thought it would be hard to fit in. It took a

few days, but everyone was very loving and treated me like I was already on the team and they treated all the freshmen like that."

After a few two-a-days in August, Stoltenberg discovered it was OK to be herself, which meant she could be sarcastic, dryly humorous and quick to laugh.

So when the arm of a barrier gate outside a parking garage lowered down on an unsuspecting teammate's head in Los Angeles

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IN MY OPINION | DAN JONES



UNHERALDED VICTORIES

Former Beav optimistic for OSU's future

When Mel Counts stilted up the stairs of Gill Coliseum, someone always tells him, "Mel, we need you back here."

The former Oregon State star responds the same way every time.

"I say I am a little to old for that," said the 66 year old. "In fact, I ruptured my Achilles tendon three months ago playing basketball with my grandkids."

But, quite frankly, Counts doesn't think the Beavers basketball team really needs as much help as some may think.

Counts, a 6-foot-11 real estate agent, won two NBA championships in 1965 and 1966 with the Celtics during his 12-year NBA career. He was a member of the 1964 Olympics squad that took gold in Tokyo. He substituted into games for Wilt Chamberlain as a Laker and took mental note in Boston when Bill Russell blocked a shot to gain possession of the ball.

So clearly, Counts is an optimistic Beavers fan who knows the score. He believes OSU, which finished 11-21 last season, isn't too much farther behind the rest of the pack.

And the Pacific-10 Conference is separating itself in a sprint as the best conference in college basketball. Teams that aren't in top 25 preseason rankings are the exceptions. In the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll, six Pac-10 squads were tabbed, in-

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VOLLEYBALL

Four-set loss to No. 5 Stanford begins Oregon's trip to Bay Area in the loss column

The No. 19 Oregon volleyball team pushed host No. 5 Stanford in the first two games Thursday at Maples Pavilion, but in the final two the Cardinal showed their experience and won the match in four, 30-24, 27-30, 30-19 and 30-17.

Oregon slips to 16-8 overall and is now two games under .500 in the Pacific-10 Conference at 5-7.

The Ducks travel to Berkeley tonight for a 7 p.m. match with No. 8 California.

Gorana Maricic spearheaded Oregon's attack with 19 kills. Sonja Newcombe made 13 kills and Heather Meyers had 12. Libero Katie Swoboda had 20 digs.

Oregon hit just .165 as a team compared to Stanford's .303.

Stanford's Cynthia Barboza had a quiet night with 12 kills and a .093 hitting percentage. Alix Klineman led the Cardinal with 16 kills. Folukey Akinradewo and Erin Waller had 13 and 10 kills, respectively.

Oregon built a 4-0 lead in game 1 on three Stanford attack errors and a Newcombe kill, but the Cardinal rallied for an 8-7 lead. They led the rest of the game and won, 30-24, on an Akinradewo kill.

In Oregon's game 2 win, there were 10 ties and five lead changes in the early going. Stanford was ahead 27-26 when Oregon ran off three straight points and won the game, 30-27, on a Meyers kill.

Stanford restored order in game 3. The Cardinal started much like Oregon did in game 1 with a 4-0 run. The Ducks stayed close until, trailing 16-14, the Cardinal expanded the lead to 10, 24-14, with an 8-0 run. Stanford earned game 3, 30-19, on an Oregon service error.

Game 4 offered another close contest until midway through when Stanford, ahead 14-12, used runs of 7-0 and 6-0 for a 27-13 lead. The Cardinal ended the game and match, 30-17 on a kill by Klineman.

— Jeffrey Dransfeldt



CHRISTIN PALAZZOLO | Photo Editor

Freshman post Nicole Canepa made her Oregon debut Thursday night with nine points and nine rebounds.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ducks roll over Western Oregon for season's first win

Freshman post Ellyce Ironmonger scored 21 points in the season-opening victory at McArthur Court Thursday night

JEFFREY DRANSFELDT
Sports Editor

The lone suspense in Thursday's exhibition game might have been the Ducks' trivia question — who claims to have beaten Tajuan Porter in two out of three games of horse?

Even then, a giggling Taylor Lilley gave away the answer as she tried covering her mouth with her hand.

What was clear in the Oregon women's basketball 92-45 win against Western Oregon at McArthur Court was the vast potential of the Ducks' new post players and the inexperience that comes along with being underclassmen.

"It was just nice to get out onto the floor ... and let the fans see our new kids," guard Kaela Chapdelaine

said. "They did well."

Freshman Ellyce Ironmonger showcased her array of low post moves and an efficient mid-range game with 21 points on 9 of 11 shooting. Nicole Canepa, a fellow first year post, had nine points and nine rebounds. Ellie Manou rounded out the trio with a double-double of 10 points and 15 rebounds.

"I was so nervous it wasn't funny," Ironmonger said. "I didn't think I would actually score. I've been working on finishing (a lot) so it was good to actually see a result from it."

Micaela Cocks, who is expected to provide more scoring this

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Stoltenberg: The player's quirks and aggressive play on the pitch have endeared her to her teammates

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earlier this year, she was the first to crack up. It was OK — in fact, most of her teammates followed suit.

That level of acceptance also meant Stoltenberg could feel comfortable doing what she does best on the field: run fast and shoot frequently.

"Coach says the more shots the better," Stoltenberg said. "She sometimes says 'We will tell you if you are shooting too much.' She hasn't told me to stop shooting yet. To score, you have to shoot. That is my motto I guess."

Stoltenberg is a 5-foot-3 striker from Mission Viejo, Calif., who's taken 21 shots this year for Oregon (8-7-2 overall, 1-3-2 Pacific-10) — that's four more than senior forward Tiffany Smith and just three shy of the team's second most active shooter, junior Allison Newton. With three matches remaining in her first college season, Stoltenberg is tied for sixth on the

team with four points. Her first and only goal came in a win against UC Riverside, when she booted in a left-footed goal from 10 yards out; that came just three matches into the season. Even before then, Erickson had already received visual confirmation of Stoltenberg's value to the team.

"I can picture the first game against Nevada," Erickson said. "She took the other team by surprise by her speed and quick three steps. Obviously, we had already had our moments in practice of saying 'Wow, look at her go.'"

Teammate Teresa Bowns says Stoltenberg doesn't play like a rookie when she substitutes into matches for her.

"When she goes in she changes the game," Bowns said. "She brings a different pace up top. She likes to go at players one-on-one and she is really good at it."

Coach Tara Erickson says Stoltenberg collects and

turns balls with the best of them, which often leads to shot opportunities.

"She likes to fire away," Erickson said. "She has a great

"There are a couple kids who may have a 40 time that is faster than hers, but the thing that she has is a quick turn and a very quick three steps."

— Tara Erickson, Oregon head coach

left and right foot."

It seems Stoltenberg generates just as much energy off the field.

"She is kind of like the team clown," said Bowns, now beginning to hunt for the right words. "She just likes to do a dance pre-game."

No rebuttal necessary. "That is called the Stolt shak-

er," said Stoltenberg, who's recorded two assists this year. "I do it in the locker room sometimes. I have been doing it since junior year in high school. It got

everybody pumped up and everybody had a good laugh."

Erickson said Stoltenberg is always in the middle of something.

"She always tells me she is never up to anything," Erickson said. "And she always tells the truth. And she's always on her best behavior. Sometimes we catch her doing a few things,

but it is all in good fun. She's a great kid with a great sense of humor."

Stoltenberg generates even more laughs when she talks too fast. "Sometimes I speak too fast for everyone so I don't get my words out right." It seems her legs can keep up with her voice though, which helps make up for the fact that she's the second shortest player on the team.

"Instead of winning headers, I try to outspeed them," said Stoltenberg, who's played in all 17 games this season, starting in two after junior Jen Cameron suffered a concussion.

Stoltenberg has raw speed — she says she runs 40 yards in 5.01 seconds — but what Erickson said she does best is funneling her explosiveness.

"There are a couple kids who may have a 40 time that is faster than hers, but the thing that she has is a quick turn and a very quick three steps," Erickson said. "She might have

the fastest explosiveness on the ball in that initial ability to blow by somebody."

Erickson said Stoltenberg's arrival came at just the right time — she's been encouraging even more aggressiveness from the entire offense this season after losing a scoring juggernaut to graduation. Last year, Erickson's players too often deferred to former Oregon star Nicole Garbin, who scored 12 of the team's 24 goals.

"It's like open shooting season now," Erickson said. "Anybody who wants to shoot, go ahead. We will let you know if you are doing it too much."

And Stoltenberg takes that invitation seriously.

"If I am in the game, I like to face up, go at the goal, go for some assists; goals if possible, stuff like that," she said. "I am just out there to try and get the job done and win."

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Jones: Besides being picked ninth out of college, the Coos Bay native won an Olympic gold medal, two NBA titles

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cluding UCLA (No. 2), Washington State (No. 10), Oregon (No. 13), Arizona

(No. 17), USC (No. 18) and Stanford (No. 21).

The rest of the Pac-10 teams aren't slouches

either. Arizona State returns a beast of a forward in junior Jeff Pendergraph. California has heralded sophomore forward Ryan Anderson and senior center DeVon Hardin, an NBA prospect for several years.

