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ting only nine of 22 attempts.

The teams combined to commit 36 turnovers.

Green said Lyden's mistake may have stood out, but the blame for why Washington had a shot at the end should not fall squarely on his shoulders.

"I told Jordy after the game that there were a lot of other mistakes made throughout the game that hurt us," he said. "The only difference was his came at the end of the game."

Despite the shot in the closing seconds, Lyden played one of his most productive games for the Ducks this season, scoring nine points and tallying four

steals.

"I didn't shoot very much, but I think my major contributions came on the defensive end," Lyden said. "I made some steals and some hustle plays that I've kind of gotten a reputation for making."

Oregon outrebounded its opponent for the third straight game, pulling down 40 rebounds compared to Washington's 35. Potter and center Aaron Johnson played strong inside, grabbing seven and 12 rebounds respectively, and each scored in double figures.

Williams led all Oregon scorers with 14. Potter had 11 and Parker and Johnson each added 10.

The Ducks are now 2-3 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Women pull off sweep up north

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The Oregon women's basketball team upset No. 16 Washington in Seattle on Saturday night, completing the Ducks' first sweep of the Washington schools on the road in 10 years.

Forward Debbie Sporcich hit game-winning free throws in the final seconds against both Washington State and Washington. Oregon is tied for fourth place in the Pacific-10 Conference with a 3-2 record and is 9-5 overall.

Against the Cougars on Thursday, Sporcich knocked down a pair of foul shots with nine-tenths of a second remaining to give the Ducks a 70-69 victory. Two nights later, she made two free throws with 10 seconds remaining and one more with two seconds left as Oregon won 70-67.

Oregon handed Washington, 4-2 in the Pac-10 and 12-3 overall, its first loss at home this season. The defeat was also the Huskies' first loss this year to a team not ranked in the top 25 nationally.

After making only six of 15 shots from the floor in a 15-point, 12-rebound performance in Pullman on Thursday, Sporcich was six of 10 from the field against the Huskies. Her 19 points and nine

rebounds were team highs.

Center Sara Wilson and guard Karen Healea also turned in big performances on the road trip. Wilson missed only three field-goal attempts in the two games, and totaled 28 points and 11 rebounds.

Healea played 26 minutes and scored 10 points in a reserve role at Washington State, then started in place of freshman point guard Cindie Edamura against the Huskies.

Healea scored 17 points while committing just two turnovers against the Huskies. She had scored only 35 points in the first 12 games of the season. Healea went six of six from the floor in the first half of the Washington game.

Oregon turned the ball over 22 times against a Washington defense that is one of the best in the conference, but the Ducks shot 54 percent from the field while holding the Huskies to 42 percent shooting. Oregon outrebounded Washington 32-30.

By beating the Huskies, Oregon matched its conference win total from a year ago. With 13 games remaining in the season, Oregon also has matched its overall win total from last season.

The Ducks return home to host Arizona and Arizona State. Oregon plays Arizona on Thursday.

DeFord advances in Pac-10 tourney

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Jackie DeFord was the lone member of the Oregon women's tennis team to advance into Sunday's play at Pacific-10 Conference Indoor Tennis Tournament at Washington.

DeFord moved into the consolation semifinals with a default win over California's Keirsten Alley.

Oregon's doubles team of DeFord and Cynthia Armstrong was knocked out of the semifinals competition by Stanford's duo of Katie Schluker and Wendy Sacks, 6-1, 6-1.

Oregon's Sherry Fairgrieve was the only Duck to win a singles match, defeating Arizona State's Aimee Haas, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

However, Fairgrieve lost her next match 6-1, 6-3 to California's Sarah Maynard.

The tournament's field contains some of the nation's top-ranked women's tennis teams in No. 2 Stanford, California, eighth-ranked USC, No. 9 Arizona State, No. 11 UCLA and No. 13 Arizona.

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Junior LaReina Woods and sophomore Karissa Meith were named Oregon's Most Valuable Players, volleyball coach Gerry Gregory announced Saturday at the team's annual awards brunch.

Woods led the team in digs with 363, averaging 3.86 per game, good for third in the Pac-10 for the second straight year. Woods had the third most kills on the team, including an individual match-high of 23 against California. Woods was named to the Anteatr Invitational all-tournament team this year. The two-sport athlete also was named the winner of the Chris Boelz Positive Mental Attitude Award.

Meith led the team in kills with 338 and in blocks with 145 for a 1.58 average, third highest in the Pac-10. The native of Irvine, Calif., ranked 15th in the

nation in blocks and helped the Ducks to a top 20 ranking in that category. She tied Woods' individual match-high for kills with 23 against Washington and also had match-highs in solo, assisted and total blocks, and in hitting percentage (.600). Last year's Newcomer of the Year was also named to the Anteatr Invitational all-tournament team and picked up accolades at the Spikeoff Spokane Tournament for the second year in a row.

