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Anything but civil

YOU MAY HAVE WON,
BUT I CAN STILL
KICK THE CRAP OUT
OF YOU!



It's been fun, but we sure are glad that the madness of football season is over

You win some, you lose some. That adage, so old that its origins cannot be traced, has been quoted by innumerable teams and individuals – almost all of them losers – throughout history.

On behalf of the University, we would like to suggest the coining of a new phrase: sometimes, even when you lose, you come out looking better than the winners.

Such was the case this past Saturday when a group of over enthusiastic Beaver fans showed, in textbook fashion, why we're glad that football season comes but once a year.

We all understand the particular madness that infects people during football season.

It is, after all, a strange, magical time. When else can you see otherwise rational, even reserved people go out in public with foam duck feet on their heads? What other time of year emboldens the least athletic among us to fling obscenities at 250 lb. football players or say unspeakable things about their mothers? Ah, football season.

It is because so many can relate to these emotions that some of the antics that took place throughout the Civil War game didn't seem all that unreasonable.

Sure, the Oregon State University mascot's harassment of the Oregon Marching Band may have been taking things a smidge too far,

but it's all part of the big game, right?

We even got a chuckle from reports of the scuffle between the two mascots, which by all accounts was something to behold.

But there is a such thing as going too far.

After securing an admittedly thrilling double overtime victory over the Ducks, a pack of rabid Beavers rushed the field.

Once they got there, a group of fans decided that the best way to express their joy would be to tear down the goal posts.

Naturally, someone got hurt. An OSU student was struck in the head by a falling upright remains in serious condition. One of the jokers who fell from the goal post was treated for minor injuries and released the same night.

Arrests were made after the game for charges ranging from alcohol possession to criminal mischief, and approximately 12 people were arrested for driving under the influence.

Now, University students are no strangers to mass stupidity, but Saturday's events gave even us something to feel smug about.

Win or lose, bowl game or no, it's been a good season. It's been nice to actually see some school spirit around here. To the 1998 Ducks and all the fans: Thank you for one hell of a year.

This editorial represents the opinion of the editorial board. Responses may be sent to ode@oregon.uoregon.edu.

Thumbs



TO THE STANFORD BOOKSTORE: A recent ruling in the store's favor mandates that universities receive the same discount from publishers that chains like Borders and Barnes and Noble do.

TO FALLING RENT RATES: Recent statistics show that rent on the average Eugene-area apartment has dropped 20 percent during the past couple of years.



TO MICHIGAN: In the wake of alcohol-related rioting on college campus around the state, the Legislature is set to pass a law that will temporarily revoke the driver licenses of minors cited for alcohol possession. Doesn't this sound an awful lot like being grounded?

TO SMOKING: A studied released last week shows the number of college students who smoke is rising.

