

Slapped by NCAA

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Penalties imposed on University athletic teams by the National Collegiate Athletic Association Committee on Infractions in December were leveled most heavily on the football team, but the sanctions were to be minor compared to what some doomsayers around the Pac-10 had been forecasting.

The Oregon football team will not be eligible to play in any bowl games next season, nor will it be allowed to appear in any televised games authorized by the NCAA. Other sanctions against the football team include a reduction to 25 of the number of initial scholarships awarded to players in 1982-83 and 28 scholarships in 1983-84. The University is also placed on a two-year probation.

The elimination of the football team's chances of appearing on television next year means the possible loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars should the Ducks field an attractive football team. The loss of possible television revenues appears to have disappointed University administrators the most.

"In my view, the penalty is severe" says

University Athletic Director Rick Bay, adding that he is distressed over the loss of possible television money.

"It's to television revenues that you look for release from financial worries," explains Ray Hawk, vice president for administration and finance.

While University officials were hoping the NCAA sanctions would have some of the sting taken out of them because of earlier penalties imposed by the Pac-10 and action taken by the University, rumors around the league had the Ducks facing even tougher sanctions than the Ducks have received.

Stronger penalties could have been levied against the football team, and the basketball team emerged from the ordeal almost unscathed. The only penalty assessed the cagers (beside probation) was the reduction to 14 of the number of scholarships for next season. College teams are currently allowed 15 scholarships.

For the most part, University officials seemed pleased to have an end to the whole affair.

"We are relieved to finally have it behind us," Bay said when the sanctions were announced last month.

Duck women win 5 straight over holidays

The Oregon women's basketball team celebrated the Christmas holidays with a tournament title and two victories.

Last weekend Oregon beat Drake 64-56 and Pacific Christian 99-50 to boost its record to 8-1.

In mid-December, the ninth-ranked Ducks, captured the championship of the Giusti women's basketball tournament in Portland.

In the first game of the tourney, Oregon beat Louisiana State 63-59. The two teams had met last season, with the Ducks winning handily. Bev Smith led Oregon with 26 points while Allison Lang pulled down 22 rebounds.

In the second game, Oregon easily disposed of Oregon State 65-48. Lang was the high scorer with 22 points while Smith grabbed 20 boards.

In the title matchup against Ohio State, the Ducks came from 14 points down during the second half to win 68-60.

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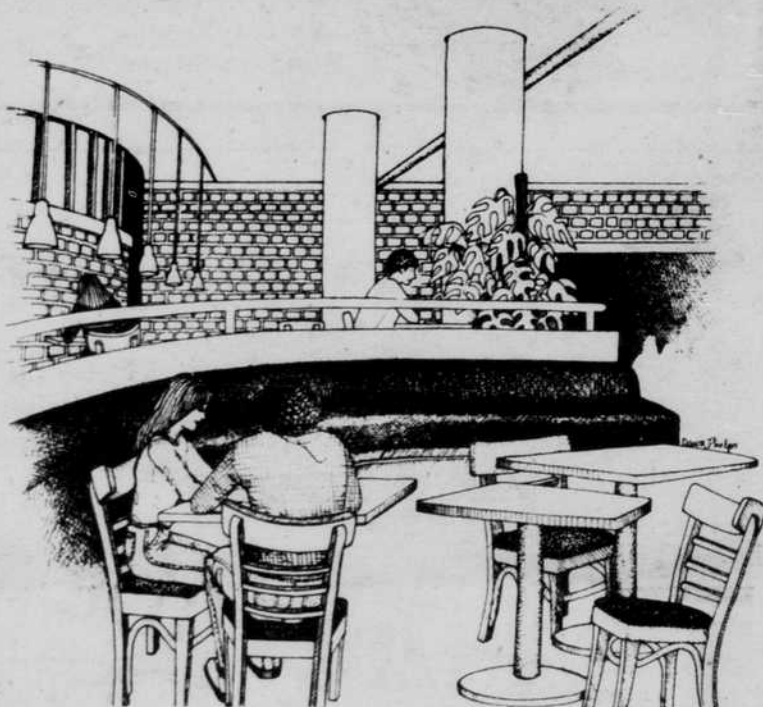
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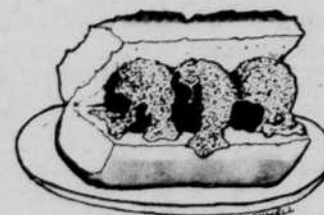
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