Washington is very young, lacks depth and misses Spencer Hawes, but nevertheless returns starters Jon Brockman, Justin Dentmon, Quincy Pondexter and Ryan Appleby (once his thumb heals).

And then there's Oregon

State, which Counts said needs only tap into one of legendary OSU coach "Slats" Gill's mentalities to be successful.

"If you are the ninth or 10th guy on the team, don't be talking about the player in front of you," said Counts, who grew up in Eastside, Ore., and went to Marshfield High School. "In practice, dive for balls and make things happen because when you are called on, you have to be ready to play."

Like the program recently,

Counts has also faced some hurdles, and he cleared them. Before the 1964 U.S. team ever defeated the Soviets, Counts said newsmen had already written them off. "They doubted us even before we got our uniforms on," he said.

But the team didn't care.

"Our players went over to Pearl Harbor in Hawaii and worked out 2 1/2 hours in morning and 2 1/2 hours in evenings," said Counts, who now lives 12 miles southwest of Woodburn and about 50

minutes away from Corvallis. "We believed."

As long as he sees that same dedication from the Beavers, Counts — who goes to a handful of games each year — will be satisfied.

And Counts isn't being too unreasonable about his estimate of the team either — after all, he's been in the real estate business for 31 years.

"I hope we will at least be in the middle of Pac-10," he said. "All it takes is commitment."

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Women: 'I think we have a long ways to go,' said coach Smith about her reaction

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season, had 14 points on 5 of 7 shooting, including four three-pointers. Point guard Tamika Nurse's efficient stat line included 12 points, five rebounds and five assists.

"I think we have a long ways to go," coach Bev Smith said. "Generally, even without looking at the statistics, my impressions were we have an understanding of how we want to play offensively

"It was nice to just get out onto the floor ... and let the fans see our new kids."

— Kaela Chapdelaine, Oregon guard

and defensively."

Smith singled out Western Oregon's 14 offensive rebounds.

"That's just something that we absolutely can't allow," she said. "We could could

have some excuses for that just in a little smaller (Western Oregon) team for our big girls but we just got tired in the second half and didn't really execute our rebounding the way we we needed to

because you can see once we do get some boards we can run and we can get the ball down the floor."

In one example, Lilley grabbed a defensive rebound, dribbled the length of the court and layed it in.

Oregon next plays Sunday in a 1 p.m. exhibition game against Love & Basketball at McArthur Court.

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Men: Players believe they have the potential to make another NCAA tournament

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Hairston, Maarty Leunen and Bryce Taylor stepping into the role.

"Those three seniors are three of our leaders. They're our best students academically, they're the hardest workers on the floor," Kent said.

"They're great, great leaders ... so it's kind of their team right now."

"I think we've got a lot of knowledge that we can share with the younger guys coming in that can better this team," Hairston said.

While specific goals have


been avoided by the players going into the season, they all said that the potential is there to make a run through the Pacific-10 Conference and NCAA Tournament similar to last season.

"We just need to focus on taking it step by step

a team and learning what it's going to take for us to become the best team possible," Taylor said.

"Hopefully we'll see those same results we had last year."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Friendly competitions and discussions have a way of escalating into passionate arguments. Remove your ego from the equation and you'll better understand those (crazies) you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't wait until life pushes you to make a change. It's time to be a thriver instead of a survivor. You take steps toward your goal, and your goal takes a step toward you, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Breaking out of old patterns is your specialty. Just because something happened once doesn't mean it will happen again. Tonight: Your love is put to the test. Pass it, or simply decline to take it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though you may be hoping for a relationship that brings satisfaction, your time is better spent seeking the satisfaction first and the relationship secondarily. Take yourself out on a date.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Who are your friends? And, more pertinent to today, with whom would you like to form a friendship? You have room on your social roster, but only the best qualified need apply!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your critical voice steers you well toward becoming an expert - as opposed to someone who merely does a task well. But tell your internal chatterbox to chill out tonight. There is perfection in imperfection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In your mind, many elements must come together to make this day a success. But in reality, your own self-assured style is the biggest factor determining the outcome of your efforts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're popular among friends and a top performer at work. This favored position is an honor and a responsibility - your emphasis will probably be on the latter as you busily cover many tasks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in a powerful position, though you usually don't give this much thought. Note that the one who seeks your opinion really wants your approval. Nurturing feels good.

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Across

- Just the pits
- Classic line of debate?
- Just a bit, if that
- Flag holder
- In shape
- Means: Abbr.
- Songwriter Coleman and others
- Illumination indication
- Food whose name means "little sash"
- Many an e-mail attachment
- Sewn up
- "The Randi Rhodes Show" network
- Determine
- I'll change your mind
- Drone
- Dance move
- Scratch
- Winner of three consecutive Emmys for "Mission: Impossible"
- Batman creator Bob
- Woody Guthrie's "Tom _____"
- Left-of-center party member
- "I'll take whatever help I can get"
- Pro team whose mascot is a blue bird named Blitz
- Second of 24
- See 52-Down
- Arm raiser, informally
- Vote for
- In need of a sweep
- Ragged edges, in metalworking
- Lambs: Lat.
- Destiny
- String player?
- Ottoman officers
- Simple
- Toot
- Some specialize in elec.
- They may give you a seat
- Spring river phenomenon
- Soundproofing material
- Converse alternative
- Yo-yo
- Requiem title word
- Alternative to a 23-Across
- Somewhat, in music
- Embarrassing way to be caught
- 1856 antislavery novel
- Insult, on the street
- Volt-ampere
- Peculiar: Prefix
- Relative of -ance

Down

- Thrashers' home in the N.H.L.: Abbr.
- One just filling up space
- Prefix with -hedron
- In ranks
- With 4-Down, black magic
- Raise a stink?
- Billy's call
- Logos and the like: Abbr.

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Museum: Consultant says art museum lacks a clear mission and has several internal governance issues

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ideal will not be lost on him.

"We know that our role is supporting the academic mission of the University," Price said. "That's why we're here. That's what we do every day."

Nowhere on the advancement office's Web site is academics or the University mission statement mentioned.

A faculty member, who

wished to remain anonymous at the risk of endangering friendships, offered a different take on the situation.

According to the source, donors wanted the museum oversight moved so the museum operations wouldn't be hindered by academic concerns. The faculty source said Brady "put her foot down" on the matter, objecting to the direction the

museum was heading and standing up for the museum's academic purpose.

"These are people who go straight to Frohnmayer on things," said the source. "They don't monkey around with provosts."

In a Sept. 9 letter to the University Senate, Art History Department Head Sherwin Simmons wrote that the conclusion of Campaign Oregon took priority over the provost's "admirable efforts to reverse previous administrative neglect of the museum as part of her plan for academic excellence."

He also called the University "an institution where donors are able (to) oppose the institution's central academic officer in such a manner and have such power with the President."

When Frohnmayer first announced the transfer, interim museum director Robert Melnick told the Emerald the museum needed to engage community members, and University Advancement would make that easier. But the museum's recent community-driven goals have been equated to academic negligence.

"It suggests the University is willing to sell out the academic responsibility of a major resource of our academic mission," said the anonymous faculty source.

Melnick said he was not consulted before the switch. Frohnmayer and Price did, however, approach faculty member and newly appointed museum director committee search co-chair Jon Erlandson, giving him a chance to back out.

Despite some concern about the transfer, Erlandson decided to stay on board.

"It worried me briefly," Erlandson said. "I thought it was a little bit of an unusual step." He also noted there has thus far been no pressure from within the University regarding the search process.

Melnick said his commitment lay with the museum, staff and students, so the reporting change wasn't troubling for him.

Voices of dissent

Melnick has filled the interim post since January. When he signed on, his tenure was indefinite. Now, the search is likely drawing to a close.

The search is down to four candidates, and although Price called the finalists a "tremendous pool," some skepticism regarding the search process during the summer has surfaced.

There is a lot resting on the results of this search. In February, the museum released a report by consultant Alceste Pappas.

Pappas said the museum lacked a clear mission and contained many internal governance issues.

While the museum board spent time examining the report toward the end of last year, they put it on hold during the summer at Frohnmayer's request in order to focus on the director search, Melnick said.

"We are now looking at the Pappas report again after letting it sit for a few months," said Melnick.

Frohnmayer said from a leadership standpoint, it made sense to use the summer productively in the search for a permanent director, and the changes that were recommended in the Pappas report were always going to happen, "it just didn't make sense to do them without a permanent director at the helm."

At the Oct. 7 University Senate meeting, Simmons asked the Senate to consider a resolution calling for Frohnmayer to re-establish the reporting relationship between the museum and Provost. His letter to the Senate read, "The change in reporting ... (has) as (its) larger context serious problems within the governance structure of the museum, and in particular the proper role of the community and donors."

The concerns voiced in Simmons' proposal echo those of many University faculty. Some are concerned the transfer negates the museum's role as an academic entity.

Art history associate professor Andy Schulz, a member of the permanent director search committee, called the initial faculty reaction "strongly negative."

"Faculty ... view the museum as integral to the academic mission of the University. We view it as akin to a laboratory, a library, a place where we and our students engage ... it's just a scholarly inquiry," Schulz said. "So to move it out of the office of the provost and to place it in advancement really fundamentally shifts the nature of the museum."

