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ASUO ELECTIONS 2009

# AND SO IT BEGINS

Allegations of campaign overspending signal the start of ASUO elections



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Campaigning for ASUO elections began Tuesday with five executive tickets running for candidacy. True Blue and Oregon Action Team spent all day in front of the EMU recruiting potential voters.

ALEX TOMCHAK SCOTT | NEWS REPORTER

ASUO presidential candidate Michelle Haley accused rival Nick Schultz on Tuesday of breaking a promise to limit his spending, though Schultz said the claim was based on an inaccurate estimation of the amount his candidate slate spent on a promotional concert.

EMU Board Chair Haley said ASUO Sen. Schultz' True Blue Student Coalition slate had spent "over \$700" to bring Eugene hip-hop group Four Trees to perform in the EMU amphitheater Wednesday, though she declined to reveal the identity of her source. "I have no

idea how someone could finance that, especially if they're on a spending cap," Haley said.

Schultz, however, said the campaign had spent \$458.50 on the concert. Schultz has promised to cap the campaign's spending at \$2,009.

Schultz had earlier called Haley's campaign's spending "excessive." Haley is running on the Oregon Action Team slate, which spent nearly \$10,000 on its ultimately successful campaign in 2008, when Haley was its manager. Haley agreed that the 2008 spending

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CRIME

## UO basketball players cited for firing BB guns in park

Three Oregon freshman basketball players were cited Monday night for shooting at geese and ducks at Eugene's Alton Baker Park and have since been released, a Eugene police spokeswoman said.

The three, Cedric Josh Crittle, Michael Dunigan and Teondre Williams, all 19, will appear in Eugene Municipal Court on April 14 for the misdemeanor charges.

"As far as we're concerned, the investigation is over," police spokeswoman Jenna LaBounty said.

A report of illegal hunting came in to the police at 11:08 p.m. Monday night and when six officers arrived to the park soon after they found Crittle shooting 20 BBs toward the pond.

One officer's police report said Dunigan threw his BB gun into the pond as officers arrived, where the weapon was recovered. A third BB gun was found, but the report was unclear as to where it was discovered.

It is unknown whether any ducks or geese were injured.

A statement from Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said, "This incident is a very serious matter. Although these three young men realize that it was a foolish mistake on their part, there are still consequences that they will have to face. We are still in the information gathering process."

Earlier, Tuesday, the Oregon athletic department released a statement saying, "The University of Oregon Athletic Department is cooperating with law enforcement and investigating the charges levied against three varsity men's basketball players. There will be no further comment until more details are available."

LaBounty said it is "relatively uncommon" to have reports of people firing weapons in Alton Baker Park.

"It's not something unheard of and in the various parks in Eugene you'll get reports of this," LaBounty said.

— ANDREW GREIF



TEONDRE WILLIAMS



MICHAEL DUNIGAN



JOSH CRITTE

### COMING UP

LOOK FOR THE 2009 ASUO ELECTIONS VOTER'S GUIDE IN NEXT MONDAY'S EMERALD, AND FOLLOW ELECTIONS NEWS AT DAILYEMERALD.COM

## CAMPUS

### Dean of students accepts University of Michigan post

Laura Blake Jones, interim dean of students at the University, has accepted a position as dean of students at the University of Michigan.

"The associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students position at the University of Michigan is a very exciting professional opportunity for me," Blake Jones said in a prepared statement.

She will begin her new job on July 13, pending a decision by the University of Michigan's Board of Regents.

ASUO President Sam Dotters-Katz worked with Blake Jones and said he loved the experience. "She was an absolute gem of the University community and her long service to the University has been one of incredible dedication to

students," he said.

Dotters-Katz credited her with renovating the University's emergency planning policies and said, "She was the kind of administrator that was always around after hours and going the extra mile."

Blake Jones received her bachelor's degree at Miami University of Ohio, her master's in Student Personnel Services at the University of Vermont and a Ph.D. in educational leadership at this University.

She has worked in student affairs at all of those schools, as well as at the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of California, Davis.

Paul Shang will replace Blake Jones as the University Dean of Students and will begin May 1, Blake Jones said. Shang is the assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"This move will take us closer to extended family and allow me to utilize, in a new setting, all of what I have learned from working with our amazing students, and the talented staff and faculty at the UO," Blake Jones said. "And, while I am very excited to become a Wolverine, I want you to know that part of me will always be a Duck!"

