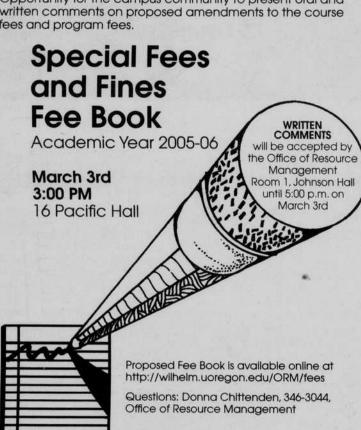


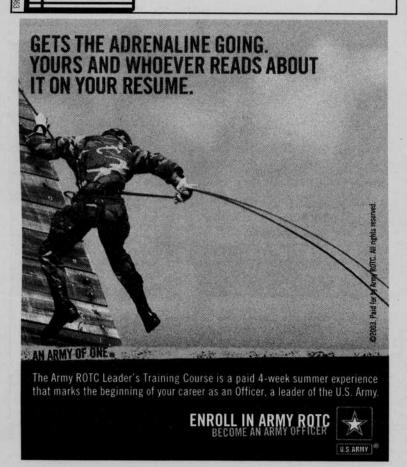
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Cheer: Team creates first-place routine

developing a routine on their own, forgoing the usual route of hiring a professional choreographer.

"We were able to focus on what we were good at," senior squad member Haley Harris said.

The team concentrated on football and basketball routines for most of the fall but were finally able to work on the national contest's performance starting in January.

"We tried to make our routine a little flashier, a little more creative," Cotton said. "It had a really interesting flair to it."

The Ducks began practicing their contest routine at 7 a.m. workouts that left many members "black and blue."

Oregon cheerleaders fought through sprained ankles, black eyes and the occasional concussion. Kelsi Metzler competed following anterior cruciate ligament surgery and Richard Cunningham battled on with a torn meniscus.

"When we're bleeding, I don't want to cover it up. I want to walk up to the (Casanova) Center and be like, 'Look, I get jacked up too. I don't wear pads," Cotton said half-jokingly.

During these early-morning sessions, the Ducks became a well- oiled machine. Besides honing aerial techniques and perfecting tumbling moves, the Ducks cemented a trust that became unbreakable.

"We wouldn't do any of the things we do now if we didn't have full confidence in the people around us," Fryback said. "That carries over into the routine ... I can look around and know they're going do their absolute best."

Cotton, who said he took cortisone shots to compete in the main event, competed through his pain because of those bonds.

"If it weren't for these people, I wouldn't have done it," he said.

Fly fishing: Scenic vistas add to river's charm

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going to be on the water," he said, adding that going with a more experienced fisherman is often the best option for newcomers.

His advice is especially useful at the Metolius, where the level of difficulty is fairly high. The winter trout tend to lie down and aren't as active in the water, creating a challenge for many anglers.

"It can be a tough river to fish. It's not a beginning river, although it is very wadeable in spots," said Peter Cadigan, who works at The Caddis Fly Angling Shop. "I think the fish can be pretty selective."

Because the river isn't stocked, the native fish are often hard to fool.

Still, the possibility for catching a nice-sized trout is feasible; Brent-Fulps caught a 16 to 17-inch fish.

The river has different kinds of trout, ranging from rainbow trout, which can vary in size from about eight to 20 inches, to the bull trout. The rainbow trout can vary in size and the bull trout are a bit larger at 12 to 30 inches.

To get outfitted for a trip to the Metolius, students lacking gear can head to a local fly shop. Purchasing gear for fly fishing can easily deplete a paycheck, but shops like The Caddis Fly Angler Shop on 168 W. Sixth Ave. rent out gear packages for a day or weekend of fishing. Students can get waders, a rod, a reel and line for \$30 a day or \$50 for an entire weekend.

Another essential piece of gear is the fly itself. While students can tie their own with a bit of help, Brent-Fulps

said it is easier and cheaper to purchase them from a shop. For trout fishing on the Metolius, the preferred fly for February is the Blue-Winged Olive fly; as May approaches the Little Yellow May fly will be a good option.

Students will also need fishing permits, which go for about \$25, and to check fishing regulations for the river to see if it is catch and release.

"I would definitely stress that catch and release is the best way to fish," said Brent-Fulps.

In "A River Runs Through It," Brad Pitt's character said he'd never leave Montana. Perhaps if he had been to the Metolius River with its picturesque scenery and challenging fly fishing he would have changed his mind.

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Smith: New signees have home-run inclinations

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40 homers a year is a good thing.

And I have to say this: There is no curse that hampers Seattle's ability to hit home runs at Safeco Field. Supposedly Safeco Field gave up the most home runs to visiting teams last year. If everyone else is hitting home runs, why can't the Mariners?

The additions of Beltre and Sexson should also be a big help for Bret Boone. Last year, Boone was expected to be the big bat of the lineup, and he struggled because of it. This year,

with Beltre, Sexson and Bucky Jacobsen all hitting around him, Boone should be able to return to his 37homer, 141-RBI form of 2001.

The only thing that is still in question for the Mariners is their pitching. Last year, the starters struggled, the middle relief struggled and the bullpen struggled. Not a good thing when you rely on pitching to keep you in a game.

With Eddie Guardado, Joel Pineiro and Rafael Soriano all returning from injury, the Mariners should be able to put together a consistent starting and

bullpen staff. If Gil Meche and Bobby Madritsch can perform, the Mariners should be able to get back to their winning ways

Or they could not.

One of the best (and worst) things is that no one has any idea what is going to happen in April.

I don't see a 63-99 season next season. That was an anomaly.

This season, 99-63 is a bit more

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