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Cross country

Waiting for the big ones



So you haven't been hearing much about cross-country lately, eh?

Well, just because Bill Dellinger isn't out talking about Wide Open Races doesn't mean the Ducks are short on talent. It's merely that Oregon's harriers prefer to put their money where their mouths are, so they wait for the big races to prove themselves.

But after the Duck's intrasquad meet last Saturday, Oregon coach Dellinger has seen enough good to at least make some predictions.

"I was pleased with the total effort in the intrasquad meet," said the coach, "but mostly because at this point, the top five guys this year are better than what we had last year."

Unfortunately, last year was a disaster. The team looked very good before the season, but injuries left the Ducks to hobble to an 11th-place finish at NCAA's—their worst ever.

This season, barring injury or illness, the hard times seem to have faded from view.

In Pacific-8 meets, a team can score five men—but two others can displace, meaning they can move runners from other squads to a higher finish, which scores more points. (In cross-country, lowest score wins)

And Oregon has seven strong competitors.

Returning from last year in this group are Dave Taylor and Terry Williams, both All-Americans; Don Clary, Matt Centrowitz and Steve McChesney, if he stays healthy. Rounding out the top seven are two freshmen, Rudy Chapa and Alberto Salazar.

It is on these two freshmen that a lot of hope lies for a revived season, and so far, they seem to be making the adjustment from high school to college with little difficulty.

One thing that helped was a week-long trip to Odell Lake that the team took in September to train, talk, and just get to know one another.

"The trip helped me as an individual, and it helped me to know the other guys better," Chapa remarked. "That helps when you're new. Plus, living together for 10 days, you learn fast about team togetherness."

Chapa, however, was surprised when he came to Eugene and saw all the joggers with his own eyes.

"I remember reading something in the Chicago Tribune about there being 10,000 or so joggers in a city of only 100,000, said the Hammond, Ill. native, "but I really didn't think it was true until I got here and saw all the people running."

Before one gets the idea that the Ducks have it in the bag, however, Dellinger points to Washington State or the University of Kenya at Pullman.

"With the Kenyans WSU has, including their national steeplechase champion, you can't count them out," sighed Dellinger. "They're loaded with talent."

Some of WSU's gold includes Bill Scott, a 27-year old Australian who was ranked among the top three world runners last year. Why he is in Pullman is in itself an interesting story.

It seems that Scott wrote a letter to Dellinger last spring, for Oregon was his first choice as a school in the States. The only thing was, Scott addressed the letter to "Bill Dellinger, Athletic Department, Eugene, OR." The Eugene Post Office sent the letter to The Athletic Department, a store downtown.

Dellinger found the letter a couple of weeks ago — postmarked April 3 and still unopened.

"It's too bad such a screwup happened," said the Oregon coach, "but it's past history now. We definitely lost a very good runner, and it's a shame we'll be running against him instead of him running with us."

Oregon's first big test is in two weeks, at the Northern Division run in Seattle. The Cougars will be there, and the stage is set for a confrontation.

The Ducks will be ready.

"We haven't conceded the championship to them yet," said Dellinger about WSU. "When we get in the big meets, our guys might get lost from one another, but I think they'll finish running with each other very well."

Winter snows aren't here, but —

Skiers already in training

By JERRY LARKIN
Of the Emerald

If you think the ski season begins with the first winter snows, you're behind the times.

For the past two weeks, the University Ski Club has been holding dry land workouts behind the covered tennis courts near Mac Court each afternoon at 4:30.

"Anyone who comes out and skis throughout the season gets to compete," said Steve McLain, one of the Ski Club coaches.

The first of six meets among the Northwest Collegiate Ski Conference teams will take place during the Jan. 7 through 9 weekend. About 15 teams comprise the conference.

Team members can compete in either or both Alpine events: slalom and grand slalom, and also in the Nordic (cross-country) event.

"A team enters five people in each race and one or two alternates, depending on the facilities," according to Eloise Carson, the other Ski Club coach.

The club uses the facilities at Mt. Bachelor in Bend for training and for hosting meets. It formerly used the facilities free of charge, but this year, the Oregon Club will have to pay \$250 for use.

Lift tickets have also increased in price over last year. Overall, the club will have to meet an additional \$1,200 in expenses that

they were not able to predict for this year.

"It's costs like this that are killing the program and really make it tough. There's only a limited amount of funding, and the rest we have to raise ourselves," McLain said.

At least 20 per cent of the Ski Club's present budget of \$3,800 consists of expected income — money that the club has to raise on its own.

"That \$3,800 just covers us going to the races; it doesn't cover league fees and dues, training costs or lift tickets," added Carson. The team members themselves must meet these costs.

The club is planning fund raising programs from selling World's Finest chocolate bars to cleaning up Mac Court in January. The club is also sponsoring a film on outdoor adventure sports titled "Daydreams" to be shown on Oct. 24.

The Oregon Ski Club has another problem — it must often compete with teams whose skiers are recruited by the schools they represent.

"Those teams get kids on scholarships, but our members come on their own and ski for the competition alone," said Carson.

McLain explained that even though the Pacific Northwest has a lot of the skiing talent in the country, many of the best college-age skiers are attracted by the free rides offered them by schools outside the area.

"Three guys from Bend are now competing for Wyoming, and they're all NCAA ranked," he added.

Yet despite meager funding and competition for talent, Oregon has been able to mount one of the strongest teams in their conference.

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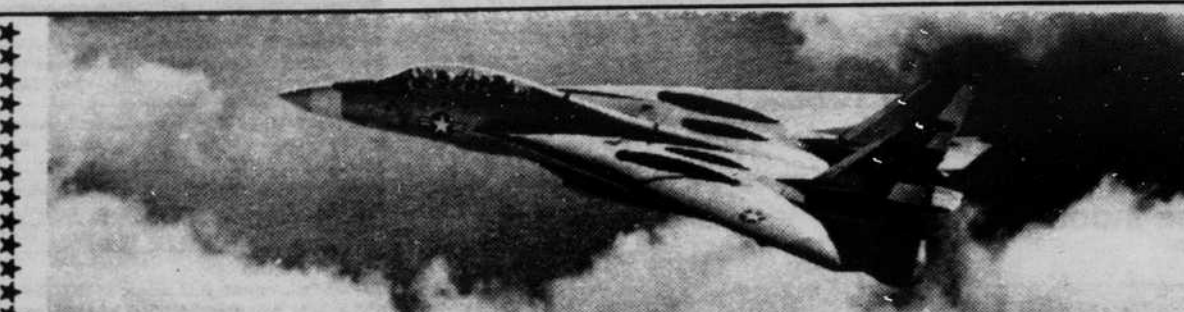
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The intramural wrestling tournament weigh-ins will be held Wednesday and Thursday in the men and women's locker rooms in Esslinger Hall from 4 until 5:30 p.m. each day.

The dates of the tournament are Oct. 25th through the 28th in the east gym of Esslinger. The tourney is open to both men and women with double elimination competition in 10 weight classes. There will be A and B divisions.



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