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ECONOMIC FORECAST FORESEES IMPROVEMENT

However, Office of Economic Analysis warns credit instability, housing bubble as potential threats to recovery

IAN GERONIMO | NEWS REPORTER

Economists have reason to believe Oregon's slumping economy will show improvement in the second quarter of 2010.

In an economic forecast released early last month, the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis stated that while the job market is still hemorrhaging, job losses have slowed.

"Average monthly job losses for the last six months of 2009 were 2,300, compared to the first six months of 2009 with average monthly losses of 9,800," the forecast said. "This does not necessarily mean Oregon's job growth has returned, but at least the news is an encouraging sign for the end of the year."

In the aftershock of the 2008 financial crisis, Oregon suffered significant job losses, with the state unemployment rate slightly higher than the national rate of 10 percent.

Some state economists say these statistics indicate the economy has emerged from the "free fall" period of late 2008 and early 2009. Because the downturn of Oregon's job market has bottomed out, economists and legislators are now focused on economic recovery.

IHS Global Insight, a major economic and financial analysis organization, was quoted in the forecast as saying the market's path to recovery will be subject to some troubling inconsistencies.

The group said the pattern of recovery will likely not be the standard in which markets trend sharply upward after recovery has begun, but rather a "jobless recovery" in which the labor market is slow to add jobs. According to the Oregon Employment Department, a jobless recovery occurs when economic activity resumes growth without a corresponding growth in employment.

The forecast mentions the possible risk of a downside extreme in which the economy will spend substantial time struggling before growth begins, with the state potentially "having a lost decade of no growth once we hit bottom."

Josh Harwood, senior economist at OEA, said this recovery will not be easy.

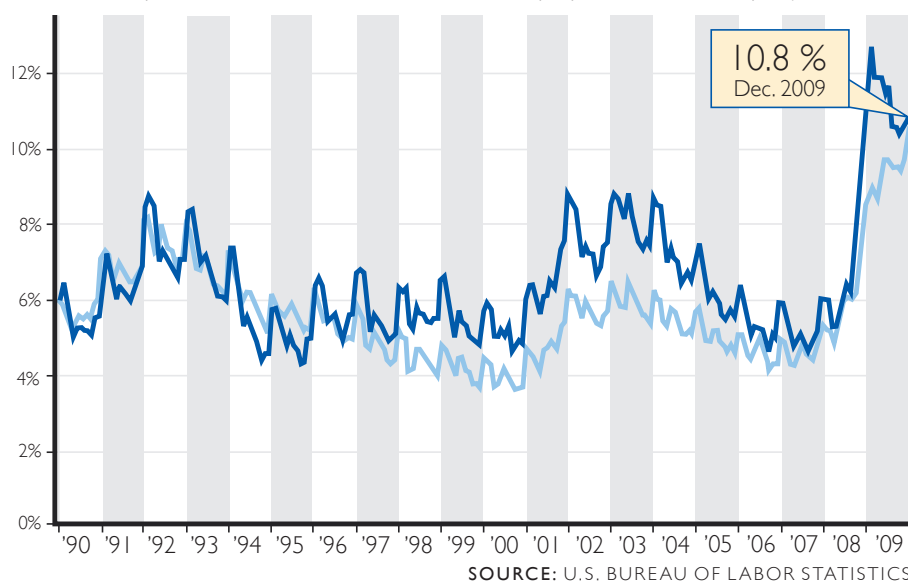
In a standard recovery, the downturn is "followed by an equal and opposite reaction. You kind of just bounce back," he said. "Instead, we are predicting our growth rates to slow back down again."

He said this volatility can be attributed to the inherent qualities of a recession birthed out of a financial crisis — a recession that generally takes longer to recover from — and the influence of federal

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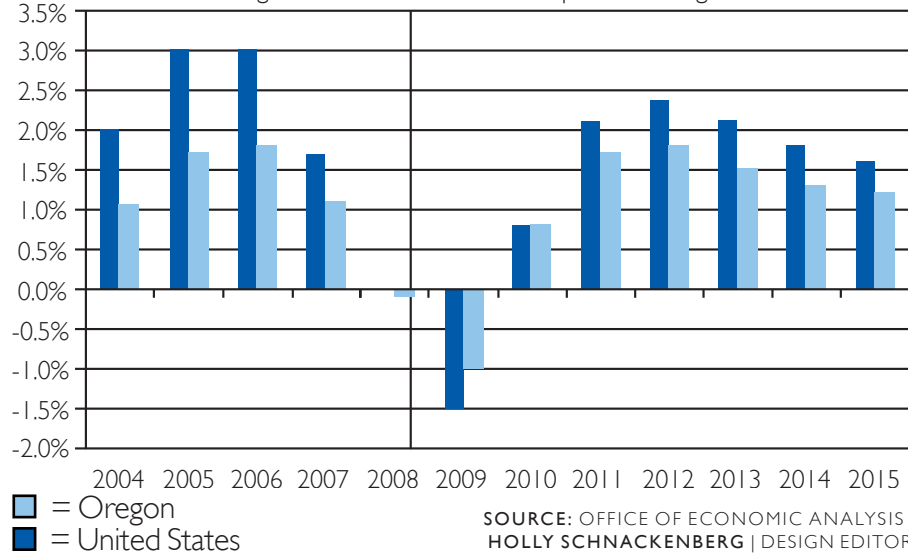
Unemployment rate

The percent of the labor force that is unemployed, not seasonally adjusted



Total nonfarm payroll:

Oregon and United States annual percent change



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CAMPUS

Awareness week strives to challenge hate, bias

Bias Response Team will host events all week promoting bias awareness on campus

KAITLIN FLANIGAN | NEWS REPORTER

Bias Awareness Week kicks off today with campus activities and discussions throughout the week.

