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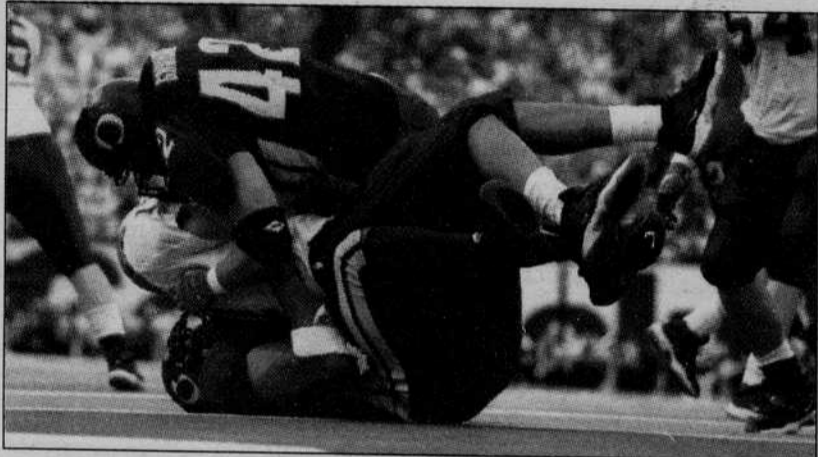


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# Ducks squeeze victory out of No. 6 Washington



Dan Brunell Emerald

Tuiaso-sandwich anyone? The Husky quarterback felt the crunch of a tight Oregon defense.

■ Oregon vaults into the driver's seat of the Pacific-10 Conference Rose Bowl race and into the Top-10 with a big win over the Huskies

By Jeff Smith  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Another week, another Top-10 victim to Oregon and its hallowed Autzen Stadium.

First there were the No. 6 UCLA Bruins. The Ducks crushed them, 29-10, on Sept. 23.

Then there were the No. 6 Washington Huskies. Oregon outplayed them, and captured the 23-16 win on Saturday in front of 46,153 fans — the third-largest crowd in Autzen Stadium history.

And now there are the No. 9 Oregon Ducks. After beating two of its highly-ranked Pacific-10 Conference rivals in back-to-back weeks, Oregon

jumped 11 spots in The Associated Press poll — as well as right into the thick of the Rose Bowl race.

Oregon beat its Northwest rival for the fifth time in seven games, and sent many visiting Husky fans back home to Seattle in a bad mood. Oregon fans, however, have begun to sense a faint hint of roses in the air.

"We can't look too far ahead because there's a lot of football left to be played," Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington said.

From here on out, each game gains importance, especially the Civil War contest at Oregon State on Nov. 18. Student tickets for that game at Reser Stadium go on sale at 9 a.m. today at the Casanova Center near Autzen. Tickets can only be purchased in person and cost \$24.

If Oregon keeps this up, that could be the game that determines The Rose Bowl.

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# Department of Public Safety vehicles violate ODOT laws

■ Officials say red and blue lights may only be used on emergency vehicles

By Rebecca Newell  
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When the University's Department of Public Safety patrol vans began falling apart last year, campus security upgraded its fleet to sleek new patrol cars, outfitted with red and blue emergency lights, similar to those on police vehicles.

But what seemed like a convenient improvement could put DPS in hot water because the department is not authorized to use the red and blue lights, according to area law enforcement agencies and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

According to Oregon statutes, blue lights are permitted only on police or emergency fire vehicles. DPS cars don't qualify as

either. "No security vehicles can have red and blue lights unless they are a certified police officer," said Allen Charn, deputy director of the Oregon Department of Public Safety, Standards and Training. "It's the law."

