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So long, NIT

Oregon virtually says goodbye to its postseason hopes in a 104-65 loss to Arizona. **PAGE 9**

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ASUO Election postponed by Court

■ Candidates and voters will now have to wait until March 16 to see which two tickets may advance to the general election

By **Jeremy Lang**
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An 11th hour decision by the ASUO Constitution Court has given candidates Bret Jacobson and Matt Cook a second chance to win the student presidency — and has completely halted today's general

election.

The court will hold a March 16 hearing at which it will decide to uphold or overturn an ASUO Elections Board decision that removed Jacobson and Cook from Thursday's primary election.

The pair placed second and

would have battled Nilda Brooklyn and Joy Nair in the general election starting today had they not been disqualified by the board.

In the court's decision, Chief Justice Robert Raschio said the court will also use its power to immediately halt the general election until the court can rule on Jacobson's appeal. Jacobson said his campaign will file its official appeal statement with the court today.

Raschio said the court will decide on the appeal no later than 5 p.m. March 19.

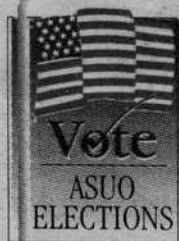
The ruling also halts voting on senate races and ballot measures for OSPIRG and the Multicultural Center, which would have begun today as well.

The ASUO Elections Board released the primary election results and its decision to remove Jacobson

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JACOBSON



Proving they're ready for the Dance

■ Duck women take their third game in a row, keeping hope alive for the NCAA Tournament

By **Adam Jude**
Oregon Daily Emerald

The women's basketball team's season was all but over 10 days ago.

After losing to last-place UCLA on Feb. 23, the Ducks appeared to hit rock bottom, with their hopes of making an eighth-straight NCAA Tournament fading fast.

But all that changed when the Ducks returned to McArthur Court this weekend, sweeping the Arizona schools to rekindle the dangling thoughts of the Big Dance.

Saturday's 83-78 victory over Arizona in front of 5,593 fans was the third win in four tries for the Ducks (16-11 overall, 9-8 Pacific-10 Conference), who jumped up two spots in the standings to fourth place, ahead of the Wildcats (18-10, 8-8).

"I guess we just like to have our back in the corner," guard Jamie Craighead said. "We seem to step up when we need to. Hopefully people are watching these games and reading stats and hopefully we can get in the [NCAA] Tournament."