— HANNAH HOFFMAN

## ENVIRONMENT

### UO uses grant money to support sustainable energy

Sustainable energy projects at the University are getting a boost this week with the help of grants and investments.

According to a statement released Monday, six sustainability projects at the University and Lane

Community College on the greening of labor, building, water efficiency and other community efforts received a portion of a \$1 million grant from the London-based Meyer Fund for a Sustainable Environment in 2007, which is allocated to several projects each year.

University physics professor Frank Vignola received the largest portion of this year's funding with a grant for more than \$58,000 to support his project of building a curriculum approach that teaches students the principles of solar technology in an engaging manner.

Steve Mital, director of the University's Office of Sustainability, said the Meyer Fund grant provides the resources necessary for faculty and researchers to conduct these green projects.

"It's all the difference in the world," Mital said.

Other areas of Vignola's sustainability research work also benefit from an

investment announced Tuesday.

Vignola's solar radiation monitoring laboratory, which has been collecting solar data for more than 30 years, is part of the network that received funding from the Oregon Built Environment and Sustainable Technologies Center. The center announced its investment in solar energy research at both this University and Oregon State University.

The University of Oregon's portion of the \$1.34 million investment is \$768,000, which will establish a collaborative solar energy laboratory for the Oregon Support Network for Research and Innovation in Solar Energy.

The support network that will include facilities and scientists throughout Oregon University System is based out of the technologies center that funded the investment.

— EMILY E. SMITH

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IN MY OPINION | TRUMAN CAPPS

# A fool's folly



PATRICK FINNEY | ILLUSTRATOR

**H**i there, readers! It's great to be back! Spring break is over, and I can't wait to put my nose to the grindstone again! I feel adequately rested and prepared for the coming 10 weeks of school!

### April Fools.

Why is it that we college students love spring break so much? In the family of school holidays, it is by far the shortest, at only one week long — winter vacation is three weeks long, whereas our summer vacation comes close to 3 1/2 months. However, MTV does not devote as many hours of programming to drunken summer revelry or crazy Chanukah parties. No, spring break seems to make up for its short length with an abundance of craziness, like the little brother who tries to prove his worth with beachside keg stands and Girls Gone Wild videos. However, now that my break is over I can't help but feel unfulfilled, and not just because I did not personally witness any girls going wild.

I am not the sort of person who bitches and moans at the end of every break from school. After three weeks of winter vacation this year I was dying to get back to the college life in Eugene, and after a summer spent working two jobs in the food service industry I had gained a whole new appreciation for my college education. Spring break, on the other hand, has always been to me like a cup of Key Lime Pie-flavored Yoplait — delicious and refreshing, but over much too soon. For a lot of students, winter term is often the roughest term, when they stack up the most demanding course load to coincide with nasty weather, which leaves few options but to stay in the library.

It's so unfortunate, then, that our shortest break comes after the term when a lot of us exert ourselves the most. God knows I maintained an unwavering devotion to my studies throughout winter term, which was reflected in the truly excellent grades I received over the break.

### April Fools.

This year, the Oregon University System shortened winter break by a week and added the extra time onto summer break. The reason for the shortened win-



GOODNIGHT AND GO DUCKS

ter break, according to the OUS, was to keep with its policy of beginning each new term on a Monday — working around holidays like Labor Day and Christmas makes it tough to start the term exactly on a Monday, so a week had to be shifted around.

I don't object to winter break being shortened from a month to three weeks — Christmas dinner with my extended family is just what it takes to make me want to come back to school again — but I have to say, tagging the extra week onto summer vacation, which is already some 13 weeks long, feels like too much of a good thing, and a bit misguided. It doesn't matter to me which day of the week the term begins on, and I'd much rather cut my summer vacation and go to school for one more week in June if it meant I got one more week of break in late March.

My advocacy for a lengthened spring break isn't just based in my perceived difficulty of winter term, either; wouldn't it make a little more sense if winter and spring breaks were closer to the same length, just for consistency's sake? If spring break were longer, it would be easier for those who wanted to work to earn money for the coming term. A two-week position is somewhat easier for an employer to negotiate than one that only lasts seven days, and it also affords more time to actually make money. Also, a second week of break would allow

enough time for people who had spent a week in Cancun to get home, acclimate to our climate and buy enough emergency contraception to compensate for their week of hedonism.

