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## Undercover officers bust weekend party

Eugene Police officials say using undercover officers will help prevent out-of-control parties from turning into riots

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Undercover police officers are being used by the Eugene Police Department for the first time to covertly investigate parties where underage drinking or alcohol sales are suspected. Police also may also use undercover officers at locations where kegs are registered or at

parties that receive complaints. A large party Saturday served as the first test of the new policy. Undercover EPD officers disguised as civilians infiltrated the party, which was at 1591 Mill St., at about 11:30 p.m. "We've never used undercover cops at parties in the past," EPD Sgt. Terry Fitzpatrick said. "We'll use it again when appropriate." The idea of using undercover officers to enter parties is part of EPD's plan to "pro-actively" prevent riots, he said, adding that using undercover officers in those situations is perfectly legal. "These are the parties that cause

riots," he said. "The whole idea is to try to prevent riots." The undercover officers were given marked money to purchase alcohol at the party. After the purchases, the officers immediately called Fitzpatrick, who arrived at the party with other officers. The person at the front door let them in and they proceeded to investigate. EPD cited 17 minors for intoxication, seized two kegs and confiscated between \$65 and \$75 in alleged beer sales. They also cited five people who live at that address, including four University students, for

furnishing alcohol to minors and illegal alcohol sales. The officers at the scene also called the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to investigate. OLCC Investigator Mark Jaehnig said OLCC seized band equipment, including drums and speakers, and a laptop. His preliminary estimation is the items are valued between about \$13,000 and \$15,000. Jaehnig said the band equipment and laptop were "alcohol related." But student Jeremy Hill said alcohol was not being sold at the party. "There was no money involved in

any of it. They weren't selling cups; they weren't selling alcohol at all," Hill said. "I found that really confusing because there were no sales. No money was involved at all throughout that party." He added that the hosts of the party, including himself, were checking identification. Being a minor, he wasn't able to drink, and he said he passed a sobriety test police gave him. "When there's a lot of people and only one person carding, it's hard to keep everything under control," he

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## Wildcats fend off Oregon's charge

The Ducks got close late, but couldn't pull off an upset of No. 14 Arizona on Thursday

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Through all the bustle and all the commotion, it's hard to remember Thursday's game was a Pacific-10 Conference regular season contest.

But it was, and a game the Ducks desperately needed to win to remain alive in the hunt for the NCAA Tournament.

Fourteenth-ranked Arizona came with guns ablazin' and defeated Oregon, 100-87, in front of a sold-out 9,087 at McArthur Court.

"You have to give Arizona credit," Oregon forward Luke Jackson said. "They are a dangerous offensive team. Every guy has a weapon."

Those weapons gave the Ducks fits. Salim Stoudamire finished with a career-high 37 points and Hassan Adams had 26. Combined, the duo made seven three-pointers and connected on 19 of 30 shots attempted from the floor.

That overshadowed an incredible offensive night from Jackson, who posted 27 points in the second half for a career-high 42. He had 10 rebounds to go with the 42 and was 6 of 9 from beyond the three-point line.

