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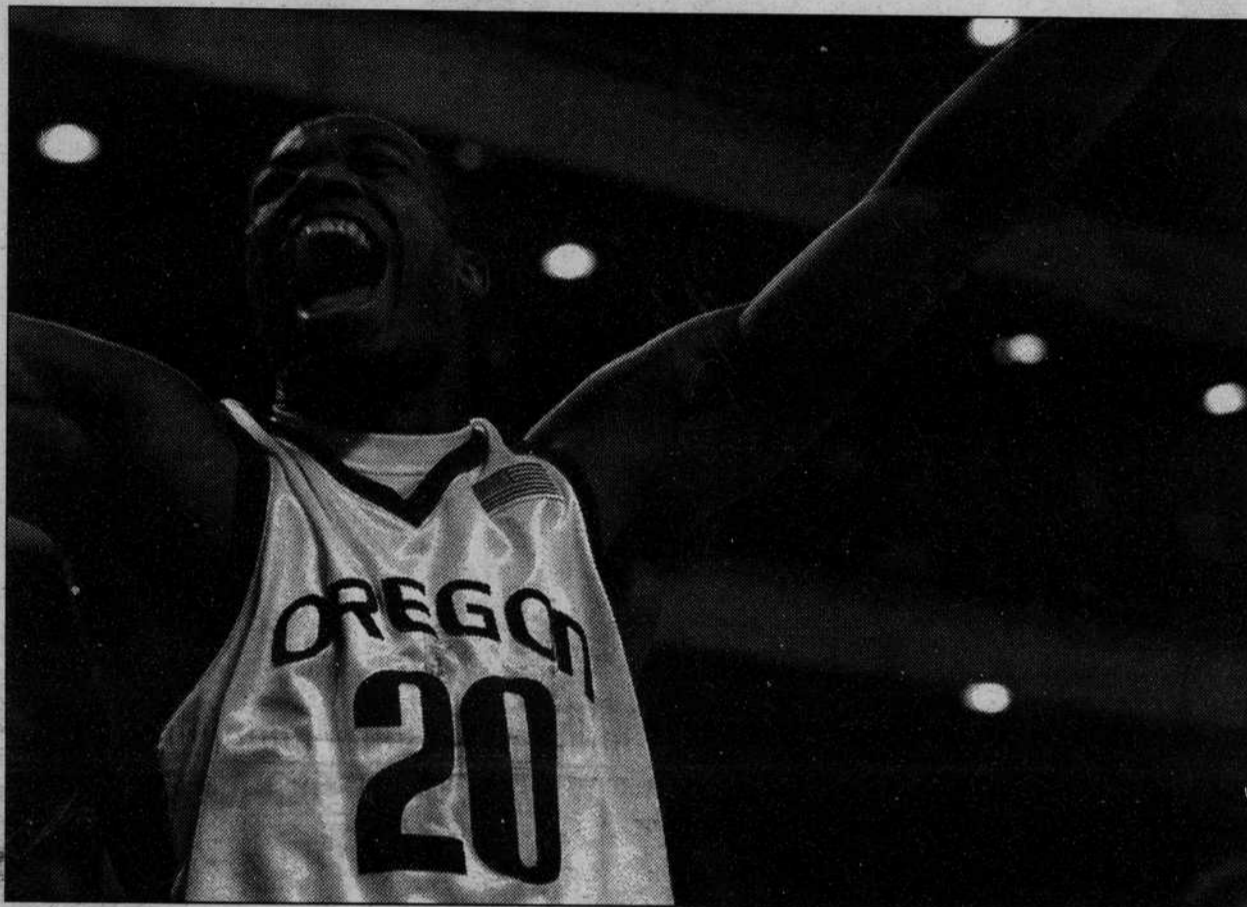
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Freddie Jones, seen here earlier this year, was selected by the Indiana Pacers as the 14th pick in Wednesday night's NBA Draft.

Off to the Pacers

Freddie Jones becomes the first Duck since 1991 to be selected in the first round of the NBA Draft

By Brad Schmidt
Oregon Daily Emerald

For one former Oregon star, dreams became reality Wednesday. But for another, the bubble was burst.

Standout guard Frederick Jones defied odds, doubters and a nagging shoulder injury to be chosen by the Indiana Pacers and become the 14th overall selection in the 2002 NBA Draft. His former teammate, Chris Christoffersen, wasn't so lucky.

The 7-2 center didn't hear his name called as one of the 57 players

selected, but former teammate Kristian Christensen said he thinks the Denmark native will play professionally in Europe next year.

Known best for his athleticism, Jones' early selection to the Indiana Pacers altered the middle of the first round, contradicting rumors that his stock had slipped over the past few weeks.