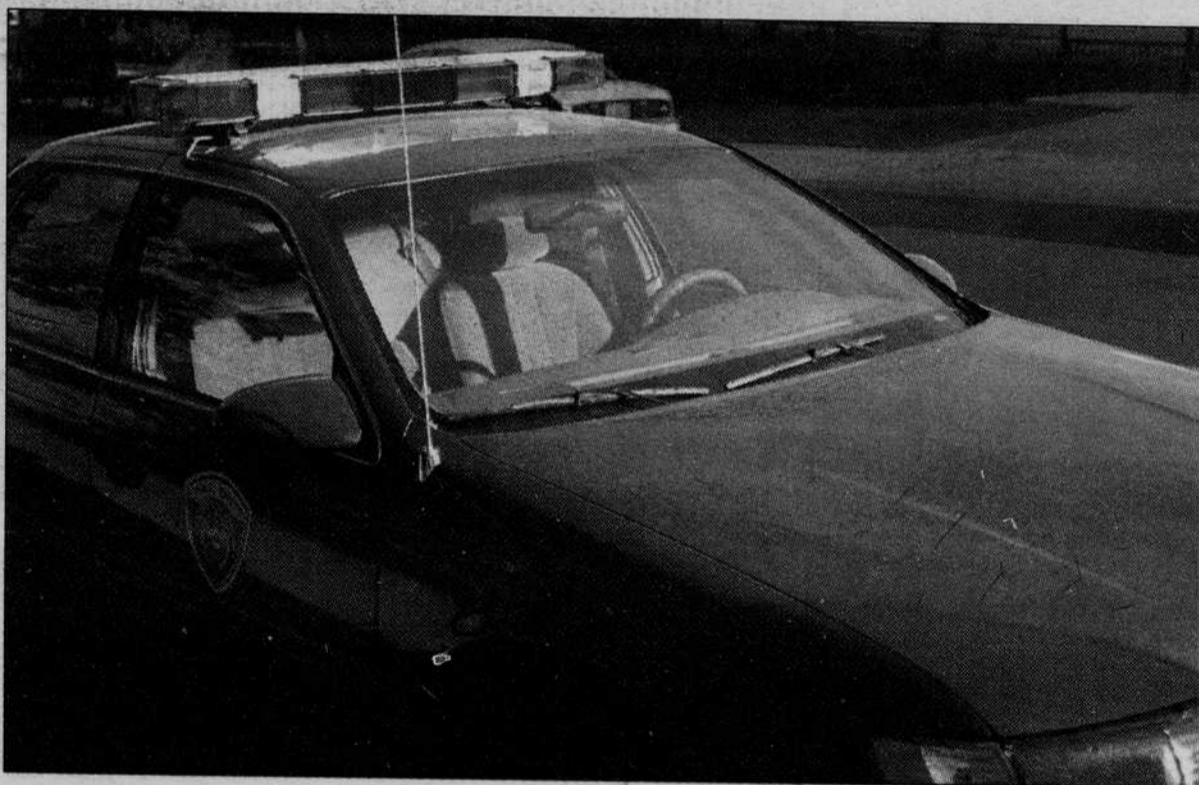
DPS Director Tom Fitzpatrick said the department chose to use the red and blue lights without checking the legal restrictions.

"We feel comfortable using the red and blue lights because we feel safer," Fitzpatrick said, adding that the lights are more recognizable than the yellow and green used on the old patrol vans.

"We feel it's in the best interest of the community to have lights that people recognize," he said. "We did not go and ask for permission."

The issue raises questions about the identity of

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Erin Swanson-Davies Emerald

DPS recently purchased cars with red and blue lights, though the legality of the lights is being questioned by area law enforcement agencies.

# Scholarships, recruiting responsible for big freshmen influx

The University boosts efforts to draw Oregon's best and brightest high school students

By Simone Ripke  
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If campus seems just a little more crowded this fall than it has been in the past, a bigger and brighter freshman class than the University has seen in years might explain that phenomenon.

Although official numbers won't be available until the end of the fourth week of fall term — that's when students tend to settle down after adding and dropping classes throughout the first few weeks — University officials expect the class of just over 1,900 resident and 707 nonresident freshmen to be the second-

largest ever.

Thanks to those new faces on campus, University officials expect the total enrollment to jump from 17,278 last fall to about 17,700 this fall.

"This freshman class is by far larger than it was last year," said Jim Buch, the University's associate vice president for enrollment management. "I think that's a direct reflection of the quality of the University."

Buch said this fall's freshman class is not only the largest since the record of just more than 2,800 set in 1988, but on average its members are also the smartest

ever, averaging GPAs of 3.41 and Scholastic Achievement Test scores of 558.1 in the verbal section and 555.2 in math.

"Not only are the numbers up, but the quality is up as well," Buch said.

He said he attributes the rise in high achievers among incoming freshmen to efforts in recruiting and the availability of scholarships designed to keep bright high school students in Oregon.

The Dean's Scholarship, which is available to high school graduates whose transcripts show that they have completed

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