

Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor



Oh! How about them Ducks!
Oregon 62, UCLA 51—the scoreboard told the story while the fans rejoiced. It was pure bedlam in Eugene as Coach Don Monson was victorious in his first try against the weighty Bruins. I'm sure most new coaches entering the PAC-10 conference are aware of the UCLA tradition and are eager to get a chance at the legend. Most dream of putting together a program that will achieve this goal some two to three years down the road. Dick Harter made no bones about it. "I'm here to see if we can't build a program to challenge UCLA," Harter proclaimed on his arrival in Eugene. Dick brought in mostly East Coast players and a few from the Midwest. It wasn't until Ronnie Lee was a sophomore and Greg Ballard a freshman that Oregon was able to upset the Bruins. Harter was by then into his third year.

coaches inherited players from their predecessors that were perceived losers and made winners of them. Some will argue that it's too early to project the Oregon Ducks as winners when they're only four games (3-1) into the PAC-10 schedule. My answer is that Monson has instilled the winning attitude into his team already. If not this team would not have beaten UCLA last Saturday. After going seven points down (20-13) in the first half they (Ducks) could have folded. Only Monson would not allow it. He showed them that he would not allow malingering by replacing the starting five en masse. Not only has Monson instilled the winning attitude, he also has shown the basketball world that he knows how to coach. His second half pressure defense made the Bruins look like a high school team. You could see the frustration on the UCLA's faces.

Don Monson is doing in Eugene what he's done everywhere he's been... and that's to win.
If you don't believe that a coach can make much difference to a program just ask the people in Seattle, and then look at Eugene. Don Monson is doing for Oregon what Chuck Knox did for the Seahawks. Both

qualify them as a good team on paper. But remember the Ducks opted for a tough pre-season schedule. They had tough road losses to Minnesota of the Big 10 and BYU. Missing on the pre-season schedule of a year ago was UC - San Diego, UC - Irvine, Richmond, Rutgers, St. Olaf and San Diego State. It is easily conceivable that the Ducks could have gone into the Fred Meyer Far West Classic with a 6-0 record had they chose the easy way out. By playing the Minnesota's BYU's and Widuta State's, Coach Monson has gained respect, something his program badly needed. He sacrificed some early non-conference wins that will surely enable him to pick up some valuable conference wins down the stretch. A program that can defeat USC by 31 points, then beat the 6th-ranked Bruins by 11 on successive outings, is certainly no fluke. In Eugene a new day is coming.

But the show does not begin there. something called Super Week began last Saturday and pure chaos is the order of the day. Over 1800 media people converged on this sleepy little Florida bay town and NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle threw a white tie bash for them that will be hard to top. Only the elite of the U.S.A. were invited to break bread with such stars as Burt Reynolds, Frank Sinatra and the like. You think the NFL isn't big business? Well, the Raiders flew in from the West Coast in a DC-10. The NFL is footing the bill for 80 first class round-trip seats. The NFL pays for 80 championship rings at \$2,500 each, also pays for 80 awards for the runners-up at \$1,200 each. The winning team gets a cool \$1,248,000 bucks, and, baby, those are some staggering figures. And, then, the losing team will split \$924,000. Yes, this Super Bowl is quite an affair.

The events surrounding the game are so big that they almost dwarf the game itself. Who cares about the outcome on Sunday, for there will certainly be no losers. No matter what the final score is on Sunday, both the Redskins and the Raiders will leave as winners.

The Game:

The media has propelled the NFL Super Bowl into another orbit. This Sunday in Tampa Bay the Washington Redskins will meet the Los Angeles Raiders in Super Bowl XVIII.



Washington Hot Line

by Congressman Ron Wyden

In the last six months, our nation's public school system has been assailed by report after report. The reports have served to focus the attention of the public and legislators at the local, state and national levels on the question of "how do we improve our schools?"

made up of educational leaders from around the country as well as three other Congressmen, agreed that merit pay and teacher pay in general were local issues, it did come up with some modest actions the federal government can take to attract the best and brightest into the teaching profession and to provide them with the kind of recognition necessary to keep them there.

In Congress, we have concentrated on defining the federal government's role, if any, in ensuring educational excellence. I served on a House task force which investigated the idea of merit pay and other ideas that have been forwarded to improve our educational system.

To that end, I and the other three Congressional members of the task force, Paul Simon (D-Ill), William Goodling (R-Pa) and Thomas Coleman (R-Mo) have joined in introducing the Talented Teachers Scholarship Program of 1983.