The week-long activities are hosted by the Bias Response Team, an on-campus group stemming from the Office of Student Life that combats bias and hate.

When there has been an incident of bias, students are encouraged and faculty and staff members are required to report it to the Bias Response Team, which in turn responds to the situation by helping give victims of bias a place to have their voices heard. Reports can be submitted anonymously.

The group also strives to connect with other groups on campus to promote its motto: "Make a difference, challenge hate."

"We work closely with departments, organizations and students to help create a culture of inclusion and respect on our campus," said Lindsey Adkisson, graduate assistant at the Bias Response Team. "In addition to case management, a core component of the work we do is preventive education and outreach, such as Bias Awareness Week."

Starting today, there will be Positive Graffiti in the Living Learning Center following a showing of "The Laramie Project," a play about the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard in the Wesley Center across from Lillis Business Complex.

This year, the Bias Response Team is partnering with the ASUO, University Housing, Black Student Union, Count Me In Action Team, Breaking Bigotry Coalition and the University Counseling Center.

During Bias Awareness Week 2010, there will be activities, discussions, workshops, lectures and performances. There will also be a

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Discussion: Language Circles

When: From 5 to 5:50 p.m. students can converse with native and learning speakers in Spanish, Hindi, Mandarin and Arabic. From 6 to 6:50 p.m. French, Swahili and Portuguese conversations are offered.

Where: Mills International Center

Cost: Free

TUESDAY

Lecture: "Writing For Change," a mini-workshop with journalist Naseem Rakha, author of "The Crying Tree"

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Browsing Room, Knight Library

Cost: Free

THURSDAY

Film: "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. The showing in Springfield is one of 500 showings around the world.

When: 7:30 p.m.

Where: Cinemark 17

Cost: \$8

Film: "Finding Face," a film presentation about acid burn survivors and discussion session with Lamia Karim, a University associate professor of anthropology who researches acid burn survivors in Bangladesh.

When: 3 p.m.

Where: EMU Ballroom

Cost: Free

FRIDAY

Reception: "How Water Speaks to Us," photographs by Shirley Collins EMU

When: 6 p.m.

Where: Northwest Artist Gallery Museum of Natural and Cultural History

Cost: Free

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IN MY OPINION | SHELLEY DEADMOND

TAPPED OUT: NO MORE PLASTIC BOTTLES

When water first started being put into individual bottles back in the day, I can't honestly say I thought too much about it. It was, in my opinion, a good alternative to Coke and sugary fruit drinks sold in the cold cases at the checkout of grocery stores and a convenient amenity for long road trips.

It was only thanks to my frugal father shaking his head whenever I would buy bottled water, telling me "there's no difference! The tap is just as good!" that I began to awaken to the more problematic aspects of bottled water.

I started to notice a lot of water bottles being left about just like Coke cans, as well as too many of them making their way into the trash can rather than the recycling bin. In fact, according to Food and Water Watch, a nonprofit organization committed to protecting natural resources, only 20 percent of water bottles are recycled. The rest end up in the landfills and oceans.

The bottled water boom of the 1990s and current consumption of more than 50 billion (yes, billion) bottles a year can be largely attributed to one of the most successful marketing campaigns in history.



WHO CARES

Companies like Coke and Pepsi, who bottle the Dasani and Aquafina brand bottled water, must have had some marketing studs because they effectively convinced America the water coming out of their tap was gross and dirty, and that which came individually packaged in plastic was clean and healthy. All of this despite the fact that the water was all the same.

While it's not news anymore that bottled water is just filtered tap water that hasn't been as rigorously tested as municipal water, people are still drinking \$35 billion dollars worth of it a year.

I've got no other explanation for this phenomenon other than its convenience. It's almost as convenient as filling up a stainless steel bottle before you leave the house in the morning, but not quite, which leaves little compelling evidence for why we should be spending money on the same natural resource that we are so fortunate to have available right in our own homes. One in six people worldwide can't say the same. Nor can they afford to buy food enough to feed their families, let alone water in a bottle.

The industry is unnecessarily taxing on the environment as well. It's for this reason that the newly formed student group, the Climate Justice League, has initiated

a "Take Back the Tap" campaign here on campus. You may have seen the enormous "water-bottle tree" that was erected at the EMU last Monday, or maybe you even removed one of the bottles from it during its "de-construction" in your own symbolic gesture to take back the tap.

The Climate Justice League is a group that was formed by ASUO senator Jeremy Blanchard and other student activists to address a need for "targeted, goal-oriented grassroots campaigns that result in changes on campus" Blanchard said. The Take Back the Tap campaign has been aimed at creating awareness about the issue, and was coordinated by Climate Justice League member Anne Ward.

Ward says she mostly just wants to help get the word out that "bottled water is not safer, it's not healthier, and it's not good for the environment; it's actually really wasteful." She cited a study that found, when added up, the energy used to produce and distribute a single plastic bottle of water is equivalent to filling a third of that same bottle with oil.

The campaign reached its apex last week at the event, where Climate Justice League members also collected signatures for a petition that was to be presented to the ASUO Senate along with a resolution that

would ban student groups and student government from using incidental fee money to purchase bottled water for any events. Both the petition and resolution were a success; the petition received thousands of signatures and the Senate voted to consider the resolution at its meeting last Wednesday evening. A final vote will be held this week to solidify the procedure.

