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Basketball:

Harlem Globetrotters vs. Syracuse
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Behind the dish

California bill cause for great concern

The California State Senate passed a bill earlier this year that could alter the way things are done in the Pacific-10 Conference and the NCAA.

Senate Bill 193, which passed the California Senate in May after being introduced in February, would affect the 47 schools located within the state's borders. If the bill passes the state assembly's Higher Education Committee — where it is currently stuck pending further discussion and amendments — those 47 schools would effectively be deemed ineligible for active status in the NCAA.

That's a truly scary thought and a possibility that should concern every supporter of the NCAA and of the Pac-10.

SB 193 was introduced by California Sens. Kevin Murray, D-Culver City and John Burton, D-San Francisco, and has been nicknamed the "Student Athlete Bill of Rights." It is aimed at resolving issues related to scholarships and stipends, health insurance and money earned from outside jobs, according to Murray's Web site. There are myriad details surrounding the proposed legislation, but the above points are the most key. But virtually all components of the bill would contradict regulations set forth by the NCAA.

In other words, the bill is a challenge to the NCAA and more than 1,200 schools nationwide that belong to the organization.

Imagine a Pac-10 without California, Stanford, UCLA and USC. Imagine an NCAA without San Diego State, Pepperdine, Fresno State and Cal State Fullerton. That's exactly what would happen if the bill gets passed by the Higher Education Committee. They've got until July to do so, and legislative session reopens in January.

The Pac-10 would be down to six teams — Washington, Washington State, Oregon, Oregon State, Arizona and Arizona State — and render it a shell of what it once was.

The bill is a direct hit to the NCAA, an attempt by Murray and Burton to change policy throughout the nation. They've admitted that as one of their main goals.

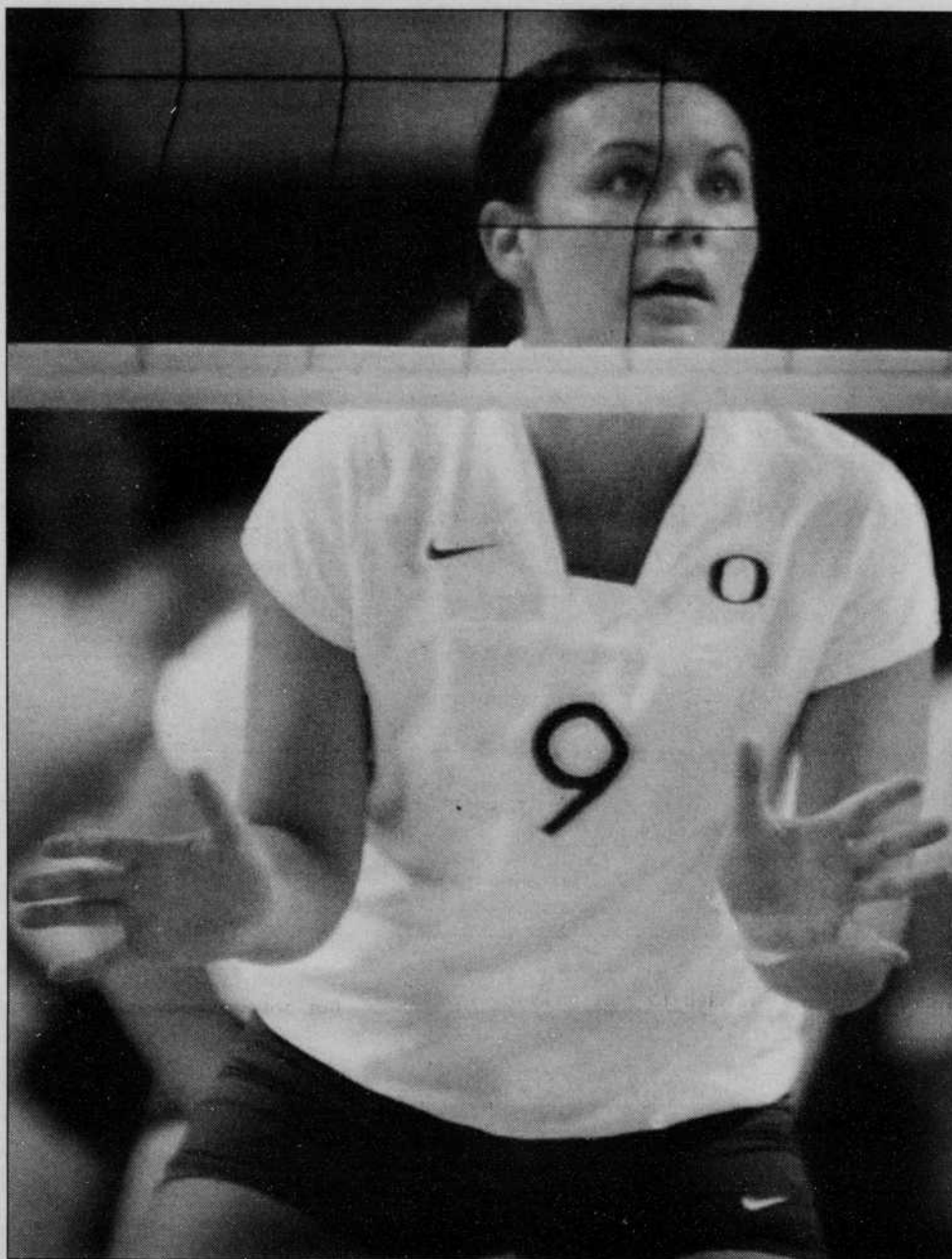
"I'm not sure that if there's not a UCLA, not a Stanford, not a Cal, that that \$40 million (in NCAA revenue) will be going to the NCAA either," Murray told the Contra Costa Times in late October. "Television networks) don't pay them that amount of money without California schools."

