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CONVOCATION

2003

Friday, October 24, 2003
Beall Concert Hall
2:30 PM Ceremony
4:00 PM Reception

Convocation serves as the ceremonial beginning to the academic year. It provides an opportunity for faculty and staff members, students, alumni, and members of the community to assemble together. On this occasion we focus on the University's rich academic heritage and celebrate our collective accomplishments.



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FOOTBALL

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Wildlife Safari) at five o'clock and six o'clock in the morning waiting on us."

The bus passed giraffes and lions before stopping at the elephant exhibit. Two of the four-ton animals did tricks in front of the players and fans.

"It was nice actually, coming from the inner city I never got to see wild animals like elephants and lions and giraffes," Phinisee said. "That was cool for me. And the big feast we had at the end."

Family matters

Junior Ramone Reed is in California with his family after his mother's death Oct. 13. Teammate David Martin joined Reed in the Bay Area, missing Monday's practice.

"Hopefully Ramone will be back tomorrow, that's the word from his teammates," Bellotti said Tuesday. "I'm more hopeful for Ramone's mental psyche, and I just hope he's ready and ready to get on with his life and that we can be a part of the healing process."

Taylor returns

Upon review of Taylor's injured left wrist, broken in the Ducks loss to Arizona State, plans for the junior have changed. Bellotti said a week ago that Taylor would be out for six weeks while he wears a cast.

"Kellen Taylor's out here (today)," Bellotti said at Tuesday's practice. "He'll be cleared to play special teams and defense."

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BASKETBALL

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to undertake this season.

Steve Lavin was fired after last year's 10-win debacle, and Howland — a Lebanon native — was brought in from Pittsburgh to help reestablish the Bruins.

"I've been at two other schools that were down and out (Northern Arizona and Pittsburgh), and I've built them both back up," Howland told the Daily Bruin last week. "I have a good background to rebuild the program. We have only one direction to

go — that's up."

Senior T.J. Cummings is expected to return to the lineup, while Howland has a more-than-capable point guard in Cedric Bozeman.

"I think we can be competitive," Howland said. "It was not a fun season to be a part of for these kids last year. They're all used to winning, so they're going to be willing to prepare and work hard."

The Bruins host Vermont on Nov. 29 at Pauley Pavilion in the first game of the 2003-04 UCLA season.

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THOMAS

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scorched Oregon for 882 passing yards in the past two games against the Ducks.

Go back to the Utah game when quarterback Alex Smith passed for a career best 340 yards in Oregon's second loss. Then there is the Washington State game, and, well, 55 Cougar points and seven Oregon interceptions later, you've got the start of the Duck drought.

Fast forward three weeks and you have an emotionally drained Oregon team. The questions still remain and the answers still can't be found. But the good news is that the Ducks are hungry.

They have been hungry for three weeks. Most don't see it, but they don't have to, because it's there. For the Ducks, it comes down to a lack of execution. And a lack of taking care of business.

During the past two months, Oregon has been a business that has struggled to keep up with its losses, including player after player going down to injury and an 114-30 margin of defeat in the past two Pac-10 games.

But when it all comes down to it, despite the loss of national fame and fortune, the team is still hungry to win. In a glance from the past, Ore-

gon didn't have much more than desire and hunger prior to the 2001 season. Before the national recognition and multi-million dollar facilities, Oregon was just a team that found a way to win more often than not.

The constant pursuit to win that lies in the heart of every athlete who has ever played in any sport was apparent Monday evening at football practice. The fire and desire to succeed has been dampened. Nobody would deny that, but that happened after three losses in a row.

But the fire still burns. It burns in the players' voices as they speak of their recent downfalls. It burns in their eyes as they know they're still the same team that defeated then-No. 3 Michigan in front of 59,000-plus at Autzen Stadium. It burns in the way they hit, the way they run, the way they bite and claw for the first down.

Saturday may be the last straw for the Ducks. A chance to get down to business and get back to the basics to defeat a Stanford team that is 0-3 in the conference thus far. If that fire and hunger is still there Saturday, Oregon will win and get back on the right track.

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