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Ducks get No. 2 seed in NCAA Midwest region

Ernie Kent and the men's basketball team travel to Sacramento, Calif., on Thursday to face No. 15 seed Montana

By Peter Hockaday

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With thousands of fans at McArthur Court watching the selection show and the rest of the nation watching Mac Court, Oregon's ancient arena erupted Sunday afternoon with the announcement that the Ducks' dream season will get even dreamier.

The Oregon men's basketball team received a No. 2 seed in the Midwest region for the NCAA Tournament. Thousands of fans who showed up to watch the selection show at Mac Court cheered when the seeding was announced, and CBS carried a live national feed of the crowd's reaction.

The No. 2 seed means Oregon will play as close to home as possible, in Sacramento, Calif., on Thursday. The Ducks will play 15th seed Montana, which went through the Big Sky Conference regular season with a 16-14 record.

"I thought we were in position to get anywhere between a two and a five seed," an elated Freddie Jones said after the seeding was announced. "They gave us the better one."

The high seed is a reward for the Ducks' 22-7 regular season and Pacific-10 Conference championship. It is the highest seeding ever for Oregon, and could lead to the Ducks' first win in an NCAA Tournament game since 1960.

The close proximity of the first round site has Oregon players hoping that fans will make the trip to Sacramento.

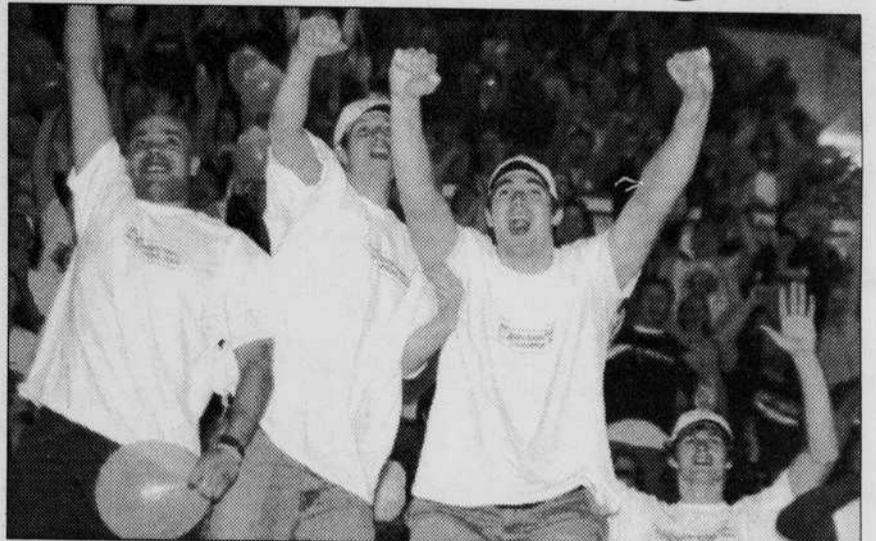
"I don't have that much money to pay for them all," Jones said. "But it would be nice if they could make the trip."

Forward Robert Johnson simply said to the fans: "Come out."

"It's not that long a trip," Johnson said.

If Oregon gets past Montana in the first round Thursday, the Ducks will play Saturday against the winner of the game between 7th seed Wake Forest and 11th seed Pepperdine. Oregon defeated Pep-

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Oregon basketball players Marcus Kent, Jay Anderson, Chris Christoffersen and Luke Jackson (left to right) celebrate after the Ducks were named a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Full house hears Nader in ballroom

Organizers of the environmental law conference said the weekend was all they'd hoped for, and more

By Leon Tovey

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The theme of the 2002 Public Interest Environmental Law Conference was "Global CPR: Conservation, Preservation, Restoration" — a theme summed up in Sunday's keynote address by Jeri Sundvall.

"We need to think about how we, as human beings, can contribute to healing this Earth, and not the degradation of this Earth," Sundvall, director of organizing for the Portland-based Environmental Justice Action Group, told the audience in the EMU Ballroom.

The four-day conference, now in its 20th year, brought together activists, attorneys, students and scientists from around the world for a series of workshops, discussions and keynote speeches.

