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The Oregon Daily Emerald, the independent student newspaper at the University of Oregon, is accepting applications for the position of Editor for the 1997-98 academic year.

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The Editor of the ODE, who reports to a 10-person volunteer Board of Directors, has responsibility for all editorial operations and all editorial content of the newspaper. Term of office is June 10, 1997, through the last issue of Spring term 1998 and is preceded by an orientation period that begins no later than May 1 and extends through June 9. This is a paid position.

Interested parties should pick up an application packet, which includes a job description, at the ODE front desk in Suite 300 EMU or call 346-5511 for more information.

Completed applications must be returned to the ODE Board of Directors in the ODE office by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 1997. An individual will be selected by the Board on April 15, 1997.

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Simon's 30 points lift UA to win

■ FORWARD: Simon hits
14-of-17 free throws in
Arizona's national
championship victory

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — For most teams, Kentucky's pressure defense is 94 feet of misery, hands swiping at the ball all over the court, making the trip from one end to the other an awful adventure.

For Arizona's Miles Simon, it was an opportunity. A chance to convert the Wildcats' quickness into a national championship.

"We're not scared of them," he said on the eve of Monday night's NCAA title game. "If we can beat the pressure it will just mean easier shots for us down the court." Simon knew that South Carolina had beaten Kentucky twice with that formula.

"Our guards have the same capabilities as South Carolina's guards and can cause the same kind of problems," he said.

They did and it did.

Simon refused to let Kentucky's reputation for defensive disruption shake his confidence. Rather, he converted its intensity into an advantage for Arizona. He scored 30 points, converting 14-of-17 free throws in the 84-79 overtime victory.

This was Simon at his best, setting the pace, making the big plays and big shots.

It was typical of his style.

Coming out of high school, he was turned down by North Carolina, where he wanted to play. There was no room for a shooting guard at Chapel Hill, but there was space in Tucson.

So Simon pinned the rejection letter on his wall, and then blistered the Tar Heels in the NCAA Tournament semifinals.

Now favored Kentucky, the defending champion, was on deck. Simon was ready.

"He's our leader," freshman Mike Bibby said. "He helps everybody out there. He's been there before. And everybody just listens to him. He knows what he's doing out there."

Simon likes that role.

"I've been looked on as a leader since my freshman year in high school," he said. "I like to direct players and be a second coach out there."

That's why the start of Arizona's season was so difficult for the first coach, Lute Olson. Simon was academically ineligible by NCAA guidelines for the first 11 games.

"He decided to take a vacation the first semester," was the way Olson chose to describe it.

When Simon got academic clearance to rejoin the Wildcats, he started just one of his first eight games back. He didn't regain his starting job until February, but by the time the NCAA Tournament was under way, so was Simon.

He was the MVP of the Southeast Regional, scoring 30 points in the overtime win against Provi-

MILES SIMON



- MINUTES: 40
- POINTS: 30
- FIELD GOALS: 8-of-18
- FREE THROWS: 14-of-17
- REBOUNDS: Three
- OTHER: Voted the title game's Most Valuable Player

dence that thrust Arizona into the Final Four.

Then, when North Carolina shot to a 15-4 lead in their semifinal match, Simon brought the Wildcats back. He scored eight of the 10 points that got Arizona back in the game and assisted on the other basket.

He finished with 24 points, told North Carolina coach Dean Smith how honored he was to play against him, and turned his attention to one last game — 40 minutes and then five extra ones for a championship.

At the end, he held the game ball, another trophy to place next to North Carolina's letter of rejection.

NCAA: UA hits 34-of-41 from the line

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record to win it all since Kansas was 27-11 in 1988.

One of the wildest final minutes of regulation in NCAA Tournament history set up the overtime.

Bibby made two free throws with one-minute, one second left to give Arizona a 72-68 lead. Ron Mercer, Kentucky's hero in last year's championship game, then hit a three-pointer with 51 seconds left to bring Kentucky within one.

Bibby stood out near halfcourt dribbling the ball as the shot clock wound down. He finally made a move with seven seconds left on the shot clock and found Bennett Davison for a layup that made it 74-71 with 18 seconds left.

Anthony Epps wasted no time in tying it, hitting a three-pointer with 12 seconds to play.

Arizona's final chance to win in regulation ended when Simon turned it over on a drive with two seconds remaining.

The overtime was a free-throw shooting contest for Arizona, which scored all 10 of its points from the foul line. Davison hit the first two with 25 seconds gone to give Arizona the lead for good.

Kentucky (35-5 overall) made just two field goals

in the overtime, a basket by Anthony Epps with 1:46 left and a three-pointer by Cameron Mills with 6.4 seconds remaining that didn't matter much.

Simon, who scored 24 points in Arizona's semifinal win over Providence, was named the tournament's outstanding player. He finished 14-of-17 from the free-throw line.

Arizona finished 34-of-41 from the line, compared to Kentucky's 9-of-17.

Scott Padgett led Kentucky with 17 points, 10 in the final five minutes of regulation.

Mercer, who struggled by shooting 7-of-21 and scoring 19 points in the semifinal win over Minnesota, finished with 13 on 5-of-9 shooting and had nine rebounds. Mills and Nazr Mohammed each had 12 points for Kentucky and Mohammed grabbed 11 rebounds.

The lightning quick pace everyone expected wasn't there, but both teams did play solid defense throughout. The game was decided by one of the backcourts, Bibby and Simon, even though they had 11 turnovers compared to two by the Kentucky guards.

Epps was 4-of-13 from the field and had 11 points, while Wayne Turner was 4-of-9 for eight points.

Opening day, interleague play arrive

■ **BASEBALL:** Twelve games are scheduled today, while interleague play will not debut until June

The Associated Press

John Wetteland, Jimmy Key, David Justice and Marquis Grissom will be missing, among others.

No doubt, the World Series champion New York Yankees and the team they beat, the Atlanta Braves, have undergone changes since last October. So has baseball in general going into opening day.

Twelve games were on the schedule today, though none of them are interleague matchups — those start in June.

The Chicago White Sox, after adding Albert Belle to a lineup that already included Frank Thomas, were in Toronto this afternoon to take on Cy Young winner Pat Hentgen. On Wednesday,

MLB

■ **WHAT:** Opening day in Major League Baseball

■ **WHERE:** Twelve games are scheduled today

■ **TV:** ESPN will televise a triple-header beginning at 11 a.m.

the Blue Jays show off their top newcomer when Roger Clemens pitches.

The Yankees, now minus Wetteland and

Key, are in Seattle tonight. The Braves, having traded Justice and Grissom to Cleveland for Kenny Lofton, were in Houston. The new-look Florida Marlins, coming off a 26-5 record in spring training, were at home against the Chicago Cubs.

This is the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier, and the season is dedicated to his memory. Special commemorative balls were made by Rawlings to mark the occasion,

and will be used in every team's home opener. Players and umpires will wear Robinson patches all season in tribute.

Another change for 1997: Having seen a snowout at Fenway Park, a snowy afternoon at Yankee Stadium and freezing temperatures at Tiger Stadium and Wrigley Field for early home openers last year, baseball adjusted its schedules in an attempt to beat the cold weather.

As a result, all five domes in the majors will be in use today, and every West Coast club in both leagues will begin the year at home.

Sounds like it was a smart idea, too — a freak snowstorm hit the East Coast on Monday, with its effects supposed to linger into this afternoon.

Cincinnati and Baltimore, which traditionally play at home on opening day, are the only typical cold-climate clubs playing at their own, open-air parks today.