The idea is really rather simple: If you want to improve the quality of teachers in the school system, you offer incentives for the best students to go into the teaching profession. Our legislation would provide 10,000 scholarships of \$5,000 a year to high school students graduating in the top 10 percent of their class. In return, the students would make a commitment to teach in a secondary or elementary school for five years.

viding annual fellowship awards to two teachers in each congressional district. The awards would allow the teachers to take a sabbatical and pursue opportunities for professional growth.

The second part of the equation, keeping talented teachers in the system, would be addressed by pro-

The Talented Teachers' Act is just a small piece of the puzzle; a modest effort the federal government can make toward revitalizing our schools. But I believe it is a good first step and one that will allow parents, teachers, PTAs and local school board officials to move ahead with the rest of the agenda of reforming our educational system.



Alan Peyton, MHRC's first director; Dr. Francis Storrs, recipient of a special award; Dr. Lee Brown, keynote speaker; and Fred Rosenbaum, recipient of the 1983 Peyton Award, following the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission's award banquet. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Community Calendar

"How to publish inexpensively," workshop offered by the Black Women's Network, Saturday, Jan. 28th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the P.O.I.C. office, 5329 N.E. Union Avenue. To register, call 287-1271; class size will be limited.

Labor: The Black Work Experience. Films: *Miles of Smiles—Years of Struggle* and *Where Did You Get That Woman*, 8 p.m., Wed., Jan. 25th, NW Film Study Center, 1219 S.W. Park Ave., 221-1156. \$3/\$2 children. *Miles of Smiles* traces the 100-year history of the Black Pullman Porters. *Where Did You Get That Woman?* is a portrait of an aging Chicago washroom attendant; a highlight of the film is a particularly strong Chicago blues soundtrack.

Eyewitness to Grenada: Just returned after living two years in Grenada, Don Foster, a Black American radio-journalist, will give an eyewitness account on Thursday, January 26, 7:30 p.m. at the King Neighborhood Facility, N.E. 7th and Alberta.

Musical Pancakes, second annual pancake breakfast, 9 til noon, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3588 S.E. Division, (PACT Sr. Center). Benefit for the National Lawyers Guild; music provided by local, talented friends. 234-8138 for more information.

Laubach tutor-training workshop, Jan. 21st, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sponsored by Oregon Literacy, Inc., for persons interested in learning to be a volunteer tutor to teach American non-reading adults to read and write using the Laubach method. Call 232-9116 for more information.

"Public Contracting for Small Businesses" PCC class held at Cleveland High School. For more information, call Lucinda Eshleman at 244-6111.

Pre/post-natal aerobic exercise class at PCC, led by Melanie Perko. Tuition \$11. Call Lucinda Eshleman, 244-6111 for more information.

Gumbo Dinner, Saturday, Feb. 4th, 2-8 p.m. \$5 adults/\$1.50 children 11 and under, Immaculate Herat School, 2926 N. Williams.

12th International Children's Film Festival, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 2:00 p.m., NW Film Studies Center, 1219 S.W. Park. This program of American-made films includes *Angus Lost*, the adventures of a clever Scottish Terrier, and *The Electric Grandmother*, based on the Ray Bradbury story of a young father who hires a robot to care for his three motherless children.

Jazzwomen/Blues Country 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21st, N.W. Film Studies Center.

Citizen Action for Lasting Security State Board meeting, Sat., Jan 21st, 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 243-CALS for more information.

Northwest District Assoc. presentation on study of neighborhood parking problems by Sumner Sharpe and PSU Urban Studies class. January 23m 7:30, Northwest Service Center, 1819 N.W. Everett.

Sabin Community Association, Phil Columbo, Tri-Met, guest speaker. and others. Sabin School, 7:30 p.m. January 23rd.

King Improvement Association, King Neighborhood Facility, January 24th, 7:30 p.m.

Burnside Community Council. Plans for annual meeting. Baloney Joe's, 313 E. Burnside, January 25th, 8:00 p.m.

Piedmont Neighborhood Association. Speaker from Salvation Army. Jan. 25th, 7:30 p.m., Holy Redeemer School, 127 N. Portland Blvd.

Rose City Park Citizens Association. Neighborhood livability, bicycle route, pedestrian study. Rose City Park School, 2334 N.E. 57th, Jan. 25th, 7:30 p.m.

Community Energy Project. Free workshop on low-cost home energy conservation for low-income southeast residents. January 24th. Call 234-8132.

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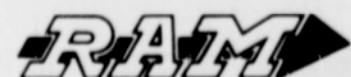
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