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'Not only was it the biggest win, but it was on the biggest stage...'

—Joey Harrington, Oregon quarterback

Magical season ends with Fiesta victory

OREGON 38
COLORADO 16

■ No. 2 Ducks stomp Colorado in Fiesta Bowl for record 11th win

By Adam Jude
Oregon Daily Emerald

TEMPE, Ariz. — It was simply the greatest game of the greatest season in the history of the Oregon Ducks.

A 38-16 thrashing of then-No. 3 Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day capped off a school-record 11-win season for the Ducks, who finished second in both the media's and the coaches' major polls, their highest ranking ever.

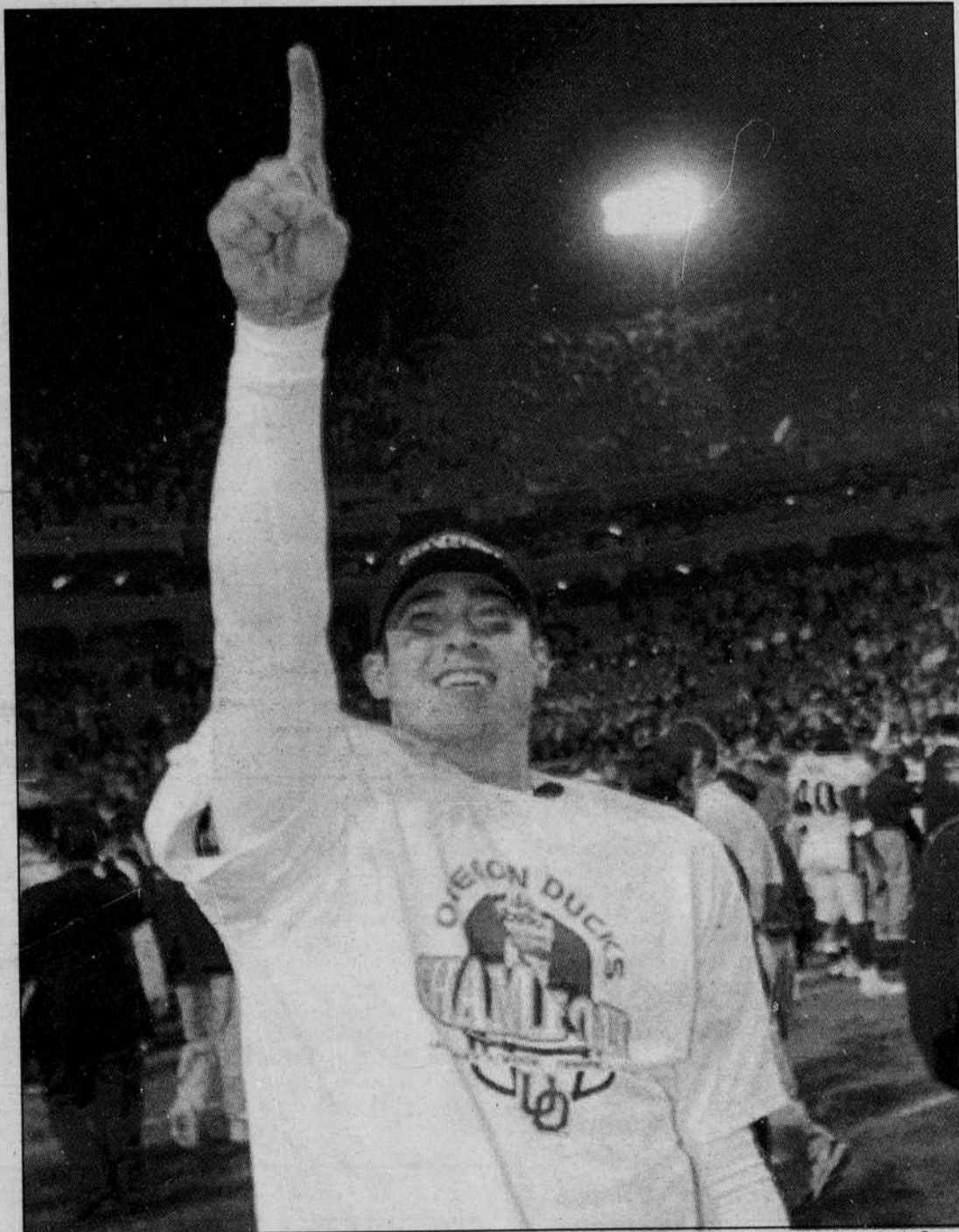


"Not only was it the biggest win, but it was on the biggest stage and we did it in one of the most emphatic manners that a Duck team has ever played," said Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington, who finished the game with 350 yards passing and four touchdowns.

