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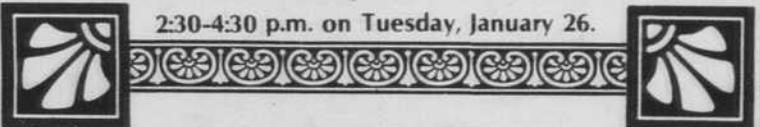
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Tuesday, January 26
8 p.m.
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Medler points toward Junior Olympics

When most people decide to start a new hobby or try something new, seldom do they expect to become successful at it right off the bat.

But nobody ever told that to Oregon sophomore Mike Medler, a member of the University fencing club.

After fencing for just over a year, Medler has gone from a freshman just taking a fencing class for general interest, to the first Duck ever to qualify for the National AAU Junior Olympics in fencing. The Junior Olympics are set for the weekend of February 13-15 in Los Angeles.

"I had been interested in fencing for a long time, so I took a class last fall and, after that, just started showing up to the club practices," says the South Eugene High School graduate.

Medler thinks one of the biggest reasons for his immediate success as a fencer is coach Norm Campbell, who is in his first year of coaching at Oregon.

"Last year, the club got together when it could," Medler says. "This year, with the coach, we get instruction, an opportunity for private instruction from the coach if we want it, and we get to fence against him (Campbell), and that makes a big difference. With the coach, practice is not so much hit and miss, we have 20 people going all the time."

Campbell's membership on the 1974 off-year

Olympic team should prove to be the biggest factor behind the club's improvement, especially that of Medler.

Campbell says it is Medler's physical prowess that has led to the young fencer's quick grasp of the sport.

"Mike is big and strong," Campbell says. "Fencing is a sport of technique, but being big and strong can't hurt. He also has extreme confidence. He has no fear of anybody, and goes into every match with a 'I'm going to take them attitude', which he very often does. Also, he is intelligent. In the qualifying tournament in Portland he used techniques that I had showed him only a couple of weeks before. Needless to say, I was very happy."

Medler agrees with his coach that he is a physical fencer.

"I use my speed and strength right now. I'm still enough of a rookie that people complain about my unorthodox style."

Just what was involved in Medler's road to Los Angeles to compete against 18 to 20-year-old fencers from all over the country?

First, he fenced in several tournaments in Portland in the fall against clubs from the Portland area. With the Olympic coach residing in Portland, quite often, even in the smaller tournaments,

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