My favorite part about Climate Justice League's event and its ongoing campaign is that it addresses consumer choices, and that's really what this issue comes down to. Companies have made this superfluous product available, but we bit the bait and created a demand for it.

That's why any successful campaign will aim at changing or shifting consumer values; which will in turn affect consumer habits and choices rather than simply lambast corporate interests for supplying ecologically irresponsible products. Once we have the information, we can make more informed choices. I therefore applaud the Climate Justice League and its efforts to help everyone on campus be more aware of the impacts of their water consumption choices and offer them a deceptively simple solution — fill up your canteen at the fountain and drink up!

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— LETTERS TO THE EDITOR —

University's widespread use of Blackboard a better system than PSU's

You may have seen the article "PSU prepares to replace Blackboard" in the Emerald (ODE, Feb. 26). Interesting article. One point that the article misses is that Portland State University was stuck with a very old version of "Blackboard," actually a version of WebCT Campus Edition.

The company Blackboard, Inc., bought WebCT and took over their product line, but did not continue to develop it. Instead, they have encouraged the WebCT customers to switch to its very different main Blackboard product line, which over time, has had lots of upgrades including some new features borrowed from WebCT. PSU was in a hard place, without any easy upgrade path, and hence with a very old version of their software. As I recall, they were seriously looking at Sakai before they settled on Desire-2Learn. I think they probably made a quite reasonable choice.

One thing I particularly liked about the article is the student view that consistent and widespread use of the CMS is more important than what particular CMS you use. Perhaps, unfortunately, there's a tension between consistency and academic freedom and faculty innovation. But at least the UO, with its widespread adoption of Blackboard, is in better shape than PSU was.

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Small price, big results: \$1.90 per term could bring OSPIRG and all its myriad benefits back to campus

In its mission, the ASUO promises to work for "individual and collective interests both within and without the university," but OSPIRG critics say, "the incidental fee is not for saving the world."

Why? We pay \$195 each term, over \$20 to student tickets alone. Why can't \$1.90 go to "saving the world," if that's what a significant portion of students desire? Is impacting our world really just a tangential goal?

I live and study here. OSPIRG pushes to make my home cleaner through land-use laws, chemical disclosure and clean-up acts and recycling programs. Like many students, I have private loans. OSPIRG fights for reform of lending institutions, privacy protection and better loan options. Fortunately, I have health insurance; many students don't. OSPIRG advocates for health care transparency and affordability.

Are the most visible services the only ones with merit? Does a service lose its value if I can't hold it in my hand?

The accomplishments OSPIRG has been able to achieve for students are incredible. They've signed over 2,000 faculty across the country to commit

to open source textbooks, and have been lauded by congressmen as leaders in reforming the textbook market. It's a limited vision that points to the 500-person global warming conference OSPIRG helped organize on campus, or the 50 professors on campus they've signed on to open source textbooks as their only accomplishments. What they are able to do with my \$1.90 per term is beyond the four walls of the university, and still directly impacts all students' lives.

I'm glad part of my incidental fee allows me to ride the LTD to campus, grab a copy of the ODE or The New York Times, and read about the local, state and national issues that impact me daily. I'd be equally glad if — for another \$1.90 — my peers and I, with the support of professional staff, could continue having our voices heard by the people who make the decisions I read about in my newspaper.

We have a choice: sip a cup of coffee every day and passively read the newspaper, or skip the coffee once per term and take an active role in changing the headlines we read.

ANNE WARD
CLIMATE JUSTICE LEAGUE

This week in . . .

Famous crimes

Charles and Anne Lindbergh were the victims of a heinous crime on March 1, 1932, when they discovered their 20-month-old son had been kidnapped. Lindbergh, the famous aviator, decided to pay the ransom. However, about two months later, the baby's body was discovered near their mansion. The crime seemed unsolvable until in 1934 when a wary gas station attendant received one of the bills from the ransom money and wrote down the license plate number of the purchaser's car. Handwriting experts compared the man's to the ransom notes and coupled with strong public pressure he was convicted and executed. Because of this, kidnapping was made a federal offense.

Miracle workers

On March 3, 1887, 6-year-old Helen Keller met her "miracle worker," Anne Sullivan. Sullivan began teaching Keller, whom had lost her sight and hearing due to a severe childhood illness. Sullivan pioneered touch-learning techniques with Keller, and they worked well — so well that Keller graduated from college with honors and became an international lecturer. Sullivan remained Keller's interpreter and constant companion until her death.

Bootleggin'

The last major attempt at prohibition, the Jones Act, was passed on March 2, 1929, strengthening federal penalties for bootlegging. This act marked the first time the federal government took a major role in policing and prosecution. Prohibition, never being particularly popular for obvious reasons, seemed only to bolster and help establish organized crime by creating a black market as it did not decrease demand for alcohol, though consumption decreased significantly. Wisely, five years later the 18th amendment, which enabled prohibition, was repealed, but the damage had been done and the 1930s would be known as the decade of organized crime.

Classic toys

One of America's great fads of the 1960s, the Hula-Hoop, was patented on March 5, 1963. The bizarre toy, the joy of which is essentially lost on today's "Nintendo generation," sold over 25 million units in its first four months alone. Creators of the Hula-Hoop, Wham-O, are to be thanked for producing many other childhood staples: The Frisbee, the Super Ball, the Hacky Sack, Silly String and Slip 'n' Slides. Now, if only that line from an Alvin and the Chipmunks song wasn't so memorable.