But the Ducks' hopes of a national championship fell with Nebraska in the Rose Bowl on Thursday. Miami (12-0) defeated Nebraska, 37-14, to claim sole possession of the national title.

"I thought we should have been playing in the (Rose Bowl), obviously, and I thought it was very difficult to tell my team why we were not because I could not come up with a lot of good reasons," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said. "I think we have done everything that we can do."

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John Stoops for the Emerald

The Ducks didn't finish No. 1, but quarterback Joey Harrington still had reason to celebrate after Oregon's victory over Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl. The Ducks are ranked No. 2 in final media and coaches' polls.

Bush vows to support Oregon's economy

■ The President's three-hour tour drew supporters, protesters and awe-struck students alike

By John Liebhardt
Oregon Daily Emerald

President George W. Bush promised economic support for the faltering Oregon economy Saturday in his first trip to the state since coming into office a year ago.



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called for an end to the war in Afghanistan.

"I am deeply concerned that Oregon leads the country when it comes to unemployment," Bush said, referring to Oregon's 7.4 percent unemployment rate. "In tough times, people need an unemployment check, but in the long term, what they need is a paycheck."

The President, speaking in front of a large American flag, touched on economic issues, the war on terrorism and his greater campaign themes of character, American values and spiritual faith. The crowd rose to its feet many times, but never as enthusiastically as when the President offered to help provide water to the blighted farmers of the Klamath River basin. Bush said he was concerned after speaking with Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., and Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, about the lack of water for farmers in the basin.

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Kitzhaber to announce new fiscal plan today

■ The plan includes alleviating the \$850 million budget shortfall in Oregon, generated by a faltering economy and high unemployment

By John Liebhardt
Oregon Daily Emerald

State political and education leaders are anxiously awaiting today's announcement of Gov. John Kitzhaber's plan to alleviate the state of Oregon's \$850 million budget shortfall.

Kitzhaber said he would like to use this plan only as a roadmap to re-balance the state's budget, and would rather attempt to raise money for the state than further cut existing state programs. Such revenue could come from spending tobacco settlement money or raising income taxes, he said.

"I don't believe you can responsibly

cut \$800 million from the budget and still have a state that any of us want to live in," he told a group at the Downtown Athletic Club in Eugene on Thursday.



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leaders with their suggestions. "This is not just the legislature's problem; this is our problem," he said. "We all own it; we are all going to live with its consequences."

The state legislature will convene a special session in early February to be-

gin legislative action on balancing the budget.

Kitzhaber said he would like to deliver his official budget proposals before then — but only after hearing from leaders around the state.

"The budget was a tight budget before we started; \$850 million more and it becomes an impossible budget," said State Rep. Phil Barnhart, D-Eugene. "The cuts that we are talking about will probably affect the University of Oregon, big time."

In October, the state economist reported an \$850 million shortfall to the state's operating budget of \$11.4 billion. The shortfall stems from incorrect revenue predictions, which did not account for a poorly operating economy and the highest unemployment rates in the country.

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ASUO begins distribution of student funds

Today, members of the ASUO Programs Finance Committee will begin dispersing student fee money to more than 100 student groups and programs. The budget hearings will determine each group's 2002-03 budget. They are open to the public and will take place every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the EMU Board Room from 5 to 10:30 p.m., Jan. 7 through Feb. 5. A Saturday budget hearing will be held Jan. 26.



Groups scheduled for tonight's hearing include: The Latino/a Law Student Association, Kultura Philipinas, Dance Oregon, the Chess Club and the Athletic Department Finance Committee. Also scheduled are the Committee for Musical Arts, the Arts Administration Student Forum, the Japanese Student Organization, Amnesty International, the European Student Association and AVENU.

Look for more PFC schedule information online at www.dailyemerald.com.

—Kara Cogswell