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Women and the Nation in the Middle East and the U.S.

with Diane Baxter and Linda Kintz
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100 Willamette Hall

In an effort to facilitate education and informed discussion—from a variety of perspectives—on the events of September 11th and their aftermath, the University of Oregon Senate Ad-Hoc Committee charged with coordinating the university's response is sponsoring a series of panel presentations and discussions during Winter term 2002.

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Debate ensues over No. 1 conference

By Jeff Potrykus
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MADISON, Wis. — So who is No. 1 in the world of men's college basketball?

Defending national champion Duke, of course.

"There's Duke," Illinois coach Bill Self said, "and then there's probably a whole bunch of teams that are really, really good that hope that they can knock Duke off their perch."

"And we're one of those teams." Duke was ranked No. 1 in both pre-season polls and backed up its lofty ranking by winning the Maui Invitational last week. Illinois, ranked No. 2, won the Las Vegas Invitational.

The debate won't be settled until the national championship game April 1 in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

But one debate that rages on year after year is this: Which conference is No. 1?

The Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southeastern Conference are absolutely teeming with tradition. No conference has more sold-out venues than the Big Ten, where the fans view basketball as a religion, not just a diversion until spring football. And led by Arizona and Stanford, the Pacific-10 Conference is causing East Coast viewers to stay up late at night and take notice.

Yet during the 1990s and again last season, the ACC has proved to be the best when reputations are established. That is, during March Madness.

Beginning with the 1990-91 season, when Duke won the first of two consecutive NCAA titles under Mike Krzyzewski, the ACC has won

four national titles, more than any other conference during that time.

The SEC has won three titles; the Pac-10 has won two and the Big Ten and Big East have won one apiece.

In addition, the ACC has the most Final Four appearances (12) and Elite Eight appearances (16) during that time.

Krzyzewski, who has won three national titles, is able to recruit just about any player he wants to Durham, N.C. But he also smartly takes his team on the road to play top teams at neutral sites early in the season to prepare his players for the NCAA tournament setting.

"That's just part of becoming good and getting ready for March," he said. "Because when you play in March, you're going to play at a neutral site."

"The other thing is, you're going to be playing against a team that is probably going to advance pretty far in March."

"So you're playing a high-caliber team, at a neutral site, on TV... big-time stakes."

Final Four contenders

This season, the ACC, SEC, Big Ten and the Pac-10 each boast a pair of Final Four contenders. Duke and Maryland lead the ACC; Kentucky and Florida are the dominant pair in the SEC; Illinois and Iowa are the premier teams in the Big Ten; and UCLA and surprising Arizona are the most formidable teams in the Pac-10.

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department is already allowing fans to pre-purchase tickets for the National Invitation Tournament, assuming the Sun Devils lose in the Pac-10 Tournament and host a first-round NIT game.

Another Lute Toot

With the tournament now approaching, Olson is still not in favor of the conference tournament, which he has been vocally opposed to since it was announced last year.

"I have two objections to it," the Arizona coach said. "We've been beating up on one another for 18 games, and it makes no sense to me for whoever makes the final to play three extra games."

"The worst part about it is from an academic standpoint, I detest that the players have to miss three days of school at a very critical time."

But don't expect Olson to play down the importance of winning the conference tournament to his team.

"When you're in a game, you're in a game to win it," Olson said. "Once you're there, you're going to compete."

Stanford's Mike Montgomery, who has been alongside Olson as an opponent to the tournament, also spoke out earlier this week. Montgomery said he feels that the Pac-10 Tournament is essentially meaningless.

"The conference tournament title has nothing to do with seeding, only with the automatic bid," Montgomery said. "The conference tournament champion is just that, the conference tournament champion. Everybody wants to win it, but give me 18 games to determine a real champion."

Borch Art

Stanford junior center Curtis Borchardt led Stanford to a sweep of the Arizona schools on the road last weekend, and he was rewarded with Pac-10 Player of the Week honors.

Borchardt averaged 23.5 points and 13 rebounds over a weekend that saw Stanford beat Arizona 76-71 on Thursday and Arizona State 81-76 on Saturday. The two wins revived a Cardinal team that could have been heading to the NIT had they not won both contests.

E-mail sports reporter Peter Hockaday at peterhockaday@dailyemerald.com.

Today's crossword solution

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