

Civil War

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whom were there rooting for the Ducks, albeit from the top levels of Gill Coliseum, far away from the floor where the players were mixing it up.

Jody Runge's squad (10-3 overall, 1-0 Pac-10) convincingly rebounded from the loss at San Francisco on Jan. 2 by playing with some added intensity and attitude.

The Ducks didn't really have a choice. Oregon State (4-9, 0-1) always comes to play against Oregon, and Saturday's game held that true.

The Beavers only trailed by six at intermission, thanks largely to the explosive play of sophomore guard Felicia Ragland, who scored 15 of her 17 points in the first half.

But then Ducks regrouped, collected themselves and found a way to continue pressuring Oregon State for the rest of the game, eventually wearing the Beavers out.

Shaquala Williams, once again, was the driving force behind the Ducks' breakaway run midway through the second half. The 5-6

sophomore point guard finished with 25 points and four assists in her first complete 40-minute game.

"It was a huge game for Shaq," Runge said. "She played with great composure, was a good leader on the floor and paced the tempo. And she did a great job shooting the basketball down the stretch."

By design, Williams spent much of the first half getting her teammates involved, thus opening up things for herself later.

With 8:28 left in the game, the Beavers narrowed the score to 50-45 on a couple of free throws by Nicole Funn. But that was the closest they would come, as Williams and the Ducks came out of a timeout a minute later by going on a 16-4 run which finally put the game out of Oregon State's reach.

"It was with five minutes to go that we really took off, and I think they just ran out of gas," Williams said.

During the conclusive run, Williams took over, driving to the hoop and either scoring or getting fouled. She scored 14 of the Ducks' points including the final

shot of the game, a long 3-pointer with less than 20 seconds left.

"At the end of the game, I wanted the ball in my hands," Williams said. "I have the confidence that I can finish the game. And that's what I did tonight."

Definitely something for opponents to keep in mind.

Kind of like how the "incident" that occurred prior to tip-off in a hallway below Ralph Miller Court gave Oregon things to think about.

According to Williams, Beaver sophomore center Ericka Cook (formerly Brosterhouse) flipped off Duck guard Lindsey Dion.

Dion immediately recounted the news to her teammates, and needless to say, they were even more fired up that before.

And, as expected, they did so with a strong vocal backing of the thousands of Ducks' fans who came to support their team that hasn't played a home game since Dec. 4.

"We've been on the road so long," Meharry said. "It's awesome to come home again and see some fans."

Working

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while in school. The study also found that in November, 59 percent of college students had plans to work during winter break.

In addition to being a full-time student, Hall-Dominguez works part time as a hostess at Ambrosia, an Italian restaurant in Eugene, and also as an office assistant at the University's Recreation and Intramurals office, averaging a total of more than 25 hours between her two jobs. It can make doing her homework and having a social life challenging.

"I'm definitely juggling it all," she said.

Hall-Dominguez said she constantly finds herself being busy and has little time to herself.

"It gets tiring," she said.

Quitting, however, is not an option, she said. Hall-Dominguez needs the money she makes at her jobs to cover basic expenses while she is in school. She said she has considered reducing the number of hours she works a week but concluded that working fewer hours would not allow her to pay all her bills.

Breaks and long weekends, times when most students try to sit back and relax, only provide more time to work for Hall-Dominguez, she said. Apart from a week off for Christmas, she worked through the entire break.

Career Center Director Larry Smith said historically 70 percent of University students have worked either part-time or full-time throughout their undergraduate years. He said the Career Center typically notices an increase of activity in its employment area just before

winter break and during the holidays.

Smith said although University administrators have been trying to keep higher education affordable for students, tuition has been rising. Students have been responding to tuition hikes by trying to work during holidays and breaks in addition to their jobs throughout the academic year.

James Gilmour, associate director of student financial aid, said about half of the students at the University receive some sort of financial aid and the average debt undergraduates accumulate by the time they graduate totals about \$16,000.

Smith said the fact that students are working more is simply a reflection of the financial reality they face.

Education costs are also Dave Reed's motivation for working. The junior physics major works full-time during both summer and winter break. When he returns home to Salem, he not only visits his family, but he also works 40 hours a week as a cashier at Wal-Mart.

Reed said working during the summer, in addition to loans and the financial support his family provides, allows him to cover expenses for the school year and working over winter break pays for Christmas presents and other random expenses he has to cover.

Reed said he is trying to transfer to the local Wal-Mart so he can work some during the school year and take future winter breaks off. Reed said he neither particularly likes nor dislikes his job, but it is a necessity of life and has made him a better "people-person." He said working during the academic year might not be easy and will require him to change some of his study habits.

"I'll just become more efficient," he said.

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