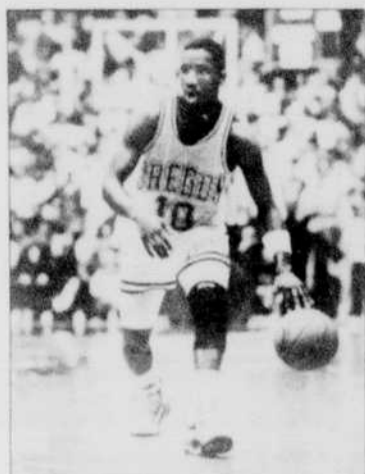


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Terrell Brandon

Cavs pick Duck star

Former Oregon point guard Terrell Brandon was selected by the Cleveland Cavaliers as the 11th pick overall in the first round of the National Basketball Association draft on Wednesday.

Brandon, last year's Pacific-10 Conference player of the year who left Oregon after his junior season, was the fourth underclassmen selected in the draft.

He was the second point guard taken, after the New Jersey Nets chose Georgia Tech's Kenny Anderson with the second pick.

Cleveland had the last lottery pick in the draft. All 11 teams that do not make the playoffs are eligible for the lottery pick.

The Cavaliers had problems at the point guard position last year after starter Mark Price was injured early in the season. After Price's injury, Cleveland was forced to sign former Portland Trail Blazer Darnell Valentine to fill the void.

Brandon led the Pac-10 this past season with a 26.6-point-per-game average, a school record and the third-highest average in conference history.

Brandon also set school records in seven other categories, including most points in a season (745) and most 30-plus-point games in a season (nine).

Brandon is only the fifth first-round draft pick to come from Oregon since 1967 and the first since Blair Rasmussen was picked by Denver in the first round in 1985.



Down by the riverside

As the sun finally broke through the clouds Tuesday, University students Andrea Langsdorf, Molly Lewis (lying down) and David Strother made a beeline for the banks of the Willamette near Autzen foot-

bridge to soak up some rays. Temperatures should stay in the 70s through the weekend, but the forecast calls for at least partly cloudy skies and a chance of showers by Saturday.

Photo by Jeff Paslay

Ramey concludes 29-year career

By Chris Bouneff
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The Walton Complex office of University Housing Director Marjory Ramey is decorated much the same as it has been for the last eight years.

On one wall hang several pictures from recent vacations, and on the opposite wall a huge calendar stretches from floor to ceiling. An antique desk sits against the third wall, and in the middle is a large table showcasing small collectibles.

On Friday, they will all be gone, signaling the end of Ramey's term.

After 29 years at University Housing, the past eight as director, 66-year-old Ramey is retiring. She will be replaced by Michael Eyster, housing director at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

But age is not what pushed Ramey to retirement. Instead, she said the time has come to move on from the job she originally didn't want.

"The reason I'm retiring is that I think it's time the department has someone with a whole new set of prejudices," Ramey said.



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Retiring Housing Director Marge Ramey came to campus in 1969, when freshmen were required to live in the dorms and all residents were subject to a curfew.

Ramey became acting housing director in 1983 after Dan Williams moved from the post to his present position as University vice president. She said she didn't intend to apply for the open job.

Ramey said she first realized she wanted the position while being interviewed by a reporter about the changes Ramey

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Briefly

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Zachary Taylor died of natural causes, not arsenic poisoning as a writer speculated, a medical examiner said Wednesday.

"It's not borderline. He was not poisoned," Kentucky Medical Examiner Dr. George Nichols said after reviewing tests on the 12th president's remains.

Nichols said traces of arsenic — a naturally occurring

element — were found, but levels for poisoning "would have been at least 200 if not maybe thousands of times higher."

International

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — On the final day of martial law in the emirate, Kuwait on Wednesday commuted the death sentences of 29 people convicted of collaborating with Iraq, changing them to

life in prison.

The action was prompted by appeals from world leaders, diplomats and humanitarian agencies, said Kuwait's ambassador to the United Nations, Mohammad Abulhasan.

Crown Prince Saad Abdullah al-Sabah, the martial-law governor, issued the order on the last day of his military authority. Martial law expired at midnight Wednesday, four months after it was imposed following

the liberation of Kuwait by allied forces.

Regional

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Elizabeth Diane Downs may not be going back to a New Jersey prison now that court hearings on her request for a new murder trial are over, a state official said Wednesday.

Corrections Department spokesman Robey Eldridge said the Oregon child killer

would be sent out of state but not necessarily back to New Jersey.

Downs, 35, has been serving a term of life plus 50 years in New Jersey for the 1983 shootings that left one of her children dead and two wounded.

Downs was transferred to New Jersey in 1987 from the medium-security Oregon Women's Correctional Center in Salem.