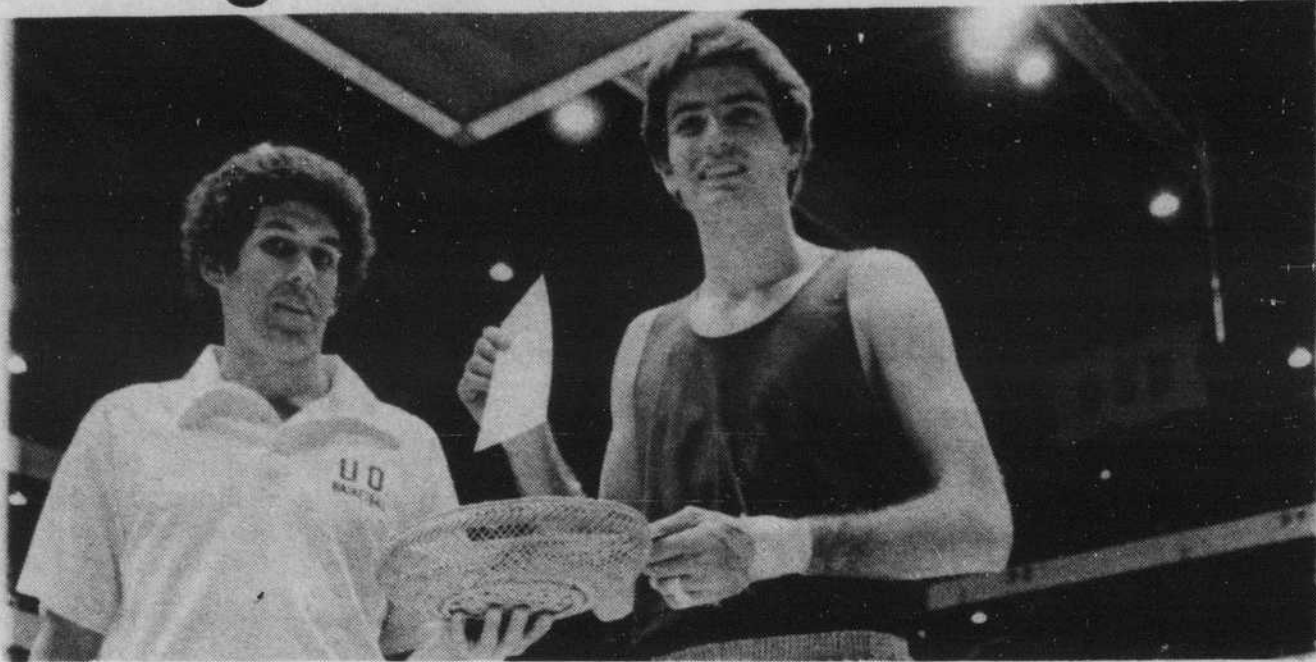


# Oregon Hall trek may turn up Bruin tickets



Coach Jim Heiny and center Dan Hartshorne, draw the winning name in the basketball ticket raffle. It could be you!

Photo by Erich Boekelheide

You may have won a raffle for two tickets to the Oregon-UCLA game Feb. 25, but you won't know about it unless you pick up your winter term registration verification beginning today in the EMU.

All University students were eligible for the raffle, whose winner will not be announced until after Feb. 17. Alternate names were drawn in case the original winner failed to pick up his or her registration verification in time.

The copies of final course registrations can be obtained in the EMU Lobby through Thursday and later in the registrar's office at Oregon Hall.

"The raffle is a gimmick," says Barbara Nichols, counselor for student athletes. "But it's important for students to know exactly what the registrar says they're signed up for and what their grade options are."

"Lots of little mistakes are always made during registration," she adds. "I knew one kid who accidentally withdrew from school by penciling in the wrong spot."

In the past, about 50 percent of the student body have picked up their verification sheets. Nichols hopes that closer to 75 percent will do so this time. Although the raffle deadline is Feb. 17, the verifications can be obtained any time during the term.

"People can prevent a lot of future problems by picking up the sheets now," says ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman. Besides, "how'd you feel if you won the raffle but weren't eligible for the tickets?"

## Eastern wheat growers face dry season

Last winter's drought is over in western Oregon, but it lingers on for wheat growers on the other side of the Cascades.

The summer fallow system of growing wheat could leave this year's wheat crop too dry, accord-

ing to Robert Ramig of the Agricultural Research Service at the Columbia Basin Center near Pendleton.

Summer fallow is a farming method of keeping land idle and free of vegetation every other

year.

While the land is fallow, it stores rainfall and snow melt. The following year's wheat crop benefits from two year's moisture.

"Currently in the summer fallow area, we have received less than

11 inches of precipitation since June," Ramig said. "Of that rain and snow, the soil has retained less than six inches of moisture."

Agricultural Experiment Station researchers have determined that each inch of stored moisture

equals roughly seven bushels of wheat per acre.

Ramig said at least three more inches of stored moisture is needed to fill the soil. "Because approximately half of the actual precipitation is stored in the soil, we need around six inches of rain to get a full soil profile," he explained.

"Unfortunately, weather history indicates we can expect about two inches between now and March 1, when the wheat will resume growing."

Earl Bates, Oregon State University agricultural meteorologist for the National Weather Service, tends to agree.

"The outlook is for slightly less than normal rainfall through the middle of February," Bates said.

The researchers are predicting the wheat crop to be nearly 75 percent normal, but Ramig expressed cautious optimism.

"Any wheat grower will tell you," he said, "you can have a crop coming along fine and get an inch of rain the last week of May or the first of June that will turn an average crop into a bumper crop, or in this case a below average crop into a good crop."

## Seed growers plead case for field burning

The Oregon Fine Fescue Commission has called on state officials to reverse the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ruling limiting field burning to 50,000 acres.

The ruling would effectively destroy the fine-leaved fescue production in the valley, according to Fred Kaser, chair of the grass seed growers' organization.

"It is impossible to get a crop of

grass seed without burning the fields after the harvest," Kaser said at a commission meeting Thursday.

Kaser said the arbitrary ruling of the EPA doesn't account for the majority of the fescue production above the valley floor and smoke from the burning that does not get into the valley.

Commission secretary W. Scott Lamb said a west wind carries

most of the smoke over the Silverton Hills and the Cascades.

Fescue is a turf-type perennial rye grass popular for use in parks because of its low fertilizer requirements, Lamb said. He estimated the value of the fescue crop at approximately \$7 million annually at present prices.

Growers have some 30,000 acres of fescue under cultivation, Kaser said, producing from 13 million to 16 million pounds of seed yearly. The Willamette Val-

ley produces about 90 percent of the fescue seed crop in the United States Kaser said.

Asked about possible penalties if the state doesn't meet EPA clean air requirements and chooses to burn more acreage, Lamb said "I don't know who's running the state — whether it's the state or the federal government. I guess we'll find out."

"If it's the federal government, we're in trouble," Lamb concluded.

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### Meeting set for women

A meeting will be held for returning women students and women interested in continuing their University education Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the EMU, room to be posted.

The group offers financial information and gives emotional and academic support to the "non-traditional" woman student throughout her University career. All women are welcome.

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