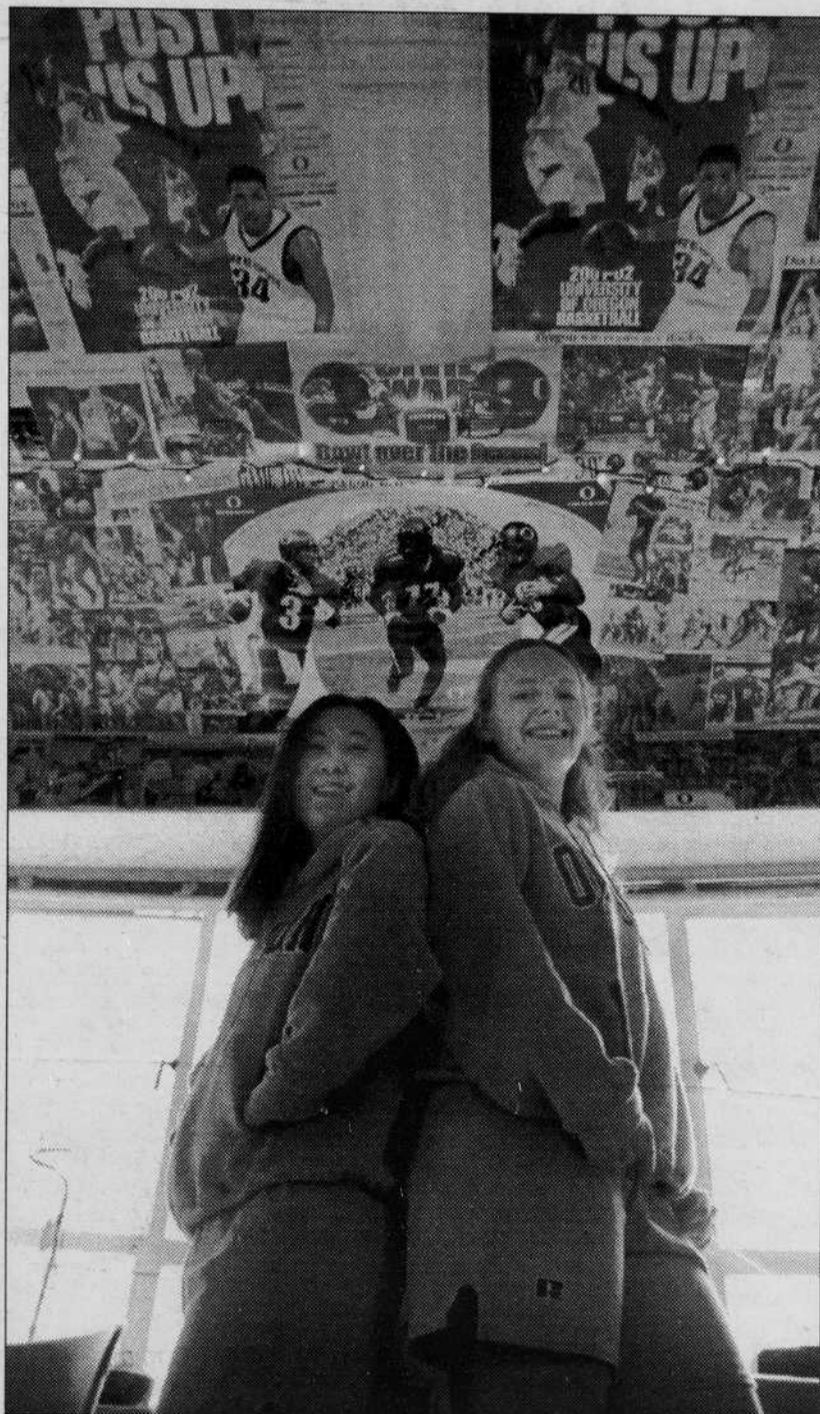
Sundvall also focused on the need to include poor and minority community members in the environmental movement.

"No one has made an investment in the human component in those communities," she said.

Sundvall was followed by Mexican ecologist Rudolfo Montiel Flores, a subsistence farmer who was imprisoned and tortured by Mexican authorities following his efforts to stop the Boise Cascade Corp. from logging in Guerrero, Mexico. After being held for two years on what many have claimed were false charges of growing marijuana, Flores was released by order of Mexican President Vicente Fox in November 2001.

Through sometimes halting translation, Flores told the audience about his

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Roommates Erin Toews (left) and Jaime Curtis decorated their room with a school spirit theme to win the "most harmonious" category in the annual Better Rooms and Gardens contest.

Better Rooms & Gardens

Judges awarded prizes to students with distinctive dorm decor and who showed that residence hall rooms don't have to be cookie cutter or full of clutter

By Robin Weber

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Martha Stewart, eat your heart out! University Housing residents from 20 residence hall rooms rivaled the household guru's interior design talents Friday as they showcased their creative flair in the third annual Better Rooms and Gardens room decor contest.

Entrants to the 2002 competition hailed from the Walton, Carson, Hamilton, Bean and H.P. Barnhart residence hall complexes.

Winners in the categories "best use of floor space," "most creative" and "most harmonious between two roommates" were each awarded gift certificates from local retailers including the University Bookstore; Face the Music; Bed, Bath & Beyond and Bath & Body Works.

This year's judging panel included Food Services director Tom Driscoll, Housing Conference Services manager Debbie Cadigan, University Housing assistant director of Public Affairs and Marketing Tenaya Meaux and public relations assistant for University Housing Jessica Ramey.

"I liked the ones that included the whole community and I thought would be fun to hang out in," Driscoll said.

Not only do roommates have to cooperate with each other and housing regulations for this contest, they also have to conquer the confines of a small living space. According to housing, most residence hall rooms provide a 10-by-16 square foot area, though the H.P. Barnhart (formerly University Inn) rooms boast a nearly 22-by-12 square foot room, plus a bathroom.

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