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## City to investigate alleged violations at Autzen

An anonymous source claims that sprinkler systems were not installed in accordance with building and fire codes

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University and city officials will meet today to determine an appropriate course of action in response to an anonymous letter received Friday alleging that numerous building code violations occurred during

the renovation of Autzen Stadium.

The meeting, which is scheduled for this afternoon, will be used to strategize an appropriate reaction to claims of improper sprinkler pipe installation and inappropriate craftsmanship.

If the source's claims prove true, the University "will correct any deficiencies that are in violation of code," Vice President for Administration Dan Williams said.

A team will eventually be sent to investigate the claims, but before the inspection, Eu-

gene Fire Marshal Mike Thrapp said he will also meet with the contractors.

"We want to give the contractors time to prepare for the inspection," he said.

If inspectors find that additional work is required, such changes likely would not delay the Aug. 31 reopening of Autzen Stadium.

Subcontractor Cosco Fire Protection allegedly installed a fire sprinkler system that is "defective and will not function," according to the anonymous source, who city officials believe is a disgruntled employee.

Cosco Fire Protection denied the allegations.

In an interview with the Emerald, the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that the magnitude of the problem is not yet known.

"Once (inspectors) are out at the site, I think they will be surprised at the violations," said the source, who provided the Emerald with blueprints marked to show the locations of improperly hung sprinkler pipes.

The source also denied being a disgruntled

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## Hungry for more

By Brad Schmidt  
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There's a big difference between confidence and arrogance.

The Ducks are confident.

Regardless of last year's 11-1 record and subsequent national attention, the Ducks know a difficult challenge awaits this season. Oregon's conviction, nonetheless, shows no signs of wavering.

"We have 'stay hungry' written on the wall," head coach Mike Bellotti said. "It's very important to keep this whole thing in perspective."

And with the season just weeks away, it appears the Ducks have a big appetite.

A national championship. An undefeated record. Personal goals.

They're all on Oregon's plate.

"We've had a better record every year, so this year, we might have a chance to improve it," receiver Jason Willis said, hinting at a no-loss season.

But he's not the only one. The Ducks — who open their season Aug. 31 at home against Mississippi State — know their gifted bunch of athletes could take them to the promised land.

"We have enough talent on this team to win every single game that we step out on the field," kicker Jared Siegel said.

Despite taking a big hit in the polls — Oregon is ranked No. 15 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll and No. 15 by the Associated Press — Bellotti believes teams will still be gunning for the Ducks.

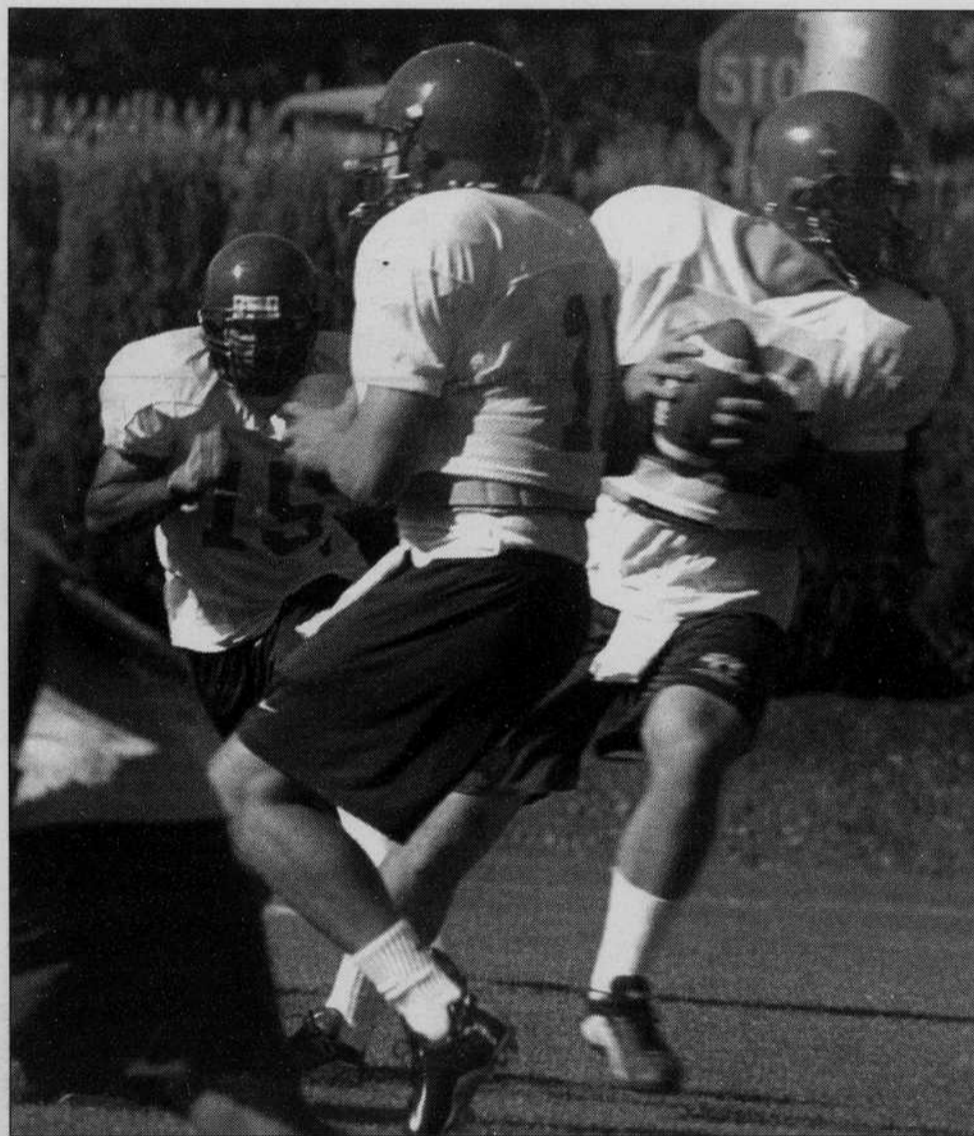
"I think our first couple games will tell us a lot about what kind of team we have and where we should be ranked," he said.

