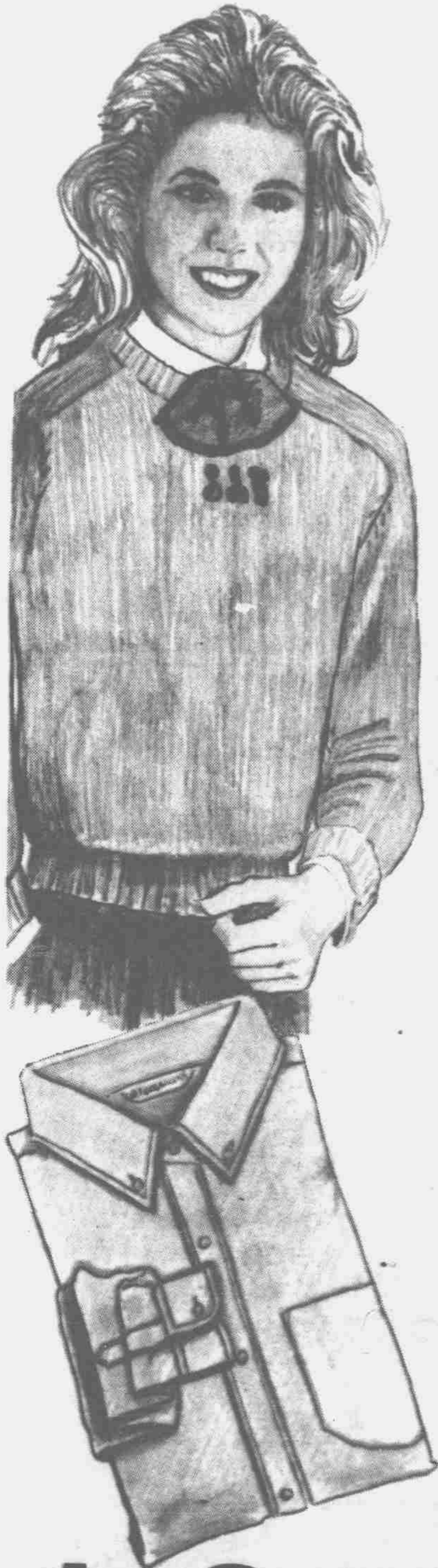


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# Oregon State pinnacle of Bottom 10

By Steve Harvey

## THE COLLEGES

The cover of Oregon State's 1983 football guide shows fullback Bruce Oglesby running off the field and giving the "We're No. 1" sign.

How prophetic. The meager Beavers opened (and maybe closed) their season by getting chased 6-50 by Arizona to burrow into the Bottom 10 lead. Here's the scary part: A few days before the game, Arizona Coach Larry Smith said, "This will be their (the Beavers') best team in four years."

Oregon State's rating jump moved it ahead of Penn State, trying to avoid its first winless season since 1988; Texas A&M, which reportedly will field an all-walk-on team next year; and Rice, which was called "the best 0-11 team" in the nation by one coach last year.



It was a stunning week for the Bottom 10 selectors. It was a week with victories by such flowerhouses as Texas of El Intercepted Paso, the Pentagon's Air Force, Cal State-Disneyland and stadiumless Cal State-Long Beach, which is forced to play its home games on the left wing of Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose.

## THE RANKINGS

### SCHOOL, RECORD LAST WEEK NEXT LOSS

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Oregon St. (0-1)                 | 6-50, Arizona           | Portland St.          |
| 2) Penn St. (0-1)                   | 6-44, Nebraska          | Cincinnati            |
| 3) Texas A&M (0-1)                  | 17-19, Cal              | recruiting            |
| 4) Rice (0-1)                       | 14-45, Houston          | Minnesota             |
| 5) Duke (0-1)                       | 30-38, Virginia         | Indiana               |
| 6) Miami (0-1)                      | 3-28, Florida           | Houston               |
| 7) Arkansas (0-0)                   | idle                    | Tulsa                 |
| 8) UCLA (0-1)                       | 8-19, Georgia           | sunbathing            |
| 10) New Mexico St. (0-1)            | 9-20, UTEP              | Louisiana Tech        |
| 11) Kansas St. (0-1)                | 12) Oregon (0-1)        | 13) Columbia (0-1)    |
| 14) Colorado St. (0-1)              | 15) Kansas (0-1)        | 16) Wake Forest (0-1) |
| 17) (where the Pentagon used to be) | San Diego St. (0-1)     | 18) Mississippi (0-1) |
| 19) Syracuse (0-1)                  | 20) San Diego St. (0-1) |                       |

**ROUT OF THE WEEK:** Ohio State (0-0, but don't let that record fool you) vs. Oregon (0-1).

**CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK:** Minnesota

(0-0) vs. Rice (0-1).

