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At Autzen, look for the big green and yellow tent near the footbridge. The Lane County Chapter sponsors the event, open from two hours before kick-off until one hour after the game. Admission is free! There's plenty of food, drink, and Duck merchandise available for purchase inside.

If you plan on catching any away games, call the UOAA at (503) 346-5656 for party details.

1992 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5*	Hawaii	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 12	Stanford	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 19*	Texas Tech	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 26*	UNLV	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3*	Arizona State	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	USC	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 17*	Washington	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Washington State	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 7*	California	1:00 p.m.
	(Homecoming)	
Nov. 14*	UCLA	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	Oregon State	1:00 p.m.

*Indicates home games. For game tickets, call the Duck Ticket Office at (503) 346-4461, or 1-800-WEBFOOT.

Homecoming

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VOLLEYBALL

Oregon faces Beavers in Civil War

By Erick Studenicka
Emerald Sports Reporter

The cliché, "You can throw the records away," which comes up any time Oregon and Oregon State meet in athletics, seems appropriate for tonight's Civil War volleyball match at McArthur Court.

Both Oregon coach Gerry Gregory and Oregon State coach David Gantt would probably jump at the chance to forget their records and start anew.

The Ducks are in the Pacific-10 Conference basement with their 0-4 record, and the Beavers are in eighth place with their 1-3 start. The Beavers lone win came last Saturday in Corvallis against California, a team which had defeated the Ducks 3-1 the

previous evening in Eugene.

"It should be a great match," said Gerry Gregory, the Duck volleyball coach. "Both teams are very evenly matched. I don't think they're favored just because they beat Cal and we didn't. We beat Cal in the first game, and then just stopped playing, so we should have done the same thing as the Beavers and have beaten Cal."

Gregory said Oregon State has some of the top individual players in the Pac-10.

"Shelly Smith is one of the leaders in the conference in kills," Gregory said, "and Leslie Preiss and Tanya Lifa are two of the top blockers in the country."

For the Ducks, freshman Karissa Meith appears to be a lock for

the conference all-freshman team. She is leading the Ducks with a .218 attack percentage and has already recorded 55 kills on the season.

Another player who is having an outstanding Pac-10 season for Oregon is LaReina Woods. During the last four matches, she has amassed 37 kills and 40 digs.

Saturday night, the team takes a night off from the pressures of Pac-10 play and welcomes back old friends and teammates in an alumni exhibition. Both Friday and Saturday's matches begin at 7 p.m. at Mac Court.

After this weekend's matches, the Ducks next match will be at Pauley Pavilion against UCLA, the first-ranked team in the nation.

BROOKS

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Brooks said his main concerns center around student-athletes and, of course, Measure 5, which has thrown the athletic department and the University as a whole for a loop.

"My No. 1 goal is to make the student-athlete's experience a positive one," Brooks said. "I think for the most part, it has been, and I don't want that to change."

"Obviously, Measure 5 is also a concern. If the state of Oregon can't keep tuition at an affordable level, there's going to be a lot of students in the state who aren't going to be able to afford to stay in state."

With Autzen Stadium and Hayward Field recently receiving facelifts, Brooks said McArthur Court — the ancient, ivy-covered basketball court — will be next in line.

"We have to address the situation at Mac Court," Brooks said. "Obviously, it's not going to get done overnight, but it needs to be addressed."

Brooks' contract runs through July 1, 1994, and he will have an extra \$20,000 a year tacked on to the \$97,859 annual salary he earns as a coach.

Byrne earned \$88,000 a year at Oregon, so Brooks is actually taking a pay cut in his new job. Brooks said he didn't give the much lower salary a second thought.

"In my mind, the financial issue is not an issue," Brooks said. "We need to be innovative and save money in areas that won't affect teams



Photo by Jeff Paslay
Rich Brooks (right) took over for Bill Byrne and is now the University's Director of Athletics.

on the field."

Brooks realizes following in Byrne's footsteps will be no easy task.

"Bill Byrne has done a remarkable job, and in that respect, he's going to be a hard man to follow," he said. "I hope people will be a little patient. I don't expect not to get some criticism, but hopefully we can get enough people pulling in the same direction and get some good things done."

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