

Gymnasts lack support

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Assistant men's gymnastics coach Tom Truedson remembers the days when the Ducks used to draw the "rowdy, noisy" crowds to McArthur Court.

Yet when Oregon defeated Washington State this weekend, not only was Mac Court quiet, it was virtually empty.

"We like people who are noisy and who have pom poms and signs and are rowdy," said Truedson. "They (the crowd) used to do that here, but they have gotten away from that."

"Attendance-wise, over the last couple of years it has really gone downhill," explained Truedson, who noticed the effects of a sparse crowd Sunday at Mac Court, when Oregon routed the Cougars 219.20-201.00 optional competition.

"Everything is just kind of dead," said Truedson at the meet. "It is almost like a practice." Herb Yamanaka, athletic ticket manager, also is confused by the attendance drought.

"I just can't put my finger on it," said Yamanaka. "We have changed the schedule a little and that will cut down on attendance, but a lot of it has to do with the saturation of sporting events. We have something going on every weekend here. Even if it is free, a lot of people do not always have the time to come out."

"We have a good team so it is not the quality of the team," Truedson continued. "We have nationally-powerful gymnasts and we were rated No. 1 in the country two weeks ago (and presently are rated fifth in the coaches' poll). It all depends on getting the word out."

Sunday afternoon Oregon swept the all-around competition with sophomore Miki Moyal placing first with a 53.95 score. Moyal also won the compulsory all-around Saturday when the Ducks topped WSU, 218.45-183.75.

Randy Beard won the optional high bar for the Ducks with a 9.65 score. It was just an average per-

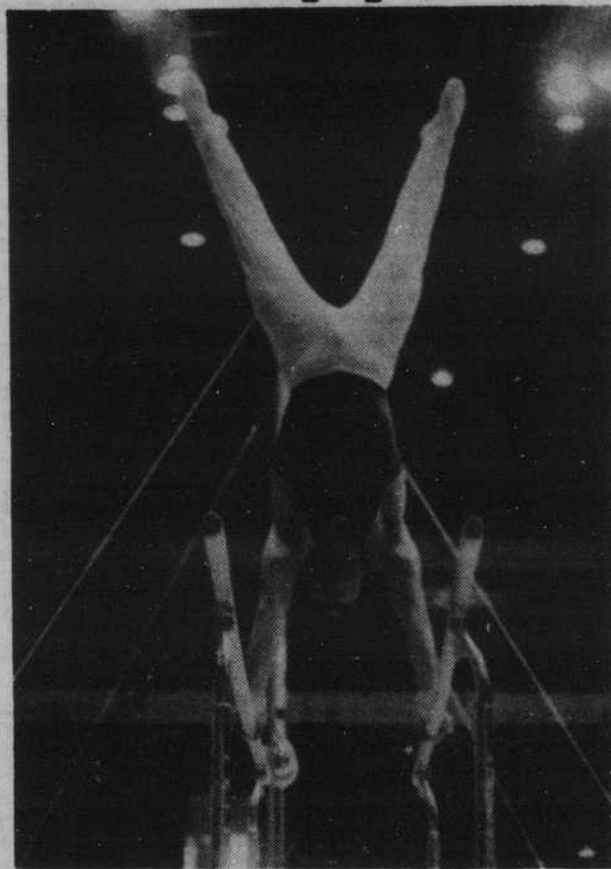


Photo by Steve Dykes

The men's gymnastics team, ranked fifth in the nation, has been plagued by poor attendance this year. Last Sunday, during a meet with Washington State, McArthur Court was nearly empty again.

formance," said Beard, who could not help but notice the diminutive crowd.

"All of the enthusiasm kind of dies out (with poor attendance)," said Beard Sunday. "When we have big crowds you get a lot more motivation. Today, it was just family and friends."

Pools, gyms open for public utility

University students with a desire to venture beyond campus, the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of athletic opportunities.

The following is a sample of program offerings. For more information call the specific department numbers.

POOLS

SHELDON

2445 Willakenzie Road, 687-5314. Manager, Laurene Bates. Adult swim Mon - Fri, 11:15 - 12:30 p.m. Sat 2 - 3:30 p.m. Recreational swim Mon - Fri, 7-8 p.m. Sat - Sun, 12:30 - 2 p.m.

ECHO HOLLOW

1655 Echo Hollow Road, 689-1831. Manager, Pat Lance. Adult swim Mon - Fri, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. 8-9 p.m. Sat - Sun, 1-2 p.m. Recreational swim Mon - Fri, 7-8 p.m. Sat - Sun, 2-4 p.m.

JEFFERSON

16th Avenue and Jefferson Street, 687-5352. Manager, Greg Boyce. Adult swim (Laps Only) Mon - Fri, 5-7 p.m. Sat - Sun, 12:30-2 p.m. Recreational swim Mon - Tue, 7-8 p.m. Sat - Sun, 2-3:30 p.m.

WILLAMALANE

1276 G Street, Springfield, 687-1513. Manager, Linda Nelson. Late night swim Wed. midnight to 2 a.m., 75 cents.

ATHLETICS

SATURDAYS (Until March 17)

9 a.m. - Noon

Churchill High, 1850 Bailey Hill Road. Jefferson Jr. High, 1650 West 22nd. Kennedy Jr. High, 2200 Bailey Hill Road.

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2 - 5 p.m.

Sheldon High, 2455 Willakenzie Road. South Eugene High, 400 East 19th. Willamette High (2-4 p.m.), 1801 Echo Hollow Road.

SUNDAYS

Cascade Middle School (Volleyball), 1525 Echo Hollow Rd., 2-5 p.m.; Kennedy Jr. High, 2200 Bailey Hill Road, 1-4 p.m.

MONDAYS

Cascade Middle School (Badminton), 1525 Echo Hollow Road, 7-9:30 p.m. Willamette High, 1801 Echo Hollow Road, 8-10 p.m. Willard Community School, 2855 Lincoln, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Willamette High, 1801 Echo Hollow Road, 8-10 p.m. Willard Community School, 2855 Lincoln, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Lane Community College (Badminton), 4000 East 30th, 7-10 p.m. Spencer Butte Jr. High, 500 East 43rd, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Willakenzie Elementary School, 265 Willakenzie Road, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

LAURELWOOD GOLF COURSE

2700 Columbia Street, 687-5321. Pro Delmer Hicks. Eugene's Municipal Golf Course is a par 35, nine-hole course and includes a covered driving range. Green fees: nine holes, \$3. 18 holes, \$5. monthly pass, \$25. Clubs and carts can be rented at the pro shop.

Cushing gets nomination for top basketball award

Julie Cushing, a junior on the women's basketball team, has been nominated for the second Wade Trophy, the premier prize in women's collegiate basketball. The award will be presented in New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on April 2.

Cushing, a Salem native, is one of 30 candidates named by the nationwide panel of 100 coaches, writers and college sports information directors.

The award, named for Lily Margaret Wade, the head basketball coach at Delta State University in Mississippi, is the first of its kind

in women's athletics. Last year's winner was Carol Blazejewski of Montclair State in New Jersey. All nominees for the award are juniors or seniors.

Cushing, a 5-9 guard, is known for both her ability to shoot from outside and her leadership. She is currently shooting 56 percent from the field, a team high for the undefeated Ducks.

Last season Cushing was named to the first team of the Northwest Women's Basketball League and was the league's third highest scorer.

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EMU Lobby, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

INTERVIEWS:

(Sign up in advance)
Tues.-Thurs., Feb. 27 - Mar. 1
Campbell Hall 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

FILM & SEMINAR

Tues. Feb. 27
EMU, 7:30 p.m.