As the Oregon University System determines the break schedules for all state schools, a change like this would have to be unilateral, and thus would affect tens of thousands of students and also incur significant logistical costs in terms of rescheduling events displaced by the lengthened spring break. While it may seem like a pointless expenditure to put all this effort into a change that relates mostly to students' desire for more time off of school, we must remember that OUS already went through this process when it delayed the beginning of the school year by an additional week for scheduling purposes. How many of you would gladly start school on a Thursday if it meant having two weeks of spring break?

I suppose if there's any benefit to our current, week-long spring break, it's that it allows us to continue into spring term with whatever momentum we have left from the winter. I, for one, will not take this for granted. This term, knowing 14 weeks of summer are ahead of me, I'm going to throw myself into my studies headfirst. I'll start doing research, beating my deadlines and striving to become the best student I can be. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to start taking my education seriously.

### April Fools.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### For disposable cups, forget the lid, preserve the oil

As we approach Earth Day, may I make a suggestion?

If you are one to occasionally indulge in a coffee-shop-purchased hot drink to go, the next time you find yourself without your own mug, ask for the beverage sans lid to go without or to reuse one you have saved.

I've noticed around campus that at most establishments, the lids for the to-go cups are marked with a number six, indicating non-recyclable, non-biodegradable polystyrene plastic. Every bit of this kind of plastic must be thrown away and represents a small amount of oil that could have seen better use as medicine or clothing. If you go without a lid, you'll notice in yourself a more mindful gait to not spill the drink, thus providing a good opportunity to meditate on the cumulative impact that your everyday actions have upon our environment.

THOMAS KIRKPATRICK  
UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE

## ENVIRONMENT

**HOPES conference thinks small, plans big**

To solve the world's ecological problems, thinking small is crucial. The details and impacts of our actions, the ripple effect and incrementalism must not be overlooked.

That's the idea behind the 15th annual HOPES conference, which will permeate Lawrence Hall on April 2-5.

"Thinking Small" is the theme

this year's HOPES (Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability), the only ecological design conference in the nation that students alone develop and manage. The conference is a product of the University's Ecological Design Center, a student-run organization that advocates sustainable design at the University and in the greater Eugene community.

The conference will host one keynote speaker each day beginning on Thursday at 7 p.m. with Bill Wilkinson, who will ex-

plore how local transportation, namely bicycling and walking, can foster change. HOPES will also feature discussion panels, hands-on workshops, a 24-hour design charrette and local food.

The conference is open to the public and free for University students and faculty. Attendees will register at the door. Registration fees and a full conference schedule are available at [hopes.uoregon.edu](http://hopes.uoregon.edu).

— ALLIE GRASGREEN

## BUSINESS

**GM, Chrysler race to avoid bankruptcy**

DETROIT — He doesn't know exactly what the Obama administration wants him to do, but Fritz Henderson, the new CEO of General Motors Corp., isn't waiting around to find out.

Cut deeper. Work harder. Move faster.

That's how he described the ailing automaker's urgent effort to meet a June 1 deadline to fix its

debt-ridden balance sheet, cut billions in costs and take other steps to transform itself into a profitable entity.

It's the same government-imposed race that Chrysler LLC is running, only GM's smaller neighbor has to cover more distance in half the time.

The Auburn Hills, Mich., automaker must make the same cuts as GM, and sign up Fiat Group SpA as a partner, all in 30 days. Fiat's CEO

jetted to Detroit for intense negotiations, but if Chrysler doesn't meet the deadline, it's almost certainly destined for the auction house.

For GM, failing to take quick action means surrendering to court supervision in bankruptcy. The company has resisted bankruptcy talk in the past, but Henderson said Tuesday it is now "certainly more probable."

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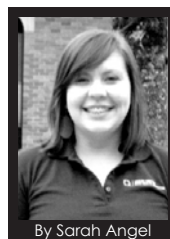
Spring is here, which renews our spirits and marks the end of a cold winter. Spring reminds us of the awakening environment around us. With the advent of the green revolution many wonder what they can do to have less of an impact on the environment. One thing YOU can do is become a **localvore**.

A localvore/locavore is a person who is committed to eating and learning about food grown locally.

