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## "An earthy, candid, <br> human portrait."

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I never really realized how fair weather many Oregon fans are ins support their Huskies. True fans support their Huskies. True it's easier to be supportive when you are winning, but even in the early moments of Saturday game, il was obvious hat even , Huskies got killed, the 6,000 fans wouldn't be the ones o set up the gallows. Not so with many Oregon fans.
Part of the reason that I was so impressed by the section of Washington rooters was the band and cheerleaders that wore the purple and gold of the Huskies.
Washington's cheerleaders actually led the Huskies' fans in cheer after cheer, and Washington's band was not only oud, but obviously high spirited. They played often, and played well, and seemed to spark a lot of the Washington fans.
The only person who seemed able to lead Oregon's fans in any sort of cheer was that bare chested guy with the wacky way of spelling Oregon, while Oregon's band seemed so awed by the Washington band that they forgot how to play their instruments
I know Oregon's band direc tor, Steve Paul, is doing everything he can to upgrade the Duck's band, but it's hard to work a miracle on a $\$ 12,000$ budget. And I'm sure the Oregon cheerleaders have their hearts in the right place.



Paul Schwabe's field goal was Oregon's only score of the day against the Huskies.

But they all seem so used to losing that they appear to have given up what they are supposed to do, which is be a focal point for a noisy and supportive Autzen Stadium.
Maybe more money might be the answer to the case of the blahs that seem to plague the two groups. Maybe just the knowledge that somebody in the stands cares about what they are trying to do

But I have a suspicion that the answer isn't that easy.

1 think you have to look deeper. You have to probe at the consciousness that pervades this state, a mind set which is suspicious of anything "big" and often disturbed by that bigness becoming successful.
Size reduces the quality of life, the thought goes in this state. Big-time football just
doesn't jive with the laid-back in dividuality of the majority of Oregon's population.

Maybe I'll have to move to Seattle to find the kind of colege football atmosphere tha makes you look forward to autumn afternoons. Or maybe if I stay long enough in Eugene, Rich Brooks can change the attitude of a jaded Oregon. I hope so.

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