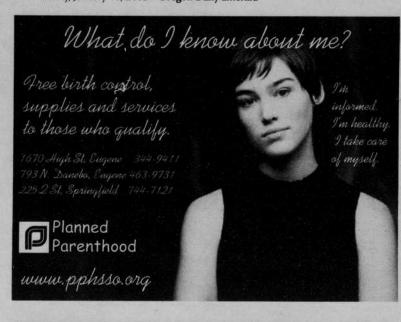
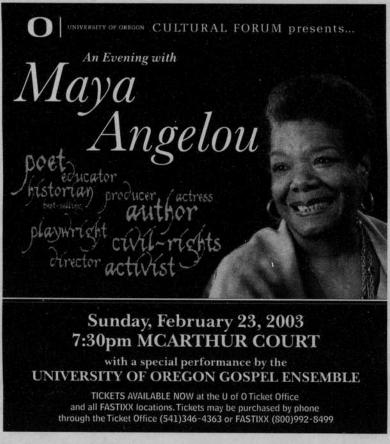
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"It felt exceptionally good," Crosswhite said. "I finally got some shots to go in."

After a 16-4 run midway through the first half, the Ducks led 25-12. But Jeb Ivey hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to pull the Vikings with seven, 40-33, at half-time.

And Portland State kept that momentum throughout the second half. The Vikings cut the lead to 46-44 when Seth Scott hit a lay-in and was fouled.

"They came after us, that's for sure," Ridnour said. "They came out with a lot of energy and we didn't match that."

But the Ducks were able to keep the Vikings within arm's length. Jay Anderson's rebound putback with 8:50 left gave Oregon a 58-46 lead, its largest of the second half. Scott hit a pair of free throws with 1:17 to

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Luke Ridnour point guard

play to pull the Viks within five, but the Ducks ate the clock in the final minute to secure the win.

"Players try to show us up," Jackson said. "They think they have something to prove against the bigger players on our team — it's kind of a personal thing. And that's hard to match, but we're learning. We feel good about this win. We played a little sloppy, but we can learn from this game."

"This team still has a long way to go to be where we need to be," Ridnour said. "The Pac-10's a whole 'nother level."

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ever Pac-10 Championship.

"We know our team can be great if we play defense," senior Krista Warren told the Daily Wildcat after a victory over Georgia in December.

Conference musings

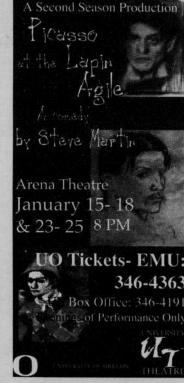
Three of the top seven scorers in the Pac-10 are freshmen. Arizona's Shawntinice Polk is third at 17.5 points per game, followed by Arizona State's Jill Noe (No. 6, 16 ppg) and Oregon's Carolyn Ganes (No. 7, 15.7 ppg) ...

Those same freshmen have accounted for four of the Pac-10's Player of the Week awards. Polk earned the distinction on Dec. 2 and Dec. 22, while Noe has on Dec. 16 and Jan. 6...

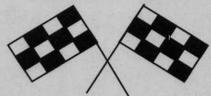
Since sophomore Kayla Burt suffered a career-ending and lifethreatening heart ailment on New Year's Eve, Washington has gone 3-1 in Pac-10 play. The team's only loss came against UCLA, 72-46, on Jan. 3 in the Huskies' first game since the tragic event.

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