Each person's definition of local might be different. Some might say local is within a 25-mile radius and others within 250 miles. Often, our food travels an average of 1,500 miles to reach our homes, causing many resources to be used in the process. Commonly, harmful preservatives are used to keep products stable during transport. Local food minimizes the carbon footprint and is fresher than food that travels many miles from farm to market.

Eating locally also means that you are supporting the local economy and local farmers. Supporting the local economy supports the community.

We are lucky to be living in the Northwest because eating locally means we have access to some of the best produce, meats and cheeses in the country. When buying your produce, think about what's in season. Berries and most vegetables are harvested in



the spring and summer, while meat and cheeses can be found year round. Certain foods cannot be found locally in the Northwest, such as coffee or exotic fruit. If you find you can't live without some of these non-local items, be sure to look for products that are made sustainably, organically or by fair-trade. These are ways you can be mindful about your consumption without giving up things you love.

Finding produce isn't too difficult in the wonderful community of Eugene. We have the local Farmer's Market every Saturday from April to November in downtown Eugene. There are also great assortments of corner markets that sell local foods. Also popular in Eugene are restaurants that value the use of sustainable and local foods. Before you know it, becoming a localvore will be the sustainable way of living with its immediate benefits being eating delicious, fresh food. Below is a list of some of the markets, restaurants and co-ops where you can find local foods. Bon appétit!

- Lane County Farmer's Market on 8th Ave. and Oak St., open April-November.
- Growers Market at 4th and Willamette is open year round. It's a cooperative with volunteering being an important aspect.
- Morning Glory Café at 4th and Willamette serve dishes that are prepared with locally grown food (just selected items).
- Marche at the 5th Street Public Market sells specialty items made locally as well as serves dishes prepared with local, organic foods.
- Sundance Natural Foods at 24th and Hilyard sells produce that is grown locally.
- Adam's Sustainable Table at 30 E. Broadway serves local, organic dishes.
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ECONOMY

# World leaders discuss economic woes

A London emergency summit aims to solve the dire economic situation felt by countries around the world

TOM RAUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Desperate but divided on ways to lift their nations from economic misery, world leaders converged for an emergency summit Tuesday holding scant hopes of finding a magic-bullet solution for the crisis that brought them hurrying to London.

Even as President Barack Obama and the others were arriving, the U.S. acknowledged its allies would not go along with a massive burst of stimulus spending, while Europe was forced to backpedal from hopes for tighter financial regulation.

Instead, leaders are trumpeting the limited common ground they could reach, including more money for the International Monetary Fund and closer scrutiny of hedge funds and tax havens. As for the broader issues, they're hoping for the best — or at least that they will do no harm.

With turbulent world mar-

kets watching closely, the stakes are high, especially for America's new president, stepping onto the world stage for the first time to deal with the economic crisis and to meet face-to-face with many other leaders.

One global change is being acknowledged: The forum for grappling with world economic problems has grown beyond the established eight post-war economies that dominated previous economic summits — the U.S., Britain, Germany France, Japan, Canada, Italy and Russia. Now, 20 nations are coming together in London, with fast-growing developing economies such as China, India, Brazil and Saudi Arabia — important players in any effort to coordinate economic policy — sitting as full negotiating partners.

"For the first time, there's a recognition that major emerging markets and developing countries have a critical role at the table," said Mike Froman, a White House international

economic adviser.

But will that mean action to stop a global downward spiral?

Froman acknowledged that there have been few examples of international gains in times of crisis. "The depression was made 'great' by the lack of cooperation," he said, noting that nations like to keep control over their own fiscal and monetary policies.

And global leaders were quarreling up to the last minute before the summit.

Adding to the pressure, French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Tuesday the leaders cannot afford to let the week pass without making substantial progress in fixing the world's economy.

"We have to obtain results, there is no choice, the crisis is too serious to allow us to have a summit for nothing," he said.

European countries are pushing for a tougher regulatory system for global finance, while the U.S. is emphasizing more spending — an idea that holds little interest for Europeans wary about debt.

Obama planned a round

of meetings with leaders on Wednesday, including Queen Elizabeth II, summit host British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and the presidents of Russia and China.

The world economy is in far worse shape than when the group of rich and developing countries last met in November and set lofty goals for international cooperation.

Trade is deteriorating, protectionism is on the march and joblessness is rising. Street demonstrations have increased, and widespread protests are expected in London this week.

