

Hurd's jumping for joy — finally

By Steve Turcotte
Of the Emerald

It's amazing how one jump affected LaMar Hurd.

Hurd, who injured his hamstring in pre-season training last spring, was able to take just one long jump for the Oregon track team last year — and it proved to be a costly one for him and the Ducks.

Instead of sitting out the season and redshirting after injuring his hamstring, Hurd and Oregon head coach Bill Dellinger decided to take a gamble and have the Duck junior leap in the long jump in last year's Oregon State dual meet.

Hurd took one jump, a 22-8 attempt, and was forced to stop because of the fear that he would further damage his hamstring.

But little did Dellinger and Hurd know that the NCAA rule on redshirting in track stated that if a performer takes part in the second half of the track season, then he is ineligible to redshirt. Hurd's jump against the Beavers actually was in the second half of the season and therefore, lost a year of eligibility.

"It was a dumb mistake on my part," says Dellinger. "I really didn't know that it was the second half of the season. I'll have to be more careful in the future about things like that."

But in three years in a Duck track uniform, that has been really Hurd's only bad break. And he is taking up where he left off.

Already this season, Hurd has re-set his own school record in the triple jump with a 51-11 1/4 effort in the Oregon Invitational.

"It was kind of surprising to jump that well so soon in the season," admitted Hurd. "I didn't expect anything like that to happen. The jump itself felt terrible. I thought it was in the 40's."

Hurd is the Ducks' jumping specialist, leading Oregon in both jumps. Although he has only leaped 23-9 in the long jump this season, his jumping coach John Gillespie feels that bigger marks should arrive soon.

"We just haven't had good enough weather to see what he can actually

do," says Gillespie. "As soon as we get some warmer weather we will have a better idea of how he stands."

In addition to his jumping duties, Hurd has taken on a third event this season — the 110 high hurdles.

The event is not new to him, though. Hurd was the Washington prep high hurdle champion his senior year at Garfield High School in Seattle.

"I really like the hurdles, it's a nice switch from the jumps," Hurd says. "I was going to run the hurdles last year until I got hurt. It's fun to be able to help the team in three events."

"LaMar was awfully good at running the hurdles in high school and I thought he missed them his freshman year," Gillespie says. "He has a lot of potential in the hurdles."

The soft-spoken Hurd could be one of the important figures this Saturday when the Ducks take on the powerful Washington State Cougars in Pullman.

"If somebody is going to be a key for us against Washington State he is," admitted Gillespie. "He could really help break up some of their points in the jumps and hurdles."

The Cougars have three long jumpers over 24-feet and a pair of triple jumpers over 52-feet.

"Going against guys with the good marks like that only makes me compete that much harder," says Hurd. "I have never been in a dual meet like that with that much competition. It should be interesting."

But interestingly enough, Hurd almost never donned a Duck track uniform. Instead, he spent most his four college years playing basketball.

Hurd was a starting guard on Garfield's basketball team, which won the Washington prep basketball crown two years in a row. During his senior season, Hurd was named to the All-State team and the letters began pouring in.

"I got offers from places like Gonzaga and Washington," says Hurd. "Washington wanted me to come out to play basketball and give me a track scholarship."

"It really crossed my mind to play college basketball but track was pretty much my first love."



Emerald Photo

LaMar Hurd got plenty of air on this jump, but he also got plenty of grief. This was Hurd's only leap last year because of the fear he would reinjure his hamstring.

et al.

MEETINGS

Undergraduate Economics Association will meet at 1 p.m. in Rm. 412 PLC. today.

Constitution committee meets today at 8:30 a.m. in Rm. 337 EMU.

IFC meets today at 5 p.m. in Rm. 337 EMU. Agenda includes: Jewish Student Union, SNUFF (veto overrides); American Chemical Society Transfer; MEChA transfer; tool library. Public is invited to attend.

Pi Lambda Theta will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in Rm. A, Faculty Club. Virginia Brown, vice president of the national chapter will be guest speaker. All are invited.

Asian Studies Society meets every Thurs. at 5 p.m.

in Queen Marie Lounge, Friendly Hall. All interested students are welcome.

LECTURES

Young Americans for Freedom will hold a press conference today on "Why the Homosexual Rights Bills Currently Before the Oregon Legislature Should be Defeated" at 10 a.m. in the EMU Forum Rm.

Dr. Rollo May will talk on "Renewal of Life" today at 8 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom. Admission will be \$1 for students, \$1.50 for general public. Tickets available at EMU Main Desk.