File-sharing

Napster began dismantling on March 6, 2001, after losing to a suit filed by the Recording Industry Association of America for \$20 billion. By 2001, Napster's network included 60 million users around the world trading files with reckless abandon. The company attempted to stay afloat by charging for songs, but the damage had been done — people were too used to getting any song they wanted for free. A wealth of Napster-like clones had sprung up in the interim and in the years following the end of Napster. The RIAA is still fighting to end file sharing to this day. One thing's for sure: A lone college student with an interesting idea for a computer program changed the way we think about digital rights in the 21st century.

First Congress

The first session of the U.S. Congress was held on March 4, 1789, short a few senators and representatives. The session took place under the new U.S. constitution, after replacing the Articles of Confederation due to failings in the lack of federalism inherent within it. Later that year, Congress would adopt the first 12 amendments to the constitution, the hallmarks of what the U.S. holds so dear. Adding the amendments got the approval of the constitution by the last two holdouts of the original 13 colonies, and the U.S. as we know it today began to form.



HIGHER EDUCATION

Transgender student group seeks presence on campus

Amaya Taína hopes to create a safe place, sense of community for transgender students at PSU

JOE HANNAN
DAILY VANGUARD

Portland State University sophomore Amaya Taína, a student senator for the Associated Students of Portland State University, is soon to become the official representative for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer students, and she hopes to begin an on-campus transgender student group.

"I want to let people know there will be a safe place on campus that they can go to, that they are experiencing the same problems, and we can come together and help each other," Taína said with regard to the transgender community at PSU.

The LGBTQA community in Portland is large. According to U.S. Census data collected in 2005, 35,413 LGBTQA-oriented people live in the metropolitan area. This number is about 8 percent of the total Portland population.

She hopes for the group to be a safe place on campus where "we can bond and be ourselves."

Taína said the idea to start the group "came from my harassment last term on campus." Taína hopes a sense of community on campus will be one of the group's objectives. Also, she would like the group to create kinship in a community where peers would encourage and

build esteem with one another.

"I want to gather my fellow trans folk in a group where we can support each other and unite as a power that will fight to not be marginalized anymore. I implore transgender students to join this student group because it will benefit them tremendously. Allies are welcomed to join this group as well," Taína said.

Taína encourages transgender students to come forward to help get the group started. She hopes that having more members will spur more people to come out and create an even larger community.

Aside from gathering a larger transgender community, Taína also hopes that she can bring more awareness to PSU and to Portland at large.

"A reason why we may not have so many transgendered students out would be because it is frightening when you don't have people like you to talk with," Taína said.

Since PSU is a commuter school, it's hard to reach students and let them know that communicating like this is a possibility. However, Taína expects once word gets out, transgender students will want to join the group.

She needs five members to officially start a student group on campus. The group remains unofficial until it can find more members and cannot register until the beginning of spring term. "I still have to find others that are interested," Taína said. "I remember the Transgender

Day of Remembrance and how it felt so good to be in a room full of transgender people. Why not try and bring that colorful array of people to a weekly meeting where we can bond and support each other?"

Taína also mentions the Sexual and Gender Equality Task Force as a prime resource for transgender students. SAGE helped pioneer the first-ever PSU health care plan for transgender students and the inclusion of unisex bathrooms on campus. For more information, Taína can be reached at the ASPSU office.

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2010 ASUO
ELECTIONS

CANDIDATES FOR ASUO ELECTIONS WHO FILED AS OF FEB. 28

• ASUO president and vice president: Amelie Rousseau (major: English) and Maneesh Arora (major: pre-business administration)

• Student Senate, Seat 7 (Athletics and Contracts Finance Committee): Diara Melendez (major: undeclared)

• Student Senate, Seat 8 (Athletics and Contracts Finance Committee): Ben Eckstein (major: planning, public policy and management)

THE ASUO BEGAN ALLOWING STUDENTS TO FILE TO RUN ON FEB. 23. THEY MAY DO SO UNTIL MARCH 11.

BIAS

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Bias Response Team table in the EMU Amphitheater today through Friday.

"Tabling is very important for several reasons," BRT student intern Kylie Kubitz said. "There are a bunch of other student groups (in the EMU Amphitheater). It's important for this to happen because it helps build a coalition for bias awareness."

Like any campus organization, the Bias Response Team has goals that it wishes to address.

"A primary goal of the BRT is to continue to figure out new ways to get more voices at the table," Adkisson said, whose duties with the Bias Response Team include administrative and community outreach. "We are always looking for ways to engage members of our community that aren't always involved. I'd say getting more

perspective and increasing our reach is always a central part of the planning of Bias Awareness Week."

While students have rallied in response to recent controversies, particularly a swastika found in the LGBTQA office, the members behind Bias Awareness Week are not settling on a theme or issue.

"We're definitely not focusing on one particular issue (about bias or hate)," Kubitz said. "Rather, we're focusing on inclusion of all groups."

This year, members of the group hope that student and faculty participants alike will take away positive messages from the lessons of Bias Awareness Week.

"I just want people to be aware of their day-to-day actions and thoughts and how they affect other people," Kubitz said.