World Bank President Robert Zoellick called for the G20 to back a \$50 billion liquidity fund to keep global trade moving. In rich countries, he said, "people talk of bonuses or no bonuses. In parts of Africa, South Asia and Latin America, the struggle is for food or no food."

A draft of the communique circulating ahead of the meeting suggested that global leaders will embrace stimulus spending totaling about \$2 trillion. But that includes a number of measures already announced.

## CAMPAIGN | Schultz responds, accuses Haley of buying votes

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was excessive, but said the 2009 campaign would not approach last year's expenditures.

"As someone who experienced a very expensive campaign season last year, we're trying to avoid that this year," Haley said.

Haley said her campaign's expenses had "barely broken the \$2,500 mark," though she said her estimates could be inaccurate. "I don't really make myself a part of the spending because I'm really bad at math," Haley said.

The concert, Haley said, was

an attempt to distract voters from the issues of the campaign.

"If someone says the campaign won't be bought, and then does that, I think there are problems," Haley said.

However, Schultz's campaign in turn accused Michelle Haley's campaign of attempting to buy votes. The Oregon Action Team has yet to set a spending limit for its campaign. Schultz's acting spokesman Curtis Haley said slates that have not set spending limits are buying votes.

"The ASUO already is filled with campaigns who believe that campus elections are decided by

handing out memorabilia," Curtis Haley, who is also running for the ASUO Senate, said.

Both Michelle Haley's and Schultz's slates have been campaigning heavily on the University campus. The Oregon Action Team's campaign is headquartered in a trailer parked outside the EMU. Schultz's candidates, meanwhile, work in "street teams" that pass out fliers on the corner of 13th Avenue and University Street.

### Students First waits

While Oregon Action Team and True Blue are making their presence felt on campus, the

race's third slate, Students First, has proclaimed that it will not begin actively campaigning until Thursday.

The slate's vice presidential candidate, ASUO Sen. Nick Gower, refused to say why the campaign was waiting, but said that beginning later would not put its candidates at a disadvantage, saying his campaign would reach out to programs, which he believes no others had done.

"I become more confident with every passing moment," Gower said.


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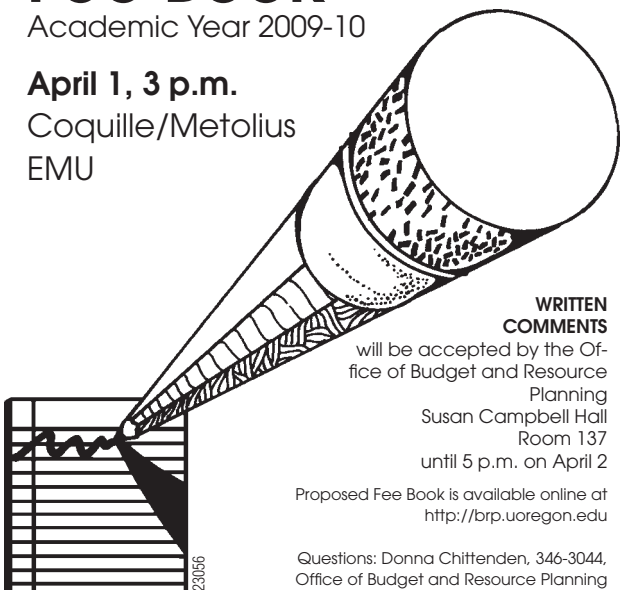
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## FOOTBALL

## THE KELLY ERA BEGINS

Chip Kelly began his head coaching tenure Tuesday with Bellotti at his side

ROBERT HUSSEMAN | SPORTS REPORTER

The Oregon football team began spring practice Tuesday a few men short. Only two running backs, Andre Crenshaw and Remene Alston, received touches after LeGarrette Blount (ankle) and LaMichael James (shoulder) were held out with injuries. Sophomore Anthony Gildon got extensive work at cornerback after Willie Glasper and Talmadge Jackson III were held out. Quarterback Nate Costa, offensive lineman C.E. Kaiser and wide receiver D.J. Davis were patrolling the sidelines, unable to participate in contact drills.

Nevertheless, new head coach Chip Kelly's first practice is in the books as a successful outing.

"(I'm) a little hoarse," Kelly noted afterward. "But besides that, pretty good."

"It was great," quarterback Jeremiah Masoli said. "Some things were different in the way we ran practice. Our pre-practice was a little more intense. I think it warms us up better, gets us fired up to go."