Sheila Mollott, from the Center for Research on

Women at Stanford, will speak today at 3:30 p.m. in Rm. 166 Lawrence on "Men, Women, and Images of Power in Renaissance, Baroque, and Neoclassical Art."

WORKSHOPS

All pre-major students are encouraged to attend a workshop on choosing your major held today in Rm. 164 Oregon hall at 3:30. This will be helpful in course request activity scheduling.

The University Counseling Center is offering the following professionally led groups Spring Term:

Here-and-Now Counseling Group, Tues. 3:30 p.m. Coping with Stress, Tues. 1:30 p.m. Weight Control Issues Groups, Mon. 3:30 or Wed. 3:30.

Eating Disorders Groups, Tues. 3 p.m. or Thurs. 1:30 p.m. There is no charge for these groups, but most begin soon. Call 686-3227.

MISCELLANEOUS

Election Expense Forms are due today by 4 p.m. for all candidates in the ASUO elections. Submit these forms to any Elections Board Member, or to Art or Marcia in Suite 4, EMU.

"Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors" is the title of a Ukrainian film to be shown today at 7:30 p.m. in Rm. 177 Lawrence in connection with the Festival of East European Peoples.

Today's Gay Pride week events are: Alternative Parenting Workshop at 12 p.m., EMU Forum Rm.

Legal issues of concern to gays and lesbians, including constitutional law, and presently pending legislation, from 3-5 p.m. in EMU Forum Rm.

Gay Folk Dancing at 7 p.m. at 1236 Kincaid tonight. Remember to pre-register or the 5k run on Sat. \$5 fee includes t-shirt, \$6.50 on day of the run.

College Republicans hold their annual convention April 15-17 at the Marriott Hotel in Portland. Student registration fee is \$15. For more information, call 747-2047 or 485-9036.

ASUO Primary Elections are being held today. Come out and vote at the Election Booths placed around campus. A validated fee slip and I.D. card is required in order to participate.

Absentee ballots for the ASUO Primary Elections to be held on April 13 and 14 may be picked up in Suite 4,

EMU. A validated fee slip is required to pick up ballots.

Volunteers needed to help with research into legislative issues which affect the future of Oregon's environment. Those interested please contact the Survival Ctr. at 686-4356, or drop by Suite 1, EMU.

Interested in writing a paper on Women's Issues?

The Center for the Study of Women in Society has holdings on a wide range of women's issues. The resource center, Rm. 605 PLC, has a library with books, journals, documents and articles. Hours for spring term are, Mon. — 1-4 p.m., Tue. — 2-5 p.m., Wed. — 1:30-3:30 p.m., Thurs. — 9-1 p.m., Fri. — 9:30-3:30 p.m.

INTERVIEWS

Sign up begins at 7:30 a.m. on Wed. in Rm. 246 Susan Campbell Hall for the following recruiters:

April 18 — U.S. Marine Corps (for Officer — F, W, Sp, Su grads — Any level — Any major).

April 19-20 — U.S. Forest Service (Eagle Cap Wilderness) — will be at EMU, Century Rm. D from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for information and/or Summer Employment.

April 20 — IDS Marketing (for Financial Planner — Sp, Su grads /B/M/PhD — Any major). Group Meetings only: 2-3:30 and 7:30-9 p.m., Rm. 214, EMU. Reserve a space at 246 Susan Campbell Hall.

April 20-21 — U.S. National Bank of Oregon (for Career Development Training — W, Sp, Su grads — Bachelor's — prefer Business).

April 20 — Wausau Insurance Co. (1) for Underwriter Trainee — Sp, Su grads — Bachelor's — Bus Admin/Econ/Mktg (2) for Claim Adjuster Trainee — Sp, Su grads — Bachelors — Bus Admin).

April 20 — Jay Jacobs (for Retail Management — Spring grads — Bachelor's preferred — Any major/Business/Marketing preferred).

April 21 — Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. (for Retail Sales Mgmt. Trainee — F, W, Sp grads — Bachelor's — Business).

April 21-22 — North Pacific Lumber Co. (for Lumber Trader Trainee — Sp grads — M/M — Bus/Forest Industries Program).

Spend an Afternoon on the Job at the Emporium. Enjoy an on-site visit and learn about career opportunities in the field of Personnel on Thurs. from 1:30-4:30 Sign up today in Rm. 246 Susan Campbell Hall. Space is limited. Transportation is provided.

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

Stutz



by Chris Bivins