The search process

The executive director search, meanwhile, has faced challenges of its own.

Erlandson rebutted claims that the search process was expedited at the expense of thoroughness, as did Melnick.

Rather, Frohnmayer said, the search committee would utilize the summer.

Then, the museum board of directors could complete the search and resume tackling the governance issues in the fall.

Erlandson said the search committee "very quickly discarded" the idea of accelerating the search process and selecting a director during the summer.

"The problems at the art museum were such that it was really important to get a director there as soon as possible," Erlandson said. But, he added, "Politically on campus it was unacceptable to do this search without bringing in candidates for the normal and full vetting on campus."

Price said "multiple groups" told Frohnmayer they were not happy with the status quo, so they wanted to get the search going.

It wouldn't have made sense to conduct a summer search from the academic side because most faculty are off-campus, Price said, which was one reason for the reporting change.

Theoretically, the museum would be placed back under the Provost's Office once the search is completed, but Price said he couldn't speculate on that.

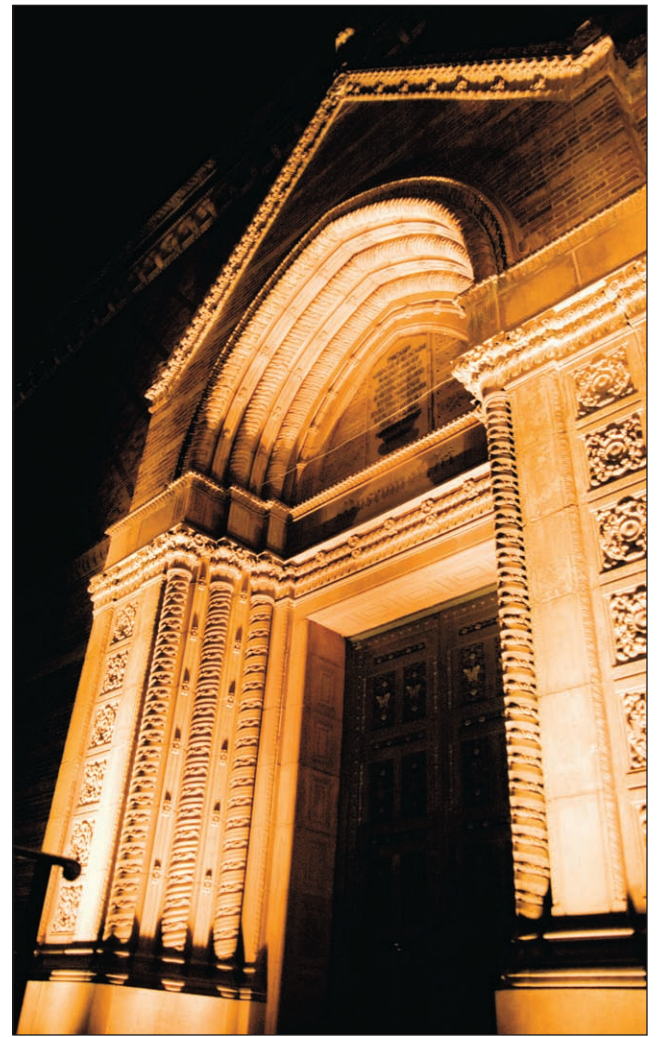
"We're going to do our best to deal with the issues on the table," Price said.

Schulz expects the reporting relationship will be a "significant structural problem" for the permanent director.

"The purpose of the University is to encourage the broader culture to think about challenging questions and issues," Schulz said. "One wonders if a museum that reports to the director of advancement might be hindered in exploring controversial topics."

'A murky process'

The Museum of Art reopened in January 2005



MATT NICHOLSON | Senior Photographer

Some opponents of the new reporting structure at the art museum say that donors have too much influence over the museum's administration.

AT A GLANCE

Timeline

January 2005: The art museum re-opens after 4 1/2 years of closure and renovation — at twice the size but the same budget level.

January 2007: Robert Melnick is selected to serve as interim museum director.

February 2007: The museum releases consultant Alceste Pappas' report, revealing internal governance issues and the museum's lack of mission.

June 2007: University President Dave Frohnmayer announces that the museum's oversight will be transferred from the Provost's Office to University Advancement.

Summer 2007: The search for a permanent museum director continues.

October 2007: Sherwin Simmons presents a letter to the University Senate calling for a resolution to reverse the oversight change.

after 4 1/2 years of closure and renovation. The problem is, it maintained the same budget it had prior to the renovation.

"The museum really reopened at almost twice the size at the same budget," Price said. As a result, the museum was running in the red until Frohnmayer recently announced the Provost's Office would contribute an additional \$500,000 to the museum's budget.

Now, Melnick said, the University's annual \$1.8 million museum budget covers its basic operation expenses, or the cost of "opening the doors."

"It's an investment in what the museum is and will be on the part of the University," Melnick said.

Melnick said the additional funding reflects strong commitment of the University to the museum, but also acknowledged that ideally the budget would be funded at \$2.5 million.

The University of Michigan, one of the University's "peer institutions," hosts a noted art museum.

The museum receives \$2.1 million from the University of Michigan.

Frohnmayer said it's always been a struggle to obtain resources, not only for the Museum of Art but for other

University entities as well, such as the Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

"It's long overdue, but the finances were finally straightened out," Frohnmayer said. "It was a murky process up to that point."

The museum also annually receives approximately \$110,000 from donations, grants and endowments, Melnick said.

The endowments go to the UO Foundation, which invests them and returns the income to the museum. Endowments renew every year so they are less common than donations.

The 2007-08 museum board of directors comprises five faculty members and 24 community members. The community board members are people "who have had a strong presence at the museum" and can contribute various perspectives, Price said.

The board advises the museum on all matters. Price appointed an ad-hoc faculty advisory committee to better integrate the museum into academia.

Melnick is optimistic about the committee and said some changes in daily business operations "will be a direct result of those discussions."

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GAME DAY



VS



ED DICKSON



Year: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Position: Tight End
Height: 6'5"
Weight: 240 lbs
High School: Bellflower, Calif.
 Bellflower High School

"Now the nation gets to see what the Ducks can do. We're going to go out and give them our best game."

— **Ed Dickson**, on the national broadcast of Saturday's game versus Arizona State

PREVIEW

Besides hosting No. 6 Arizona State on Saturday, No. 4 Oregon welcomes ESPN's College GameDay and a national television audience for the battle for the Pac-10



JAROD OPPERMAN | Photographer

JACOB MAY
Senior Sports Reporter

The Oregon football team had a considerably difficult schedule heading into the season, but they didn't expect it to be like this.

The No. 4 Ducks (7-1 overall, 4-1 Pacific-10 Conference) faced off against Michigan in the beginning, California in the middle, USC last week, and now, much to everyone's surprise No. 6 Arizona State (8-0, 5-0) this weekend in what will be the second time in Autzen Stadium history when two top-10 teams face off — in consecutive weeks, no less. And finally, it's the game that is expected to determine the winner of the conference.

"We traditionally associate the powerhouses in our conference to be USC because they've been the big dogs for so long," center Max Unger said. "To think that ASU's coming and they're as good as they are ... it's cool though."

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SCHEDULE

- November 3**
No. 7 Arizona State, 3:45 p.m.
- November 15**
at Arizona, 6:00 p.m.
- November 24**
at UCLA, TBA
- December 1**
Oregon State, 1:30 p.m.

BY THE NUMBERS

1.5
Average number of points Arizona State allows in the fourth quarter.

11
Oregon running back Jonathan Stewart is the 11th Duck to surpass 1,000 rushing yards in a single season.

94.4
Difference in yards that the Ducks and Sun Devils average per game in total offense. Oregon leads the Pac-10 with 524.4 yards per game while Arizona State is second with 428.

1000
Yards Sun Devil receiver Randy Burgess has exceeded in rushing, receiving and returning in his career. He is the only active Pac-10 player to accomplish this feat.

1997
Arizona State hasn't played in a game with two top-five BCS teams since the 1997 Rose Bowl when the No. 2 Sun Devils faced No. 4 Ohio State.



Dickson develops into Ducks' next top tight end

CONNER JAY | Photo Editor

Oregon's second-leading pass catcher continues to produce within Chip Kelly's offensive scheme, reminding many of the past four Duck tight ends — who are all pro

KEVIN HUDSON
Sports Reporter

Sophomore tight end Ed Dickson has shown the versatility to do anything the team needs him to do in his two years as a Duck.

As a freshman last season, he saw action in 13 games on special teams as well as at defensive end, wide receiver and tight end as the team's

needs dictated.

Now he is at tight end to stay, where that versatility allows him to utilize his speed and athleticism to separate from defenders and make big catches.

"He kind of has to be a jack-of-all-trades, if you will," said Oregon tight ends and special teams coach Tom Osborne. "He's not a 260-pound line-of-scrimmage guy that can block the end every play but those guys

can't run downfield like Ed can, so Ed gives us some advantages in the passing game because of his speed and athleticism that maybe those bigger tight ends don't give you."

