

Price might be wrong

Craig Smith

The Seattle Times (KRT)

SEATTLE — The president of the University of Alabama will tell members of the board of regents on Saturday whether he is firing Mike Price as Crimson Tide football coach.

President Robert E. Witt met again on Thursday with Price and athletic director Mal Moore and then was scheduled to talk to chancellor Mack Portera.

"This review involves careers and lives, and it has been imperative that it be thorough," Witt said.

Witt said he wanted to meet with regents before the weekend, but there were too many scheduling conflicts.

Meanwhile, Alabama newspapers have been busy unearthing what Price, the former Washington State

coach, did in Pensacola to put his job in jeopardy.

The Birmingham News reported that while Price was in Pensacola, Fla., for a pro-am golf tournament April 16, he spent about \$200 on topless-bar dancer "Destiny" Stahl in drinks and private dances. She said she didn't leave the club with him. Price apparently left the club while she was still on duty and he later returned.

The Mobile Register said that while Price was playing golf the next day, a woman in Price's room charged more than \$1,000 in food and drinks to the coach's room. The woman ordered every item on the room service menu and asked that the food be boxed so she could leave with it. She wasn't allowed to take the order with her and Price

returned to the hotel and paid the bill, the newspaper said.

There are reports that the hotel contacted Price while he was on the golf course and told him what was occurring.

The woman hasn't been identified. Price is married and his two sons, Eric and Aaron, are on the Alabama coaching staff.

ESPN.com reported that Price spent Tuesday night this week telephoning coaches who are on the road recruiting and apologizing to them.

Price has agreed in principle to a seven-year, \$10 million contract at Alabama but hasn't signed it.

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Sports brief

Ellis earns Pac-10 honor

Fresh off a top-20 individual performance at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships, Oregon senior golfer John Ellis was named to the All Pac-10 First Team on Thursday.

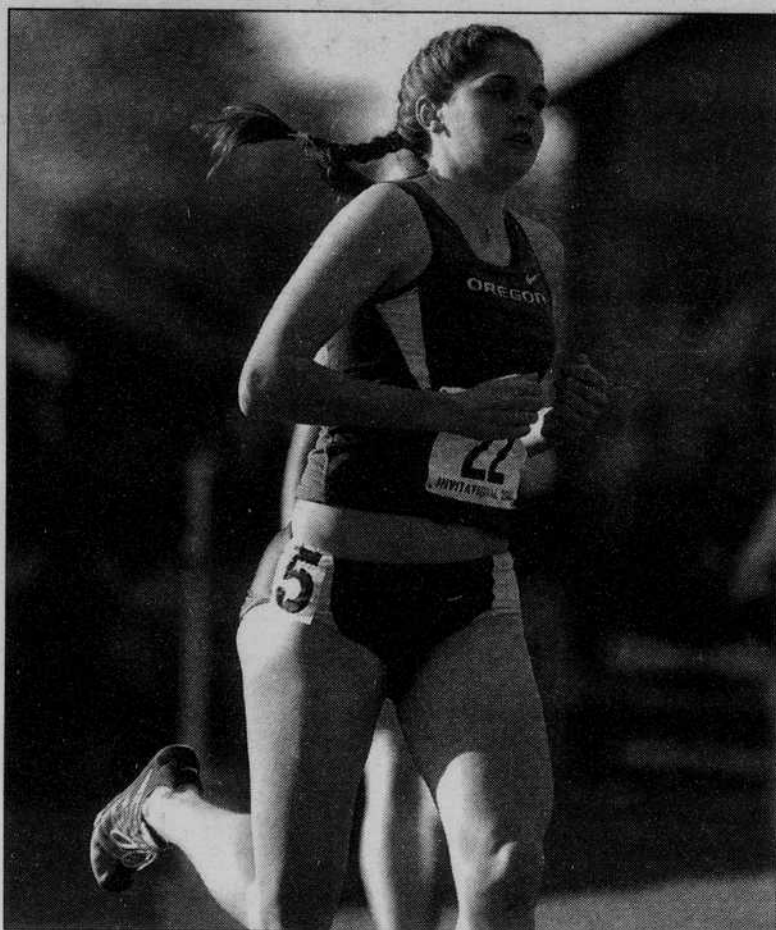
Ellis led the Ducks all season and finished with a team-best 71.4 stroke

average. He finished in the top 10 individually at five separate tournaments and tied for first place at one tournament, the Oregon Duck Invitational.

Ellis was the first Duck tabbed for the honor in three years.

Senior Chris Carnahan also garnered a Pac-10 honor. He was named to the All Pac-10 team as an honorable mention.

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Harmon will try and reach the regional qualifying standard (4:31.00) again this week as she is less than a second shy.

"This is a really good meet for Laura to get the mark," Heinonen said. If Harmon doesn't get the mark, Heinonen plans to take her to Stanford next week to try and qualify her for the 5,000 meters.

Oregon's pole vault arsenal will begin by praying for better weather after

last week's competition was won by redshirt senior Niki McEwen at 13-1.

"It really wasn't good weather and it's hard to compete in that," McEwen said. "I hope it doesn't rain. And it's my last home meet as a Duck, and of course, I'd like to jump well."

After the meet is over Saturday, more than 100 past athletes who were under Heinonen's tenure will come to honor him in the Bowerman Building.

Contact the sports reporter at jessethomas@dailyemerald.com.

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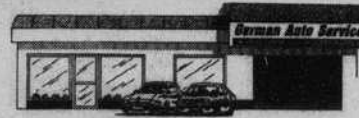
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