

**Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
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This report includes a brief description of the significant activities to date during the 2006-2007 academic year.

Programs/Team Competition

The University is a member of the Pacific Ten Conference. Eighteen teams participate in intercollegiate competition. There are approximately 400 students on these teams of which 300 receive athletic scholarships. An addendum to this report describes in greater detail individual and team achievements during each team's most recent season.

Personnel

Fall quarter Athletic Director Bill Moos announced that he planned a career change and would be retiring from the position in the spring subject to the appointment of a successor. President Frohnmayer with the assistance of a small search team that included two faculty members identified Patrick Kilkenny, a UO alum and recently retired insurance executive, who agreed to accept the position.

The department experienced normal turnover in classified staff positions while at the same time the coaching staff remained essentially the same last year.

Financial Affairs

The Department's annual operating budget exceeds \$40Million. Its revenue comes from ticket sales, donations, shared income from the Pac-10 Conference, media and sponsorship income, guarantees, student fees, event-related income and camps. The Department relies on these revenues to generate adequate revenue to allow it to balance its budget and remain self-supporting.

The Department's financial position is positive, and it has an appropriate debt burden ratio. However, we believe it would be fiscally prudent to achieve greater financial stability, to establish new unencumbered revenue sources and to build reserve funds to ensure the Department's self-sustainability.

Facility Improvements

The medical and training treatment center in the Casanova center is currently undergoing remodeling and expansion in order to accommodate increased demand for this support service.

The Olympic Trials scheduled for the summer of 2008 require a major upgrading of Hayward Field. This work is currently underway, the majority of which should be finished following this summer's construction period.

The University, including staff from Athletics, continues planning and discussions with the goal of relocating and updating academic support services for student athletes. The new facility would be located on Agate Street, across from Oregon Hall.

Formal Assessments/Reviews

A team of visitors representing the NCAA recently conducted the Association's mandated Division I Athletics Certification, a process not unlike academic accreditation, which included a self-study and a site visit by external reviewers. The purpose of the review is to measure compliance with a number of NCAA standards involving student welfare, gender equity and association policies and regulations. Although a final report will not be issued until summer, the site team's commentary during the exit interview was very positive and complimentary.

An assessment of the Department's progress during the last 10 years and its future challenges was conducted by Ted Leland, long time athletic director at Stanford, at the request of Director Moos and the President. Leland praised the Department and its leadership for the number of significant improvements during that time period and noted several challenges that would need to be addressed in order to maintain this high level of performance.

Other Important Items

The Department's leadership met on a regular basis with the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee for the purpose of receiving advice and counsel on a number of policies and to provide information to the Committee about the Department's ongoing operations. A separate report from the IAC to the Senate will describe the year's activities.

The NCAA has adopted and is implementing new benchmarks to assess

levels of student athlete academic progress and will reduce the number of scholarships available to student athletes as a penalty for failure to meet these benchmarks. We also monitor graduation rates of student athletes. The graduation rates of student athletes in some of our programs this past year have not been satisfactory and the appropriate staff and coaches are increasing their efforts to insure compliance.

I will be present at the April 11 Senate meeting and welcome your comments and questions about items this report or any other related issues.

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ADDENDUM

The Fall and Winter seasons saw a rebirth of Oregon athletics with several of our programs playing well beyond the regular season. Oregon figured predominantly in post season competition in football, men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball and men's and women's cross country.

Several of our programs set benchmarks that were among the best in the nation.

The following are highlights from those programs.

Football

- participated in the Las Vegas Bowl, our ninth bowl appearance in the last 10 years.
- posted a winning record for the 12th time in the last 13 seasons; including wins over traditional powers Oklahoma, UCLA and Washington.
- Mike Bellotti became the winningest coach in school history.

Volleyball

- earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1989.
- recorded their first winning season (17-12) since 1990.
- Jim Moore became the first UO volleyball coach to earn Pac 10 Coach of the Year honors.
- Placed two players on the PAC-10 All-Academic first team.
- Three players named to the PAC- 10 All-Freshman team.

Soccer

- recorded the first winning season in school history, finishing second in the PAC-10 conference.
- Nicole Garbin set 16 school records.
- Tara Erickson was named PAC-10 Coach of the Year - a first for the program.
- defeated #3 UCLA and USC for the first time in program history.
- goalkeeper Jessie Chatfield set a career record for shutouts.

Men's Cross Country

- won the PAC-IO Championship - the first since 1995 and the 14th in school history and won the NCAA West Regional for the fourth time since 1982.
- Galen Rupp received All-American honors and was named PAC-IO Men's Athlete of the Year.
- Vin Lananna selected PAC-IO Men's Coach of the Year.

Women's Cross Country

- Placed 4th in PAC-IO Championships — four Oregon athletes finished in the top 20.
- two athletes were selected for PAC-IO All-Academic Second Team.

Men's Basketball

- Won 29 games - only the third time in program history.
- Only school in PAC-IO Conference to twice win the conference tournament and only one of 15 teams to twice advance to the NCAA's Elite-Eight in this decade.
- Only team in the nation to defeat three different teams ranked in the top 10 as well as winning seven times over ranked opponents — both setting school records.
- Aaron Brooks earned All-American and All-PAC-IO honors while leading the conference in scoring.
- Tajuan Porter set an Oregon record by making 110 three point shots - the second-most in NCAA history for a freshmen.

Women's Basketball

- advanced to the third round of the 2007 Postseason WNIT.
- won 17 games - second most by the program in last five years.
- Taylor Lilley led the PAC- 10 in three point shooting and became first Oregon player to shoot better than 50% from behind the three point line.
- Head Coach Bev Smith recorded her 100th career victory.

Wrestling

- Two students were rewarded for their performance in the PAC-IO tournament by being selected to participate in the NCAA tournament.
- Justin Pearch finished the year with a 26-11 record in his weight class.

The season for spring sports men's and women's track and field, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, women's lacrosse and softball are

currently underway and track, softball and women's tennis programs are all ranked among the nation's top 25.

The University is also looking forward to hosting the 2007 PAC-10 men's golf championships in April and the 2007 NCAA West Regional track and field championships in May.

Information in this addendum was prepared by the Athletic Department's Media Services Office.