

Strep A bacteria

Outbreaks of Strep A have hit Texas and Illinois, but so far Oregon has remained untouched

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Make your Oscar picks

The Bijou will be screening the Academy Awards on March 23, complete with an auction and raffle

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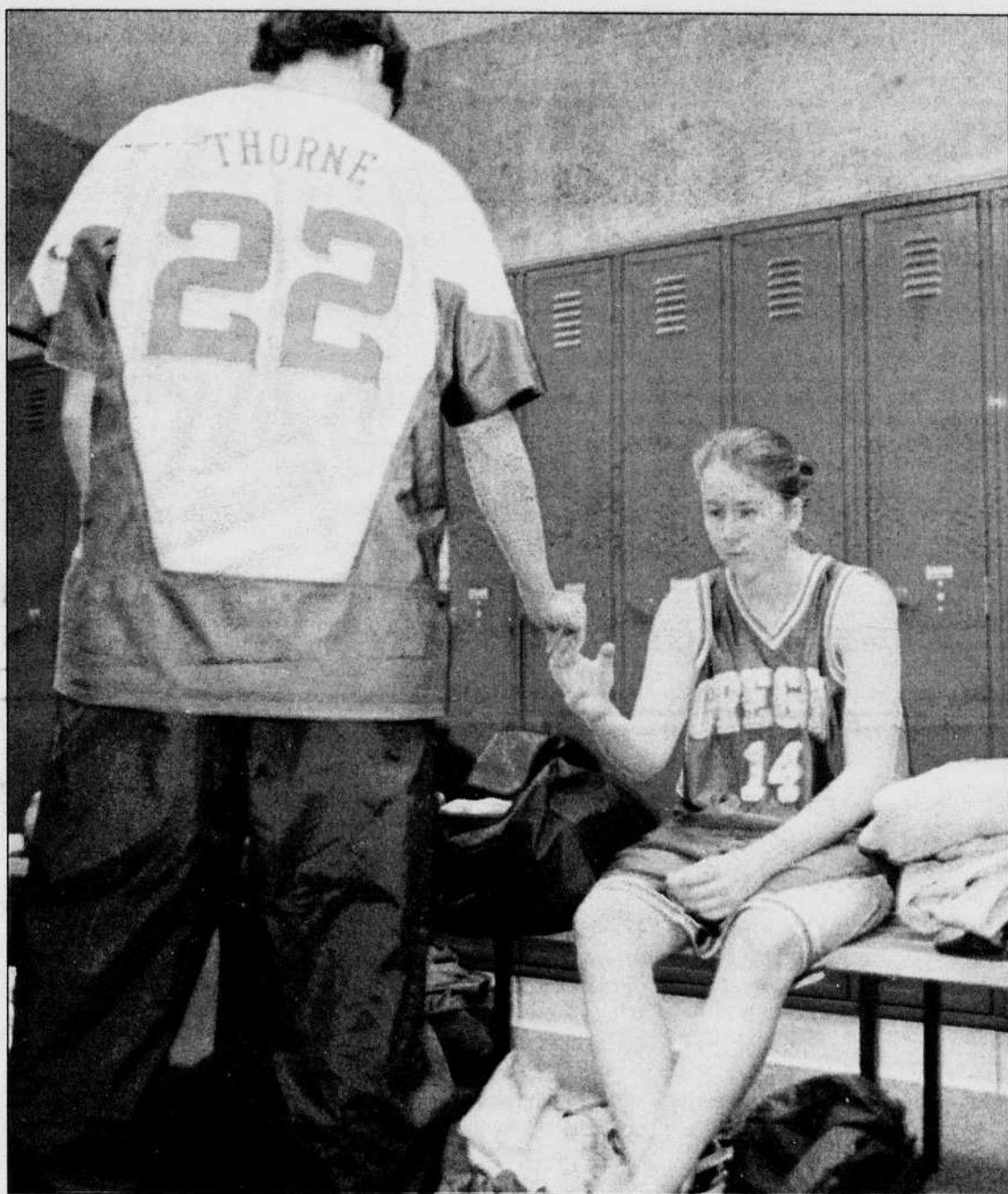
WEATHER

Today
Showers
High 57. Low 42.
Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
High 57. Low 35.

