

Women runners claim first-ever Pac-10 conference championship

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The Oregon women's cross country team became a part of Pacific-10 Conference history, winning the first-ever women's Pac-10 cross country championship on the Stanford University Golf Course Monday.

It was a good day all around for the Ducks, as junior Penny Graves continued her streak as the teams' number-one runner and claimed the women's Pac-10 individual title, clocking a time of 16:51.7.

"Historically, the meet is more important than the Region VIII meet because now we are the first women's champion ever in the Pac-10, and Graves is the first individual woman to win a championship in a given sport," said head coach Tom Heinonen.

"Graves ran a great race," he said. "She stayed in control, ran from behind and moved up smoothly and took the lead at

the mile and three-quarter mark." He said this point was the steepest point of the hill on the course.

Freshman Liz Wilson remained the team's number-two runner with a fifth-place finish overall (17:25.6).

Juniors Lisa Johnson and Deanna Schiedler finished third and fourth, respectively, for the Ducks. Johnson was 12th overall (17:43.0), while Schiedler finished 21st (18:05.1).

Oregon's fifth and final scoring position went to freshman Karen Rayle, who finished fourth of a second behind Schiedler for a 22nd-place finish (18:05.5).

The Ducks' championship showing proved to Heinonen that his team can run well against tough competition and should elevate their national ranking from their current 16th-seat spot.

"This (the championship) should get us ranked in the

top-10 (nationally)," Heinonen said. "So if we end up the third team at the Regions, we have something to fall back on and could earn an at-large spot into nationals."

The mens' team also had a top showing at the championships, finishing runner-up for the second straight year. This time to the University of Arizona by a convincing 25-point margin (49-74).

The pre-meet favorites — Oregon and Stanford University — ended up battling it down to the wire for second place with the Ducks edging the Cardinals by two points (74-76).

The Ducks placed four runners among the top-15 finishers. Senior Shemi Sabag led the way for Oregon with a ninth place finish overall (31:07.8).

Senior Dub Meyers came across the line second for the Ducks (12th overall at 31:35.2), while freshman sensation Brad Hudson came in behind Meyers in 13th place (31:41.1).

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would set up a deterrent for people to think twice before taking drugs, Chase believes.

Another worry Chase has is the safety of athletes during competition.

"Out on the football field, or any other type of physical activity where people are jumping up and down, their brains need to be working at top efficiency," Chase said.

"Having someone on drugs is

just begging for a problem because it is an inevitability that you are going to get someone who is going to end up dead, and there will be a lawsuit. It is going to discredit your whole program because people who were honest or were responsible for what they were doing will be affected," Chase added.

Copies of the senate's resolution will be sent to President Paul Olum, Vice President for

Administration Daniel Williams, and members of the Athletic Department, Thoma said.

The senate unanimously voted to pass an amendment proposed by Senate member Karen Frymoyer.

Frymoyer proposed that the senate form a committee to research possible alternatives to the University Administration's drug testing policy.

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tries it serves, Anderst said.

They are particularly interested in qualified volunteers who have skills in business, health and nutrition, education, and agriculture, he said.

Students whose backgrounds are in the general liberal arts category are considered, but strong competition for the positions among liberal arts students makes additional skills, such as the ability to organize and motivate people, almost a necessity, Anderst said.

"We have a larger pool of applicants from the liberal arts areas and less requests for those people from the Third World countries we serve," he said.

The Peace Corps has 52 different programs. Many people may qualify for more than one, he said. People with natural science backgrounds and math

skills are usually qualified for the most programs.

The Peace Corps serves 62 different countries.

Students who have experience from work outside the classroom which may be applicable in a Third World community are also in demand, Anderst said.

Interested and qualified students fill out an application, and then are scheduled for an interview. If the interview goes well, those students are nominated to the regional office to fill a position, Anderst said.

The application allows for a listing of geographical preferences, not by country but by region, Anderst said.

"In the interview we ask why they want that particular area to check their motivation," Anderst said. "If they just want to go to the Caribbean for a vaca-

tion, we question their motivation."

Peace Corps volunteers who pass the screening process spend two years in the service. They receive a living allowance that is based on the cost of living where they are stationed. Volunteers' medical and dental needs are covered.

After the term of service ends, volunteers receive a readjustment allowance to help them when they get back home, Anderst said.

Requirements for volunteers include: U.S. citizenship, 18 years of age, and good physical health. The average age of volunteers is between 28 and 30 years, Anderst said.

Currently the Peace Corps has between 5,600 and 6,000 volunteers, Anderst said. The Peace Corps' goal is to gather 10,000 volunteers, he said.

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