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Being home should make matters easier. Oregon has arguably the conference's premier home-court advantage, having won 52 of its last 61 games at Mac Court. The Ducks have a 17-game winning streak there. And they lead the Pac-10 in attendance.

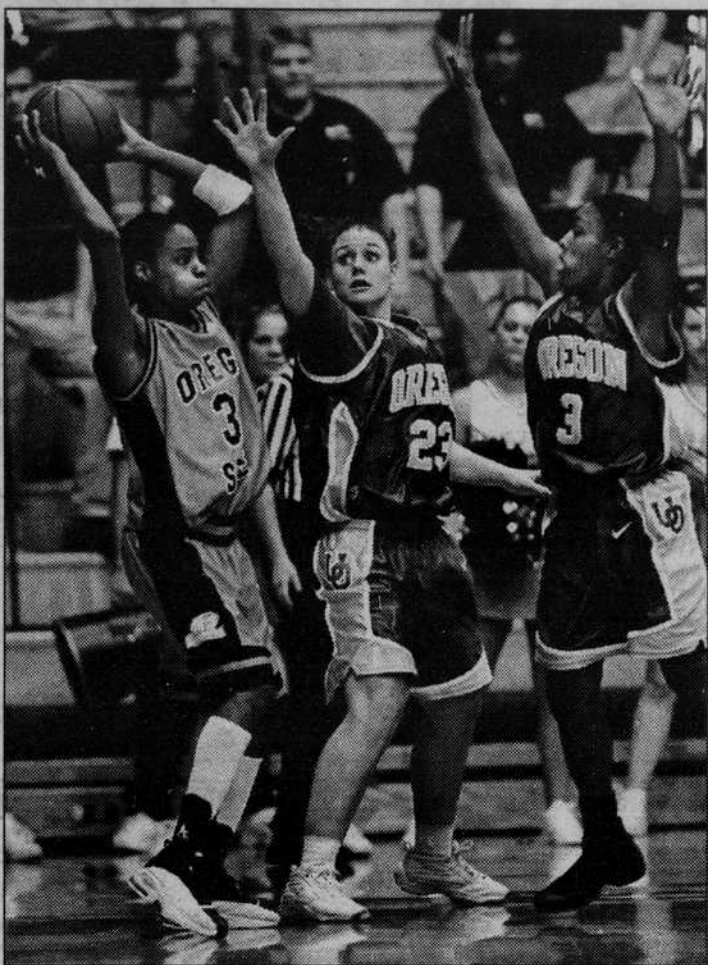
Because Oregon's 1999 Pac-10 championship banner will be unveiled before the game, and because absence does make the heart grow fonder, it won't be surprising if more fans than usual show up for Thursday's Pac-10 home opener.

"We're excited," head coach Jody Runge said. "It's been a long, long haul."

Indeed, when Oregon initially departed on Dec. 9, it was undefeated and ranked in the top 10 in both the ESPN and AP polls.

It returns with four losses — against Southwest Missouri State, Santa Barbara, San Francisco and Stanford.

The Ducks' coaches have vowed never to schedule a road-trip this trying again. The physical and emotional fatigue, and probably the incessant questions about the subject, have ensured that.



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Guard Lindsey Dion is cleared to play after suffering a concussion at California.

Craighead for three

In her first start on Saturday, sophomore guard Jamie Craighead played a career-high 38 minutes and lodged a career-best 15 points, all on three-pointers. Thanks to that second breakout performance of the season — she had 14 points against Western Kentucky on Nov. 21 — the Washington product is currently fifth in the Pac-10 for three-point field goal percentage, shooting 39 percent from behind the arc.

"Jamie was awesome," said junior guard Lindsey Dion. "I was

very proud of her to come off the bench and knock down those four three-pointers in a row. Good for her and for her confidence too."

For the team

Similarly, what's come to be expected from Dion besides leadership and intelligent play is the type of all-out hustle that sometimes ends in collision — with other players and/or the floor.

During her freshman season, Dion suffered a concussion after

she and a Southern California player crashed into each other. Then, in the Ducks second-round NCAA Tournament loss, Dion tore cartilage in her knee.

This season, Dion again sustained a tear of the lateral meniscus in her right knee against Southwest Missouri State.

Last Thursday against California, Dion suffered another concussion, hitting the floor — which kept her out of the Stanford game and allowed for Craighead's first start.

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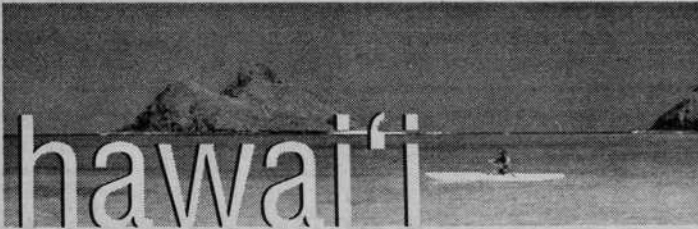
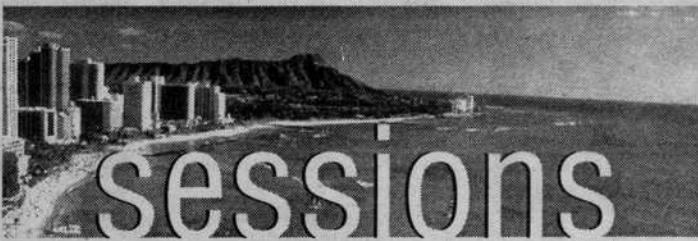
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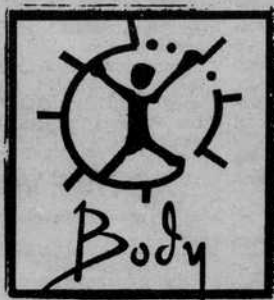


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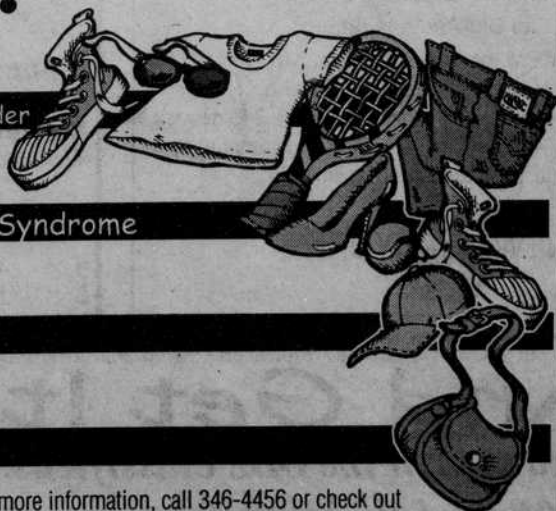
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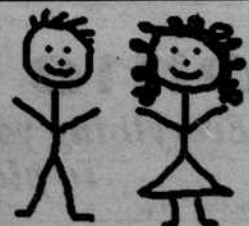


Jackson Jeyanayagam is a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He currently serves as chapter President and has served as VP Public Relations and Social Chair in the past. Jackson also helped to develop the "Lights for Charity" philanthropy event. He is involved in the Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society, the Interfraternity Council, and the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Stephanie Butcher is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. She currently serves as Foundation Chair and has been Social Chair in the past. Stephanie is involved in Dance Oregon and is a dance teacher for children. She has served the U of O as a FIG leader and was 1999's Miss Lane County.



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