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Oregon runs away with Pac-10 title

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Depth proved to be the key for the men's track team as the Ducks breezed to victory in the Pac-10 meet Sunday night in Tempe, Ariz.

The Ducks won only four individual titles in the two-day, 21-event meet, but took enough second and third places to score 145 points, well ahead of UCLA'S 123 1/2. The title, Oregon's first since 1967, broke a string of five straight wins for USC.

But this time the Trojans finished with 98 1/2 points, good enough for only



Phil Bransom

third. The Ducks moved well in front on Saturday, compiling 48 points to 14 for USC.

Distance star Alberto Salazar gave the Ducks their first individual championship as he won the 10,000 meter run in 28:40.6, ahead of Washington State's Joel Cheruiyot. Also on that first day, however, Oregon's league-leading javelin thrower Reidar Lorentzen took second behind Tom Sinclair of Washington. The Ducks again lost several points in the steeplechase as Arizona's Thom Hunt defeated both WSU's Henry Rono and Don Clary of Oregon.

All of which left both the Bruins and Trojans with a chance of overhauling the still-untested Ducks. Competing in their first big meet outside of Oregon since the 1977 NCAA's, the Oregon squad needed some insurance points against the talent-laden USC and UCLA sprinters.

Those points came first in Sunday's 1,500, where Rudy Chapa won the race in 3:38.7. Bruce Nelson and Ed Goldberg also gave the Ducks a lift with fifth and sixth place finishes.

Then, after USC got its first big points by winning the 400-meter relay (as Oregon took a surprising third), the Duck's Phil Bransom ran a 14.00 in the 110-meter hurdles to finish second behind Greg Foster of UCLA.

USC made its last threat when Trojan James Walters and David Omwansa finished 1-2 in the 800 meters, but Bransom again rose to the oc-

casation by winning the intermediate hurdles. Ranked only third in the event, Bransom overtook California's Walter Pratt on the final turn and raced home with a personal best of 50.57.

"There was a lot of pressure on me in the intermediates with the three USC guys in there," said Bransom. "If they had all beaten me they would have picked up a lot of points."

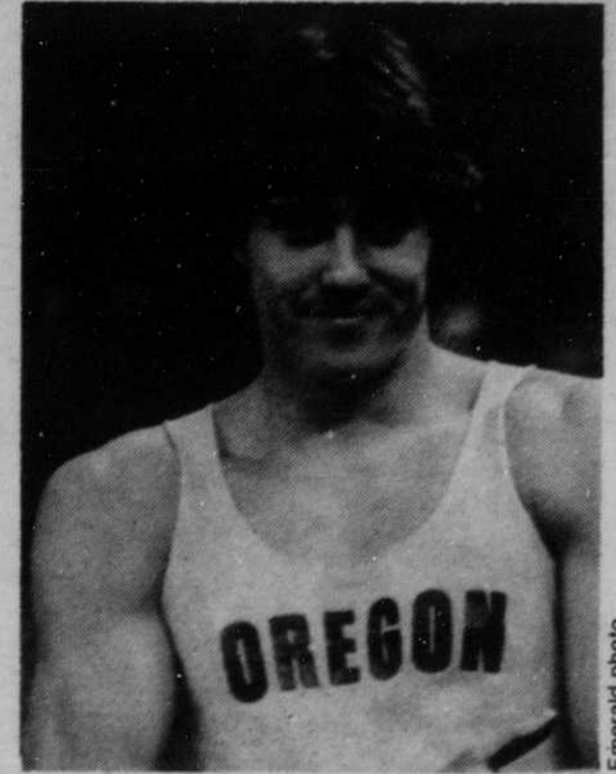
"After USC went 1-2 in the 800 I took a look at the scoreboard and I knew if I didn't finish high they could have gotten a lot closer to us."

Duck sprinter Don Coleman also kept the Trojans and Bruins far behind as he took third in both the 100 and 200 meters, offsetting Ray Burton's loss in the discus to Tim Fox of Oregon State.

Coleman's points, together with an unexpected fourth place finish by Jan From in the high jump, gave the Ducks 111 points.

Still, the clincher didn't come until the 5,000 meters, where Chapa and Salazar dueled with Rono and Cheruiyot. Chapa, mindful of last year's 5,000 (when a 1-2-3-5 Cougar sweep kept the Ducks from the meet title) stayed with Rono until the end. Though Rono won the race in 13:32.46, Chapa and Salazar finished second and third to clinch the team title for Oregon.