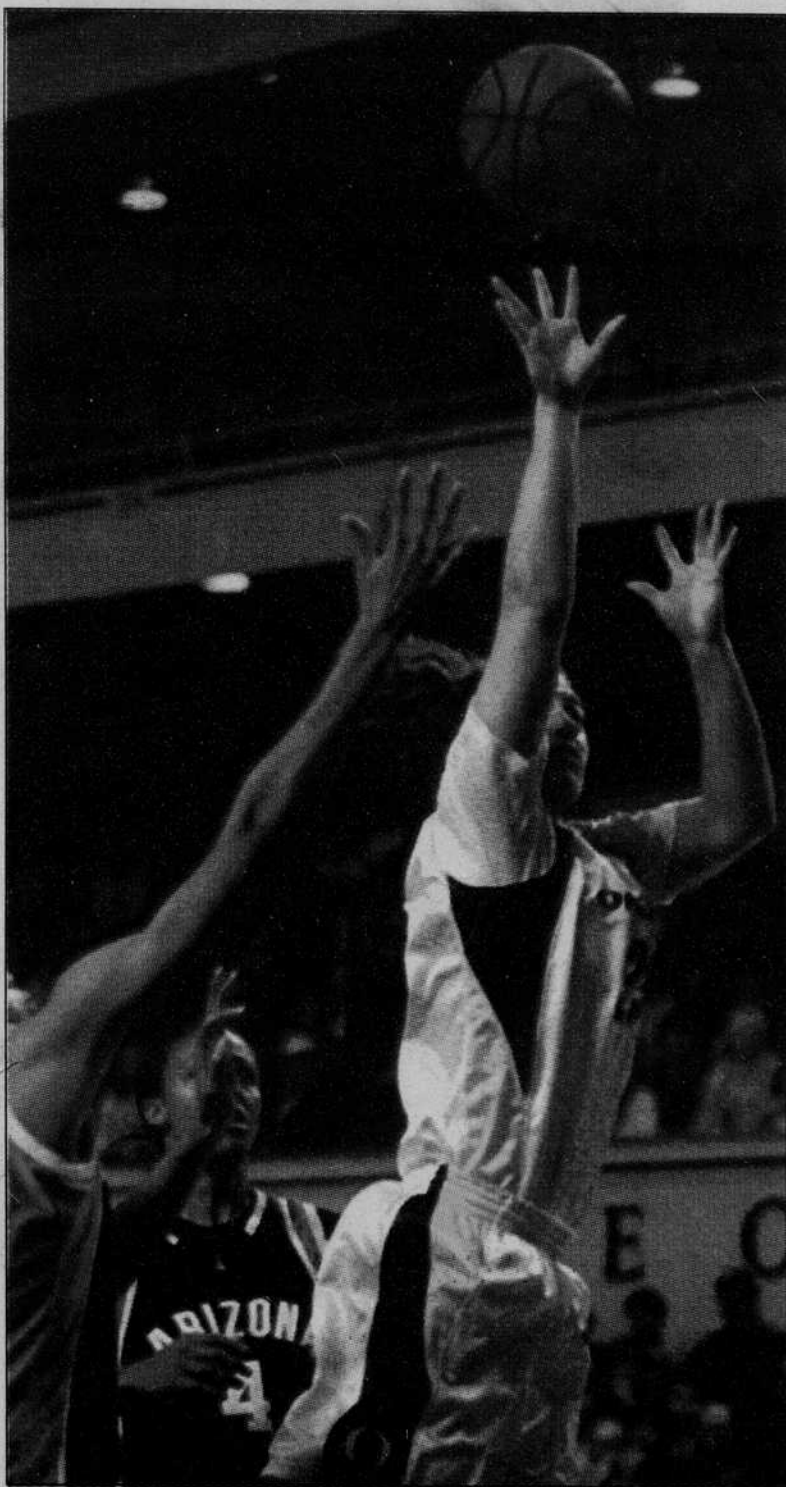
An Alissa Edwards three-pointer at the 9-minute, 49-second mark in the second half broke a 53-53 tie and sparked a 16-6 Oregon run. Although the Ducks never trailed after that, Arizona made it interesting.

With 2:06 remaining, Arizona's LaKeisha Taylor sank a short jumper to cut the Oregon lead to 73-69. A Craighead trey was quickly answered by another Arizona basket, prompting Oregon head coach Jody Runge to call a timeout.

Following the break, senior Lindsey Dion sank her third three-ball of the day — a career-high — to put the dagger in Arizona's comeback.

"I thought we had a great team effort," Runge said. "It's a big sweep

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Forward Lindsey Dion hits a driving jumper, cutting Arizona's second-half lead to 52-50. Minutes later, a three-pointer gave Oregon a 56-53 lead, and the Ducks never trailed again.

OUS policy won't stop labor debate

■ Labor-monitoring issues now move to the state level, but the University will remain involved

By **Andrew Adams**
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University President Dave Frohnmayer is confident the University will be able to remain actively engaged in the labor-monitoring process, despite a policy established by the State Board of Education.

The policy, approved by the board during its regular meeting Feb. 16, mandates that all institutions in the Oregon University System chose business partners in a politically impartial way, which seems to preclude schools from becoming members of labor-monitoring groups.

Melinda Grier, University general counsel, said she is still reviewing the policy and will not know its specific effects for some time.

Frohnmayer, however, said he believed the board did not adopt the policy for the specific purpose of preventing a school from dealing with labor issues. He said this leaves room for the University to maintain an active voice in preventing labor abuses in contracted factories.

"It moves the issue of a code of conduct to a state level," he said. "There probably ought to be a universal policy for the state."

He added the University can still work with its larger contractors to ensure conditions in factories stay at a quality level.

"No policy prevents us from talking," he said.

The University would also continue to listen to reports from the Worker Rights Consortium and the Fair Labor Association, Frohnmayer said, even though it will likely not pursue closer relations with the two groups.

David Frank, associate professor and director of the Honors College, is heading up an ad hoc committee that has been studying labor-monitoring issues. Frank said the committee still plans to issue a report.

He said the policy has simply changed the jurisdiction where decisions on labor issues will be made, but

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“I'm hopeful we'll be moving on to other issues soon.”

David Frank
associate professor and director of Honors College