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Reaction to Knight runs full gamut

While supporters of the WRC question the Nike CEO's motives, a delay is expected in the Autzen Stadium expansion

By Ben Romano
The impact of the WRC will be felt by all Oregonians, but the reaction will be felt most acutely by the University of Oregon. The reaction to the WRC is a mixed bag. Some are cheering, some are crying, and some are just watching.



Phil Knight, CEO of Nike, speaking at a podium during a press conference on Tuesday, April 25, 2000, in Eugene, Ore. Knight is seen in the foreground, speaking into a microphone. Behind him, several people are visible, some holding signs. The background is a dark stage with some lights.

University President Steve Franks says that Knight's announcement during a press conference on Tuesday that the University of Oregon will receive \$100 million from Nike to build a new stadium is a "game-changer" for the school. Franks says the school will be able to start construction on the stadium as early as next fall.

But some critics are questioning the deal. They say the school is giving away too much money to a private company. They also say the deal is not in the best interests of the school.

Franks says the deal is a "win-win" for everyone. He says the school will be able to build a new stadium that will be a source of pride for the school and the community. He also says the deal will help the school raise more money for other programs.

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Sports

Oregon refuses to bow down at Hayward

Hayward senior Hilary Halls helps Oregon beat the Ducks for taking the long jump and the triple jump



Hilary Halls, a senior at Hayward High School, is seen in mid-air during a long jump. She is wearing a dark athletic uniform with the number 18. The background shows a track and some spectators.

Hayward senior Hilary Halls helps Oregon beat the Ducks for taking the long jump and the triple jump. Halls was the only Oregon athlete to score in the long jump, and she was also the only Oregon athlete to score in the triple jump.

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The Collier House opens

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Ani DiFranco is seen performing on stage. She is wearing a dark jacket and glasses. She is holding a microphone and looking towards the audience. The background shows a stage with some lights.

The organizers behind Grammy-nominated folk singer Ani DiFranco's benefit concert in Corvallis hope the singer can draw a crowd. Page 5B

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