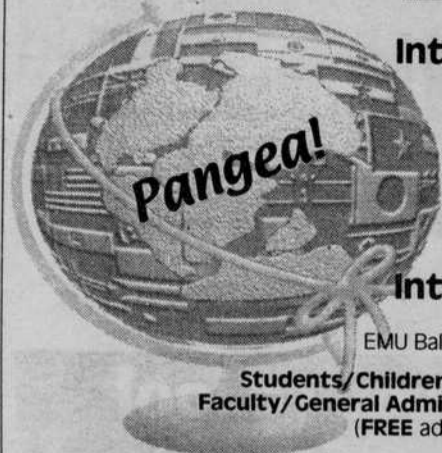


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right to end the threat.

"I was battling back and forth," Vidlund said. "I kept telling myself all you need to do is get a base hit. Get a base hit and you might score two, and we'd be in good shape."

In the bottom of the fifth Christi Shelton belted a double over the center fielder's head to start a late-inning rally, only to be stranded there as the next two hitters failed to advance her.

"We're not producing offensively and that hurts," Gamez said. "We don't have anybody that has stepped up and given us that spark. You've got to take advantage of every opportunity. We had a runner on second base a couple times and couldn't get her across."

The loss drops the Ducks into a tie for last with the Beavers. Gamez is well aware of the added pressure of the next couple games. He is surprised with the lack of effort that his team is putting out.

"At this point of time in the year it's extremely surprising. There is no reason why we should not be giving everything we've got," Gamez said. "I think it puts a lot of pressure on us. We have to come out and play hard tomorrow and not worry about the Pac-10 race."

Tomorrow, the Ducks play a double-header at Portland State. The games were rescheduled from last week because of rain. Both Gamez and Vidlund realize the importance of the twin-bill, which precedes three games in the Bay Area this weekend.

"I think if we win tomorrow, we'll be all right," Vidlund said. "Our confidence will be back up and we might even win a few more."

Gamez looks to tomorrow's contests as crucial to his team's turnaround.

"Tomorrow's game are big," Gamez said. "We've got to come out and win both games. We've got to get back on track for the weekend. That's why we'll put more emphasis on tomorrow than we are the weekend."

PAC-10

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polls, they're not supposed to beat.

Not that polls matter to Oregon's players. Especially because these were games the Ducks could have won. They're games that they were agonizingly close to winning. Three times against Oregon State (27-12-1, 1-6) the Ducks had runners in scoring position but didn't capitalize.

"We're just as good as these other teams, we just have to prove it," McMurren said.

Senior center fielder Jill Robinson concurred.

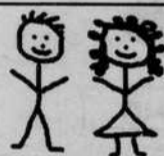
"It's so frustrating right now because I think each individual is giving it her all," the senior leader said. "It's just a matter of time. ... I'm not worried."

Head coach Rick Gamez isn't quite so secure.

"There's a lack of drive," he said. "Our kids are not giving everything they've got ... and that does get frustrating. That hurts."

McMurren and Robinson both said that Oregon has enough desire and confidence left to turn things around, to get back into the brutal Pac-10 race. It's just a matter of figuring out how, exactly.

"I don't know why we're not getting it done," Robinson said. "All I know is that it can't go on."



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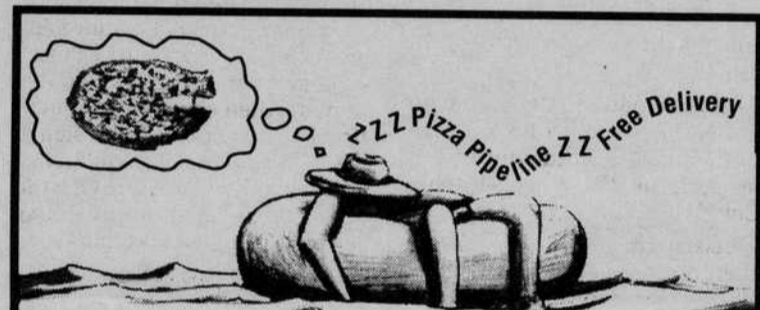


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