

Spring fling

Recreational opportunities abound this term

Spring is here, and so are endless recreational opportunities for Oregon students. As a service to its readers, the Emerald has compiled information about intramurals and physical education facilities for spring term.

GYM PASS VALIDATION

Spring fee cards will serve as student user passes for use of facilities for classes or recreation. Cards can be validated in 103 Gerlinger between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. during the entire term. In addition, cards can be stamped between March 31-April 6 at the 15th St. entrance to Esslinger during open hours.

Students need spring validations to make tennis and racquetball reservations.

RACQUETBALL/TENNIS RESERVATIONS

Reservations for racquetball and tennis courts may be made either by phone or in person. Reservations may be made for that day, one day in advance or on Friday for the following weekend or Monday. Reservation slots are on the hour starting at 3 p.m. weekdays and all day on weekends. A master schedule showing what courts have been reserved for the day is available at the Esslinger entrance on 15th St. or the 15th St. racquetball entrance.

BY PHONE — Call 686-4113 between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations will be accepted only at these hours. People may pick up their reservation slips at the 15th street entrance of Esslinger or the 15th street racquetball court entrance by presenting I.D. and validated fee card.

IN PERSON — Reservations may be made at: Gerlinger 103 between 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; Esslinger entrance on 15th St. between 3:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. on Friday,

and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; Racquetball court entrance at 15th St. between 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Only students, faculty, staff or approved community users with validated fee cards may reserve courts. All persons holding reservations must appear at the court within 15 minutes of their scheduled time or forfeit their court time.

OPEN RECREATION HOURS

SWIMMING — Gerlinger Pool - 7 a.m.-8:30 a.m. weekdays; Leighton Pool - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. weekdays; 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday
BADMINTON — Gerlinger Annex - 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday
VOLLEYBALL — Gerlinger Annex - 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday
OPEN GYMS — Gerlinger Annex - 3 p.m.-9 p.m. weekdays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Sunday; Esslinger Hall - 7 a.m.-9 p.m. weekdays; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday.

INTRAMURALS

Spring term intramurals include both team and individual activities, plus All-Campus events and special programs.

SOFTBALL — Men, women and coed divisions at two levels (I and II) are being offered, in both officiated and unofficiated leagues. Entry deadline is April 2, with officiated league teams paying \$10 fees and unofficiated league teams putting up \$10 refundable deposits. Managers meeting will be Monday, April 5. Check in RIM office (103 Gerlinger) for location and time.

TENNIS — Tennis will be in a 4-person team format, with each match consisting of 2 singles and 1 doubles match played at the same time. Teams will compete in a single-elimination tournament. Men's, women's and coed divisions are offered. Entry deadline is April 6, with a \$10 fee required. Managers meeting is on April 7.

TRACK — The coed intramural track meet will be held at Hayward Field on April 16 & 17. Teams or individuals may enter. Entry deadline is April 16, but