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Nicole Strange is comforted by Shannon Thorne in the locker room after the Ducks' loss to Rutgers in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

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Women dealt first-round KO

Oregon battled back from a 10-point, first-half lead before falling to the Scarlet Knights 79-76 in the final 30 seconds

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By Alex Pond
Sports Reporter

AMES, Iowa — Former North Carolina State head coach Jim Valvano would have been proud of these Ducks.

Like the late Valvano's magical Wolfpack team that won the 1983 men's NCAA Tournament despite the fact it was an overwhelming underdog, the Oregon women just didn't give up Saturday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament — they never, ever gave up.

If games were won on heart alone, the Ducks would be taking on Iowa State today in a second-round Midwest Regional game.

But because games are decided on the scoreboard, the wounded Ducks' roller-coaster season came to a crashing halt Saturday in the first round as fifth-seeded Rutgers prevailed 79-76 at Hilton Coliseum in a game that was every bit as close as the final score indicates.

For the third time this season, the injury bug bit the Ducks hard as yet another player went down and out. This time it was shooting guard and defensive specialist Lisa Bowyer who was forced to leave the game with a separated shoulder with seven minutes, 45 seconds left in the first half.

"We just can't seem to ever get past the lick this season," Oregon head coach Jody Runge said. "We just try to get it going, and we get another injury. It's just been like that all year long. I don't know why it's been like that, but I guess we'll all find a lesson in that someday. I'm just tremendously proud of how these kids have handled it."

Despite the loss of Bowyer, the Ducks refused to give in to the Scarlet Knights, and

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University looks at one-time fee

Students would pay one large fee instead of many smaller fees

By Laura Cadiz
Higher Education Editor

A proposed matriculation fee may replace the "nickel and diming" of students next school year.

"The basic concept is that instead of collecting a variety of fees, we would charge all students one fee, one time and never charge them again," said James Buch, associate vice president for Student Academic Affairs.

The administration is still hammering out the details of the fee, but it would replace fees such as the IntroDUCKtion fee, \$100; official transcript fee, \$5; re-enrollment fee, \$15; degree application fee, \$25; drop/add penalty fee, \$10; variable credit fee, \$10; and a section change

fee, \$10.

At the high end, the matriculation fee would be \$250 for undergraduates and \$150 for graduates and would cover the majority of the fees. At the low end, the fee would be \$75 for undergraduates and would only cover orientation costs.

The administration is looking into implementing the fee for the 1998-99 school year, while making certain adjustments so current students don't get a free ride on the backs of new students, Buch said.

"The concept, in my view, is that it would reduce the irritation of being nicked and dimed, and from an administrative standpoint, it's much simpler," he said.

But ASUO Vice President Ben Unger argued that it would create a socialization of fees, where students may have to pay for more fees than they would use.

"To a certain extent, it sounds kind of nice, but at the same time, it's like paying for stuff you are not necessarily going to get," he said. "It's almost like signing a prenuptial agreement."

Unger argued that not everyone will take advantage of IntroDUCKtion, which is the largest of all the fees. But the money generated from that program also subsidizes other orientation programs for students who did not attend IntroDUCKtion. That boils down to approximately 2,400 IntroDUCKtion attendees paying for all other students' orientation expenses each year, Buch said.

Unger said he is worried the fee may shut some doors for incoming students who may not be able to afford a \$250 payment during fall

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City Council gives Elmer low scores in evaluations

The city manager said she wasn't surprised by her low approval scores

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

City Manager Vicki Elmer received mostly low scores on individual written evaluations released Friday by the Eugene City Council.

Elmer also released her self-evaluation, which she said wasn't in reaction to the council members' comments.

The final decision, however, to either keep Elmer as city manager, point out areas for improvement or tell her to look for another job won't be made until after the verbal review at the

City Council meetings on Monday and Wednesday.

Elmer also said she didn't think she would be surprised by the decision made by the council. Except in the area of financial management, the council members gave Elmer poor marks in all categories. Elmer did offer reasons in her self-evaluation as to why these marks could be so low and why the changes she has made have been unpopular.

She said one reason the change in management has seemed so extreme is because Eugene has been controlled by the same organization for many years.

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