

Athletes share time, friendship with youths

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It has been a long day. Classes dragged on for hours, and volleyball practice was a series of bad bounces. Shauna Koenig can't wait to get home and make that call.

The freshman from Tor-

rance, Calif., left a little sister at home when she came to Oregon to kick off her college career last summer. But this call is to a sister right here in Eugene, one she has only known for about a month.

Koenig is one of a number of Oregon athletes par-

ticipating in the NCAA's Volunteers for Youth program. The big brother, big sister program matches athletes with children in the community who they can help by being a friend.

"The biggest kick I get is just calling her on the phone,"

says Koenig. "I'll say 'Hi, this is Shauna,' and her voice will rise like she's really happy to hear from me. Just that excitement in her voice gets excitement in me, and that really makes me happy.

"It's not a job, it's a friend. It's filled something that I need inside myself, I can't even tell what it is."

The program is set up in a do-it-yourself manner. Once the coordinators have matched an athlete with a little sister or brother, it is up to the athlete to keep in touch with their sister and to determine activities for them to share.

"My little sister's a kick," says Koenig, who was introduced to the 15-year-old high school student following spring vacation. "They matched us up real well. I think I was real lucky."

"She's a great little student and she is really involved in her studies," says Koenig of her sister. "It's funny because I'll ask her to do something and she'll say she can't because she has to study. And here I am in college just dying to do something. I feel guilty when I talk to her. Maybe I can

learn something from her that way, pick up some of her study habits."

The pair talks weekly by phone, and tries to get together as often as school, studies and sports will allow.

"It could help so many kids that are lacking the friendship, it's just so much for both people. I just wish more athletes would come out and see, because I think it's really neat."

Koenig's teammate Liz Eakin doesn't have any younger brothers or sisters at home in California, but she has a little sister here because she thought it would be neat to have a younger friend to help out.

"It's just nice to know that you can help someone," says Eakin, who has a 13-year-old little sister. "What I really want to do is to be able to show her a better life than what it sounds like she's seen so far."

So far she has had her sister over to dinner several times, played video games with her, and taken her for ice cream. Koenig's most memorable outing to date was a bowling match which she lost to her sister.

"You don't have to plan anything, just do what you normally do and get them involved," Eakin says. "It's very satisfying. Two or three hours a week seems like such a small amount of time to spend to help someone. For me it's just worth it."

Koenig agrees.

"I have a little sister at home in California. I kind of miss her. This girl is around the same age and I like to feel that I can help somebody, and I have a good time too."

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - SPRING 1983

Activity	Division*	Min. # Players	Entry Deadline	Starting Date or Starting Event
FUN RUN	M,W	1	Wed. May 11	May 11
Flag Football Tourney	M	7	Thurs. May 12	May 14
Frisbee Golf Doubles	M,W,C	2	Mon. May 16	May 18
Tennis Mixed Doubles	C	2	Fri. May 20	May 21
Golf*	M,W,C	1-4	Mon. May 23	May 24

* Intramural Sport - Under IM Regulations
* M-Men, W-Women, C-Co-ed

RESULTS

Activity	1st	2nd
Intramural Tennis - Coed	Aces	C.L. II
Intramural Tennis - Women	Des Brisay	Tri Delts
Volleyball Mixed Doubles	McFarland/Helmut	Aver/Gilder
4 x 4 Basketball	Vanilla Thunder	Sig Eps

Tennis Mixed Doubles - Guys and gals, grab your favorite partner and sign up for the tourney on May 21st. Matches will be pro sets (first team to 8 games, no ad.) Entries due May 20, 5:00 p.m.



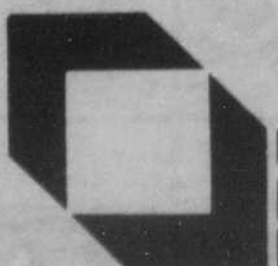
FUN RUN - There will be a Cooperative Fun Run this Wednesday, May 11, at Lane Community College. Meet at the LCC track at 3:45 p.m. to sign in. The course will be 3 miles long. There will be ribbons for all finishers and a drawing for free T-shirts. Let's see lots of U of O runners there!

Frisbee Golf Doubles - Entries are available now for the frisbee golf tournament. All you frisbee golf fans get a partner and test your skill on the U of O course.

Intramural Golf Tournament to be played at Laurelwood Golf Course is 18 holes. Teams or individuals may enter. Entry blanks are available at 103 Gerlinger. The tournament will be played on Saturday, May 21.



National Flag Football Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This is the last chance for all you ole football players to shine. Entries are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 12. There will be mandatory meetings for team captains and a \$10.00 entry fee. Teams are guaranteed a minimum of two games.



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Baseball team to host PSU

The Oregon baseball team will host Portland State, currently in third place in the Pac-10 Northern Division, in a 3 p.m. contest at Howe Field today.

The game marks the end of the season for the Ducks, who returned to the baseball scene as a Club Sport this year after being cut as a varsity sport at the end of the 1981 season.

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basketball.

"Those happen so damn quick," he says, "you just have to go on common sense and judgement."

That's not always enough. There are times when the referees will get the heat for a

call. Alderton says the ultimate compliment a ref can receive is anonymity.

"The best comment a referee can receive is when the coach asks, 'Who worked that game?' That's when you know you've done a good job."

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