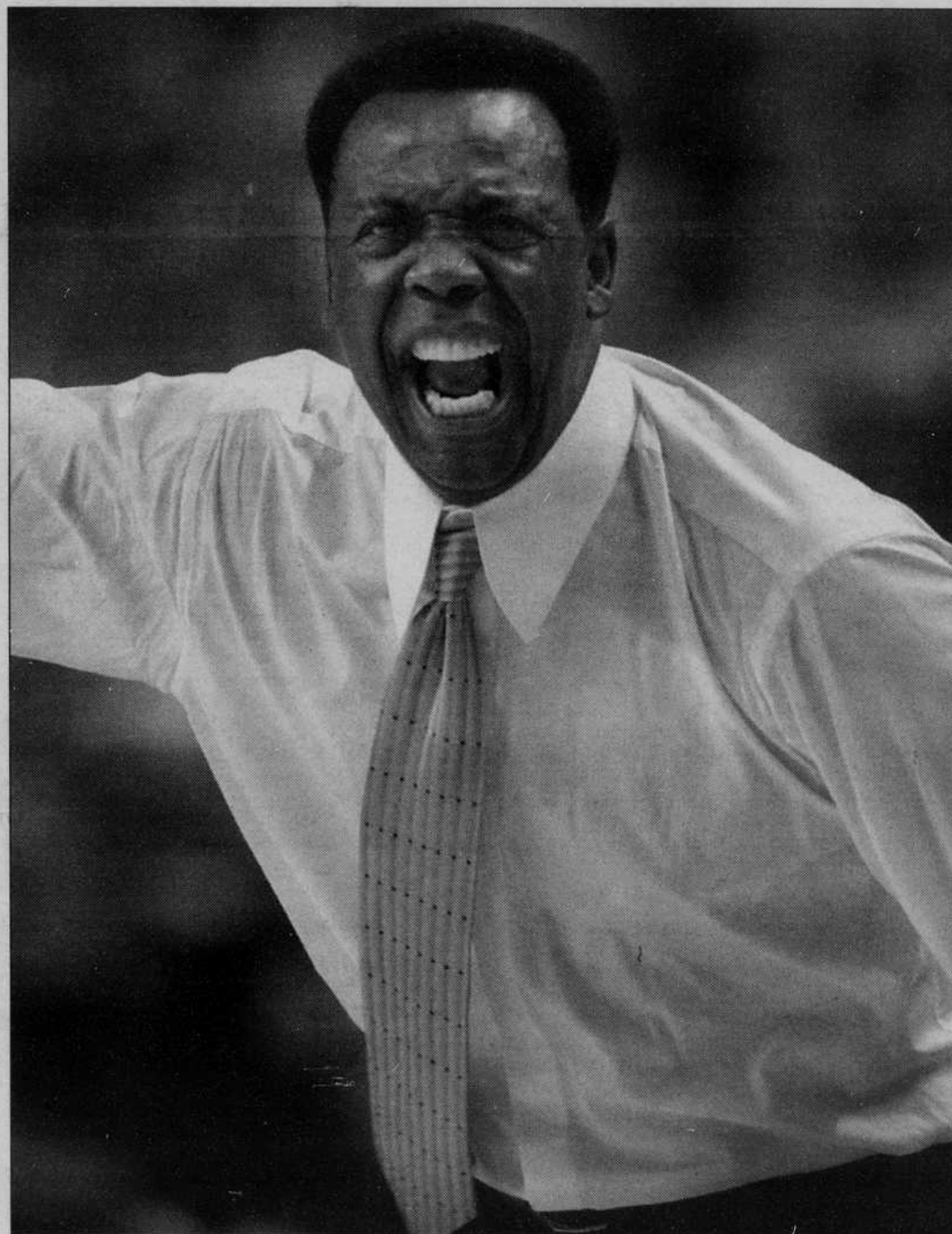
"I did not want to lose this game without the ball in my hands," he said. "I only have so many games left here. I want the ball in my hands in situations like that."

The emotion of the game got to the coaches and benches of both teams. Oregon head coach Ernie Kent was slapped with a technical in the first half, and Arizona head coach Lute Olson was charged with one midway through the second.

That's when things began to boil over. Olson had been arguing a foul call on Adams and was charged in the technical. In a mini melee, Olson began moving to the center of the court and even got close to Kent.

Jackson, who had been fouled on the play, sank all four free throws awarded to him.

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Adam Amato Senior Photographer

In the first half, Oregon head coach Ernie Kent earned the second technical foul of his coaching career.

## Professor justifies education program

Professor Rennard Strickland says the University's Sapsik'walá program does not violate the U.S. Constitution

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Supporters of the College of Education's Sapsik'walá (Teacher) Education Program say recent accusations that the program is unconstitutional are unfounded.

The Mountain States Legal Foundation, a public interest legal center, sent a press release on Feb. 11 to University General Counsel Melinda Grier, which stated the program "violates both the U.S. Constitution and the Civil Rights Act of 1964" because the program limits financial assistance on the basis of race.

But law Professor Rennard Strickland, who specializes in American Indian law, said the allegations are false.

"It's just an ill-founded assertion," he said. "It rises almost to the point of suggesting that the people who have suggested it have never read any law related to Indians."

The program, which is part of the University Native American Initiative, is intended to prepare American Indian students to teach at schools that serve American Indian youth, according to the College of Education Web site. Students who are accepted into the master's program must meet federal stipulations defining American Indians.

Sapsik'walá Program Director Pat Rounds said 16 students are currently enrolled in the program, which began

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