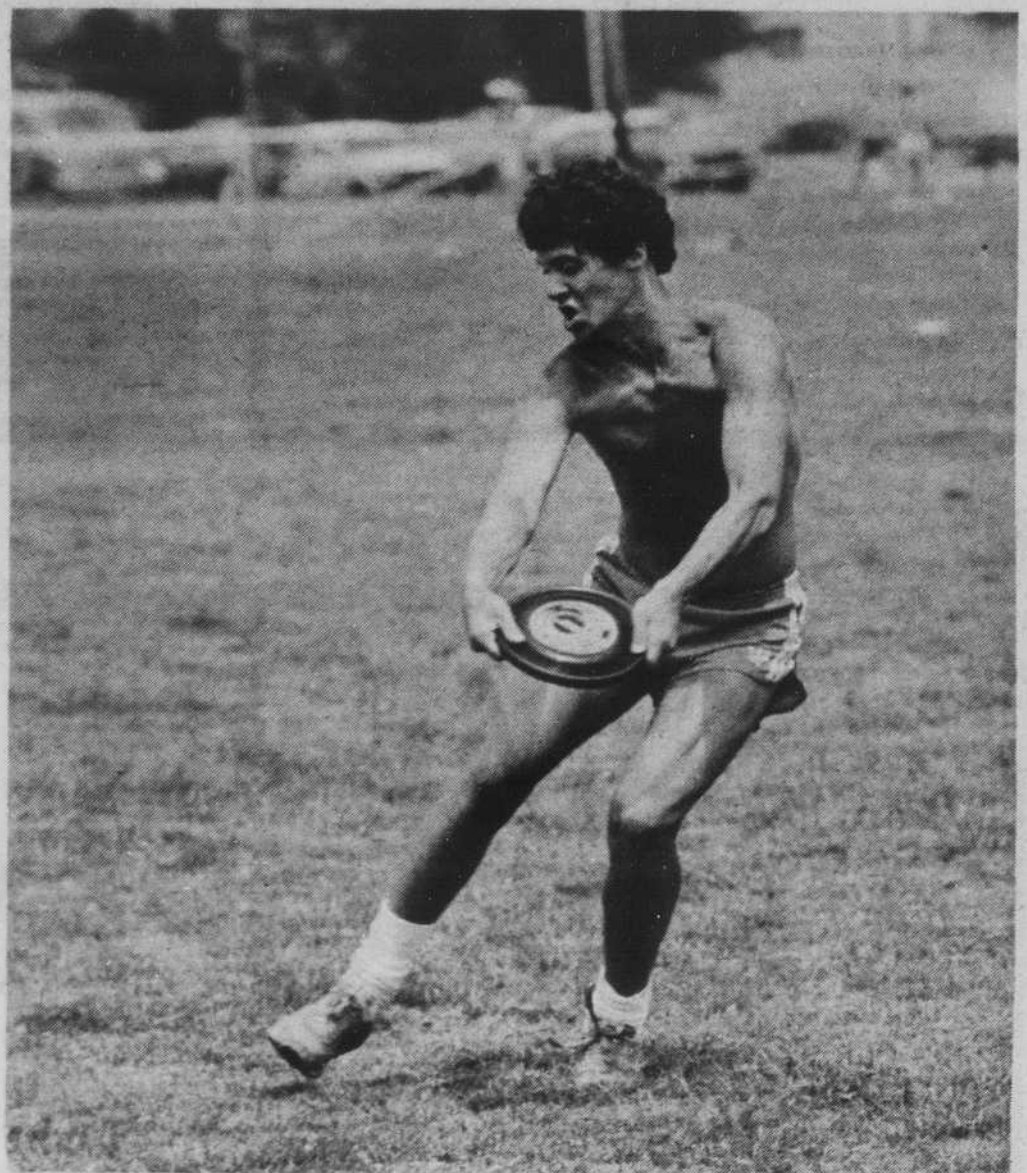


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individuals may sign up at the meet.
SWIMMING — The coed intramural swim meet will be April 26 at Leighton Pool. Teams or individuals may enter, and sign up deadline is April 22. Managers meeting is April 26.
GOLF — The intramural golf tourney is slated for May 8 at Laurelwood Golf Course. Green fee is \$6.50 for 18 holes. Teams may enter a maximum of five players, with the top four counting towards team score. Individuals are welcome as well. Entry deadline is May 5. Managers meeting is May 7.

ALL CAMPUS CHAMPIONSHIPS — Sports offered include: Volleyball Dou-

bles; Squash Singles, Racquetball Singles, Ultimate Frisbee, Wallyball, Golf League, Tennis Mixed Doubles, Frisbee Golf, Frisbee Distance and Accuracy and Fun Runs. For more information call the RIM office (X-4113) in Gerlinger 103.

In addition, the RIM office will offer these special programs this spring:
CENTURY CLUB — Swimmers, cyclists and joggers can turn in you mileage, and the RIM office will chart your progress on a map. You set the goal and work toward it.
PLAYERS WITHOUT PARTNERS — This is to help you find another player of the same interest and ability in tennis, racquetball and squash.
SQUASH LADDER — There has been interest expressed in establishing a ladder tournament for squash spring term. Sign up at the RIM office.

New leadership for some old hands

Duck softballers look to improve batting, record

By Paul Danzer
Of the Emerald

A combination of new leadership and old hands will take the field this week when the Oregon women's softball team swings into action with hopes of turning things around after a disappointing 9-19 showing last spring.

The new blood this year starts at the top as Charles Sylvester, a native of New York who played 10 years of fastpitch softball in the Washington D.C. area, takes over as head coach.

Sylvester came to Oregon to pursue a doctorate degree in therapeutic recreation, but his biggest challenge here may well be to spark some life into the Duck bats which last year were anything but lively.

Eleven members of last year's squad, which had only five batters hit over .250 for the season return to the team this spring. Leading the group of veterans to the plate will be senior Veronica Green, who led the Ducks at the plate last season with a .355 batting average.

Sylvester expects Green to be a leader at the plate again this season, while filling her role as a designated hitter or in left field.

In order to help the cause, Sylvester has had the squad swinging the bats since fall and he thinks he will see the improvement when the Ducks begin play with a tournament in Ashland this Friday.

"I'm hoping they can turn theory into practice," the coach said of his team's offensive potential. "I am pleased with the improvement we have shown so far," he said, noting that many of the players have progressed at the plate.

Some of the new blood which could help spice up the Duck attack belongs to freshman right fielder Deanna Eckelman from Aloha, Oregon. Others who Sylvester hopes will be strong contributors on offense include Stephanie Heisler, a sophomore who will be the Ducks front-line pitcher, sophomore third baseman Katie Hickey, sophomore left fielder Alice Marchant, senior center fielder June Liu, junior second baseman Krista Parent, and sophomore first baseman Karen Vipond.

In addition to the great need for improvement at the plate, Sylvester has concentrated on other aspects of the offense, because he is confident that the strong defense the Ducks showed last season will sprout again this spring.

Last season the Ducks fielding aver-

age was about .920 as a team, and with senior shortstop Vicki Hogan returning to anchor the infield, and team captain Liu, who will be directing things in the outfield, Oregon should continue with solid fielding.

The coach describes his unorthodox left-handed shortstop as "sure handed" and "quick" and said that Hogan would be very instrumental in his team's success this season.

Joining Hogan in the infield will be Vipond at first base, Parent at second base, Hickey at third, and sophomore Susan Tuggle at catcher.

Sylvester describes Vipond as a very intelligent ballplayer, and he likes Parent for her quickness and speed, Tuggle for her strong arm and Hickey, who "does it all."

If anything does happen to get through the infield, Eckelman, Liu and Marchant are quality fielders to back it up.

Sylvester said he is confident that this team will be competitive, but he added that the biggest challenge for him is to realize that he can't turn things around in one year.

"We will be a running team, and we will have to play together as a team," he said. "We're not going to out-talent anybody."



Vicki Hogan