As a versatile offensive threat, Dickson seems perfectly suited to contribute to the success of the Ducks' multi-faceted spread offense. Since the injury to Jeremiah Johnson,

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Pac-10 title on the line this Saturday



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Oregon defensive end Nick Reed (49) said having all of the big games helps the Ducks focus on the game rather than taking an opponent for granted. Reed hopes to contain the Sun Devils' mobile quarterback Rudy Carpenter Saturday.

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We're in a position to have a say in what happens in this conference and the national scheme too."

The Ducks know it's a big game, but they'd tell you there will be three games remaining after Saturday's game is finished. While a win over the Sun Devils would set Oregon atop of the Pac-10 standings, the players don't want to give the impression that this game will be their final test of the season.

Still, this week-in-and-week-out process of playing big game after big game must be wearing out the Ducks, wouldn't it? How many times can they get excited about playing a top-10 team, or having GameDay visit?

"I think the big games make it a lot easier," defensive end Nick Reed said. "You see the types of upsets when people aren't prepared and go into the games cocky. That's never a concern for a big game because that's all everyone's thinking about."

With all the national attention the Ducks are receiving, they might be overwhelmed with expectations but as long as they keep their focus solely on the upcoming game, they think they'll be fine.

"We haven't had this highly ranked matchup (multiple times in a season), but I think we can handle it," right

tackle Geoff Schwartz said. "The hype doesn't matter too much to us."

Oregon coach Mike Bellotti thinks the constant hyping of each game should benefit the team rather than act as a detriment. If they want to win the conference, they better act like each consecutive game is more important than the last one.

"You want to be tested that way and keep yourself in a position where there are big games every week. This is the biggest."

— **Mike Bellotti**, Oregon head coach

"It's testing us but that's probably a good thing," Bellotti said. "You want to be tested that way and keep yourself in a position where there are big games every week. This is the biggest."

Schwartz also said the Ducks' second bye of the year following Saturday's game will help, knowing they can give everything they have against Sun Devils and rest the following week. Arizona State, meanwhile, has to win to maintain its perfect record and keep its title hopes alive.

"As big of a games as it is for us, it's just as big for them," Schwartz said. "It's

their biggest game so far, it's our biggest game so far."

That fact alone should mean the Ducks are even more motivated than their previous game. Unger said Oregon had plenty to play for in its game against USC because nearly half the team calls Southern California home. No one has Arizona listed as their

home state. However, Unger said while some players might have been extra motivated to play against the Trojans, the Sun Devils record will suffice.

"What are they, 8-0? That should provide enough motivation in itself," Unger said.

Arizona State, meanwhile, is in a similar situation. Not many predicted the Sun Devils to be battling for the conference crown and they're facing their second big game in a row. After trailing to California at halftime, Arizona State made its typical second-half comeback and kept the Bears scoreless after halftime en route to a 31-20 win.

FORECAST

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Oregon		Arizona State
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244.0	Passing	255.0
217	1st Downs	187
51%	3rd Down	43.2%
13	Turnovers	12
DEFENSE		
21.9	Scoring	15.6
394.0	Total	311.1
137.8	Rushing	91.1
256.2	Passing	220.0

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

With senior running back Ryan Torain out with an injury, look for Oregon's defense to key in on stopping Rudy Carpenter and the Sun Devils' aerial attack.

QUOTE OF THE GAME

"We haven't had this highly ranked matchup (multiple times in a season), but I think we can handle it. The hype doesn't matter too much to us."

— **Geoff Schwartz**
Oregon right tackle

"I didn't know they were going to be this good this soon," Unger said. "Toward the beginning of the year, there wasn't overwhelmingly impressive play but toward the end, I mean this last Cal game, they're proving they can back it up."

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MATT NICHOLSON | Senior Photographer

The Oregon defense hopes to flex its muscles again after holding a potent USC offense to 17 points last Saturday. This week's game against Arizona State will be televised nationally on ESPN.

OREGON NOTES



MATT NICHOLSON | Senior Photographer

Jaison Williams is one player in the Oregon offense that coach Mike Bellotti believes needs to step up. Williams hasn't had consistent production and only caught one pass in the Ducks' victory over USC.

Williams tries to block out distractions, gain focus

The junior receiver is unhappy with his recent performances

JACOB MAY
Senior Sports Reporter

While Oregon continues to pile up the statistics offensively, one piece of the offense hasn't made as much of an impact recently. That's the wide receivers — particularly Jaison Williams.

"I would like to see other guys step up," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said. "We've got to get Jaison Williams back on track."

A lot of it has to do with the Ducks' offensive scheme, as it's been focused more around the running game, but Williams has dropped the ball on several occasions. He said it's

something that's been bothering him, that he's been subpar because of a few outside distractions that are hindering his practice routine and mental focus. Williams wouldn't specify what was bothering him, but he said it was a little bit of everything.

Still, it hasn't been a huge detriment to Oregon thanks to its main stars.

"Luckily I have two Heisman candidates on the same team as me. It makes me messing up a little bit easier," Williams said.

Not that it's okay if he messes up, however.

"I don't want it to happen again," Williams said. "I don't want to miss any bad blocks or drop any good balls."

Fortunately, he had a monster game against Arizona State last year, catching 10

passes for 137 yards and two touchdowns, almost all in the first half as the Ducks trounced the Sun Devils 48-13 in Tempe, Ariz.

In last year's game, Williams owed much of his success to quick, bubble-screen passes where he would stand at the line of scrimmage without running a route, receive the pass from Dixon and make most of his yards running over the Sun Devils' defensive backs.

"He had a pretty good day with bubble screens against this team," Bellotti said. "He'll continue to get better, it's more of a question of focus and execution."

Max Unger receives praise from ESPN's Kiper Jr.

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There is plenty of pressure as No. 6 Arizona State coming in to Saturday's late afternoon kickoff at No. 4 Oregon. A top-five opponent, a nationally covered game, the ever-hostile Autzen Stadium, and the best scoring offense in the conference await the Sun Devils when they travel to Eugene. If that wasn't enough, there's an amount of payback on the minds of junior quarterback Rudy Carpenter and the rest of the Arizona State team, though it's obviously pushed to the background with so much else at stake.

"Oregon was another game for me last year where I struggled and didn't play very well," Carpenter said at a press conference Monday. "Oregon is now the biggest game of the year because we are two of the top teams in the Pac-10 and in the country. It is something we have to get used to as a team and I think we've responded well so far and all the games have been big for us."

"This is going to be our true test though."

All eyes have been on Carpenter so far this season, and for good reason: Arizona State's offense has put up big numbers and the junior has been responsible for much of it. Arizona State ranks second (behind only Oregon) in scoring offense and total offense, third in pass offense, and Carpenter himself is fifth in total offense in the conference.

However, only on Wednesday did Carpenter start to throw in practice after swelling in the thumb on his throwing hand kept him out the first two days. Carpen-

ter suffered a sprain during last weekend's 31-20 victory over Cal.

"He threw pretty good," ASU coach Dennis Erickson told the Arizona Republic Wednesday. "We kept him out of blitz and things like that and had him in skeleton (drills) and team. I thought he threw real well."

The junior actually didn't think it hurt his game much last weekend. "I think it actually got a little bit better," Carpenter said. "I don't know what it is, but it seems like this year I need something to happen, whether it's an interception or a fumble or an injury to calm down and start

playing better." nis Erickson will surely have his defense focused on trying to shut down the powerful Oregon running attack. Erickson does think his defense is playing well, though.

"We're playing great team defense," Erickson said to the press Monday. "It's simple and we're running to the football. We have confidence in what we're doing. That doesn't mean we're not going to get blocked and that people can't knock us off the football, but if we make a mistake, we know where that mistake is at, and they don't have to guess."

Erickson will have his hands full with the Ducks' powerful ground attack, though he has nothing but praise for this week's opponents.

"Dennis Dixon is fast, he's

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— Rudy Carpenter,
Arizona State Quarterback

playing better."

The Sun Devils may not be able to afford an interception or bad mistake by Carpenter to allow their quarterback to find his rhythm into the game. Considering the total yards put up by Oregon so far this season — 4,195 total, 524.4 per game — and that the Ducks lead the conference in total first downs, they won't need to create many opportunities to score.