"Bias Awareness Week is a University-wide, collaborative

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday

Positive Graffiti: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Living Learning Center

Wednesday

"Detour-Spotting for White Anti-Racist," staff/faculty discussion, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Metolius Room, EMU

"Challenging Oppressive Moments" workshop, 4 to 5 p.m., Umpqua River Room, EMU

"The N-Word," 7:30 to 9 p.m., LLC Performance Hall

Thursday

"Finding Face," 3 p.m., EMU Ballroom

Guest speaker: Michael Hames-García, 5 p.m., Multicultural Center

Micro-aggression discussion forum: 5:30 p.m., Multicultural Center

Friday

International Women's Day Celebration: 7 p.m., Agate Hall

All week

BRT table: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., EMU Amphitheater

effort with a message that resonates with every department, organization and classroom," Adkisson said. "It's our chance to pull together, speak out and

say that we will not tolerate a culture of hate in our community (and on) our campus."

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RECOVERY

FROM PAGE 1

stimulus dollars.

"Our recovery is being buoyed by government spending," Harwood said.

The OEA document states that "the bulk of Oregon's share of the stimulus package is being implemented with about half yet to go."

Harwood said the emergency session Oregon legislators held last month was planned before the 2008 financial collapse, and that the state already intended to address its economic woes before the national tailspin.

"The end of 2008 is when things really fell apart," Harwood said, "but (the emergency session) was already there in case (Measures) 66 and 67 failed."

He also said the OEA hasn't been able to gauge the effect of

those tax measures yet, but he doesn't expect them to do much for growth in the state. Instead, Harwood said, they will be used to bridge pre-existing shortcomings in the state budget.

State Rep. Brent Barton (D-Clackamas) said in a press release reflecting on the special session that a number of bills were passed through the House and Senate that would address job creation.

His strategy for job growth has more to do with nurturing existing job markets than attracting new ones.

"Small businesses drive job creation in our communities," Barton said. "Research and experience reveal that incubating existing businesses is a better method of job creation than bidding against other states to attract companies, which frequently leave for the next great

offer elsewhere."

The OEA forecast also mentioned other potential threats to Oregon's recovery, including the contagion of credit instability, geopolitical factors, the extent of the global downturn, prolonged housing market instability, the H1N1 influenza virus and energy prices.

The OEA predicts that any disruption in the supply of oil could stall economic activity all over the world.

Despite the morbid tone of the OEA's economic forecast, the document does cite "reasons to be cautiously optimistic."

"Stabilization signs are more numerous with the hope that job growth, though mild, will commence with the second quarter of 2010."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ducks blow big lead, stumble on Senior Night

Oregon's foul trouble let UCLA get a 23-2 run in the second half

PATRICK MALEE
 SPORTS REPORTER

With 14 minutes remaining in the second half, the women's basketball team appeared destined for victory. Leading by 16 in the last Pacific-10 Conference home game — on the day seniors Taylor Lilley, Micaela Cocks and Lindsey Saffold were honored — everything was going Oregon's way.

Yet, UCLA (20-7, 13-3) proved there was a reason it was ranked second in the Pac-10. The Bruins blitzed Oregon (16-12, 7-9) with a torrid 23-2 run in the second half en route to a 91-75 victory.

"Tale of two cities," head coach Paul Westhead said. "Two different games ... I don't have a lot of explanations about why things changed so violently from playing very good to kind of getting cut up. The stats kind of speak for themselves."

Cocks wasted no time after the opening tip, hitting a three-pointer less than a minute into the game. The senior guard scored Oregon's first eight points, and the Ducks were off to an encouraging 8-3 start.

The Bruins responded with an 11-2 run of their own, grabbing a 17-13 lead with 13 minutes remaining in the half. Oregon regained the lead less than a minute later, and would not relinquish it before halftime. Paced by Cocks' 18 first-half points, the Ducks took a 50-46 lead into the intermission.

Oregon's momentum



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Sophomore Amanda Johnson shoots against two UCLA defenders. The Ducks lost 91-75 on Senior Night in the final women's game at Mac Court.

carried seamlessly into the second half, as Lilley hit a three-pointer to get things started. From there, the Ducks unleashed a flurry of buckets, using a 16-4 run to take a 66-50 lead. It was there that things began to unravel.

Sophomore forward Jasmin Holliday quickly committed her third and fourth fouls,

and was forced back to the bench. Suddenly, the Ducks were without one of their best rebounders.

Fouls would continue to be an issue, as junior forwards Victoria Kenyon and Nicole Canepa each picked up their fourth fouls before the

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BRUINS: Dixon's intensity was the key to comeback

ROBERT HUSSEMAN | SPORTS REPORTER

With 17:05 remaining in the second half, UCLA coach Nikki Caldwell called timeout.

Her Bruins had just stumbled out of the halftime gate, trailing 62-50 as two Taylor Lilley three-pointers highlighted a 12-4 Duck run. The McArthur Court crowd of 2,892 was in full support of its home team.

"We went to our front-and-back defense and tried to slow up their transition game, because they're so explosive in the open court," Caldwell said. "I thought in the second half, we did a much better job of (containing them)."

"We didn't play UCLA basketball," Jasmine Dixon said.

Dixon, a 5-foot-11-inch forward, had 15 points and nine rebounds by halftime but turned up the intensity of her performance in the second half, bothering Oregon to no end in the low post while attacking the glass at the offensive end. If Dixon didn't catch the rebound, her ability to box out allowed a teammate a better shot at it. UCLA went on a 23-2 run to turn the tide of the game, eventually winning 91-75.