Kelly, noted for his excitement and vitriol in practice along with his fast-paced offense, spent his morning moving back and forth between offensive and defensive units, attempting to provide equal time for needed instruction. The feedback from the players was overwhelmingly positive.

"Chip's on both sides of the ball, encouraging both sides," safety T.J. Ward said. "(He's) keeping everybody fired up, keeping the pace of practice at a minimum because he doesn't want everybody else to get tired because we've gotta get ready for the season, moving at that same pace."

"Chip's all over the place during practice."

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JEREMIAH MASOLI  
QUARTERBACK

Discipline within practice was a clear priority, as Kelly admonished players for overaggressive actions such as making plays on the quarterback. Practice was conducted with helmets but without pads.

"We all want to practice the right way and I want our guys to understand that we shouldn't have to punish you to put you in pads. You need to learn how to practice in shorts," Kelly said. "We've lost some players in the last two years in practice, and I blame us more than our players. If we accept it, then expect it. We gotta keep our play-makers healthy. There's a fine line of getting your work in, setting the tempo, and doing all those other things."

Kelly's to-do list is expansive entering the spring. The offensive and defensive lines will have a combined five new starters, including both starting defensive tackles. Sophomore defensive tackle Tonio Celotto, whose 26 career tackles was the most of any returner, quit the team before spring practice. But new defensive line coach Jerry Azzinaro, a transplant from Marshall, made a quick impression.

"He's fiery," Ward said, "but I like him. The



IVAR VONG | PHOTOGRAPHER

Head coach Chip Kelly watches drills during Tuesday's spring practice. It was the first of 15 practices during the spring season for football, which will finish with the annual Spring Game on May 2.

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## IN MY OPINION | ROBERT HUSSEMAN

## Westhead brings a legacy to Oregon

Athletic Director Pat Kilkenny's decision to hire Paul Westhead as Oregon women's basketball coach has led to the manifestation of two distinct schools of thought.

In the more optimistic paradigm, Westhead — the only head coach in history with both an NBA and WNBA championship — is a maverick, a genius and a pioneer, plying his trade of an up-tempo, transition-based, run-and-gun offense to success at basketball's highest levels. His Loyola Marymount men's college basketball teams are legendary, immortalized by superstar Hank Gathers, whose collapse on the basketball court and subsequent death from heart failure shocked a nation and created a legacy.

The other side sees something amiss with the very nature of the hire. Westhead, a friend of Kilkenny's, received a five-year contract for \$3 million with a base salary of \$550,000, nearly three times that of former coach Bev Smith. He's also 70 years old and has no experience coaching women's basketball at the college level; his last foray into the amateur ranks took place 15 years ago. All that hype about his offense hides the fact that his teams were atrocious defensively; his 1990-91 Denver Nuggets allowed an NBA-record 130.8 points per game, a mark that may never be broken. Westhead was run out of the pros, detractors say, and he'll be run out of Eugene if the Ducks don't show an iota of defensive intensity.

My biggest question concerning Westhead is ... do you care?

Yes, you. The student reading this newspaper. Can Westhead and his assurance of



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run-and-gun basketball get you to watch a women's basketball game? For that matter, have you ever seen one? Student presence at women's basketball games is traditionally limited to the Green Garter Band, the cheerleaders, the occasional student-athlete who wanders over from the tutoring center and the occasional friend or significant other of the players themselves. Any incentives offered by the athletic department are clearly not enough.

There wasn't much to watch this past season. The Ducks went 9-21 overall and lost 13 of their last 14 games. Injuries to Rita Kollo and Nia Jackson ate at their depth early in the season, and injuries to Taylor Lilley and Nicole Canepa, among others, cut deeper as the season progressed. At times Oregon would be outmanned, outthusted or both. The season was not a worst-case scenario, but it appeared to be awfully close.

Smith, her contract up for renewal, was clearly out, and the message of the Westhead hire is easy to decipher. Once Matthew Knight Arena is up and running, the athletic department will be looking for all the revenue sources it can get to pay for its construction. This is why rumors surrounding men's head coach Ernie Kent and his potential ousting run rampant: The men's team did not win last season, and if the trend continues there will be a replacement at the top. With Westhead, Kilkenny appears to

be playing the odds that Westhead will be able to transform Oregon into a contender in the traditionally underwhelming Pacific-10 Conference. Women's basketball stands a chance at turning a profit with continued success and an enjoyable game-day experience for the fans.

