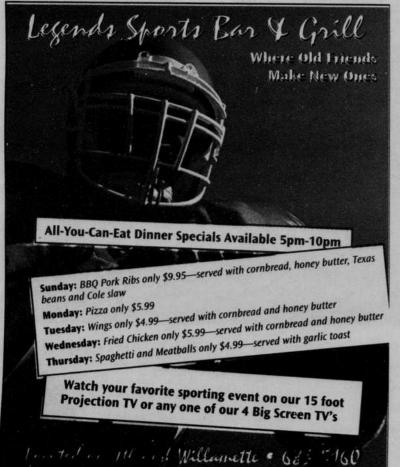
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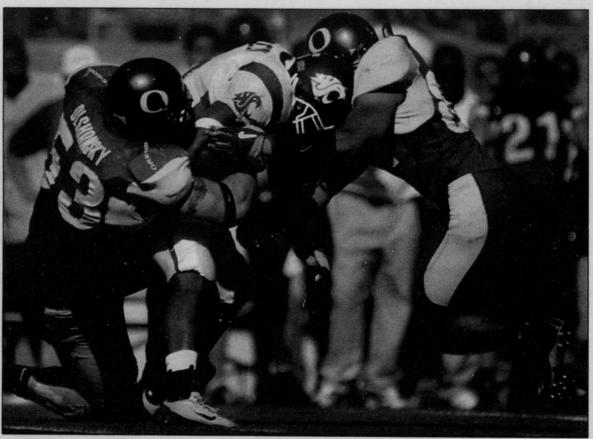
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Oregon's Igor Olshansky (53) and Anthony Trucks (far right) combined for 11 tackles against the Cougars on Sept. 27.

Oregon hits the class books, waits for Friday night lights

The Ducks and Utes play a rare Friday night game as both hope to keep just one blemish on their record

> By Mindi Rice Senior Sports Reporter

They've all done it dozens of times before this season.

Every player on the Oregon and Utah benches has played in one.

It's Friday night under the lights

— just like they played in high
school — only in a larger stadium
and on television.

"I like night games, so I'm excited about it," quarterback Kellen Clemens said. "But after kickoff, it's all the same." The Ducks travel to Salt Lake City

for a 7 p.m. game tonight at Utah's Rice-Eccles Stadium.

Memories of Friday nights on the

field have more sentimental value this week as the Ducks also hit the books for their first week of classes.

"I think a lot of kids have been ready for school to start," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said Monday. "This is the first day we've practiced when they've been in school, but I haven't seen anything different. There's a bounce in their step so I think they're all just excited."

"It's nice (to be back in classes) because there's some more people back in town now," Clemens said. "You get to see some people other than the football team."

Oregon (4-1 overall, 1-1 Pacific-10 Conference) has seen five opposing teams this season. For the most part, the Ducks have liked what they've seen, including a 31-27 win against then-No. 3 Michigan on Sept. 20.

Saturday, Oregon wasn't as lucky in a 55-16 thumping by Washington

State. The Ducks found their flaws against the Cougars after four weeks of seemingly sound play.

"Any time you lose, you want to make sure you understand why it happened, but you've got to move on," Bellotti said. "They're not going to cancel our season because of a loss. They certainly weren't going to cancel it when we beat Michigan."

No seasons will be canceled in college football, regardless of wins and losses. The Ducks, however, are looking to rework what went wrong in Saturday's loss to Washington State.

"We've still got a lot of work to do," Clemens said. "We know it. We got our butts kicked and we're back to the grindstone."

Clemens and his quarterback counterpart Jason Fife were intercepted seven times by the Cougars. Neither

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Utah sees past UO mistakes, braces itself for Friday fight

Utah enters with full force and is ready to match up position for position with the No. 19-ranked Ducks

> By Jesse Thomas Sports Reporter

Utah is well aware of the destruction that took place in Autzen Stadium on Saturday. The bomb that was Washington State forced Oregon to make every mistake seemingly possible.

Does that mean that the Utes (3-1) will have a relaxing Friday evening in Rice-Eccles Stadium?

Not in the mind of Utah safety Dave Revill.

"I think that they are even more

dangerous because they will have all week to work on what they did wrong," Revill told The Daily Utah Chronicle.

Revill was named the Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 29 for his part in Utah's 28-21 win over Colorado State two days earlier.

And like the Cougars, Utah has no trouble causing havoc on opponents. The Utes intercepted two passes over the weekend and forced the Rams to fumble the ball four times.

"When you force six turnovers and score on two of them, then you should win the game," Revill said. "If we do it again we should be able to win."

Beyond the mess of turnovers and interceptions, Utah has deeper feel-

ings about Friday's match up, especially for junior wide receiver Paris Warren, a former Duck in the 2001 season.

Warren sat out last year because of transfer rules, and since his return into the Utah lineup has averaged 81.7 receiving yards per game in 24 total catches.

And on the other side of the ball, cornerback Arnold Parker has his work cut out in dealing with wide receiver Demetrius Williams. The Oregon sophomore has accounted for 508 yards already and averages 18.8 yards per catch.

"This will be one of the defining points in Arnold's career," Utah head coach Urban Meyer told The Daily Utah Chronicle. "He works so hard,

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