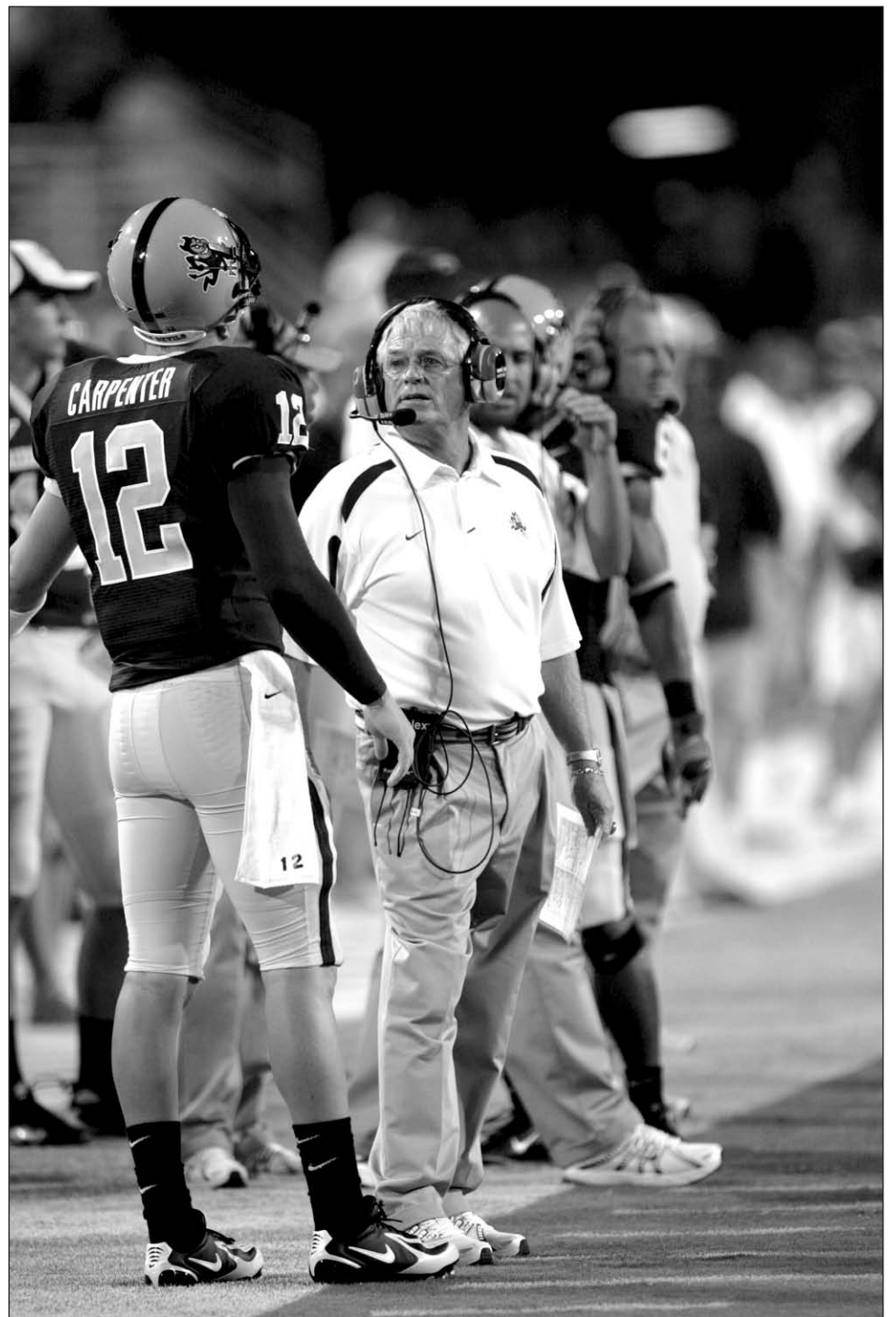
However, Arizona State has given up the second-most first downs this season. Den-

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shifted and he's a little bit different than (Washington quarterback) Jake (Locker)," Erickson said. "He's got a guy by the name of Jonathan Stewart that makes a huge difference. That guy is as good of a running back as there is in college football."

Considering the many different offensive statistics that put both teams close to the top of the conference, expect a shootout on Saturday.

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Arizona State's junior quarterback Rudy Carpenter will play this weekend despite only throwing in practice as of Wednesday. His right thumb was sprained in last weekend's win against Cal.

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Injured Trojans returning in time for Oregon State matchup

Quarterback Booty and center O'Dowd expected to be ready

RHETT BOLLINGER
Daily Trojan

LOS ANGELES — One bright spot in the Trojans' loss to Oregon on Saturday was the play of wide receiver Patrick Turner, who caught seven catches for 107 yards and a touchdown.

Four of those catches gave the Trojans a first down on either third or fourth down.

Turner said the game gives him confidence heading into the last four regular season games.

"It helps because you want to just keep it going and get better," Turner said.

USC coach Pete Carroll singled out Turner in his analysis of the play of USC's receivers against Oregon. "I thought it was a very strong game for those guys — Patrick, in particular," Carroll said. "(He made) tough catches, got banged around. Plays on the sidelines, made a great catch just out of bounds as well. It was a very difficult catch to make."

Turner said quarterback Mark Sanchez played well against Oregon, but also said he doesn't care if he's catching a pass from Sanchez or John

David Booty.

"Both of them are great quarterbacks," Turner said. "It really doesn't matter to me."

Booty again took most of the first-team reps and is on track to start against Oregon State if his finger continues to get better.

"He looked like John always looks," Carroll said. "It's a big sign he's on track for some work this weekend."

Booty received a scare when a defender batted the ball out of his hands, but, surprisingly, said it didn't hurt.

"I got hit down here on my hand and it didn't bother me at all," Booty said. "It's a good sign, even more than throwing the ball."

Booty also threw out of the shotgun formation several times — a set the Trojans have used only once this season.

"It's just some new stuff we're trying to do," said Booty, who ran the shotgun in high school. "It's something I'd done my whole life."

Sanchez still received plenty of snaps and said his preparation remains the same.

"I have to prepare to start like I always have," Sanchez said. "As far as I know, it's still up in the air. I think we can see where it's heading but it's not final yet."

Center Kris O'Dowd, who dislocated his knee cap against Washington on Sept. 29, returned to practice and is on track to play Saturday.

"He took the good tempo of work of today," Carroll said. "There's every indication he'll be ready to play this weekend if we need him."

Matt Spanos will remain the starter for at least the time being.

"He's not gonna take Matt's spot right now," Carroll said. "Matt's in good shape right there and playing well for us."

O'Dowd said he doesn't feel rusty despite missing the last four games.

"I haven't gotten in the flow of things," O'Dowd said. "It's not like I gave up after the injury. I've definitely been on key for every game."

Oregon State running back Yvenson Bernard, who is third in the Pac-10 in rushing yards, received good news when an MRI on his shoulder revealed only a sprain.

But Bernard is still listed as day-to-day, Oregon State coach Mike Riley said.

He missed last season's game against USC, which the Beavers won 33-31.

This article was originally published in USC's student newspaper, the Daily Trojan



**Oregon ROV
Patrick Chung**

While free safety Matt Harper is getting all the love for his play-making ability this week (Harper won the National Defensive Player of the Week) after intercepting two passes against USC, rover Patrick Chung remains a steady force in the Oregon secondary. He led the team with 13 tackles against the Trojans, and the defense will be counting on him to help contain Arizona State quarterback Rudy Carpenter, who Mike Bellotti described as having the ability to "make plays with guys hanging on him." The status of Carpenter's thumb, however, remains as possibly the most important extremity in Saturday's game.



