

# The work never ends for Leann Warren

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and the Olympics in '84."

That's heady talk for an athlete whose high school goal was to "earn a scholarship and be able to compete on the college level".

Heinonen brought Warren to the Oregon campus her senior year after following her high school success for three years. He recalls the first time he ever saw her race.

"I hadn't seen or heard of her until her sophomore year at the state meet when she ran past, through and around about four people in the last 50-meters to make it to the finals of the 800," says Heinonen of his first encounter with Warren.

"She was just like a tiny little moppet — so small. Her blond hair was flying as she just dashed around people, like she was kicking a soccer ball around them."

Following a prep career that is now almost legend around Oregon high school track circles, Warren finally splashed onto the national scene with a victory in the national AAU junior's 800-meter championship race.

But that was just the beginning of the story.

Now, Warren is about to embark on another year of running, hoping for new experiences in what has already been an exceptional career.

The latest endeavor took place Saturday night when Warren raced in the Oregon Indoor Meet. The 5-5, 105-pound junior easily outclassed a large field in the women's mile, winning in 4:37.4.

"That was a damn good race considering she had to run against herself," said Heinonen, about the lack of competition. "Leann's a competitor, not a times runner."

Warren's week leading to the Portland Indoor meet was somewhat typical of the schedule she'll face this season — one that will be full of training, school work, and racing.

Having returned on Sunday before the Portland race from Canada where she won an 800-meter race,

Warren spent her evening relaxing and collecting her thoughts.

Awaiting her is a week of training. But also looming somewhere inside Warren's mind are thoughts of the Millrose Invitational. Only three weeks away, the meet which is held in New York is maybe the most publicized and glamorous event of indoor season.

If Warren wonders about the caliber of competition in Portland, she knows she will find it in New York. Instead of being the hunted, Warren will hunt fellow Eugene resident Mary Decker, a world class middle distance runner, and considered by many as the nation's top female runner.

Include to those thoughts the worries of school and a recent injury and Warren's life becomes a little bit complicated.

"I took off almost a week (for an injured foot in early January) and that's enough for me because I go crazy," says Warren, about her lack of vacation from training. "But I couldn't stand just standing around. It was so boring. You'd go home after school and just sit there. I kept turning on the T.V., and doing nothing."

Warren had just completed a full year of competition which included few breaks from her training. Coaches, athletes, and fans were awed by her efforts.

She started off her endless season with a double victory — in the 800 and 1500 meters races — at the collegiate track championships. Then came a tour of the European circuit during the summer where she met stiff world-class competition in race after race. Her biggest thrill, during a summer without an individual victory, came when she broke the two-minute barrier for the 800-meters.

"I was so happy that I couldn't wipe the smile off my face for about five hours," she recalls.

Next in October came a trip to New York where Warren won the media blitzed Fifth Avenue Mile.

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### Faculty Ask

**Q:** Why doesn't someone take a hard look at the administration in terms of eliminating unnecessary positions and getting overinflated administrative salaries in line with the rest of faculty salaries?

**A:** The University of Oregon, in comparison with its peers, has traditionally been under administered. It has significantly fewer administrators than do other universities of similar size and they are paid more poorly. Further, to meet budget cuts mandated for the 1981-82 year, more than \$300,000 earmarked for administrative positions was cut.

**Q:** Has any serious consideration been given to closing one of the System's smaller schools?

**A:** The possibility has been talked about often. It was first considered more than 50 years ago. At its meeting January 22, the State

Board moved that it will not consider the closure of an institution or institutions as a way of solving its short term (1982-83) budget problems.

**Q:** Does the "furlough" (leave of absence without pay) apply only to higher education employees?  
**A:** Yes.

**Q:** How likely are we to see faculty and staff salary cuts?

**A:** A one and one-half percent salary reduction will have to be absorbed by the University to meet the Governor's proposal for meeting the first five percent budget cut for higher education. The second five percent cut in the Governor's proposal would be made up entirely of salary reductions. The Legislature consistently has resisted any salary cuts for higher education.

**Q:** When are we going to know what our fate is?

**A:** When the special session of the Legislature ends.

**Q:** What is the University doing to increase support of the private sector?

**A:** Through a vigorous University Foundation program, private support of the University has more than doubled in the last three years from \$1.9 million in 1979 to \$4 million in 1981. The number of contributors has increased from 3,500 to nearly 10,000 in the same time period.

**Q:** What is the University doing to encourage alumni support in this time of fiscal crisis?

**A:** A statewide Alumni Legislative Liaison Committee, working directly with the Vice-President for University Relations, has been very active since early last year in informing legislators throughout the state of alumni concerns about their alma mater and its important role in the state's economy.