



Would-be track stars test skill

Canby, Oregon doesn't have a movie theater, but its team competed in the 1979 finals of the Hershey Track and Field Youth Program at Hayward Field that drew approximately 400 participants from all over the state.

The atmosphere was dead serious for the contestants, none of whom were more than 15 years old, because a good showing in this meet could mean a trip to West Virginia with the regional team in August.

The boys from Canby dined the night before on cheeseburgers, after being advised against chili by their parents, and they ate eggs the morning of the meet on the sound principle that "that's the way they do it in the Olympics."

Evidently the choice of food was a pretty good combination for Matt Cibula of Canby, who took second in both the 440- and 100-yard run for his age group. Exhausted and happy, but not quite satisfied, he said, "My arms felt like they weighed a hundred pounds."

Bob Durkey of Milwaukie got off to an early lead in the mile run while his father nervously fingered a stop watch on the sidelines. "This is harder on me than it is on him," he said, "I just hope he didn't get off to too good a start." But Durkey kept his lead all the way through and collapsed into his



Photos by Joan Malloy

father's arms on the finish line. He set a new personal record of 4.49, making him a serious contender or the regional team.

Asked about his success, Durkey credited Dave Frank, evidently a legendary track star at Gladstone High School in Milwaukie, with whom he has been training. Durkey runs six to nine miles every day. He and many others have a nervous wait ahead of them, because the regional team isn't announced until July 23.

The meet progressed through softball throws, broad jumps, 50, 100, 220, 440 and

880 yard, and mile and relay runs. There were no spectacular events but a lot of good ones.

Finally, the little group of Canby supporters prepared to go home, complete with 11-year-old camera-carrying manager. They seemed to have just the right mixture of seriousness and cheerful acceptance for an event that is "designed to encourage physical fitness among youth." As Troy Pearson of Canby summed it up after taking third place in the 100-yard run, "I kept pouring it on but I just couldn't go any faster."

Ticket booklets slated to replace athletic passes

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University sports fans can look forward to additional options when purchasing athletic passes for men's football and basketball games this fall, according to a proposal drafted last week by the Athletic Department and the ASUO.

The proposal outlines a new combination season-ticket book which provides for a split basketball game schedule, called the "A and B" schedules. Each ticket book consists of eight basketball games — exactly half the regular home season schedule — and students will have the option of purchasing either the "A" or "B" tickets for \$33 or both for \$54.50. Each ticket-book option includes all home football games. A season pass for only football games may be purchased for \$10.

Although the proposal sets admission prices for all men's athletic contests, the Athletic Department has not yet decided how women's sports admission charges will be set up.

The lottery system has been in use for the past several years and will remain the same this year. The first 4,000 students whose social security numbers are drawn in a random lottery will be eligible to buy the ticket package of their choice. Students will be able to register for the lottery beginning Monday, July 16.

ASUO Pres. Scott Bassett says another possible change will be a new format for the ticket books, which will consist of separate tickets for each game.

The tickets may be torn out and sold individually, or given away, allowing the owner to keep the remainder of his ticket book.

One of the main advantages of the new system, Bassett says, is that it will fill more seats with students in McArthur Court. Many basketball seats were going vacant, he says, because students had to study that night or couldn't make it, and were afraid to give their passes to anyone. The A-B ticket system will also allow more people to attend the games, "instead of just the elite few who can afford to pay the price for a full ticket."

Bassett says he is "strongly in favor of the new schedule." He cited other improvements to the schedule, such as holding all home football games while school is in session. Bassett is also concerned with getting as many home basketball games as possible scheduled while students are still on campus, rather than gone for Christmas vacation.

"My major concern with the schedule is to have a lot of home games," he says, "and to have them while students are still here."

John Caine, director of Inter-collegiate Athletics, also likes the idea of making it possible for more students to see the games. But he sees the new schedule as more of a compromise plan.

"We're willing to give it a try," Caine says. "But the bottom line is still that we need more seats (in Mac Court). Until we get a new arena with more seats, there will never be a completely satisfactory system."

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The University's new deputy athletic director, Julie Carson, wants "to make a difference" in helping the department meet its Title IX requirements for women's sports. Carson will be in charge of administering women's sports, as well as fund-raising, promotion and assisting Athletic Director John Caine in his duties. **See Page 3.**

Rock and folk music classes at the University hang in limbo while awaiting funding and policy decisions. Folk instructor Paul Halpern isn't sure what's going to happen to his courses; self-support by extra class fees is one option, but that means University credit might not be given for the classes. **See Page 3.**

Thousands of Eugeneans crowded into portable bleachers at the Lane County Fairgrounds last weekend to enjoy some local rodeo action. Cowgirls, cowboys and just-plain-folks all took in the sights and smells of this all-American sport, but the undisputed champions of the evening were the wily calves, tough broncs and cantankerous bulls. **See Page 8.**