The Rookie of the Year award went to freshman Anna Gomez. The Gresham native took over the majority of the setting duties and led the team in assists, ranking 10th in the Pac-10 with a 9.47 average.

Amy McNeel, a freshman from Portland, was named the Most Improved Player, placing fourth in the Pac-10 in digs average and ninth in aces per game.

Springfield native Angee Henderson was the Mental Toughness, Extra Effort Award winner and also picked up the Harry Richie Jeweler's Award for the highest grade point average on the squad. The junior placed second on the team in kills and blocks.

The Captain's Awards were given to Eugene's Nicolle Hedberg and Woods.

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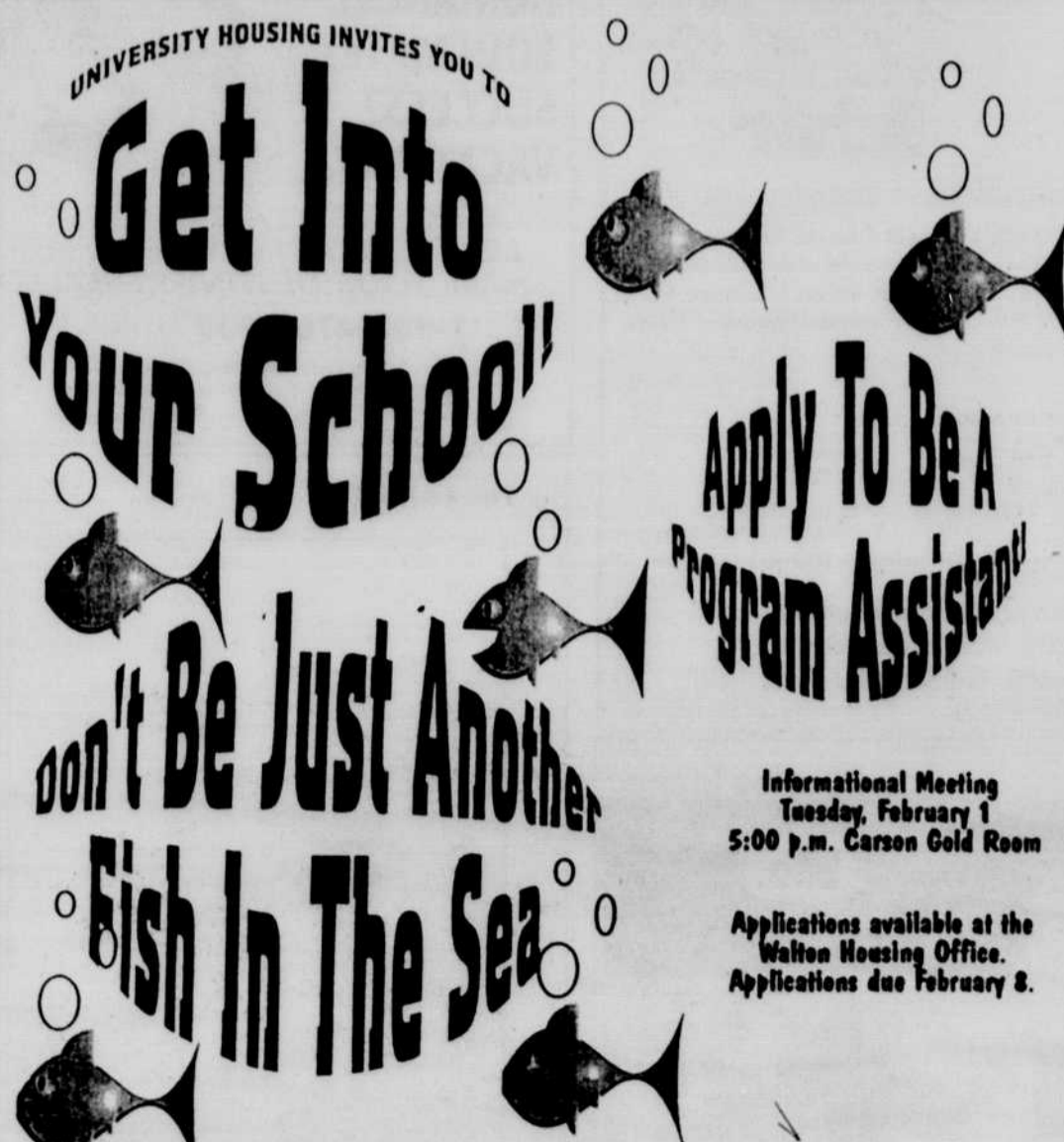
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