But that cannot be true, you say. Women's basketball stands little chance of filling Mac Court, let alone Matt Court. And if women's basketball was so popular, you'd think more people would be watching it, and not just at the pro level.

Women's basketball has come a long way since the WNBA tipped off in 1997. Players possess more skills and athleticism; the notion of a woman dunking the ball, once considered as rare as a meteor strike, is no longer far-fetched. This has led to greater acceptance (some might say tolerance) of the game among the casual masses. Women's college basketball is seeing greater exposure, in part due to a seemingly insatiable market for televised college sports and in part due to the recent discovery of parity. Consider the shocking upset of this year's Women's NCAA tournament: Twelfth-seeded Ball State, competing in the tournament for the first time in program history, defeated fifth-seeded Tennessee, headed up by legendary coach Pat Summitt, 71-55 on March 23. The Lady Volunteers had combined with UCONN to win 10 of the past 14 NCAA championships. Summitt, in the tournament's 28-year history, had never failed to advance to the Sweet Sixteen. Ever. Parity made a heavily discussed women's

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## BASEBALL

## Ducks fall to the Portland Pilots 3-1

The Portland Pilots just have Oregon's number on the baseball diamond. The Pilots beat the Ducks for the second time this season, this time holding them to one run, in the 3-1 win at PK Park on Tuesday afternoon.

The combined pitching of starter Ed Wakefield, and relievers Brent Miller, Keeler Brynteson and Zach Varce stymied the Ducks in the second straight game in which Oregon scored just one run.

"It was almost as lackadaisical as Sunday's effort against the Beavers," head coach George Horton said. "We didn't play as sloppy on defense, but where it showed up was on offense. We didn't put any pressure on anyone. Our at-bats were non-competitive. We were striking out looking and chasing pitches."

"It's obvious we're struggling a bit. Team morale is down a bit," third baseman Danny Pulfer said. "We're wondering ourselves what's going on. We had a big win Saturday, and we were living a little bit in the moment the day after, but it's hard with a young team to find out a way to find some seniority and find that spark."

Wakefield only went four innings and Miller earned the win, going two innings and giving up the only Duck run on three hits. Wakefield surrendered the other Duck hit.

For Oregon, six pitchers touched the mound. Chris Garrison started for Oregon and he took the loss. Garrison went 4.2 innings, giving up four hits and two runs while striking out four Pilot hitters.

The Pilots broke the 0-0 tie in the top of the fifth with back-to-back home runs from first baseman Cort Carpenter and second baseman Riley Henricks. The Ducks then escaped a bases load jam when reliever Madison Boer got Fraser to ground out to end the inning.

Oregon responded in the bottom of the inning with a RBI single from Pulfer, scoring Antony Kreitz from second, but that would be the only production in the game. Oregon managed just one hit over the last four innings, including six strikeouts.

"It's pretty frustrating to hit balls pretty squarely and then get doubled up," Kreitz said. "Paul (Eshleman) hit one about as hard as you can and it was right at the second baseman."

— BEN SCHORZMAN

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**When:** 5 p.m.

**Where:** Howe Field, Eugene

Portland State beat the Ducks in the teams' first meeting this season, a 7-5 win on March 11 that shot down Oregon's attempt at grabbing momentum before the Pac-10 season began. The Ducks have since started the league season 0-4, and the Ducks again look to start a nine-game homestand at Howe Field with momentum for the rest of the Pac-10 season. The teams will meet again for two games on April 22.



DAVE MARTINEZ | PHOTO EDITOR

**GOLF**

**Men win Western Intercollegiate title**

The Oregon men's golf team completed its third day at the 63rd annual Western Intercollegiate tournament by earning its second tournament win of the season. The very young squad — four freshmen and one sophomore — had three players in the top 10 and four in the top 12 to give them the final edge over Colorado and Fresno State, who finished in a tie for second.

Oregon tallied scores of 282 for the day, and 865 for the tournament. Colorado and Fresno State ended the tournament eight strokes back at 873 each.

Freshman Andrew Vizarro led the way for the Oregon men, shooting a 1-over 71 for the day, and 4-over 214 for the tournament. He finished in a tie for fourth place overall.