"In that spell, I think we changed defenses like four times ... we ran four different defenses and it didn't look like we had changed anything," Oregon head coach Paul Westhead said. "It was bang, bang, bang, bang, so we were trying to help the cause ... we had no impact."

Dixon finished with 20 of the Bruins' 50 rebounds — 12 offensive — and 31 points. The Ducks, as a team, grabbed 23 rebounds, eight offensive.

"I just told her, I said, when you bring that type of intensity and you're over on the offensive glass, (Markel)

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TOP PERFORMERS:

Micaela Cocks: 24 points, four rebounds, four assists, two steals

Taylor Lilley: 17 points, five three-pointers, four assists

Amanda Johnson: 13 points, four rebounds, three steals, career-high five blocks

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

TAJUAN PORTER: SLUMP BUSTER

The Oregon guard's 29-point outburst against UCLA included the game-winning shot

BEN SCHORZMAN | SPORTS EDITOR

In the final Pacific-10 Conference road trip of his career, senior Tajuan Porter delivered in a big way.

First it was a 16-point effort, including a three-pointer in the closing minute to ice the game against the USC Trojans on Thursday. Then on Saturday, it was a 29-point effort against the UCLA Bruins at Pauley Pavilion to lead Oregon to a 70-68 win.

"I just wanted to come here and win a game," Porter said. "Pauley Pavilion is a historic building and I just wanted to get one win here."

Porter, who had been going through a bad slump the past few weeks, helped Oregon win at UCLA for the first time since Jan. 30, 2003. Porter was a part of three of those losses, and he said enough was enough. With 50 seconds to play and the score tied at 65, Porter hit a three-pointer to give Oregon the lead for good.

"I had a little space and hit the shot," Porter said. "I had them on their heels all game because I'd mixed up threes and driving."

UCLA's Jerime Anderson committed a turnover with 27 seconds left, and Jeremy Jacob then made two foul shots to seal the win for Oregon. Michael Roll's three-pointer with less than a second remaining completed the score.

Porter's go-ahead three was his seventh of the night, and it stopped the Bruins from winning on Senior Night after they had rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit.

"He did a good job these two games of not only scoring, but his leadership has been phenomenal," head coach Ernie Kent said. "He's made all the difference in the world for us."

Oregon (14-14 overall, 6-10 Pac-10) completed the sweep of UCLA (13-15, 8-8) for the first time since 2002-2003, and it was the first time they swept the Los Angeles schools since the 2001-2002 season. The only other Duck in double-figures was sophomore Jeremy Jacob, who tied a career-high with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

"I opened it up for the bigs, and the bigs were scoring, and that opened it up for me," Porter said, although center Michael Dunigan didn't score in seven minutes of action.

For the Bruins, Michael Roll tied his career high with 25 points, Malcolm Lee scored 18 and Tyler Honeycutt scored four points to go with 13 rebounds and nine assists. Kent said the 14-point comeback was troubling because of the offensive weapons the Bruins have.

"You're at their building, and they have good players and they hit some big shots," Kent said. "Every time we broke down, they made us pay for it."

For the game, Oregon shot 46.4 percent,

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JACK HUNTER | PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Tajuan Porter drives against a Stanford defender on Jan. 23. Porter scored 29 points and the Ducks beat the UCLA Bruins on Saturday 70-68 in Los Angeles to sweep the season series from the Bruins.

TOP PERFORMERS

Tajuan Porter: 29 points, 7-for-9 three-pointers

Jeremy Jacob: 19 points, 10 rebounds

Michael Roll: 25 points, four rebounds, 6-for-12 three-pointers

"Pauley Pavilion is a historic building and I just wanted to get one win here."

TAJUAN PORTER
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SOFTBALL

Ducks lose chance for 5-0 weekend because of rain delay

Though they had a 5-0 lead heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, the Oregon women's softball team was denied its fifth win of the weekend on Saturday afternoon in the team's final game of the Cathedral City Classic.

After facing an hour and 40-minute rain delay during the top of the fifth inning, a pre-arranged time deadline cut the game short, leaving the Ducks (12-4) with a perfect 4-0 record for the tournament.

Sophomore shortstop Kelsey Chambers went 3-for-3 with two RBIs to lead Oregon during the contest, while freshman pitcher Jessica Moore continued to shine on the mound. She struck out five, walked none and allowed just two hits in her four innings of work.

The Ducks had won eight of their last nine outings prior to the Pacific game, including wins over Utah and No. 19 Texas A&M on Thursday, and another pair of victories over Hawaii and Long Island on Friday afternoon.

Freshman Allie Burger paced the Ducks offensively with eight hits in her 10 at-bats on the weekend, while Moore (5-1), Mikayla Endicott (2-0) and Samantha Skillingstad (2-3) each recorded at least one win for the Ducks.

Oregon will return to Southern California this coming weekend when they take on Long Beach State, San Diego State, Cal Poly, San Diego, and Fresno State at the San Diego Classic. The tournament will mark the last series of games in the Ducks' 22-game road opener, before they match up with Boise State in Eugene on Saturday, March 13.

— LUCAS CLARK

TRACK & FIELD

No. 1 women take top spot, No. 2 men finish sixth in Seattle

The No. 1 Oregon women and No. 2 Oregon men each turned in strong performances this weekend at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships in Seattle, with the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships just two weeks away.

And while it wasn't a specific focus, the Duck women took home the championship trophy — their first in school history.

Oregon scored 133 points to take the women's title over Stanford (113 points), Arizona (109) and Arizona State (75). The Duck men finished sixth in the team standings with 59 points, while UCLA (108.5) took home the title.