**SPECIAL CITATION:** Four thousand Cal State-Long Beach football posters depicting two scantily clad blondes clinging to quarterback Todd Dillon were shredded after protests by various students, administrators and blondes. One student said the city's gay population wouldn't "put up with anything like that." Dillon himself commented: "I'm not used to being surrounded by pretty girls — only ugly linemen."

## THE PROS

Green Bay quarterback Lynn Dickey was bothered by such severe headaches Sunday that he walked into the Houston huddle after one play, whereupon linebacker Willie Tullis asked him to leave unless he could produce an Oiler ID.

Don't be surprised if New England quarterback Steve Grogan tries Dickey's tactic this week against Miami — and refuses to leave the Dolphins' huddle. Grogan, shielded from Baltimore tacklers by the Patsies' famous Throwaway Line, was sacked seven times in a 23-29 loss to the amazing Dolts.

Of course, New England had the advantage of momentum, having dropped all four preseason games.

Patsy offensive guard Bob Cryder said of the seven sacks: "Only four were the line's fault" — four apparently being an acceptable number for New England.

## THE RANKINGS

### TEAM, RECORD LAST WEEK NEXT LOSS

- 1) New England (0-1) 23-29, Baltimore Miami
- 2) Baltimore (1-0) def. New England, 29-23 Denver
- 3) Tampa Bay (0-1) 0-11, Detroit Chicago
- 4) Cincinnati (0-1) 10-20, Los Angeles Buffalo
- 5) San Diego (0-1) 29-41, Jets & NBC Kansas City
- 6) Buffalo (0-1); 7) San Francisco (0-1); 8) Washington Coach Joe Gibbs' halftime talks; 9) Pittsburgh (0-1); 10) tie between the Giants' and the Browns' quarterback controversies.

**CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK:** Tampa Bay (0-1) vs. Chicago (0-1).

**QUOTEBOOK:** Dallas columnist Skip Bayless on Redskins fans: "These people live to loathe Dallas, where they'd love to live, and its Cowboys, whom they'd love to love. Freud would call it Dallas envy."

**EVEN THE RAIDERS' EARS ARE TOUGH:** Tight end Todd Christensen, on buying a house in Southern California: "You pay for the weather, the beach and to be close to the airport."

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New Nebraska assistant baseball coach Mike Evans gives pointers to tryout candidates Tuesday.

## Baseball tryouts: Hit with your best shot

By Mark Libinsky

Each fall, some 2000 and 3000 men from all over the state come to Lincoln to try out for the Nebraska baseball team. The tryouts are held at the University of Nebraska baseball field, and the coaches are looking for the best talent to join the team.

program is unique in that it has a tryout program. Sanders said few programs offer the opportunity to join the team as a walk-on.

Sanders said some players have made the team in the past by proving themselves in tryouts and that a couple of players did just in tryouts Tuesday night.

Sanders said without freshman competition, Nebraska baseball is limited to a recruited nucleus of around 30 varsity players.

"Only 21 travel to games," Sanders said, "and that doesn't leave a whole lot of room for unrecruited walk-ons."

Stan Liberty, a freshman from Lincoln East High School said he had scholarship offers from smaller colleges, but had "been working hard for eight years" for his chance at Nebraska.

"I've always wanted to do it," Liberty said. He said he has prepared by playing every day and practiced with some other college players last winter.

John Devenport, a freshman from Holy Family, said he played several years at high school, but doesn't know what his chance is for of walking on with the Cornhuskers.

The first games go out there and give the tryouters a chance to prove themselves.

Sanders said he thinks the tryout camp will continue for a number of years.

"I'll run as long as I can and we need to find as many good players as we can," Sanders said.

Tryout camp will continue through the week and scheduled between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the University of Nebraska baseball field.

Women's basketball tryouts will be held at the same time and place.

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