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Faculty and Administrators voted unanimously at a University Assembly meeting Wednesday to request replacement revenue from the Legislature to supplement funds lost as a result of Ballot Measure 5.

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Persian Gulf

LONDON (AP) — Four famished Iraqi Army deserters, talking "incessantly" of allied bombing, surrendered to Western journalists in northern Saudi Arabia. The Independent newspaper reported Thursday.

Reporter Richard Dowden wrote that he and three other journalists came across the four Iraqis while driving near the border with Kuwait, where the troops said they deserted Tuesday.

After speaking with the "unshaven, exhausted and famished" Iraqis, the journalists offered to take them to allied soldiers. Dowden wrote. They drove to a mixed unit of special forces where Egyptian commandos took the Iraqis into custody, he said.

The article was accompanied by a photograph showing the four holding a piece of paper the newspaper identified as a leaflet dropped by U.S. planes calling on Iraqis to surrender.

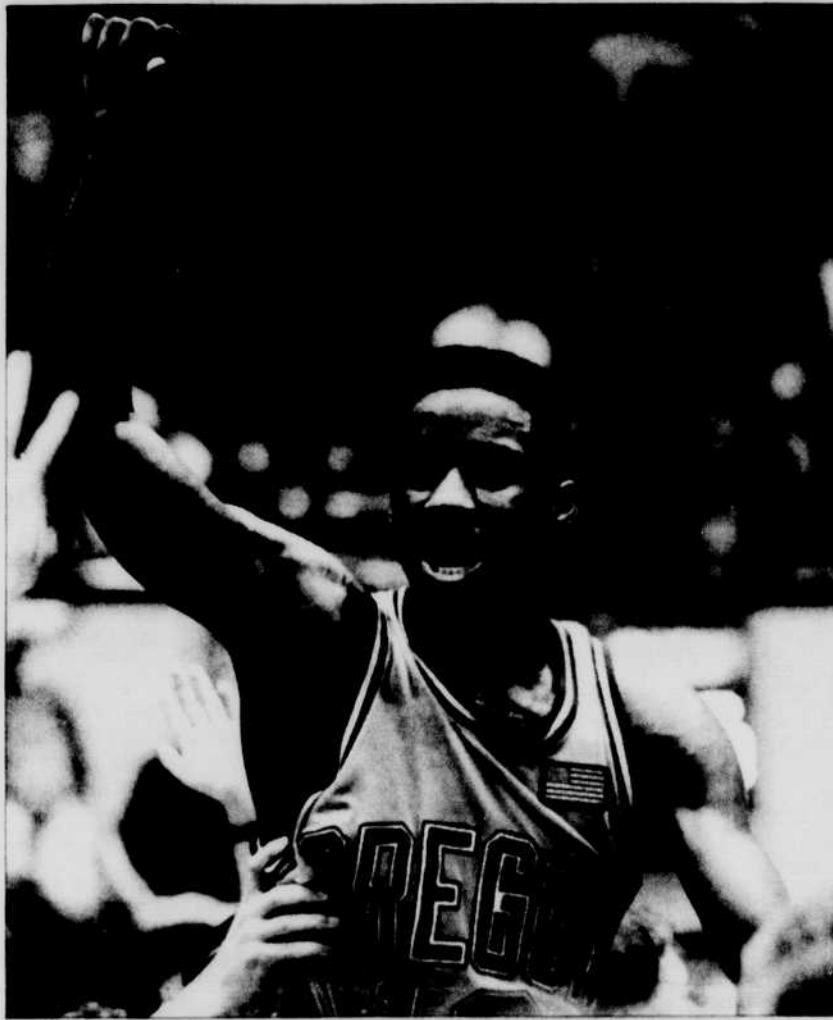
The four, identified only as Khalid, Mousa, Abu Wahed and Mohammed, escaped from the 367th Army Division, where they lived in a covered foxhole for two months and ate paltry rations, said the report.

"Each day, at 4 o'clock, we were given rice, just five spoonfuls each, a small piece of bread and a little water," Khalid, a corporal, was quoted as saying.

They ate nothing but food and no water for washing, but had a radio on which they listened to British Broadcasting Corp. until their batteries ran out 10 days ago, said the report.

"We don't believe in this war," Abu Wahed was quoted as saying. "We don't believe that Iraq should have Kuwait. He is crazy. He is crazy."

He quoted them as saying there were minefields around their positions in Kuwait and that units of Iraq's elite Republican Guard had orders to shoot deserters.