The Ducks opened Friday's competition with two NCAA provisional-qualifying marks. Claire Michel finished third in the 5,000 meters in a personal-best 16:28.03, and Ashton Eaton tied for fourth place in the pole vault. His 17-foot-3-inch clearance is a personal best in all conditions.

Jordan Hasay secured the Ducks' first NCAA automatic-qualifying mark on Saturday, winning the women's mile in 4:35.01. The time is second in school history and an MPSF meet record. Middle distances were also kind to fellow freshman Anne Kesselring, who won the 800 meters in an NCAA provisional time of 2:05.72.

Amber Purvis broke her own school record in the 60-meter dash, winning the event in 7.30 seconds. Purvis' mark is an NCAA provisional-qualifying time.

The highlight of the meet for the men was Andrew Wheating's mile race, which he won in a personal-best 3:58.20. Wheating's time ranks fourth in school history.

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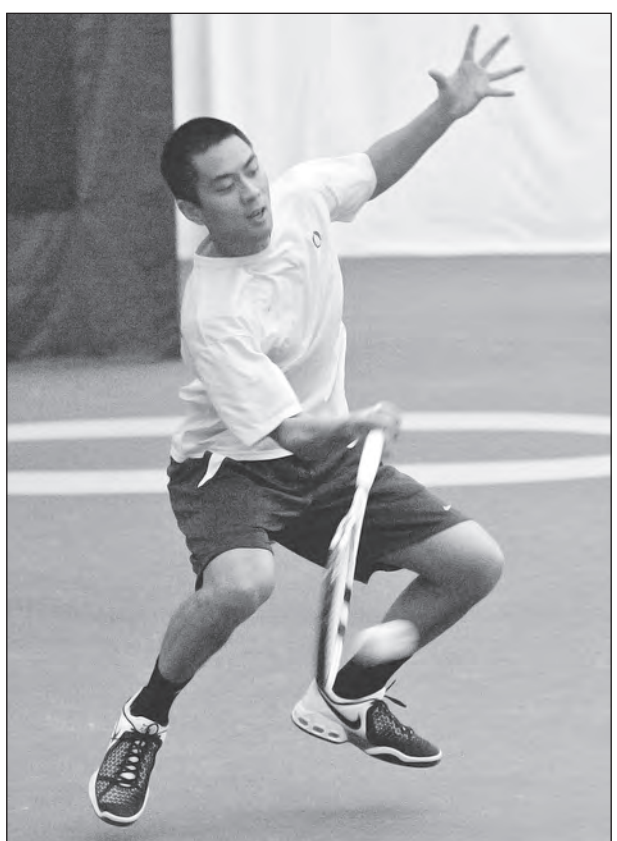
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	Men's basketball:	Oregon 70, UCLA 68	Tajuan Porter, 29 points
	Women's tennis:	Indiana 4, Oregon 3	Julia Metzger, 2-6, 7-1, 7-5 win
SUNDAY	Lacrosse:	William & Mary 15, Oregon 13	Jana Drummond, five goals, five shots
	Women's tennis:	Ohio State 4, Oregon 1	Pavlina Smatova, 6-2, 6-4 win
	Men's tennis:	Oregon 5, Nevada 2	Ric Mortera, 6-0, 6-1 win
	Baseball:	Hawaii 5, Oregon 2	Danny Pulfer, 3-4, run, RBI
	Baseball:	Oregon 3, Hawaii 0	Zack Thornton, 5.2 IP, 2 H, 2 BB, 5 K



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Senior Ric Mortera launches a forehand return. Mortera and the Ducks lost to Washington on Friday but beat Nevada on Sunday.

TENNIS

Men lose to UW, beat Nevada; women swept

It was a rough weekend for Oregon tennis, as the men and women lost four of their five combined matches. The men (10-3) defeated Nevada 5-2 on Sunday, but lost to No. 23 Washington on Friday by a score of 5-2. The women (5-7), meanwhile, lost all three of their matches over the weekend.

The men welcomed Pacific-10 Conference foe Washington into Eugene late Friday afternoon. The match got off to a promising start, as the Ducks narrowly edged the Huskies for the doubles point. Things did not go so well during singles play, during which Washington took five of the six matches. Senior Alexander Cornelissen was the only Oregon player to earn a victory in singles play, defeating Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, and the Ducks lost the match 5-2.

Things turned around for the men on Sunday, as they edged Nevada in a match that lasted more than three hours. Though the Ducks lost the doubles point early, they went on to win five of the six singles matches to seal the victory.

The women had a busy weekend on the road, playing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They started at Purdue on Friday, and fell into an early hole after losing the doubles point. The Boilermakers also went on to win the first three singles matches, which effectively ended the match for the Ducks. Though Oregon would win its last three singles matches, Purdue went on to win the match 4-3.

Things would not improve at No. 23 Indiana on Saturday. The Ducks again lost the doubles point and the Hoosiers took three of the singles matches for a 4-3 match victory. Freshman Julia Metzger and sophomore Trudie du Toit had strong showings, but it was not enough for Oregon.

On Sunday, the road-weary Ducks suffered a 4-1 loss at the hands of No. 17 Ohio State. The Buckeyes quickly captured the doubles point by winning the first two matches, and three more singles victories were enough to fend off the Ducks. Two of the singles matches were not finished, as the match was already decided.

