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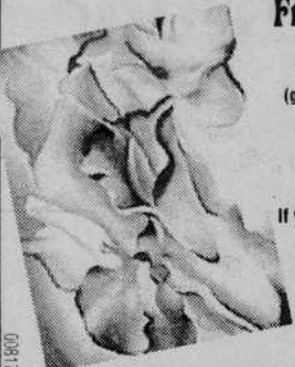
A womanist wintertime celebration of the Vulva in all her charms and curses featuring original poetry, rap and songs with readings from the books, *The Vagina Monologues*, by Eve Ensler, and *Cunt*, by Inga Muscio. Come to listen, share and celebrate our stories and struggles of the Vaginas in our lives!

**Friday, January 7th, 8pm-11pm**  
**Ben Linder Room, EMU**  
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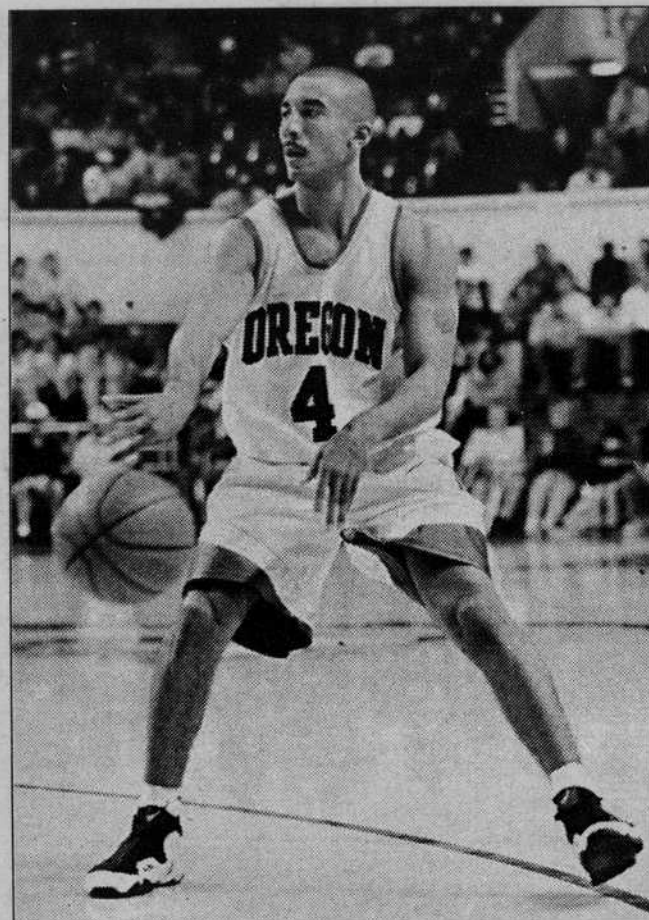
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 Point guard Darius Wright scored 20 points in a win over Gonzaga on Dec. 29.

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## UO men

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career-high 26 points to defeat their first-ranked opponent.

Next, Oregon encountered Gonzaga, which had laid an impressive claim to Pacific Northwest supremacy with an Elite Eight appearance in last season's NCAA Tournament.

Again, the Ducks were up to the task.

With Scales having an off-night, senior forward A.D. Smith and senior point guard Darius Wright picked up the scoring slack. Smith shot eight of 12 from the field in recording a game-high 22 points and also grabbed eight rebounds. Wright made four-of-seven three-pointers on his way to 20 points.

The duo's heroics allowed Oregon to pick up its second straight significant victory, 70-64.

The next night, the Ducks were unable to muster enough offensive firepower to complete their stirring tourney run against host Hawaii, losing the championship game 66-63. Smith scored a career-high 29 points on 11-of-17 shooting, but Oregon shot a season-low 39 percent overall.

Despite the last loss, the Ducks could only be pleased with how they fared at the Rainbow Classic, especially considering the circumstances.

Junior guard David Jackson did not play at all because of a knee injury that required arthroscopic knee surgery. Jackson hasn't been in action since the Dec. 3 win at Portland State and is expected to miss another two to three weeks.

"David's injury sets us back because we were really counting on him to be one of your leaders on the floor, another go-to guy that can shoot the ball from the perimeter, another tough guy that can defend for you, and we don't have that now," Kent said.

Junior center Julius Hicks was largely ineffective in Hawaii because of mononucleosis.

With two key members of its rotation ailing, Oregon still managed to keep itself in line for its first NCAA Tournament berth since 1994-95.

"I feel like we've gotten so much better in the preseason as a basketball team," Kent said.

Now comes the tough part: the always-challenging Pac-10 season.

## Sports brief

### Ram's Warner named unlikely NFL MVP

NEW YORK— Kurt Warner's sensational rise from obscure quarterback to passing wizard was capped Wednesday when he was voted the NFL's Most Valuable Player by The Associated Press.

Warner, the only player other than Dan Marino to throw for 40 touchdowns in a season, was the guiding force as the St. Louis Rams moved from also-ran to the NFC's best record. The former Arena League and NFL Europe player was an overwhelming choice in balloting by a national panel of 50 media members.

"I thought we could be successful," Warner said, "but to think in training camp that it would happen for me this way was far-

fetched. They were not sure what they would do going in. They had some questions if I was an NFL backup."

When Trent Green, signed to a huge free agent contract during the offseason, wrecked a knee during the first preseason game, Warner no longer was a questionable backup. He was the full-time quarterback, a decision Rams coach Dick Vermeil made immediately after Green's injury.

"Dick was very instrumental in this," said Warner, who completed 325 of 499 passes (65.1 percent) for 4,353 yards, 41 touchdowns with only 13 interceptions.

"He had that much confidence in me and he showed it when he said I'd be the guy and he was going with me," Warner said. "That was a big confidence-booster."

— The Associated Press