

Committee ponders role in AD cuts

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After three meetings spent listening to coaches and administrators, members of the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee sat down Wednesday to discuss their role in cutting the athletic department budget.

The department is running \$375,000 in the red, and a decision on specific cuts needs to be made soon, the committee agreed.

"I think we ought to move as

quickly as we can," said IAC member Arthur Mittman. "but we can't sit around a table with no means to base a decision upon."

Most committee members feel the athletic department has not been completely cooperative in providing necessary information. So far, there have been two proposals — one from Athletic Director John Caine and the other from the Coaches Advisory Committee.

Committee chairer Paul Swadener said the IAC needn't

act on either proposal, and instead may devise its own plan to send to the University administration. Such a plan, though, can be changed or ignored by the administration, since the IAC is only an advisory committee.

But at this point, no plan will be made, since neither the amount nor content of those two proposals is satisfactory, according to IAC members.

"We have data from a group (the coaches) that they admit is hardly credible because they

haven't worked with budgets before," said chairer Swadener, who added that Caine's proposal was sketchy.

Committee member King Martin agreed, referring to possible financial "abuses by the administration we don't know about. That part hasn't been presented to us."

The committee, however, is not trying to burden anyone with the blame for the financial problems. Instead, they blame the department's management structure.

"Any arm (of the University) that funds itself shouldn't be run by a dictator, and John Caine has been put in that position," said committee member King Martin. He suggested a board of directors be created to handle the department's major decisions.

Wendell Basye, faculty representative for men's athletics, noted that the department may face bigger financial trouble come June, when the NCAA completes its investigation of the athletic scandal. The football program may be penalized by the national organization.

"I feel it's terribly unfair in light of we've done to clean our own house," he said. "But no one has ever accused the NCAA of being fair."

Swadener said he has received many letters concerning baseball, a sport Caine has said is uncuttable. Basye, however, said baseball is not a sacred cow.

"There is no requirement (to keep) baseball. The athletic directors have got together and decided everyone should have America's number-one pastime," he said.

"But they're just an old boys club."

New games offer fun, credit

The recreation and park management department is sponsoring a three-day New Games workshop Friday through Sunday.

Worth one upper-division credit, the workshop will feature non-competitive, cooperative games based on three rules: play hard, play fair and nobody gets hurt.

Students may still register by petition at the recreation department in Esslinger Hall.

Salavaging a season Ducks put win-loss record on line against Sun Devils

With only two games left, Oregon's men's basketball team has a chance to pull out a winning season.

But only if the Ducks can get by fifth-ranked Arizona State tonight in McArthur Court, a game heavily weighted against Oregon, and pull one out against Arizona Saturday, a definite possibility.

The game tonight (tip-off at 8:10) will decide if Oregon ends up ahead or behind on the win-loss chart. Oregon holds a 12-13 season record going into tonight's contest, after losing to UCLA but downing USC in Los Angeles last weekend.

Wins against the Arizona schools would have special meaning to the Ducks, who have struggled with an up-and-down season. In January, the two foes came up winners in the opening round of conference play. Arizona grabbed a 73-70 win while ASU overpowered the Ducks 104-64.

"Arizona State laughed at us down there when they had a sizable lead," says Oregon coach

Jim Haney. "I don't want this to be a vendetta. But we want to regain our pride against them."

Regaining pride isn't the only thing at stake this weekend. Oregon's two seniors, Mike Clark and Felton Sealey, will be playing their last games in the Pit.

Tonight, Clark will duel Sun Devil center Alton Lister as the Pac-10 individual rebounding title is likely to be decided in the last games.

Clark has a 9.3 rebound average to 7-0 Lister's 9.8. Clark's 661 career rebounds places him ninth on the Oregon rebounder list.

And two more points will move Clark into 11th place in that category, with a total of 1,034 points.

Oregon's yo-yo season could be brought to a successful close with wins over the Arizona schools. But while tonight's game, with the air of pro scouts and lopsided victories, seems predetermined, Haney isn't willing to give up on it until the Ducks play.

And coming off a victory over USC, the Ducks are expected to play hard.



Photo by Steve Dykes

Senior Felton Sealey goes up for a rebound, but will face a tougher time on the boards as the Ducks take on fifth-ranked ASU.

Men's swimmers will attempt to keep afloat at Pac-10 meet

Seven members of Oregon's men's swimming team will wade into the first round of the Pacific-10 Swimming and Diving Championships today.

The Ducks, who face competition today through Saturday at the East Los Angeles College Pool, are expected to do well in their events.

But a team title is out of the question, says swimming coach Rich Schleicher. "I don't see anybody beating UCLA for the team title. They look awfully tough right now."

Senior George Koch looks to be Oregon's best hope for points. Koch finished second in the meet's 100-yard breaststroke last year and is the North Pacific division champ in the event.

"George has a good chance to do well," Schleicher says. "I also think Sam Glass and Jeff Morgan could place."

"In a meet like this, where you have half the top teams and swimmers in the country, placing in the top 12 and scoring would be quite an accom-

plishment for our guys."

Glass is entered in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle while Morgan is in the 100 and 200 butterfly and the 500 freestyle. Koch will also be entered in the 200 individual medley.

Other Duck entrants are Jerry Andrus and Dale Lagergren (200, 500 and 1,650 freestyle), Mark Bennett (200 individual medley, 100 and 200 butterfly), and Frank Campbell (50, 100 and 200 freestyle).

Oregon also will enter teams in the three relay events.

"For us to finish any higher than eighth, our relay teams are really going to have to come through," says Schleicher.

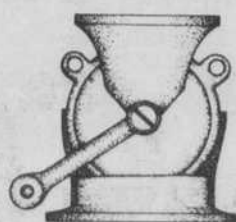
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