— PATRICK MALEE

MEN

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but the Ducks were outshot by UCLA, which managed 54.9 percent. Where Oregon excelled was behind the three-point line, where the team hit 10-of-14 shots for a season-high 71.4 percent.

Porter, the senior from Detroit, ruined UCLA's Senior Day by matching a

season-best 11 field goals. He scored 16 first-half points and stymied the UCLA defense all game long.

"If TP's playing like that, you can do anything," Kent said.

Porter was 7-for-9 from behind the arc, and the field goals pushed his school-record career three-point total to 334. He is also marching closer to the Pac-10 Conference record, and he needs just nine more to break the mark set by Arizona's Salim

Stoudamire from 2002-2005.

The Ducks enter the final week of the Pac-10 season tied for last in the conference with Washington State, and will play Washington and the Cougars this week in Eugene. Kent says he thinks the conference tournament is still wide-open, and with a couple of wins, Oregon can guarantee a winning record.

"We've been through so much this year," Kent said. "With each win, with each bucket, our

confidence grows."

Notes

Oregon's win against UCLA and Oregon State's 49-44 win over USC on Saturday marked the first time since Feb. 20, 2003, that both Oregon schools had won a Pac-10 game on the road on the same day. On that day, the Ducks beat Washington State 89-70 and the Beavers beat Washington 80-72.

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UCLA

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Walker's going to follow your lead, then we'll get our guard play in there," Caldwell said.

"My offensive game was going pretty good, but my defensive game was sloppy," Dixon said. "I had to pick it up."

The leading scorer for the Bruins, Dixon is slowly making a name for herself. She originally committed to Rutgers out of Long Beach Poly (Calif.) High School but transferred after just one season. Ineligible for the first seven games of the season, Dixon

also leads UCLA in rebounding (7.9 per game) and field goal percentage (56.4 percent) and is second in steals with 48.

Her career game — the second 30-20 performance against the Ducks this season, after Stanford's Nnemkadi Ogwumike — vaulted the Bruins into second place (20-7, 13-3 Pacific-10 Conference) and in firm control of their own destiny. All by stepping up when it mattered most for her team.

"It's a matter of when they make that choice," Caldwell said. "I told them you have a choice. You can continue to play poorly, or you can get better. To me, you've got a

50-50 shot there. Get better."

Senior Day honorees

Saturday marked the last regular-season home appearance for Lilley, Micaela Cocks and Lindsey Saffold, who were honored before the game. Oregon also recognized UCLA seniors Monique Alexander, Erica Tukiainen and Allison Taka with bouquets from Westhead.

Cocks commented postgame about trying to remove the emotion of Senior Day from her head as the game drew close, but finding it hard to accomplish.

"The juniors, the sophomores, the freshmen, they decorated our

lockers and had photos on our locker doors," Cocks said. "It was a weird feeling. It was exciting."

Former Oregon player and head coach Bev Smith was also welcomed back to Mac Court as an honorary captain with a loud standing ovation from the crowd. Smith, a two-time All-American who coached the Ducks for eight seasons before her dismissal after last season, received hugs from every player and member of the coaching staff prior to the announcement of starting lineups.

"Very well-deserved," Lilley said of the ovation.

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WOMEN

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10-minute mark. Without its prominent post players, Oregon could not compete with the Bruins on the boards.

"That's never good when you've got players in foul trouble," Cocks said. "Especially the ones with size."

By crashing the boards and sinking crucial free throws, UCLA clawed right back into the game with a 23-2 run that left the crowd stunned. With 7:33 remaining, the Bruins suddenly led 73-68.

"We kind of went on a cold spell offensively," Lilley said. "Nothing was really flowing, and then defensively they were hitting some shots, and the ones

they weren't making, they were getting their own boards."

In Westhead's eyes, the Ducks simply wore down too quickly.

"I think our players played as hard as they could, and then they just ran out of gas," Westhead said. "They had nothing left to give. Unfortunately, there was way too much time left."

Oregon never quite recovered from UCLA's spectacular run, and went on to lose by a misleading score of 91-75.

Cocks finished off her career at McArthur Court in style, scoring 24 points to go along with four rebounds, four assists and two steals. Lilley added 17 points on five three-pointers, while Amanda Johnson registered 13 points,

four rebounds, three steals and a career-high five blocks.

The Bruins, meanwhile, were led by a virtuoso performance from Jasmine Dixon. The sophomore forward scored a game-high 31 points to go along with 20 rebounds, 12 of which came on the offensive side of the ball. Junior guard Doreena Campbell added 21 of her own points, and as a team UCLA outrebounded the Ducks 50-23.

In the end, Oregon proved its ability to stay with the Pac-10's finest, but couldn't quite seal the deal.

"We played it pretty (well) for a good spell, and then couldn't hold it," Westhead said. "Didn't hold it."

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Oregon head coach Paul Westhead gives senior Micaela Cocks a bouquet of flowers during Senior Day on Saturday against the UCLA Bruins. Oregon lost the game 91-75.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you like what you see in the mirror, you'll have a much better day. If you have to sit there a long while and stare into your own eyes until you find something to like, the time will be well spent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may feel like you're on the outside looking in. But is this really true? Or are you perhaps rejecting the friendly advances of others because you simply haven't been focused properly and were unable to see them?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Doing things yourself builds character and strength. Plus, it's kind of fun. In fact, when you get a whiff of the delicious scent of independence, you may not wish to involve anyone else in your venture.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just because you are able to do much of the day's work yourself doesn't mean you should. Utilize the expertise of others. The more help you get the better your results will be.

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