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Duck men, women advance in tournaments

■ All eyes are on the Oregon basketball teams to see if they can continue the victories

By Jeff Smith
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — One word best summed up the Oregon men's basketball team's feelings after surviving the do-or-die intensity of Saturday's game.

"Sweet," senior Anthony Lever said. "That was sweet."

The Ducks advanced to the prestigious Sweet 16 after beating Wake Forest, 92-87, at Arco Arena in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Oregon next plays Texas on Friday in Madison, Wis., for the right to play in the Elite Eight.

But No. 2 seed Oregon (25-8) first had to get past No. 7 seed Wake Forest (21-13) on Saturday,

and that proved to be no easy task. The Demon Deacons jumped out to an early 11-point lead and never relinquished the advantage until less than eight minutes remained in the game.

The Ducks then let their big-three perimeter players take control, much like they had done all game. Oregon's Luke Jackson, Luke Ridnour and Freddie Jones all came ready to play and scored 81 of the

Ducks' 92 points, which equates to 88 percent of the team's offensive output. Jackson led the way with 29, Ridnour had a career-high 28 and Jones added 24 points.

"We have a lot of confidence in each other," Jones said.

Oregon women advance to Elite Eight of WNIT

After splitting the season series, the Oregon women's basketball

team defeated Oregon State, 50-48, on Sunday at McArthur Court to advance to the third round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Cathrine Kraayeveld scored a layin with 4.4 seconds left to give the Ducks their margin of victory and set them up with Washington at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Seattle.

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Ancient stones



Photos by Jonathan House Emerald

The strategic game of Go originally developed in early Asian cultures nearly 4,000 years ago. Players take turns placing 'stones' one at a time on the board while they attempt to not only surround their opponent but also create open spaces surrounded by their own stones. The winner will have the most spaces by the end of the game.

Come Go with me

A new University course will allow students to learn about the ancient Asian board game Go

By Robin Weber
Oregon Daily Emerald

Members of the University's new Go Club engaged in friendly competition at Lawrence Hall on the evening of March 11 as they played the oldest board game in the world.

"Prepare to die," member James Acres warned his opponent.

Maybe the competition wasn't so friendly. However, the intense rivalry of this game has been encouraged since day one.

"It's a territorial contest in which each player is trying to surround more space than the other player," Go Club advisor Stephen Duff said. "Whoever surrounds more, wins," he said. For the first time in University history,

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Sean Kirby (left) and Matt Miller play Go during a Go Club meeting March 11. In addition to the club, the University is offering a Go class next term.

Students can tackle issues at meetings this week

■ EWEB has a rate hearing and Sprint appeals for a tower near campus housing on Tuesday, and LTD meets Wednesday about routes

By Brook Reinhard
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Utility rates may rise, bus routes may be cut, and a new 120-foot cell phone tower may be constructed a few feet from University housing. But local officials said students can help sway the outcome of these issues by taking a break from finals and attending meetings being held this week.

Eugene Water and Electric Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to discuss a 2.64 percent residential rate increase that EWEB may need to maintain a balanced budget.

EWEB spokesman Lance Robertson said the utility holds public hearings to get a sense of what its customers are thinking, and he encouraged students to attend the meeting.

"There's a high likelihood that the board will make a decision after this meeting," Robertson said.

Students unable to make the night meeting can attend a late afternoon city hearing on Sprint PCS' appeal for a 120-foot cell phone tower located just 23 feet north of University graduate housing. City Planner Kent Kullby said students are welcome to attend the 5 p.m. hearing, where Sprint hopes to challenge the city's denial of its cell tower plans.

"We had a lot of good public testimony against the project already," Kullby said. But "people should attend the public hearing so they know what's happening."

If Tuesday proves to be a busy day for students, they have a final chance to catch a meeting on Wednesday, when Lane Transit District will make a final decision on bus route cuts and schedule changes. The board is holding a 6:30 p.m. public hearing to find a way to make up a projected \$2.5 million budget deficit over the next two years.

The board is expected to cut the last

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