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Brandon Holliday takes the baton from Santiago Lorenzo Saturday in a heat of the 4x400 relay. The Ducks finished second overall.

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some endurance work," Kent said. "I knew I needed to be patient and be smart in my training, and it would come around eventually."

Parker's victory was also a landmark for the sprinter, and not just because of his speedy time of 10.25 seconds. Parker also beat the socks off two Washington State sprinters who taunted him and disrupted his concentration at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships, where he finished third behind the two WSU runners. Anthony Buchanon, the Cougar who won that Pac-10 race, didn't make the regional final, and Bennie Chatman finished third behind Parker and California-State Northridge's Rashad Allen.

"I said the same thing after Pac-10s; I wanted to go out and just take care of business and just worry about myself," Parker said.

After Kent's run, hurdler Brandon Holliday felt the need to complete Oregon's quad-fecta of sprinters in the NCAA Championships.

"Coach said at that point we only had three sprinters qualified," Holli-

day said. "So we needed a fourth so Samie could have a roommate at NCAA's, so I'm glad I could accommodate him."

Holliday did indeed accommodate Parker by taking fifth in the 400 hurdles final. He finished with a time, 50.79 seconds, that was almost a half-second better than his previous best from this season. In other hurdling action, freshman Eric Mitchum finished third in the 110 hurdles to qualify for NCAA's.

Scherer's performance in the 400 was the biggest surprise of the meet for the Ducks. Scherer, a freshman, was ranked 12th in the event heading into the weekend, but finished fourth in 46.59 seconds, a personal best by .28 of a second. The 4x400 relay team of Scherer, Kent, Holliday and freshman Travis Anderson also pulled the upset, shooting from ninth heading into the meet to second at the meet.

"They were again forced to run in the slow section (like Pac-10s) in what was ultimately a time trial by themselves — yet still advanced by running faster than almost every team in the fast section," Smith said.

In the distances, the Ducks were

led by Eric Logsdon's third-place finish in the 5,000 and Brett Holts' fifth-place finish in the steeplechase. On the field, Adam Kriz continued his budding hammer rivalry with Stanford's Nick Welihozkiy, who barely lost to Kriz at the Oregon Invitational and Pac-10 meets. Welihozkiy got the best of Kriz and took first Saturday, and Kriz finished second so they will meet again at NCAA's.

Also on the field, former NCAA Champion John Stiegeler, who has struggled to come back from a knee injury that kept him out last year, qualified for the NCAA's by finishing fourth at the regional meet with an eight-foot season best of 228 feet, 2 inches. Stiegeler's fellow thrower, Adam Jenkins, heaved a personal best of 222-4 but finished seventh.

Jenkins waits with Woods as Ducks who might have an outside chance to make the NCAA finale. The wild-card entry is based on season marks, and Jenkins' throw might just get him in.

The NCAA Championships are scheduled for June 11-14 in Sacramento, Calif.

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The conference already has an anti-expansion stance, as Oregon Athletic Director Bill Moos and Pac-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen have already been quoted by the Los Angeles Times as saying they are not in favor of expansion right now. But who's to say that doesn't change five years from now, or even next year

when the Big East or Conference USA is obliterated by other conferences' expansion efforts?

Speculation has it that this will soon be the case, even if conference members are opposed to adding more teams. But the aforementioned money discussion weighs heavily in collegiate athletics, cemented by Miami's possible move — the ACC needs more cash.

Just a case of getting too big for the britches? Maybe, but whatever the case, the Pac-10 needs to look at these conferences and remember what it has.

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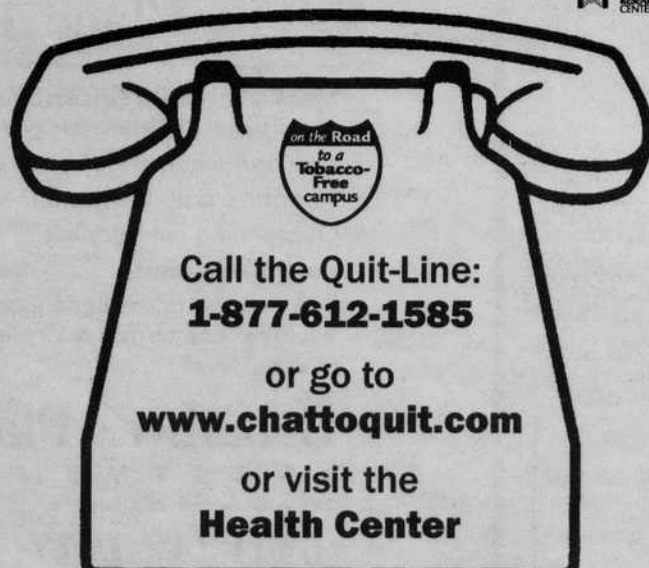
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