**Arizona State QB
Rudy Carpenter**

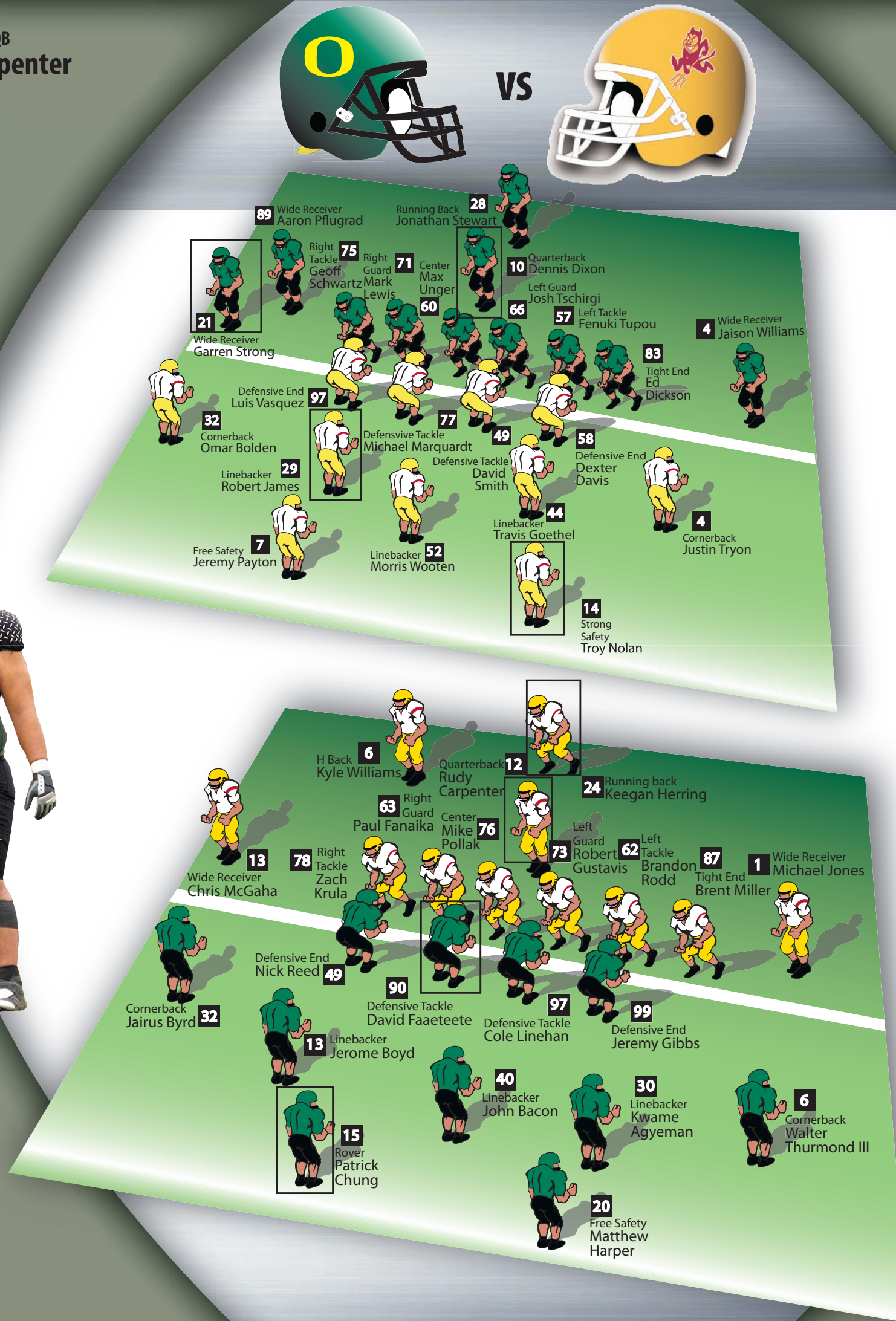


**Arizona State RB
Keegan Herring**

Oregon senior defensive tackle David Faaeteete was a disruptive force in the Ducks' win over USC. He didn't record a single tackle, but he was constant presence in the backfield and helped hold the Trojans to a meager 3.1 yards per carry. The defense is counting on Faaeteete to do the same against Keegan Herring who has filled in admirably for the Sun Devils' injured starting running back Ryan Torain. Herring is averaging 5.9 yards per carry and has four touchdowns this season.



**Oregon DT
David Faaeteete**





**Arizona State LB
Robert James**



**Oregon WR
Garren Strong**

While the wide receivers have been featured less in Oregon's offensive attack the past two games, part of the reason is because the receivers have been inconsistent as of late. While Jaison Williams is having issues with dropped balls, Garren Strong needs to help offset the loss while Williams tries to regain his previous form. Strong is only averaging under nine yards per catch, 23.1 yards per game and has had only one game with more than 50 receiving yards. If the offense wants to get off the ground, Strong needs to be making a bigger contribution. Sun Devil safety Troy Nolan, who leads the team with five interceptions and is on the Jim Thorpe Watch List, will try to halt the passing game with his ball-hawk skills.



**Oregon QB
Dennis Dixon**



**Arizona State SS
Troy Nolan**

2007 OREGON SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

1 Houston, W 48-27
8 at Michigan, W 39-7
15 Fresno State, W 52-21
22 at Stanford, W 55-31
29 No. 6 California, L 31-24

OCTOBER

13 Washington State, W 53-7
20 at Washington, W 55-34
27 No. 9 USC, W 24-17

NOVEMBER

3 No. 7 Arizona State, 3:45 p.m.
15 at Arizona, 6:00 p.m.
24 at UCLA, TBA

DECEMBER

1 Oregon State, 1:30 p.m.

2007 OREGON STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	GAME
J. Stewart	156	1043	6.7	9	130.4
D. Dixon	92	492	5.3	8	61.5
A. Crenshaw	49	271	5.5	3	33.9

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	TD/INT.
D. Dixon	224	154	1,885	68.8	16/3

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LONG
J. Williams	32	518	16.2	5	52
E. Dickson	24	324	13.5	2	46
G. Strong	24	185	8.8	1	17

TACKLES	UT	AT	INT	TFL	SACKS
P. Chung	35	38	2	3.5-6	0
W. Thurmond	51	21	1	6.0-12	0
M. Harper	33	38	3	2.0-19	2

2007 ARIZONA STATE STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	GAME
K. Herring	97	576	5.9	4	72.0
R. Torain	110	553	5.0	5	92.2
D. Nance	58	278	4.8	5	46.3

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	YDS.	PCT.	TD/INT.
R. Carpenter	228	149	1,949	65.4	17/7

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LONG
C. McGaha	27	381	14.1	0	25
M. Jones	26	432	16.6	5	64
K. Williams	24	315	13.1	5	35

TACKLES	UT	AT	INT	TFL	SACKS
R. James	43	26	4	8.0-32	2.5
T. Goethel	25	14	0	1.0-1	0
M. Wooten	22	16	0	2.0-3	0

2007 ARIZONA STATE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

1 San Jose State, W 45-3
8 Colorado, W 33-14
15 San Diego State, W 34-13
22 Oregon State, W 44-32
29 at Stanford, W 41-3

OCTOBER

6 at Washington State, W 23-20
13 Washington, W 44-20
27 No. 18 California, W 31-20

NOVEMBER

3 at No. 4 Oregon, 3:45 p.m.
10 at UCLA, 12:30 p.m.
22 No. 13 USC, 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

1 Arizona, 6:00 p.m.

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Tight end Ed Dickson, seen here catching one of his five passes against USC, has been featured even more in the Ducks' passing attack with injuries to Brian Paysinger, Cameron Colvin and the suspension of Derrick Jones.

Dickson: Tight end uses his quickness to thrive against linebackers

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coach Mike Bellotti has said repeatedly that the Ducks will try to spread the ball around to the tight ends and receivers on some rushing plays. Aside from a 12-yard gain on an option pitch at Washington, Dickson hasn't received the call to run the ball yet, but his athletic build makes him a prime candidate to do so.

"He's athletic and he can change directions and he's shown to be able to secure the ball pretty well," said Osborne. "We've been trying to mix up a combination of a lot of guys but Ed can do it because he can run with it a little bit."

"Our offense is made versatile so anyone can run the ball," said Dickson. "I can't be limited to playing one position, you might see me in the backfield."

Offensive coordinator Chip Kelly has already made Dickson a big part of the aerial attack this season, and Dickson has responded to the tune of 24 catches for 324 yards and two touchdowns. He is the team's second leading receiver behind junior wide receiver

Jaison Williams.

"(Kelly) gives me opportunities to get one-on-one with guys, make plays, and take advantage of it," said Dickson. "I feel like I'm doing pretty good right now. I'm contributing to the team and that's a big part of what I wanted to do going into the season is contribute."

Dickson said he knew coming into the year that he would be seeing a lot of action, and he said that the addition of Kelly as offensive coordinator has been a great thing for the tight end position.

"He puts an emphasis on throwing to the tight end because we're the big target in the middle, making moves," said Dickson. "With tight ends now, our ability to get vertical and get in and out of breaks, we're open like 90 percent of the time."

Getting matchups against linebackers is the key to his ability to get open as much as he does, Dickson said.

"It's great getting (linebackers) instead of corners trying to guard me because the smaller guys are quicker," he said. "I get linebackers try-

ing to guard me and I can use my feet in the open field up the middle."

And with Oregon's injury problems on offense, Dickson said he and everyone else on the offense knew they were

"(Kelly) gives me opportunities to get one-on-one with guys, make plays, and take advantage of it."

— Ed Dickson, Duck tight end

going to need to contribute even more.

"It's an opportunity to make plays, for everybody," he said. "Nobody panicked or nothing like that, everybody just said 'Okay, it's time to go make plays.'"

Over the last decade, Oregon football fans have seen

plenty of big plays from the tight end spot and not only has the position been productive for the Oregon offense, it has also become fertile ground for growing NFL-quality talent.

Oregon's last four starting tight ends have all gone pro. Justin Peelle is one of the few bright spots on the Miami Dolphins' offense and George Wrihster followed up his remarkable career for the Ducks by signing with the Jacksonville Jaguars, where he has been a solid presence for the last four years. Tim Day and Dante Rosario have gone on to roster spots with the Cincinnati Bengals and Carolina Panthers, respectively.

Dickson, at 6-foot-5, 240 pounds, is built in the same athletic mold as his agile predecessors at the position and his potential is unlimited, according to Osborne.

"He has no idea how good he can be," Osborne said. "He's still a young player but he's got great speed and athleticism and there's no substitute for that."

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UCLA

Bell's injury slows Bruin rush attack

UCLA loses starting running back to a torn ACL against Huskies

DAVID WOODS
Daily Bruin

LOS ANGELES — UCLA's leading rusher, junior Kahlil Bell, tore his ACL in Saturday's game at Washington State and will need surgery, the team announced Monday night.

Bell will likely miss the remainder of the season.

With 10 minutes and eight seconds to go in the first quarter of Saturday's game, Bell went down. He was helped to the sideline by trainers as he tried to gingerly put weight on the knee. After spending some time on the sideline and

being fitted with a sleeve over his knee, he was put back into the game.

With five minutes and 47 seconds left in the first quarter, Bell went down again. He was helped back to the sideline, where he sat in agony on the training table with a towel over his head until he was carted out of the stadium.

Somewhere in those intervening minutes on the sideline, Bell convinced the trainers and the coaches that he was ready and willing to play.

On Monday, coach Karl Dorrell had this to say on his rationale for putting Bell back in the game:

"He went through a battery of tests after his first injury and did some cut work on

the sideline. Kahlil is a very competitive kid and a very determined kid, so when he came out, he felt it was just a ding at the time, so our training staff put him through a battery of tests. ... He passed the test, and he came back in there. So it was unfortunate, he said he just planted funny on the second one and heard something pop."

