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last year and the women's basketball team's back-to-back Pacific-10 championships, the University of Oregon's sports programs have certainly moved into a new strata of national attention. Such a high level of recognition could attract increased interest from sports gamblers, as well, according to both Gray and Sealby.

"I think that any time a program gets more exposure in the general public, I think the possibility of more people taking notice increases," Gray said. "They're always noticed more when they're on television."

Sealby's assessment was similar.

"I think any time you get more exposure, you're more at risk for something like (becoming the target of sports gamblers)," said Sealby. "All you have to have is a line or point spread in a local paper."

Some assessments of the situation differ, however. Greg Graham, an assistant coach for the University of Oregon's men's basketball team, said he feels Eugene is a safe environment for athletes and that gambling is not an issue for athletes at the University.

"I think they're aware of it, but it's not really something they have to deal with," said Graham. "I just

don't feel we're in that type of environment."

Graham said that he does not know of any University of Oregon athlete ever being approached by gamblers or becoming involved in sports gambling.

According to Gray and Bill Clever, the assistant director for compliance, a point-shaving incident may have taken place at McArthur court in the mid-1990s, although it did not involve University of Oregon athletes.

During the 1993-94 basketball season, two members of the Arizona State men's basketball team were involved in point shaving during several games. Gray and Clever said that a game at McArthur Court between the Ducks and Arizona State University fell into the time frame of the point shaving, and the final score of the game may have been affected.

However, point shaving "certainly was not evident," Clever said.

"We're talking about 18- to 22-year-old kids," Clever said. "Mistakes are part of the game. So it's hard to point to something and say, 'hey, he meant to do that.'"

In the past decade, there have been numerous incidents of athletes betting on their own teams and at least one survey indicating more than two-thirds of student athletes have gambled since entering college.

In response to the recent inci-

dents and findings, the National Collegiate Athletics Association has made sports wagering one of its primary concerns, said Jane Jankowski, the NCAA's assistant director for public relations.

"The NCAA considers (collegiate sports wagering) to be a serious problem," she said.

The NCAA has rules prohibiting all sports gambling by student athletes, campus and conference athletics personnel and NCAA employees.

New bylaws adopted by the NCAA, enacted in August 2000, include a zero-tolerance policy for student-athletes who "engage in activities designed to influence the outcome of an intercollegiate contest or beat a point spread or bet either legally or illegally on their own team," according to press releases from the NCAA.

The association has also started a program called 'Don't Bet on It,' with a 22-page guide for athletes, as well as a series of TV advertisements starring former Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick, UCLA men's basketball player Earl Watson and University of Connecticut women's basketball player Shea Ralph.

The FBI projected that in 1995, \$2.5 billion was illegally gambled on the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, second only to the amount gambled on the Super Bowl.

Shooting

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District Attorney Paul Pfingst said. "The suspect has made statements. I will not share the contents of the statements with you at this time, but there is no real answer. I am not sure in any real way we will ever know why."

Fellow students and an adult acquaintance said they had heard the boy's threats over the weekend but thought he was joking and did not report him to authorities.

"He was picked on all the time," student Jessica Moore said. "He was picked on because he was one of the scrawniest guys. People called him freak, dork, nerd — stuff like that."

Student John Schardt, 17, was in a nearby classroom when the shooting started about 9:20 a.m. in a boys' restroom and spilled into a quad.

"I looked at the kid, and he was smiling and shooting his weapon," Schardt said. "It was total chaos. People were trying to take cover."

Schardt said he took photos of victims, and another student videotaped the gunman's arrest, but authorities confiscated the film and

the tape.

Andrew Kaforey, a 17-year-old senior, said he ran into the bathroom with a security guard after hearing what sounded like a firecracker or a gunshot.

"He pointed the gun right at me, but he didn't shoot," Kaforey said.

As he and the guard ran out, the gunman shot the guard in the back, Kaforey said.

Investigators said the boy used a .22-caliber revolver, stopping once to reload, and retreated after the shooting into the bathroom.

The attack was the nation's deadliest school shooting since the April 1999 bloodbath at Columbine High in Littleton, Colo., where two teenagers killed 12 fellow students and a teacher before committing suicide.

In Washington, President Bush called the shooting "a disgraceful act of cowardice."

"This is my worst nightmare," Principal Karen Degiescher said. She said that the campus will be closed Tuesday and that counselors were called in to help students.

Classmates and acquaintances of the boy described him as skinny and the subject of constant harassment. Students said he boasted

about owning a gun.

Over the weekend, the boy "was joking on and off that he was going to come to school and shoot people," said Joshua Stevens, 15, a friend of the boy.

"He had it all planned out, but at the end of the weekend he said he was just joking and he wasn't really going to do it."

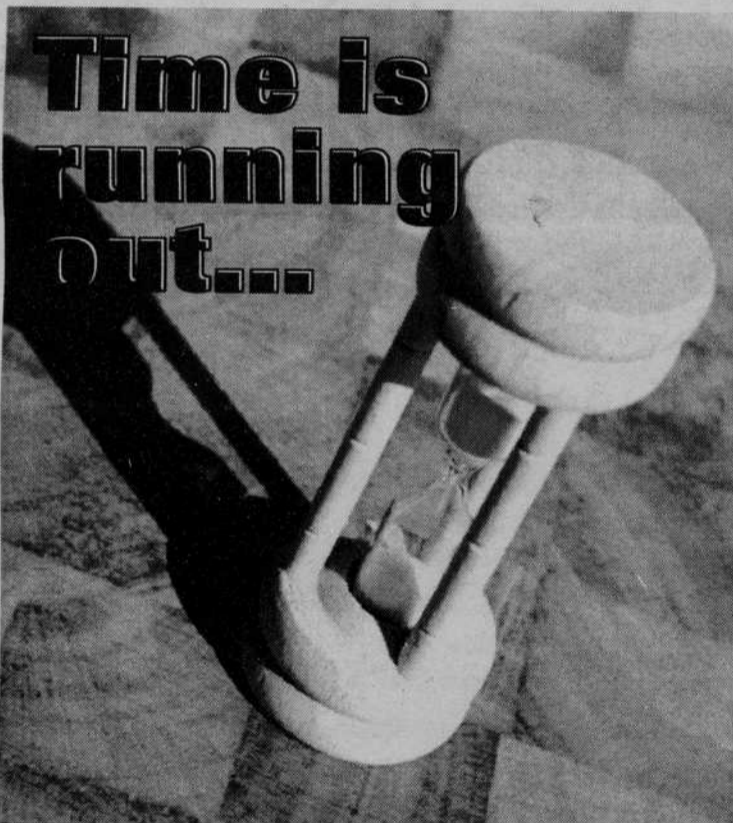
"I said, 'Like, you better be.' And he said, 'No, I'm serious.'"

"I should've stepped up even if it wasn't true and stuff to take that precaution," said Chris Reynolds, a 29-year-old who is dating Stevens' mother.

"That's going to be haunting me for a long time; that's going to be with me for a long time. It just hurts, because I could've maybe done something about it."

Reynolds said that the boy lives with his father and that his mother lives out of state. He said the boy stayed at Reynolds' house Saturday night and talked about starting a shooting spree.

"I even mentioned Columbine to him. I said I don't want a Columbine here at Santana. But he said, 'No, nothing will happen, I'm just joking,'" Reynolds said.



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