"Do we want to play chicken? No. But if the alternative is to do nothing because this behemoth institution doesn't want to change, then I think we should step up to the challenge."

Those are pretty strong words for a step that would alter the NCAA landscape for the worse. The Pac-10 would fail to continue to be a power player. Stanford — which has won nine straight National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Cups, awarded to the university with the

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Madison takes over after Bell's injury



Danielle Hickey Senior Photographer

Setter Jodi Bell tore the ACL in her right knee when Washington defeated Oregon on Saturday.

The Oregon setter tore her ACL against Washington on Saturday and will miss the remainder of the season

By Jon Roetman
Sports Reporter

The Oregon volleyball team lost more than just a pair of matches during last weekend's trip to Washington.

Sophomore setter Jodi Bell tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee during Saturday's loss to Washington. Bell jumped to attack the ball during the second game of the match and hit into a Husky block. She fell to the ground after landing awkwardly on her right leg while the ball was flying back at her.

Bell said the pain she felt subsided quickly.

"It was kind of like a burning pain at first," Bell said. "Then I tried to get up and walk, and I couldn't walk so they carried me off the floor. It didn't feel like anything was supporting my knee. It felt very unbalanced."

"Then, probably five minutes later, I thought I was OK because it didn't hurt at all"

Bell was soon informed of the bad news after having her knee examined.

Oregon athletic trainer Stephanie Brooks "and the (Washington) doctor told me I most likely tore my ACL," Bell said. "I just started balling."

Bell had an MRI done Monday and will be sidelined for the remainder of the season. Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira told the Emerald on Sunday that Bell will "definitely be ready for next season."

The loss of Bell and her 732 assists will be a big one for Oregon. Fortunately for the Ducks, they have a capable replacement who can step in.

Freshman setter Heather Madison will run the Oregon attack during the Ducks' final four matches. Madison, an All-American during her senior season at Gresham High School, has dished out 112 assists while seeing action in 56 of Oregon's 78 games this season.

"I think it's some adversity that we're going to have to deal with," freshman middle blocker Kristen Bitter said. "Jodi was an amazing asset to our team. We're going to miss her, but I feel confident in Maddie's abilities."

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No Ducks, but Pac-10 soccer well-represented

Five Pac-10 teams advance to the NCAA Tournament with UCLA leading the way as the No. 4 seed

By Jesse Thomas
Sports Reporter

The NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee made its selections for the 22nd Division I Women's Soccer Championship on Monday, and five Pacific-10 Conference teams made the cut.

UCLA, the No. 4 seed, leads the way among Pac-10 teams after finishing 16-1-3 overall and 8-0-1 in conference, winning the conference title outright. Arizona State, USC, Stanford and Washington also received bids.

The Bruins will host the first and second rounds of the tournament at Drake Stadium, beginning on Nov. 14 when UCLA faces San Diego (9-7-4) in the first round. Friday's other first-round matchup at Drake Stadium will include USC (9-7-4) facing off with Pepperdine (13-5-1).

It is the second year in a row that San Diego and USC ended up at UCLA for the first and second rounds. UCLA had the upper hand last year defeating USC, 1-0, in double-overtime in the second round.

This marks the sixth straight year that the Trojans advanced to the tournament. They finished at 5-3-1 in conference play to tie for third with Stanford. USC is led by freshman Rosa Anna Tantillo, who has seven goals and 16 points this season.

Arizona State finished in the runner-up confer-



Forward Lindsay Greco (18) will look to help No. 4 seed UCLA in Friday's first-round matchup with San Diego at Drake Stadium.
Mark McCambridge
Photographer

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ence spot this year and received its third bid in the past four years. The Sun Devils face Cal Poly (18-1-2) in the first round Friday at 3 p.m.

In 2002, Arizona State advanced to the second round after defeating Washington State. The Sun-

Devils hold a 2-2 all-time tournament record.

Stanford also makes its sixth-straight postseason appearance in the tournament. The Cardinal completed the 2003-04 season with a victory over Cal and finished 10-8-2 overall. Stanford finished in a tie for third in the conference.

The Cardinal will face No. 9-seeded Santa Clara in the first round Friday at Santa Clara's Buck Shaw Stadium at 7:30 p.m. Stanford is led by All-American goalkeeper Nicole Barnhart, who ended the regular season with seven shutouts, and senior co-captain Allyson Marquand, who has 10 goals.

Washington (11-6-3) finished fifth in the

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