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UO women's tennis falters

Continuing struggles in doubles competition cost the Ducks their matches against both the Huskies and the Cougars. **PAGE 7**

The Flash

Group raising funds to help teens in need

Project Safe Place will be selling gift boxes filled with coffee, chocolate and cookies today and Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. outside the University bookstore. The intent of the fund raiser is to sell good-luck incentives for students taking finals.

Project Safe Place provides information and support to teenagers in crisis. The proceeds of this sale will go to 11- to 17-year-olds in need of food, shelter or some other type of assistance. **PAGE 4**

Seminars: A fix for credit deficiency

The University offers a variety of one- and two-credit seminars that could help students work those extra needed credits into their schedules.

Not only can seminars offer one or two additional credits, but they are also intended to educate students about very specific topics. **PAGE 6**

FBI shot more tear gas than admitted

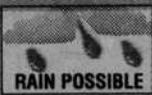
DALLAS (AP) — Evidence from the Branch Davidian siege suggests the FBI fired more pyrotechnic tear gas rounds into the compound than the agency previously admitted, government investigators said in Sunday's Dallas Morning News.

Crime scene records, videos and photographs call into question where, when and how many rounds were fired by the FBI's hostage rescue team, or HRT, at the end of the siege in 1993, investigators told the paper. The paper did not name any of the investigators or the agencies for whom they work.

WEATHER

Today

Tuesday



high 48, low 32

high 53, low 36

MARCH MADNESS

Down by 17 in the second half, the men rally to beat Arizona by five. The women fight back from being down 22 with less than 17 minutes to go and win by four. All told, it's one of the most significant, thrilling weekends in Oregon basketball history.

By Jeff Smith
Oregon Daily Emerald

The decibel level at McArthur Court reached an unprecedented pitch this past homestand as Oregon swept the Arizona schools to record its first 21-win regular season since 1945 and solidify its standing as a legitimate NCAA Tournament team.

One fan, entrenched in the student "Pit Crew", measured the noise to be 112 decibels — eight less than a jet engine.

It seemed fitting that arguably the two most important — and amazing — wins in this storied program's history took place on the opening weekend of March. Because there was indeed, plenty of Madness taking place.

Two days after senior point guard Darius Wright's buzzer-beating heave sent students rushing the court in exhilara-

tion, the Ducks provided their sold-out crowd of 9,087 with an equally, if not more, impressive encore.

Down by 17 with 12 minutes, six seconds left in the game, Oregon (21-7 overall, 12-5 Pacific-10 Conference) regrouped and outscored No. 3 Arizona (24-6, 13-3) 35-13, posting the 86-81 upset in front of a national television audience and sending the students onto the court once again.

"We come in expecting to win," said Wright who went 12-for-12 from the free throw line. "I think we got lucky the other night, but we pulled it out. That's

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By Scott Pesznecker
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Improbable ... impossible ...

And less than one week from probably happening, Oregon (22-7 overall, 13-4 Pacific-10 Conference) trailed Arizona (22-6, 11-5) by 22 points Saturday in Tucson with 16 minutes, 20 seconds separating the Ducks from a loss that would all but kill their Pac-10 title hopes.

A week earlier, the Ducks walked off McArthur Court having suffered a dream-deferring loss to Southern California — a major derailment in their drive for a second-straight conference title.

But then first-place

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Student investors bring in a profit

Using money provided by the DA Davidson Group, the University Investment Group is learning about the stock market

By Simone Ripke
Oregon Daily Emerald

Although the energy is not quite as high as Wall Street or the new Ben Affleck movie "Boiler Room," the walls of Gilbert 164-D, home to the University Investment Group, frequently witness high flying emotions as stocks go up and down.

Members of the group invest money in the stock market after analyzing respective industries and persuading their peers why the group's money should be invested in a certain stock. They are not investing peanuts, but \$50,000 provided by DA Davidson, a brokerage firm in Portland.

Since students started playing the stock market six months ago, they have earned a 15-percent profit.

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Oregon universities still losing faculty

■ Better opportunities and higher pay are continuing to draw faculty away from Oregon University System

By Jessica Blanchard
Oregon Daily Emerald

Schools in the Oregon University System are having an increasingly difficult time recruiting and retaining faculty, a fact acknowledged by University administrators, students and staff alike.

However, the reasons behind the trend are not widely agreed upon. Faculty within the OUS blame low faculty salaries for increases in turnover, while administrators point to other factors, such as faculty leaving for opportunities at larger colleges and the high numbers of faculty retirements.

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This is the first of a two-part series about faculty salaries.

Today: Many University faculty are leaving for better-paying jobs.

Tuesday: Oregon universities pay among the lowest faculty salaries in the country.