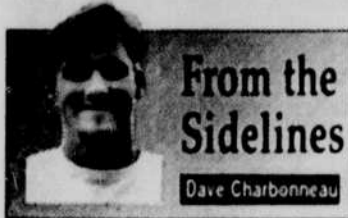


Snow turns streets into war zone



From the Sidelines
Dave Charbonneau

You may be wondering why this column is appearing on the sports pages. Although it does not deal specifically with sports, just consider it an "outdoor column."

They converged onto the streets in masses.

Screaming mobs of lunatics camped out on virtually every corner on campus, just waiting for the next innocent victim to straggle into their path and receive a beating they would not soon forget.

The weapon used to inflict the damage?

Snow.

The four-inch pounding of snow Eugene received Friday night resulted in hundreds of college students letting off some post-holiday depression by participating in the sport of snow pelting.

The first rioters appeared at the corner of 15th Avenue and Alder Street. This was not surprising, considering the greeks had already worked themselves up into a drunken stupor by the time the snow started to accumulate at 6:30 p.m.

Literally hundreds of students were clumped at each of the corners at the intersection.

Each time a car would go by, symphonies of "thuds" would echo through campus as the helpless driver tried to stay on the road and get past the crowd.

Bicyclists were not safe either. In fact, those on bicycles were actually worth more points. There's nothing like hitting a person out on a nice winter night bike ride point blank in the ear with a snowball, huh?

After witnessing this on foot, which was a relatively safe means of transportation, provided you could avoid slipping on your butt, I decided to start my own sport:

Snow dodging.

I jumped on my bike and decided to challenge all of the juvenile delinquents. "Just see if you can hit me," I thought as I approached the group of snowball toting maniacs.

As I came to within a block of the crowd, someone yelled, "Bicyclist!!!" For a split second, I considered slamming on the breaks and turning around, but I held strong, buried my head in my jacket and plowed through the intersection.

"Eat this you loser," someone yelled, and I was instantly open game as rock-like snowballs nailed me from all directions.

I was the enemy.

By the time I reached the Glenwood, the war was over. I had made it without a bruise or scratch. I was a man, dammit!

Having proved my manhood, I decided it was time to participate in a little snow pelting myself.

At the corner of 17th Avenue and Hilyard Street, in front of the Hilyard Market, another mob was preying on vehicles. The students at this corner were the "hippy types," out to have some fun in a far less rabid fashion than their greek counterparts — they actually let an elderly lady cross the street without an attack.

By the time I got there, the students had become bored with hitting cars, and intra-intersection wars started to break out. People on the corners started to ambush one another, plotting out attacks, and building ammunition.

Soon the intersection was a battlefield with snowballs flying through the sky in the light of the streetlights. Except for a few softball-size iceballs, it was good clean fun.

Unfortunately, one too many snowballs nailed the Hilyard Market, and an employee of the store stormed out of the door, and started yelling at the snow heavers. One guy apparently didn't take her seriously, as he picked up some more snow and started forming another grenade.

The 5-foot-5-inch employee didn't take kindly to his actions. She took off in a dead sprint across the street and

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Wrestlers go down on California trip

By Erick Studenicka
Emerald Sports Reporter

Oregon wrestling fans might have a tough time picking out the "lowlight" of last weekend's road trip to California.

Was it the 28-7 loss to Fresno State on Friday in which the Bulldogs won the first eight matches of the meet?

Or was the lowlight the 27-6 beating Cal-State Bakersfield gave the Ducks on Saturday? Or maybe it was Oregon's first ever loss to Fullerton State on Sunday?

Fresno State, with their No. 16 national ranking, was expected to be the Duck's

toughest opponent of the weekend, and the Bulldogs didn't disappoint. Fresno State jumped out to a 28-0 lead before Jeff McCoy and Chris Anderson were able to salvage two wins for the Ducks.

In last year's Pacific-10 Conference, only one-half point separated CSU-Bakersfield and Oregon. The anticipated close rematch failed to materialize as the Roadrunners won four consecutive middle weight matches to take a 22-3 lead.

Fullerton State, seventh in the Pac-10 tournament a year ago, won the first five matches of the meet Sunday to take a 15-0 lead and then

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Oregon athlete cited

Sean Burwell, the starting running back on the Oregon football team, was arrested Wednesday, Jan. 6, on two counts of prohibited noise disturbance. Burwell was released on bail and is scheduled to enter his plea before municipal court on Jan. 14.

Eugene police department spokesman Tim Birr said police were summoned to Blackstone Manor Apartments, 1750 Alder St., at 10:02 p.m. to investigate noise complaints made by apartment tenants. At that time, Burwell was cited and asked to lower his stereo volume.

A second noise complaint was registered at 11:12 p.m. and police again responded to Burwell's apartment. Burwell was then taken into custody and given an eviction notice by the apartment management.

Burwell could not be reached for comment.

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THANKS!!! to the 3 people who pushed my grey Camaro on 18th and Alder, Monday at 9am. No more hill climbing for me! Marguerite Campbell, WRRG.

A memorial service will be held for Don Left and Charmaine Joslin, Wednesday, 8pm, Ben Linder Room, EMU. We invite friends of Charmaine and Don to join us in remembrance. Anyone that would like to speak on behalf of either student, please contact the Sailing Team at 346-3733.

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