## **Sports**

# Byrne warns of possible "drastic changes" at AD

Reacting to the defeat by University of Oregon Students of a ballot measure to appropriate an additional \$419,241 from student fees to fund women's athletic programs, Director of Athletics Bill Byrne made the following statement in response:

"Fiscal responsibility is one of the main tasks of an athletic department. Unlike every other state school in the Pacific-10 Conference, Oregon and Oregon State receive no state funding. The only source of income are gate receipts, contributions and student fees. In the past, football and men's basketball have carried the complete financial burden of all 16 sports at Oregon. The 66 percent increase in Pac-10 guarantees adds to our fiscal problems and leaves us fewer resources to fund our athletic programs.

'The University of Oregon athletic department is anticipating a \$400,000 shortfall in estimated income for the 1986-87 academic year. To remedy that, a proposal was put forward to the students of the University to increase student fees by more than \$400,000 to fund women's sports. The proposal was defeated and it may create drastic changes in the University of Oregon athletic program.

'Currently, budget proposals are being analyzed and recommendations will be going forth to the University administration to change the makeup of the department. These proposals could include, but are not limited to, reductions in grant-in-aid, reductions in travel, increase in ticket prices and reductions in administrative personnel and the number of teams representing the University of Oregon."

Byrne was not available for further comment because he is at the Pac-10 Conference meetings thru

When he returns, Byrne will sit down with Dan Williams, vice president for administration in charge of athletics, to discuss what, if any, steps will be taken to solve the shortfall problem.

## ports Shorts

The Oregon softball team will take on in-state rival Oregon State University today on Oregon Field at 1 p.m. weather permitting.

The Oregon golf team left today for the Sun Devil-Thunderbird Collegiate in Phoenix, Ariz. The Ducks are looking to nail down an NCAA playoff spot before the upcoming Pac-10 championships May 5-7.

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