Shortly behind him was fellow freshman Robbie Ziegler, who also shot a 1-over 71 for the day. Ziegler ended the tournament in a tie for sixth place with a final

score of 5-over 215. Freshmen Eugene Wong and Daniel Miernicki broke even, finishing the tournament at 7-over 217 and 11-over 221, respectively.

The lone sophomore that made the trip, Jack Dukeminier struggled to find his stroke throughout the day and ended up finishing 10-over 80 for the day and 22-over 232 for the tournament.

The Ducks will be in action again on April 10-11 at the Arizona State University Thunderbird Invitational in Tempe, Ariz.

— LUCAS CLARK

**HUSSEMAN | The Ducks have the pieces to run Westhead's flashy run-and-gun style of offense**

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tournament — with UCONN's dominance and Oklahoma senior Courtney Paris' promise to win a national title or repay her \$64,000 athletic scholarship — that much more interesting.

So, it's not too big of a stretch to think that Oregon women's basketball can gain publicity in a hurry in this day and age. The athletic department sees profit potential and, as any good business would, it is keen to maximize its profit potential. Westhead and his (dare I say it?) stylish offense have been chosen to carry the Ducks over .500 and into the black.

Allow for a quick anecdote: One of Oregon's practices this winter began with a game of tag. The 12 healthy team members were divided into two teams of six. One team was given a basketball and instructed to tag members of the opposing team within half the

court with the ball, which could only be moved by passing. (No dribbling or walking.) The fewest passes needed to knock out all six players dictated the winner.

One team completed the task with 40 passes; the next found itself down to one player with 34 passes completed. That player was Micaela Cocks, the Ducks' Olympian and the best-conditioned athlete on the floor. She ran circles around the perimeter of the half-court and was never caught.

These Ducks can play this style. Oregon has four guards (Cocks, Lilley, Jackson and Darriell Gaynor), a forward (Jasmin Holliday) and two posts (Canepa and Lindsey Saffold) who all fit ideally into the preconceived notion of a run-and-gun offense. Players like Ellie Manou, better suited in a half-court offense, will be forced to adapt, but therein lies the genius of coaching: maximizing the potential of the players you have.

Should Westhead showcase this aptitude — he'll have the players' immediate attention and a cadre of talented assistants to help out — this team could come together quickly under him. Oregon will have virtually the same team as last year, assuming no one transfers. They may be three to four wins better just after buying into his system.

Given his age, Westhead may not see a second contract with the Ducks, and rumors persist that one of his assistants will be groomed to take over the program. For now, he stands at the forefront of a new era of women's basketball, one the athletic department sees as exciting, lasting and profitable. No one will know what to expect next season, least of all the fans of the program.

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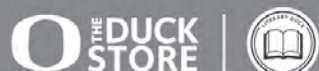
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## FOOTBALL | Ducks enter spring practice with holes to fill, but with optimism to boot

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D-line looks like they're moving fast."

Today was also the first day for new wide receivers coach Scott Frost and new quarterbacks coach Mike Bellotti, who will assist Kelly in the spring. Kelly's workload trumped any worries about conflicting interests.

"I was happy to have Mike here so I didn't have to coach the quarterbacks," Kelly said. "He was really a godsend. I didn't spend much time with those guys, but I don't need to worry about those guys because he's awesome."

"He's real technical with stuff — my footwork, my mechanics, stuff like that. It really helps all four of us," Masoli said.

Oregon must find two starting wide receivers — and, yes, a starting running back — by the fall, and Masoli acknowledged a demanding list of responsibilities entering the spring.

"Just as an offense, trying to get on the same page, when the defense is blitzing and stuff like that," he said. "Making checks, audibles, stuff like that with the receiving corps — just getting our timing down as a unit."

"We need some leaders to show up on the offensive side of the ball," Kelly said. "We've got some leadership from the defensive standpoint."

Ward, entering his second year as a starter in the Oregon secondary, counts himself among them.

"I think we could do really

well," he said. "We lose some key players, but I think the guys that we have can step on the field just as well, and maybe even better."

"I'm just trying to lead the defense to the best of my ability and keep everybody on track."

As he figures out where to fill his holes, Kelly has a simple but clear focus for his spring debut.

"I just want to see guys get reps and see who competes," he said. "There ain't any proven commodities on this team."

Considering Oregon's present situation in the college football landscape, those words come as a breath of fresh air.

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