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## sports

### Unbeaten Ducks meet Vikings

A pair of undefeated teams with a lot in common will take to the mat Friday night at McArthur Court when Oregon hosts Portland State in a 7:30 p.m. dual meet.

One thing the two squads have in common is their first dual meet victim, Humboldt State, whom the Ducks blanked 47-0 and the Vikings defeated 39-8. The Ducks' other dual meet conquest came against Washington State 30-6 last weekend on the road. The win over Humboldt was PSU's only dual meet action so far.

Another thing the two teams have in common is the series record, which stands at 18-18-5 going into Friday's match. Last season the Ducks downed the Viks three times, winning by scores of 30-24, 29-7 and 30-11.

Duck coach Ron Finley called Friday's matchup "excellent." He noted that the strength

of PSU matches up well with the strength of his team, pointing to the 118-pound matchup of the Viks freshman Anthony Amado and Duck sophomore Mike Erb as an exciting one.

Other key matches will be at 142 and 150. At 142 PSU all-American Charlie Lucas will be challenged by either sophomore Thor Edvalson or freshman Lorenzo West. At 150, the Viks' Rick McReynolds, a senior who went to nationals last season, will take on the Ducks' Bill Nugent.

Holes is another thing the two squads have in common. While the Ducks have injury problems, the Viks have lost two of their top wrestlers in Kevin Benson and Scott Mansur due to eligibility problems. Losing those two has weakened the Viks in the middle weights where they have been strong in recent years, but Finley said the rest of PSU's squad is pretty strong.



#### OPEN LETTER TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, STAFF AND FACULTY

The economic recession in Oregon has reduced the state's 1981-83 revenue projection by an estimated \$250 million. The Governor and legislative leaders have called a special session of the Legislature on January 11th to deal with the problem. There are only two ways to come up with \$250 million: cut expenditures or raise revenues. The Governor has asked all state agencies, including Higher Education, to prepare plans for cutting their budgets by 20%.

The Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education has proposed four 5% steps to meet a possible 20% cut:

1. tuition increases and faculty layoffs
2. salary reduction for all employees of the Oregon State System of Higher Education
3. closing programs, firing faculty and staff and reducing enrollment
4. closing more programs, firing more faculty and staff and further reducing enrollment

We believe that raising tuition will price many students out of an education as surely as further program cuts will deny Oregonians access to education essential in our complex industrialized society. Both tuition increases and program cuts require students to bear a major burden of Oregon's budgetary woes.

But cutting faculty and staff salaries--whether by reducing pay or putting employees on furlough--is unacceptable in a state which already severely underpays its college and university employees.

Higher Education's budget was cut severely by the last Legislature. We are convinced that however one organizes the Chancellor's proposed steps to achieve an additional 20% cut in Higher Education, those steps are educationally and morally unacceptable and even, possibly, of dubious legality.

We're all in this together. Other reasonable revenue measures should be carefully considered by the Legislature to solve this financial situation. The only way to impress the Governor and the Legislature with the importance of finding alternatives to cutting Higher Education's budget is by working in the spirit of shared responsibility.

Take time between terms to write to your representatives and to the Governor, to contact influential citizens in your towns and cities. Talk to parents and friends, help them to realize that it is not just you or we but the education of all future Oregonians which is placed in jeopardy by possible cuts.

Write from home: letters from all over Oregon count far more than a few letters from Eugene. Address your letter to your representative, State Capitol, Salem, Oregon 97310. But, above all, WRITE!

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### Oregon women host Lady Utes Saturday night

The Oregon women's basketball team may face a team almost identical to itself this Saturday night when the Ducks face a tall and talented Utah women's team at McArthur Court.

"A lot of people I have talked to say that Utah is very much the same as Oregon," said head coach Elwin Heiny. "They are tall and have a lot of scoring potential."

Both teams boast big, strong, high-scoring front lines. Both teams have lost three starters from last season, and both teams have been beaten by Colorado, who it turn has beaten No. 3 ranked Tennessee this season.

The Lady Utes are 2-3 on the season with wins over Hawaii and Washington. Oregon is 2-1 with victories over Cal-Irvine and Arizona State. Both wins were in the Cal Women's Invitational last weekend. The Ducks lost in the championship to Colorado.

Utah's frontliners are tall. The Lady Utes are led by 6-1 sophomore Debby Asper with 20 points per game and 10 rebounds. 6-3 junior Sandy Kovack averages 14.5 points an outing and 9 rebounds. Filling out the lineup is 6-2 Anne Hardy who scores 9 points and 10 rebounds.

I think playing a big team will be good for us," Heiny said. "The game should be a good matchup between us and Utah. We won't change what we are doing offensively because of their size but have to go into the game maybe a little differently. I think we should beat them. We are ranked and they aren't."

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