For a team that has shown extreme caution with most of its injuries, the move to put Bell back in the game could have been born of desperation. Fellow running back Chris Markey is suffering from a chronic toe injury and there is little depth behind either of them. Chane Moline is used in little more than goal-line scenarios and Christian Ramirez

has not been put in a game since he fumbled against California last week.

Brezzell injury

Wide receiver Brandon Brezell, who went down after sustaining a crushing hit from a Washington State safety, had additional X-rays performed after returning to Westwood. They came back negative.

"He will be listed as day-to-day, getting himself ready to play possibly this week," Dorrell said.

Later, Dorrell said that Brezell was 50-50 to play this week.

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KAI HUEIYAU | Emerald Archives

The Oregon State offensive line has been a key component for Oregon State's three game winning streak. The Beavers enter Saturday's game looking for their second straight win over the Trojans.

GOTW: Beaver running back Bernard still unsure whether he'll play Saturday with sprained shoulder

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ranked offense to 24 points and 339 total yards, 185 under its season average.

USC's talented front four, including defensive linemen Sedrick Ellis and Lawrence

Jackson, have contained their opponents' rushing offenses to fewer than 80 yards per contest, seventh best nationally. Across the line of scrimmage, however, Oregon State rushing back Yvenson Ber-

nard has averaged more than 101 yards per game. Bernard, however, was termed as "day-to-day" for the game because of a sprained left shoulder.

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Dennis Dixon will continue to look for his biggest target at wide receiver, Jason Williams, on Saturday, despite Williams' recent on-field troubles.

Oregon notes: Unger's play against Trojans' defense draws praise from NFL scout Mel Kiper Jr.

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While Max Unger didn't believe he fared well against USC's future-pro-loaded defensive line last week, one person with considerable influence believed the Ducks' center proved himself to be an NFL-caliber player — that's ESPN's NFL Draft expert Mel Kiper Jr.

For most of the game, Unger faced off against Trojan defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis, a player Unger called the best player he's ever had to block.

"That's hands-down the best defense I've ever played in my life. As far as speed, and I don't even know how many first-round draft picks that defense will produce eventually," Unger said. "I didn't especially play a great game but (Ellis) is very good."

Despite Unger's admission of not performing as well as he has in the past, Kiper came away impressed.

"His footwork and hand placement enable him to do a very good job in pass protection, and he's capable of making some nice second-level blocks in the running game," Kiper wrote on his ESPN page.

As for the Sun Devil defense, Unger won't have to worry about having to consistently block future NFL first-round picks. He's more familiar with the Sun Devil group considering their defense hasn't changed much over the past year. Still, it's a unit that's performing better than it has in the past and that's what has Unger thinking about in Saturday's game.

"It's pretty much the same defense we've faced last year," Unger said. "It's the same group of guys but, I don't know, something's got them playing pretty fired up."

Costa lost to injury

Oregon's third-string sophomore quarterback, Nathan Costa, tore the ACL and MCL ligaments in his left knee during practice Tuesday and will have surgery in the coming weeks.

Costa planned to redshirt this season and the injury will cement that decision. He is expected to participate in non-contact drills during spring practice, depending on how the surgery and rehabilitation goes.

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What's more important, the offense or defense?

If Oregon stays on the defensive, the Ducks shouldn't be stopped

Oregon's offense has been phenomenal this year. Just when you think you've seen the best they have to offer they perform at an even higher level. They have posted more than 50 points four times this year, and many college football analysts have said that Oregon possesses the most potent attack in the nation.

And even when skill-position stars began going down with injuries the offense has just kept rolling, posting more big numbers and more high scores.

That's why the continued success of this team lies squarely on the shoulders of the defense.

We all know the Ducks will score at least 30 points a game. Against USC Saturday they only scored 24, but had two first-half turnovers by the special teams not swung



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The good news is that this defense looks primed to carry the team there, or at least help put them over the top.

They were called upon last week to win the game and they did so. Their stubborn defense on those two special teams turnovers and the ball-hawking ability of Matt Harper was obviously the difference in the win over USC.

This week against the Sun Devils I see the defense being called upon to win another one. Arizona State

their coverages.

Carpenter can and will scramble away from the Oregon pass rush, but he does so to buy himself time to throw the ball, not to run with it. Oregon's secondary will need to recognize this and stay with their receivers even when the pocket breaks down. If they do, it will be a long day for Carpenter and the Arizona State offense.

And let's face it, after Arizona State the rest of the schedule gets quite a bit easier. Sure, the Beavers will be highly motivated to spoil the Ducks' Bowl Championship Series hopes, but I don't think they will stand much of a chance. Why? Because of the Oregon defense, of course.

The Civil War will be the biggest game of the season for the Beavers by far, and their defense has been solid this season, even great at times. The problem for the Beavers is their offense, which is truly putrid. Yvenson Bernard hasn't been as effective as Oregon State hoped, and Sean Canfield has been throwing interceptions like he's colorblind.

So even if the Beavers' defense manages to quiet the raucous Duck offense a bit, the Duck defense will definitely be teeing off on the Beavs' hapless offensive unit — and it's really, really hard to win if you don't score.

We've all heard the sports adage "defense wins championships," and the Ducks can only capture the Pac-10 title, and possibly the national championship, if the defense can play up to the same level as the offense.

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What's the real key to success for Bellotti and Co.? It's the offense

Much praise has been given to the Oregon defense this past week, considering the unit is what allowed the Ducks to defeat USC last Saturday.

With as much love as the offense has received this year, suddenly the defense has become everyone's focus. They deserve it, for sure, but let's remember that the offense is what got Oregon into this position in the first place.

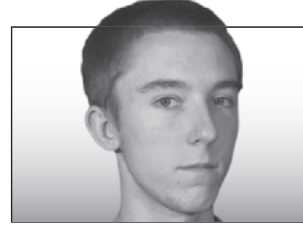
It's the unit that's been ranked as one of the best in the nation for the entire season and has been by far the most consistent of the Ducks' units.

The offense can dictate the pace of a game and has, at many points during the season, muscled past opponents and has run virtually unopposed as well. It has been slowed at times, mostly in the California and USC games, but never has been exposed as Oregon's weak link during a game — but the special teams and defense have.

Also, take into consideration that most of the Ducks' injuries have occurred on offense too. They've lost Brian Paysinger, Cameron Colvin and Jeremiah Johnson and have still been churning out yards like a well-oiled machine.

The offense is dominant and that's why it's the most important factor in Oregon's remaining games this season. As long as it's putting enough points on the board, there's no need to ask the defense to shut out an opponent.

The defense has also been too inconsistent to rely upon. It's nice to know that it can win a game if called upon at the right time, but if it's facing a certain type of offense, say a quarterback who can



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move around in the pocket or past the line of scrimmage (i.e. Jake Locker and Rudy Carpenter) no one should be counting on the defense to hold an opponent to less than 30 points.

The offense, meanwhile, will score 50 points or more if it needs to. It doesn't even need to have all facets of the offense working either. In the past two games, the passing game has taken a backseat while the running attack has made Oregon one of the most

down the field.

But who needs to pass when Dixon and Jonathan Stewart can't be stopped, right?

Conversely, why would teams need to pass when they can run on Oregon's defense?

Although the defense did a good job of bottling up Trojan running backs Chauncey Washington and Joe McKnight, there were a few instances where the running backs were running in the open field thanks to a few missed tackles. The Ducks will be hard-pressed to have a similar effort against the Sun Devils running attack that features Keegan Herring and Dimitri Nance, both of whom are rushing for over five yards per carry. Not only that, but Rudy Carpenter is a mobile quarterback

So in my mind all the defense really needs to do is hold opposing offenses to less than 30 points and Duck fans can start booking hotel rooms in New Orleans.

the number of possessions in USC's favor I believe Oregon would have scored at least another seven points.

California held them to 24 points as well, but we all know what happened in the game's closing seconds to keep them from surpassing 30 points in that game.

So in my mind all the defense really needs to do is hold opposing offenses to less than 30 points and Duck fans can start booking hotel rooms in New Orleans.

defends well, but nobody is going to hold the Duck offense down completely. It will be up to the defense to stifle Rudy Carpenter and create a little separation on the scoreboard.

And the Duck defense has a good chance to shut the Devils down completely; with Arizona State losing their starting running back to injury and Carpenter not posing a real threat to run with the ball, Oregon's secondary will be able to concentrate on

The offense is dominant and that's why it's the most important factor in Oregon's remaining games this season. As long as it's putting enough points on the board, there's no need to ask the defense to shut out an opponent.

feared and balanced offenses in the nation.

Despite minimal output from the wide receiver position recently, the offense continues to roll up the yards thanks to a maximum effort from the offensive line (the best part of the entire Oregon team, in my mind) and smart decision making on quarterback Dennis Dixon's part. These days, tight end Ed Dickson is the only guy making huge plays

who, sore thumb and all, is still dangerous even if he's throwing outside the pocket.

Defense may win championships, but most of those teams didn't have an offense that averaged more than 40 points per game. Oregon does, and it's so fun to watch that whatever the defense does is almost a complete afterthought.