Ducks dump Beavers

Terrell Brandon celebrates Oregon's 83-66 Civil War win over Oregon State Wednesday night along with 9,756 fans at McArthur Court. Brandon led all scorers with 32 points.

Photo by Sean Poston

Cuts criticized by Capitol leaders

By Joe Kidd
Emerald Politics Editor

SALEM — Proposed tuition increases for next school year drew criticism from state House and Senate leaders Tuesday, leading them to suggest the state budget for higher education may need closer-than-usual review by the Legislature.

Speaking to reporters at a Capitol news conference, Senate President John Kitzhaber and House Speaker Larry Campbell said they thought proposed 40 percent tuition hikes would be too high, and they questioned the coordination of recently announced college and university budget cut decisions.



Furthermore, the two leaders said Ballot Measure 5 budget reductions could heighten lawmakers' scrutiny of the higher education budget, which would peel back this agency's traditional insulation from close legislative review.

Kitzhaber, a Democrat from Roseburg, joined other critics of a 40 percent tuition increase — including Democratic Gov. Barbara Roberts — by describing the proposed attendance costs as "overly onerous." Kitzhaber said ways should be found to avoid such a hike, explaining that many potential students would be affected.

"To the extent that we can mitigate that (higher cost), I think we should do it," he said. "But that's not to say that there will not be a tuition increase."

Responding to the November passage of tax-limiting Measure 5, Roberts called on all state-funded agencies last month to reduce their budget plans for the next two years, proposing a total of \$840 million in cuts.

The State Board of Higher Education is required to eliminate \$74 million from its 1991-93 budget. The result has been the planned removal of whole programs and departments, as well as university tuition hikes

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Twenty-five recruits sign with Ducks

Coach Brooks 'extremely pleased' with recruiting class

By Ashley Conklin
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Oregon football Coach Rich Brooks had little to complain about on national letter-of-intent day Wednesday, as 22 high school seniors signed with the Ducks.

That brought Oregon's recruiting class to 25, including earlier signings of junior college players Brett Salisbury and Derrick Deadwiler, and the signing of Tupu Alualu who signed last year but was unable to enroll in school.

While Brooks won't know just how good this year's class is for the next few seasons, it certainly appears the Ducks have one of the best, if not the best, class in Brooks' 14 years at Oregon.

"I think overall we've got to be extremely pleased," Brooks said. "Certainly in-state, our recruiting went very well. On paper, it appears to be a pretty good one."

Among the players that officially signed, after earlier giving verbal commitments to attend Oregon, are:

• Roseburg High School running back Greg Fogle and

Tigard High School linebacker Jeremy Asher. Fogle was *The Oregonian's* Class 4A offensive player of the year while Asher was *The Oregonian's* defensive player of the year.

• Three highly touted defensive backs in Eugene Jackson (Lynwood High School, Lynwood, Calif.), Alex Molden (Sierra High School, Colorado Springs, Colo.) and Issac Walker (Dominguez High School, Los Angeles).

• Two vastly different players that are projected as tight ends by Brooks and his coaching staff: Six-foot-4, 235-pound Clint Thompson from Dallas, Texas and Mitch Siegner, 6-4, 220 pounds, from tiny Crane High School in Eastern Oregon.

The signing of Molden and Thompson were big breakthroughs for the Ducks.

Molden was considered the ninth-best defensive back in the country and was reportedly the only in-state player in Colorado that national champion wanted and wasn't able to sign. In Thompson, the Ducks benefited from ties running backs coach Gary Campbell had in Texas.

One of the biggest reasons for the Ducks strong recruiting

class was Oregon's appearance in a second straight bowl game this past fall.

"The success of our football program the last two years, and the improvement in facilities has made a big impact on our recruiting the last two years," Brooks said. "We can't be compared in the category of the (U)SC's, the Washington's and the UCLA's, but we're starting to make in-roads and getting the players we hadn't been able to consistently get in the past."

"What we need to do is continue the upward mobility of our program," he said.

Which was a big reason Brooks signed three tight ends that will likely play cornerback for the Ducks. Oregon's top three cornerbacks next season will all be seniors, making getting quality corners one of Brooks' top priorities.

"We've had a pattern in the past at corner where we've gone with JC players because it's hard to recruit quality (in-



Courtesy photo

Tigard High School teammates Jacob Johnson (front) and Jeremy Asher were among 25 players the Oregon football team signed to letters-of-intent.

coming) freshman corners," Brooks said.

Among some of the other signees were Tigard wide receiver Jacob Johnson, Roseburg linebacker Rich Ruhl, Corvallis defensive back LaMont Woods and (Portland) Benson lineman Paul Wiggins.