

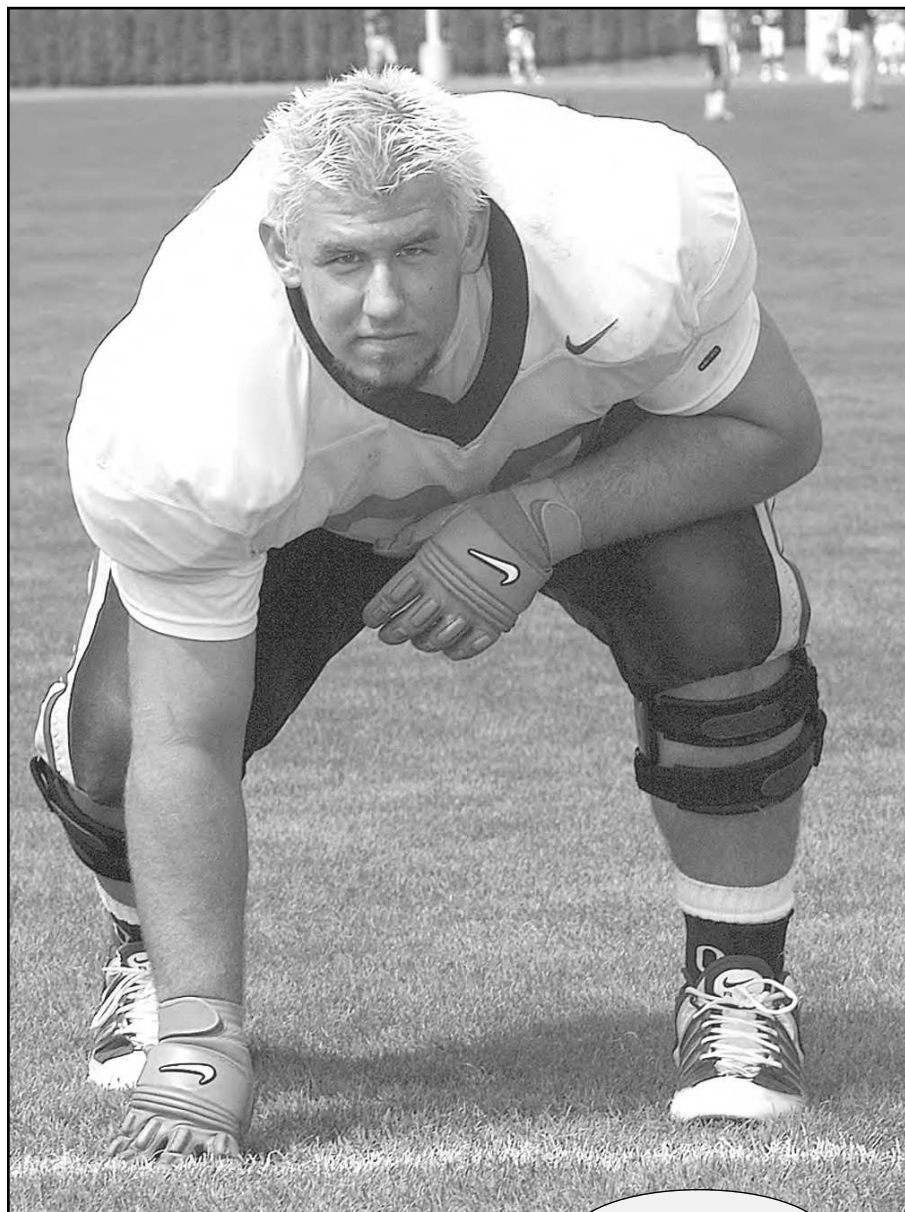
them and I just really enjoy this group tremendously. Sometime things just come together and this group with the two senior and five juniors just have blended together very nicely. They complement each other very well. They're fun to be around. They're an absolute crack-up to be in meetings with and other places. They're just fun, fun young men. Potentially they are the best offensive line I've had. The proof is in the pudding and how they perform on Saturdays. Are they right now? Not yet."

Igor Olshansky, who has to play against the offensive line: "I think they're a great group who play very well together. They're well-coached. Players like Joey Forster, Nick Steitz, Dan Weaver, and Adam Snyder, are definitely top-caliber, as good as I ever go against." Coach Zoomer has high praises for Joey Forster who played without an anterior cruciate for a whole season and had the leg strength to do it." That's a special person and he deserves all the recognition he can get.

More About the Defensive Line:
Coach Greatwood on his D-line

Junior Siavii, a junior college transfer in his second year had this to say about himself and the D-line: "I've been waiting for this year to come. I'll be ready, more ready than last year because I was dying last year fall camp. I've been dying to play for the next level. I've been waiting for that opportunity to come. The line is going to be ready! I'll be ready. This whole summer we've been working out with the D-line, our coach had been giving us new drills that we can work on bending our knees and all that stuff. Coach Radcliffe gave us some new drills. We have a bond. We've been hanging out together, watching movies, and getting to know each other better. Our D-line is like a family and we trust each other. So, I think it's going to put more impact on our D-line."