What kind of team? How about: good.

"The nice thing about our offensive balance is that, do you load up the line of scrimmage to stop Onterio Smith?" Bellotti said. "Do you double cover Keenan Howry or Samie Parker? And what about our tight ends?"

True, the quick-strike Ducks have talent at every position. But at wide out, Oregon may have its best-ever.

"I think that Keenan will do what Keenan



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Wide receiver Keenan Howry (No. 15) prepares for a passing drill during Oregon's first practice Saturday. Redshirt freshman Kellen Clemens, center, and redshirt junior Jason Fife, right, are both vying to become the Ducks' starting quarterback.

does," Bellotti said of his star receiver. "He'll make plays, he'll make great catches, he'll catch 50-plus passes a year and, barring injury, he'll end up the leading receiver all-time in Oregon history."

The major focus during fall practice, however, will be determining who will feed Smith the ball and throw passes to the talented receivers.

"Down deep I'm looking for one guy," Bellotti said of the quarterback position. "Early on, I would hope, that certainly both quarterbacks would get a chance to play meaningful time in order to evaluate them properly."

"But again, I say that as a hope — I don't guarantee it," he added.

While redshirt junior Jason Fife opened fall practice as the No. 1 quarterback, redshirt freshman Kellen Clemens hopes to give the elder a run for his money.

"I'm looking to compete for the job," Clemens said. "As far as what happens, I have no idea."

One position that needs no rivalry is tailback, where Oregon's strongest offensive weapon lies. Smith ran for more than 1,000 yards as a backup last year, including a 285-yard outburst against Washington State.

With his explosive moves and physical approach to the game, some are already placing the Duck amid the names of Heisman Trophy hopefuls.

"Basically," Smith said, "I'd like to lead the country in rushing."

A national championship appearance is also on Smith's to-do list. But in order for the Ducks to meet their lofty goals, Smith knows he may have to shoulder some of the initial burden.

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## Three local businesses get eviction notification

The stores' property owner says Alder Street Market, Les' Barber Shop and The Hair Tailors have until Aug. 31 to relocate

By Jillian Daley  
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Three local businesses will lose their leases and must vacate by Aug. 31 after being served a 30-day eviction notice.

Wheeler Properties, LLC, property owner of the businesses, has decided to buy out the establishments, and, as of yet, has not given a reason why.

The businesses, Alder Street Market, Les' Barber Shop and The Hair Tailors, are located in a row beginning at the corner of Alder Street and East 11th Avenue. The business owners said that they think the property owners are planning on demolishing the building because poor upkeep has led to a degradation of structure and appearance.

The business proprietors have been using the month's notice to find a new place to begin again.

"Everyone down here is highly upset," Les' Barber shop proprietor, Les Sellars, said. "It just wasn't ethical. Thirty days (notice) just is not right, particularly when people have been renting or leasing for so long."

Sellars has been at his current location for eight years, and is concerned about the effect the imposed move will have on his business.

"This is going to make a tremendous negative impact on our business on such short notice because most of our business is students, and most of them are gone for the summer," Sellars said.

Sellars has already found a new location. He will be moving from 790 East 11th Ave. to East 13th Avenue, next to Moderne Briggs Studios, which is on the corner of Oak Street and East 13th Avenue.

However, after the move, Sellars said he will not be able to open his new business until around mid-September.

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