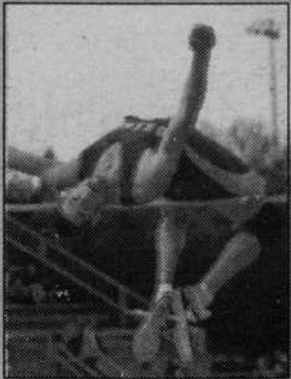


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Ducks show outdoor skill

The men and women Ducks won nine events at the Oregon Preview, the debut meet of the outdoor track and field season. **PAGE 14A**

The Flash

Students choose on-line for travel

As the activity on the Web keeps growing and students keep traveling, the two pastimes have collided. Off-line travel agencies and services are booming, and some University students are getting in on the deals and convenience. But the virtual travel agency may not be as knowledgeable as the brick-and-mortar one. **PAGE 9A**

Allergies taint spring for some

The Willamette Valley is key allergy real estate, and as the rain ends, pollen season begins in Eugene. There are medications that will curb allergic reactions as spring nears, but for many seasonal allergy sufferers, sunny weather brings sneezing, a runny nose and watery, itchy eyes. **PAGE 9A**

81 Ukrainian miners killed in explosion

KRASNODON, Ukraine (AP) — Ashen-faced relatives stood in silence beneath a light snow Sunday, watching rescuers coated in coal dust drag up the bodies of 81 people killed in a Ukrainian mine explosion and load them onto refrigerator trucks.

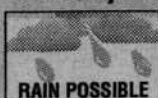
Survivors of the former Soviet republic's worst mine disaster in decades described a confusing burst, a suffocating cloud of coal dust and the sickening smell of smoke before they were brought to the surface.

A preliminary investigation suggested that Saturday's accident was a methane explosion caused by a violation of safety regulations, the Interfax news agency quoted President Leonid Kuchma as saying

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CHAMPIONS!



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(Above) Pac-10 Player-of-the-Year Shaquala Williams cuts the net from McArthur Court's south basket in celebration of the Ducks' second-straight conference title after their 60-53 win against Oregon State on Friday. (Below) Head coach Ernie Kent leads his Oregon men's team to its second NCAA Tournament appearance in 39 years.

■ The Oregon women are awarded a No. 6 seed and a first-round home game, while the men get a No. 7 seed and will be traveling to Buffalo, NY

By Jeff Smith
Oregon Daily Emerald

"We are right in the middle of March Madness!" That's how Oregon athletic director Bill Moos addressed the approximately 2,000 spectators at McArthur Court on Sunday afternoon to celebrate the NCAA Tournament selection party. Moos' enthusiasm echoed that of the communi-

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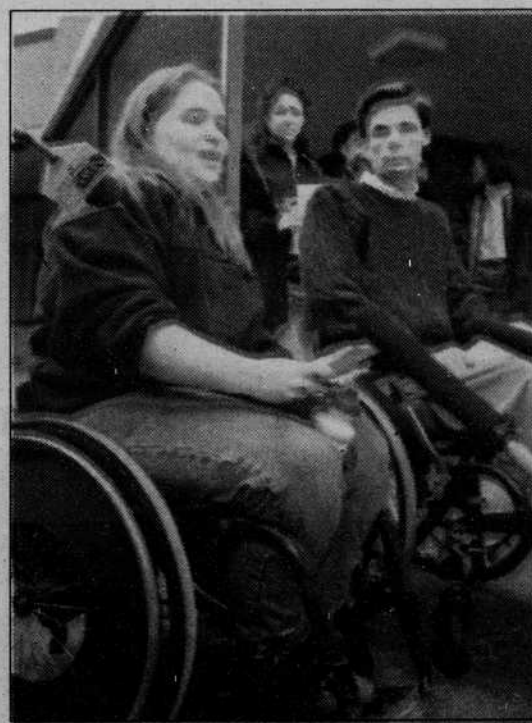
■ The Oregon women's basketball team wins the Pac-10 for the second straight year and now prepares for the first round of the NCAA Tournament

By Mirjam Swanson
Oregon Daily Emerald

Doesn't get much more satisfying. The Oregon women's basketball team claimed its first-ever all-out Pacific-10 Conference championship Friday night — worthy, it turns out, of a home berth for the first couple rounds of the NCAA Tournament against UAB (Alabama Birmingham),

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Duck fans want more wheelchair accessibility



Ryan Starkweather Emerald

At the protest in front of McArthur Court on Friday, JuLeah Huckstep talks about how she feels unwanted at games.

■ There are only 14 seats designated as wheelchair-accessible in McArthur Court

By Simone Ripke
Oregon Daily Emerald

After being turned away from athletic events at McArthur Court one too many times, students and community members using wheelchairs protested the insufficient wheelchair accessibility and seating at Mac Court Friday morning.

"Routinely, people who use wheelchairs are being turned away," said Alicia Hays, a basketball fan from the community and one of about 14 protesters. Of the 9,087 seats at Mac Court, 14 seats are designated for wheelchair users and their companions.

Hays said that means that people in wheelchairs actu-

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Women's day highlights goal to 'blend voices'

■ International Women's Day 2000 included workshops, music and talks on youth culture

By Sara Lieberth
Oregon Daily Emerald

Eugene celebrated International Women's Day 2000 with a well-attended showcase event at the downtown Hilton on Sunday. The event provided myriad workshops, panels and discussion groups in line with this year's theme, "Blending Our Voices."

Though March 8 is the date officially recognized as International Women's Day, marked by a United Nations resolution of 1977, more than 70 non-profit organizations and local small businesses gathered this weekend to share information and resources at the all-day annual celebration.

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Events at Mother Kali's:

7 p.m. March 15: Guadalupe Quinn will speak on working with the Oregon Latino/a immigrant population.

7 p.m. March 16: Women of Faith panel will discuss religious approaches to problems.

7 p.m. March 18: Lecture by Morgan Ahearn, learn about Romani (gypsy) women's culture and history.

Call the bookstore for more details at 343-4864.

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