"I was disappointed that I wasn't competitive in the 5,000," said Chapa. "I don't know what it was; I just must learn to push myself. I was tired after the fast 1,500. In fact, I think that (the 1,500) was the toughest race I've run



Tom Hintnaus

since I've been at Oregon. I don't recover as fast as I used to, but watching Bransom in the hurdles got me excited and ready to go out and run again."

But the Ducks remained subdued enough to take a third in the mile relay, while Tom Hintnaus was the last competitor to finish as he won the pole vault with a leap of 17-0. A late Bruin 1-2-3 sweep in the triple jump made the final score close, but it didn't dampen the Ducks' enthusiasm, as the Oregon team celebrated on the ASU track with a large contingent of Eugene fans.

Course evaluation compromise crumbles

By DANA TIMS
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SALEM — Suddenly — and quietly — House Bill 2831, the faculty course evaluation measure, has been delivered what could be a killing blow. And the Great Compromise of '79 apparently has crumbled.

The parliamentary hurdle created by a "subsequent referral" to the Joint Ways and Means committee — if the first bill passes the Senate Education Committee where it died last session — has left student lobbyists angry and threatening an initiative petition to make the State Board of Higher Education elective.

The bill passed the House by a 42-18 vote May 15, after a provision allowing publication of the evaluation results was deleted in committee in favor of one guaranteeing student "access."

That and other changes found agreement among student and faculty lobbyists, who have fought each other on the issue since 1975, and most members of the House.

It then went to the Senate where a similar battle was shaping up in the Education Committee, where the bill died last session. The committee is chaired by Sen. Cliff Trow, R-Corvallis, an Oregon State University professor who opposed the measure.

Wednesday, Senate Pres. Jason Boe assigned the bill to Trow's committee, as anticipated. He also gave it a subsequent referral to the Ways and Means Committee, which must approve any legislative expenditures. The move "surprised" and "disappointed" at least two members of the House committee that passed the bill unanimously May 3.

"I didn't know that had happened," acknowledged Rep. Jim Chrest, D-Portland, when informed Sunday of the bill's subsequent referral to Ways and Means. "I'm very disappointed."

Neither the House, nor the Senate last session, included the referral. Chrest said he felt the move was "unnecessary" since one of the amendments to the bill stipulated that extra costs resulting from the portion of the surveys that would be

accessible to students would be covered by incidental fees.

"It may have been an attempt to kill it," Chrest observed. He said he doubted anyone "put direct pressure" on Boe to quash the bill, but added "maybe someone flaked off on what I consider to be a legitimate compromise agreed to by all parties."

Rep. David Frohnmayer, R-Eugene, helped write most of the amendments to HB 2831. "This is news to me. But there were some questions about the budgeting involved, and all appropriations bills require an automatic referral to Ways and Means."

The problem is that historically, Ways and Means considers agency budgets first. Frohnmayer expects the bill to be included as part of the higher education budget, which must be acted upon by the end of the session. But there is no guarantee of that. If the committee decides to consider it separately, the proposal may be relegated to the bottom of a very long agenda.

"I'm surprised the bill was sent to

Ways and Means," Frohnmayer said, "because it makes clear that any new costs would be picked up by students. But I don't see some nefarious purpose behind it."

Others, however, do.

"There's been a lot of maneuvering behind closed doors to kill this bill," claimed David Jennings of the Oregon Student Lobby (OSL). "We don't know exactly who did this. But obviously, it cost. Whoever did it spent a lot of political credits on Jason Boe to get him to refer it to Ways and Means."

Jennings calls the subsequent referral "a major development on the bill. It all but seals its fate. They might as well have put it on the bottom of the ocean."

He adds that the OSL will now "examine other options," that include seeking enough signatures to put two initiative petitions on the ballot. One would require election of members of the State Board of Higher Education, who are currently appointed by the governor. The other would let the voters decide the course evaluation issue.

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ASUO Pres.-elect Scott Bassett rounded out his cabinet last week by appointing two women for vice-presidential slots. One will head state and University affairs, the other programs and community affairs. Details on Page 3.

Roger Letler's jet boat pulled away from the dock Saturday for the first pleasure trip of the season, and some protestors were there to see him off. They're concerned about the turbulence and noise the craft creates. Story on Page 6.

The Free Souls, a Eugene-based "killer bike team," made another of their yearly appearances at the Florence Rhododendron Festival. Some folks thought they looked out of place, others called them the main attraction. See Page 8.