On Tuesday, ESPN.com's mock draft didn't even list Jones as a first round selection. On draft night, Jones became the first non-lottery pick.

Fortunate to go so early, Jones' future could have been even more beneficial had he been a lottery selection. Lottery picks sign financially

stronger contracts and, in many cases, see significant playing time.

Even Jones' former coach, Ernie Kent, didn't expect the shooting guard to get selected so early in the draft. Kent said he hoped Jones would go in the first round but added that he wasn't sure it would happen. Now Jones goes to Indiana with a guaranteed three-year contract and the possibility of backing-up guard Reggie Miller.

"If you're not a lottery pick, it's difficult to come in and make an immediate impact," Kent said.

But by just missing the lottery, one has to wonder what kind of on-court contributions Jones will

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Students oppose mandatory fines in city liquor law

Eugene City Council dropped the proposed clause in a liquor ordinance after hearing student concerns

By Jillian Daley
Oregon Daily Emerald

University students attended a June 10 Eugene City Council meeting and were instrumental in striking a proposed mandatory minimum clause in liquor ordinance revisions.

City Council members reassessed penalties for furnishing alcohol to minors and allowing minors to drink on one's property as part of updating municipal code.

The reassessment initially included both a mandatory minimum penalty and a mandatory maximum penalty for violations of these sections of the liquor ordinance. The minimum penalties for both violations was proposed at \$350. The maximum for furnishing alcohol to minors was increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000, and from 100 days to one year in jail, or both. The maximum penalty for allowing minors to drink on one's property was a \$1,000 fine, community service or both.

Councilors eventually passed the changes, but student testimony inspired the council to take out the mandatory minimum portion, according to City Council President David Kelly, who represents Ward 3, which includes the University.

"Frankly, the only speakers at the (June 10) meeting were students," Kelly said. "The students are what changed it."

The maximum penalties still exist, but judges are free to give lesser sentences because the mandatory minimum was removed.

"It's a revision to city code. It doesn't change much ... It still allows judges the same discretion they had before," Eugene Police Department spokeswoman Pam Alejandre said.

The Eugene City Council is calling a special meeting July 1 to discuss further revisions to the law, ASUO Community Outreach Coordinator Jesse Harding said. Revisions have been going on since May.

The ordinance has been "transformed three times now," Harding said.

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Pledge of allegiance banned in schools by 9th Circuit Court

By Howard Mintz
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN FRANCISCO (KRT) — Provoking a nation's patriotic fury, a San Francisco federal appeals court on Wednesday banned the pledge of allegiance from public schools in California and eight other Western states, saying one of the country's most treasured classroom rituals is unconstitutional because it includes the words "under God."

A divided panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that reciting the pledge in school amounts to the government's endorsement of religion, setting off a torrent of criticism from schoolhouses to the White House at a time when patriotism is on the rise and July 4th is around the corner.

President George W. Bush called the ruling "ridiculous." California Gov. Gray Davis labeled it a "sad day" for freedom. Senate Majority leader Tom Daschle derided it as "just nuts." And the Republican Party's national campaign committee urged every school board in the country to simply "ignore the decision."

With schools out for summer and the case still fresh on the books, the immediate impact of the ruling is likely to be minimal. But its reach could be enormous and would remain in force unless it is overturned.

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Senators draft new bill after budget plan dies

The Oregon Senate rejects the Republican-supported strategy to fix the state's budget hole

By Jan Montry
Oregon Daily Emerald

Looks like it's back to the drawing board for Oregon state senators.

The latest Republican budget plan was sent back to a new budget committee after it failed on a tie vote Tuesday, and the Senate Democratic leadership remains hopeful that a more balanced plan will result with less cuts to education and social programs.

"I'm confident that the next bill will

be bipartisan and will get the votes it needs," Democratic Leader Kate Brown said. Brown added that she hoped to see a delay in Measure 88 income tax breaks and the Federal Economic Stimulus Plan in the new proposal.

After a week of debate, the Senate voted 15-15 to reject a Republican "no new taxes" plan that would balance an \$860 million budget shortfall. The defeat came amid last week's failed House plan that included a cigarette tax and an addition of \$20 million in restored money to K-12 education.

The early morning tie resulted when Republican Sens. Lonn Hannon of

Ashland and Verne Duncan of Milwaukie sided with Democrats and Sen. Mae Yih, D-Albany, voted Republican.

Democratic Leader Kate Brown of Portland said it is "very clear" a majority of Oregonians don't support the Republican plan to cut \$21 million from higher education.

"I'm hopeful that at this point in time we've all had a reality check," she said.

The failed plan was drafted after Senate President Gene Derfler, R-Salem, appointed fiscal conservative Steve Harper of Klamath Falls to replace Hannon as committee chairman.

Shortly after the plan failed on

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