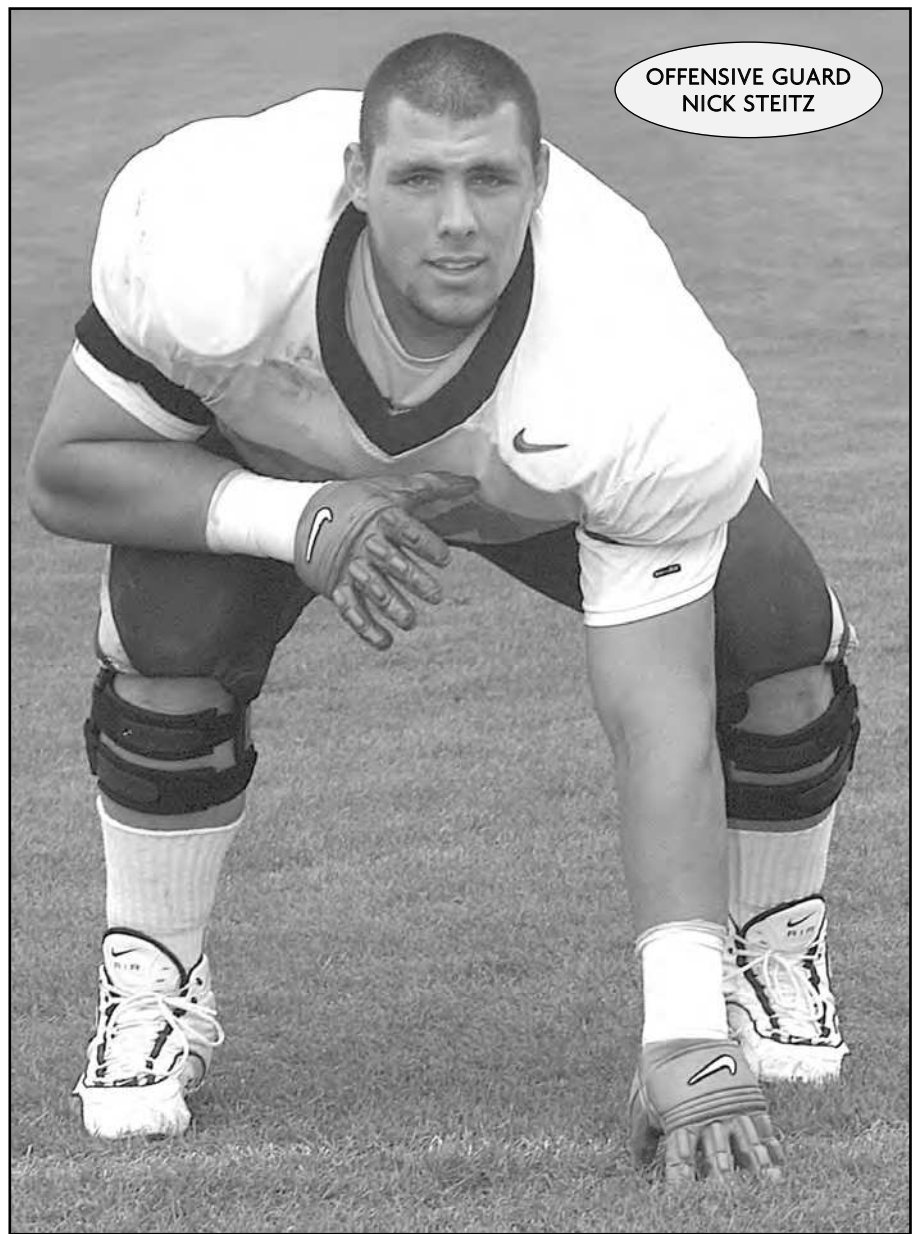
Igor Olshansky had more to say about the bond between the lineman. "We're so close right now you're playing with your friends, it's so much different. There's different levels of friendship but we're really, really close friends.



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going into the first game: "I'm excited and nervous. A lot has been said but it's still a relatively untested group. So, I think we have a lot of ability I just hope they show that. I'm confident they will. Right now we have eight guys who can go in there and go and when Quinn Dorsey get back that will be 9. It's all going to come down to who can make plays. He said they've been working real hard on the pass rush and keeping the quarterback in the pocket.

We know each other's secrets. We hang out. I'm friends with Jason Fife for example but he and I don't really hang out. It'd be different if he played next to me. It doesn't take away from Jason Fife's friendship, it's just a little different. If you hang out you have that comradarie and intensifies the competitive nature, you're playing for the coaches and



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friends and everything.

Sophomore Haloti Ngata who was selected to the first team All-American freshmen team has gained 20 pounds as he and Igor have competed in the weight room. Even though he now weighs 337, the conditioning coach said that his shuttle time has stayed the same. That's not good news for opponents. "I'm way more comfortable coming into this season. I'm knowing what to expect now from fall camp and other teams and I'm not nervous like I was last year," Haloti explained.

Joey Forster on the Oregon defensive line: "They're incredible. In the 5 years Forster has been at Oregon he rates this years D-line above any opponent he has ever faced. He said you don't see a whole unit that big and that good.

In talking with players on both sides of the line they all share a common goal of getting the bad taste of last year out of their mouths Senior center Dan Weaver from Redmond summed it up: "We want to have the best season possible like 2001. Go to the best bowl game we can and show that we match up with other real good teams." O





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