



Photo by John Giustina

Gary Brady and Mike Farber team up during a recent practice while preparing for the regional championships

Frisbee team plans for ultimate

By Dennis Fernandes
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Sometimes the only opponent that Oregon's ultimate frisbee club sports team ever faces is itself.

This weekend that predicament should leave the Ducks in a precarious position as both the men's and women's team head

to Stanford, Calif., for the Ultimate Players Association Collegiate Regionals and a chance to qualify for the nationals at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

But the lack of competition in the Pacific Northwest hasn't seemed to thwart the Ducks. The men's team, currently rank-

ed eighth in the country, captured second at the regionals last year, good enough to qualify for the national tournament in St. Louis, where it finished fifth. This will be the first year at regionals for the less-experienced women's program.

"It affects us to some degree," explained Michael Wing, who coordinates the team along with Jay Jannin. "Climate has a little to do with it. A lot of the California teams are going strong throughout the winter, so we're at a disadvantage there."

"But when spring rolls around, we're pumped to play."

Despite the lack of teams in the area, Wing believes there is still a place for ultimate frisbee in the Northwest. "The only thing we lack are large population areas," Wing said.

And how. While the Ducks have to travel frequently in order to play, there are an estimated 20 teams in the San Francisco Bay Area alone. So it is even that more impressive that Oregon will be the only non-Californian team in the regional tournament.

Although the men's team, 25-16, suffered a letdown this season after losing some of its more experienced players to graduation, Wing said his team's goal of taking a repeat trip to the national tournament is within reason.

"This is what we've been

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Golf season to wind down

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The tubes have been removed, the respirator unplugged. The misery of the University women's golf season is about to end in Tuscon, Ariz., with the Ducks fading fast at the Pacific 10 Conference Championships.

The 1987 women's team, which is composed entirely of first-year, walk-on players, is the beginning of what coaches Scott Krieger and Dave Lipp feel will be a competitive, successful program.

But like all successful golf programs in the NCAA, time and scholarships are a necessity.

Indeed, the Ducks may have had the best non-recruited team in the nation. Unfortunately, that doesn't mean much to established programs like Arizona State University, University of Arizona, USC, UCLA and Stanford.

Lipp acknowledges the tribulations of a first-year program. "There's a lot of distance between walk-ons and full-ride players. We want to make sure they (the team) have a good time and that other teams do, too," he said.

Team scores may have been high, but so has team morale. "Everyone realized the situation on this team and no one had any unrealistic goals.

Everyone enjoyed each other and we encouraged each other," Lipp said.

If that encouragement spills over to next year the Ducks may put some victories on the scoreboard since they've already received five verbal commitments from golfers to attend the University.

The University men's golf team, on the other hand, isn't in such dire straits. But as Ray Leonard did to Marvin Hagler, they must now do it to a 15-team field at the Phoenix Thunderbird Intercollegiate in Phoenix, Arizona, today and Friday.

Specifically, underdog Oregon must outpoint tourney co-favorites UCLA, USC and Fresno State University to keep their post-season NCAA hopes alive. Currently, Oregon is in golf purgatory, occupying the sixth position going into Phoenix. "We're sitting on a bubble right now," said coach Scott Kreiger. "If we finish well in our last two tournaments, it will really help."

The Phoenix course is faster and slicker in both the fairways and greens compared to courses in Oregon. Control will be important to keep the scores down in the desert conditions because the ball will race a long way before it stops. The climate also may play against Oregon.

Karate club to host tourney

The Oregon karate club will host other club teams from Oregon, Washington and California in its 1987 Spring Invitational Tournament on Saturday in Room 220 of Gerlinger Hall. Preliminary competition runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the final rounds set to begin at five. Club members will compete for their teams, but they will also be judged in two individual events — Kata, or pre-arranged artistic movements, and Kumite, which is one-on-one combat.

The Oregon baseball club dropped both ends of a double-header to Linn-Benton Community College last Sunday, 8-2 and 5-3. It is scheduled to play at Lane Community College today at 3 p.m.

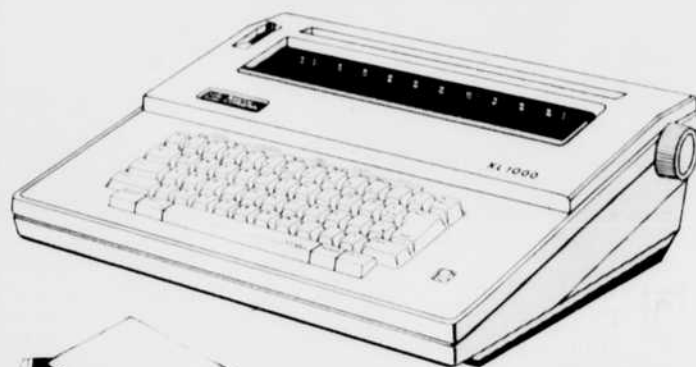
"Bubba's," the Oregon women's soccer team, fell to 3-2 after losing to Springfield, 3-0, Monday night. They play Rennies at Cal Young School this Monday at 6 p.m.

The men's lacrosse squad turned back the University of Washington, 5-4, in the Pacific Northwest Lacrosse Association Tournament in Portland last Saturday. They were beaten soundly in their next match, 21-2, by eventual champion Victoria. The club will host Willamette University for a 1 p.m. game next to Hayward Field.

The women's lightweight varsity 4-rower and the men's novice 8-rower squads captured top spots for the Oregon crew team at the Portland Regatta last weekend. The men's lightweight varsity 4-rower and the men's varsity 8-rower teams captured second place, while the women's varsity 8-rower team got third. Oregon has this weekend off before hosting the Northwest Championships at Fern Ridge Reservoir May 9.

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