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OKLAHOMA

National title for Sooners slipping out of team's reach

Even winning out might not mean a trip to a BCS bowl

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Oklahoma Daily

NORMAN, Okla. — Late Saturday night in Bricktown, there were few people who dressed the norm. There were Cinderellas and Mad Hatters, ghosts and sailors, nurses and doctors, biker chicks and more ghosts, zombies and a few more nurses.

Things weren't what they appeared on this weekend, compared to every other day.

The same was true for college football — only college football was the norm for one weekend.

Coming into the weekend,

OU had a chance to rise in the BCS standings faster than a fisherman's bobber in a pond. Four of the five teams ahead of OU in last week's standings — Ohio State, Boston College, Arizona State and Oregon — played ranked opponents.

Ohio State, Boston College, Arizona State and Oregon all beat those ranked opponents too, which seemed unlikely in the "Year of the Upset."

Three teams ranked immediately behind OU in the BCS Standings also played tough games, and two of the three — Kansas and West Virginia — also won.

For OU, there is little hope left of a national title run. It's been fading for weeks now. Never mind there have been nearly 30 upsets in the last month and that no one really

seems to be in the lead for the BCS Championship game. The costumes are off. The best teams are at the top and they'll challenge for the title while everyone else wishes they were at that party.

Winning for OU will no longer be good enough. It seemed so last week, but for a legitimate title shot, the Sooners will have to blow the doors off opponents. No lapses at home, on the road or at all.

The Sooners place in the polls demands near perfection from this point in the season on, including getting much help from those other teams.

No. 1 Ohio State still visits Michigan, No. 2 Boston College still has to play at Maryland and Clemson and No. 3

LSU is still in the SEC.

There is hope, even though the engine is running on fumes.

There were parts of this season that seemed certain, like that the teams who played weak schedules would eventually fall to better opponents.

But who knew about Kansas or Arizona State? Who expected Mark Mangino's Jayhawks to rank in the top 10 nationally in every defensive category and be fifth nationally in scoring offense? Oh, they're also 9-0.

Who knew Arizona State would thrive in the desert or in the Pac-10? That conference is the SEC-lite — all of the coaching, skill and talent, but none of the revered reputation.

I joked with a friend on Thursday that if all those teams in front of OU lost and the Sooners moved into the top two or three spots, I'd write about divine intervention into the Sooners' season and how something beyond logic had pre-determined OU's fate. Destiny, I would've called it.

But on that Thursday night, I saw Boston College's Matt Ryan throw two touchdowns with less than five minutes left to lead his team to a 14-10 win at then-No. 8 Virginia Tech.

The feeling of normality's return to college football sunk in after his last TD pass. Ryan scrambled to his right, then back to his left, then turned upfield, then threw across his body to the other

side of the field and sailed a perfect pass into the arms of a sliding running back.

The play was spectacular in and of itself, but it signaled balance to an otherwise disproportionate college football season. Favored teams are supposed to win and so are those teams with numbers in front of their names. The Pope is Catholic, oceans are vast, and the better teams win college football games.

That wasn't true for an eternity this season, but it now seems to be.

OU's chances at a title are few. Even winning the rest of its games might not be good enough.

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OREGON STATE

Beavers count on young wide receivers during turnaround

Darrell Catchings and James Rodgers have impacted the season

KYE JOHNSON
The Daily Barometer

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Every once in a while you find that you get forced into a situation you didn't necessarily expect to be in. For Beaver freshman receivers Darrell Catchings and James Rodgers, being forced into early playing time has been a blessing for them and the Oregon State football team.

Both Catchings and Rodgers have made huge impacts offensively for the Beavers this season and both continue

to see their roles grow as the season wears on.

The duo are just true freshmen, but both have played like veterans all year. Rodgers is currently second on the team in rushing with 264 yards on just 16 carries. He also has six catches on the year for 90 yards, making him the most versatile asset on the OSU offense.

Catchings is third on the team in receptions (24) to go along with 261 yards and a touchdown. His playing time has significantly increased due to the injury of All-American Sammie Stroughter.

"It's really nice to see those two step up for us," said Sean Canfield after the Cal game.

"Once Sammie went down, we were kind of looking around and we needed them to step in and make plays, and they've done that."

Even though Stroughter has only appeared in three games this season, he has still made an impact on both players' progression.

"He helps me out a lot," Catchings said. "We'll do stuff like watch film together and he'll help me remember plays, stuff like that. Because there is a lot of stuff to remember, and he goes over all of that with me because it can be kind of tough."

"He's been a really good mentor for me," Rodgers added. "When I first got here I didn't really talk to him too

much. But then as I started coming along, I would go to him to talk about how to run good routes, just the details of the game."

For both guys, however, it was a surprise to even be playing this year.

"When I came [to OSU] I was pretty much told by the coaches just be ready to play, but I was planning on redshirting," Rodgers said. "Obviously it didn't happen that way, so I'm in it."

Catchings feels the same way.

"I probably did not expect to play as early as I have," he said. "I kind of expected to redshirt when I came in, but I was working hard, and stuff just happened where I had

the opportunity to play."

And it has paid dividends for the Beavers so far. Last week against Stanford, Rod-

gers carried the ball three times for 60 yards, and OSU has pri-

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TENNIS

Duck tennis teams wrap up fall season

The women are in Durham, N.C., while men play at Texas

ANDREW GREIF
Sports Copy Editor

Both the Oregon men's and women's varsity tennis teams will complete their fall season this weekend at various tournaments around the nation.

The men's tennis team, guided by second-year head coach Nils Schyllander, will play in the University of Texas' Fall Invitational all day Friday.

Oregon is entering all its players except sophomore Alex Cornelissen, playing all seven in singles and making three doubles teams. Schyllander has been pleased with the young team's growth this fall.

"Even in practices it's been like night and day since last year," Schyllander said.

In Seattle on Oct. 15, sophomore Geoff Embry lost in the quarterfinals of the Wilson/ITA Regional tournament to Sacramento State's Kiryl Harbatsiuk in straight sets, 6-2, 7-6. Fellow sophomore Marcos Verdasco followed Embry into the round of 16, but lost to Washington's Andy Kuharszky, 3-6, 0-6.

"Geoff Embry really had a good showing in Seattle ... this weekend will be really important to see if he can back that up," said Schyllander.

The same weekend, part of the men's team traveled to Jacksonville, Fla., to the North Florida Invitational. Mike Myrhed, Stephen Weichert and Doug Mayeda all competed for the Ducks.

Mayeda bounced back from a first-round loss to win the consolation bracket by winning two matches on the final day against opponents from Troy and North Florida.

Myrhed lost in three sets

to Karol Szmurlo of Florida Atlantic in the consolation semifinals, the same round where Weichert lost to Troy's Bastian Maucher in straight sets.

Associate director of tennis and women's head coach Paul Reber's team will travel to Durham, N.C. for the Duke Invitational that runs Friday through Sunday.

The women are entering Siobhan Cavan, Celine Rolly, Tina Snodgrass, Anna Powaska and Carmen Seremeta in the four-team field. Besides Duke, Wake Forest and Princeton will compete.

All the players will play singles and then team up for three doubles teams at the tournament.

"For the kids that have been able to play with their health, things have been going really well," Reber said.

The women also played in its own ITA regionals the next weekend in Stanford, Calif.

The duo of freshman Celine Rolly and senior Anna Powaska went 2-1 in both singles and doubles play in the main tournament bracket.

Previously, Oregon traveled to Boise, Idaho for the Jack Taylor Tennis Invitational. In singles action, he team went 4-8 while finishing 2-5 in doubles play. In singles, Rolly went 2-1, while Cavan and Powaska went 1-2 overall.

Reber has seen the most strides from the pair this fall.

"(Powaska) came back in really good shape and is playing a lot better, she's just one or two wins from getting some confidence back," Reber said.

The team's play has been hampered by injuries, however.

"Overall, I wish we were healthier, but we got out of it what we could get out of it in the situation we've been in," said Reber.

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Beavers: Usually a wide receiver, Rodgers has also seen time lining up at tailback in the I-formation

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marily incorporated him in the running game with reverses and end-arounds, something he is very familiar with.

"We used to run that in high school," he said. "It's pretty much the same kind of thing."

Against Stanford, Catchings also got into the action, making a team-high six catches on the afternoon.

"I like just being able to come out and play my game," Catchings said. "Being able to come out and just help the team the best way I can, just doing my part."

The Beavers also boasted

a new look against Stanford, as they lined Rodgers up as the deep tailback out of an I-formation.

"We did some things against the Stanford defense and we thought that would be an effective way to help move the ball down the field and get us into the end zone," said Canfield afterwards.

"When I get the ball, I just need to do what I got to do," Rodgers added. "That's basically it. I mean, during the week we get prepared all week and then we get our chance to go out and perform it on the field."

For both Rodgers and

Catchings, it's been a positive experience to get out there and be a part of winning football right away.

"I just liked the opportunity," said Rodgers about coming to Oregon State. "A lot of the receivers we have are seniors, and I wanted to get the opportunity to play, and this is where I'm at."

"I just enjoy being able to come out and play my game," Catchings said. "Being able to come out and just help the team the best way I can, just doing my part."

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