



Photo by Mark Ylen

Sophomore Kamala Kohlmeier, a standout gymnast at Portland's Parkrose High School, now is a standout trackster at the University.

# Gymnast turned track star learns to master new event

By Ashley Conklin  
Emerald Sports Reporter

Kamala Kohlmeier has personified all-around excellence on the track this season, not a bad trait considering track used to be a "secondary sport" for her.

The sophomore from Portland's Parkrose High School competed in both track and gymnastics in high school, and was a two-time all-around state champion in gymnastics. However, it was track Kohlmeier decided to pursue in college, and so far the results have been encouraging.

"I was more into gymnastics so I knew my goals in track had limitations and I had to be realistic," Kohlmeier said. "Pac-10's were a reasonable goal and before, nationals weren't even a

vision."

With a year of collegiate experience though, Kohlmeier has become the team's top hurdler this season and continues to excel in the jumps as well.

"A year of experience helped," Kohlmeier said. "Track was relatively new and kind of a secondary sport. It was a big step to do track at college. I still have a lot of room for improvement."

Womens' assistant coach Mark Stream, who coaches the hurdlers, jumpers and sprinters, agreed that having a year of experience has made the difference.

"Mainly just a year of training helped," he said. "Her big sport has been gymnastics and track was a sideline."

Kohlmeier has the Ducks' top marks in both the 100-meter

high hurdles (14.21) and the 400 hurdles (1:01.60) despite running the 400 hurdles for the first time this year last Saturday. Kohlmeier also has the third best mark in the conference in the triple jump (38-9), after just learning the event this season.

Kohlmeier is the only Oregon athlete to qualify for the Pac-10 meet in four events. As if the hurdles and triple jump weren't enough, she has also tackled the seven-event heptathlon and easily met the conference standard with 4,879 points. With all of the demands on her, it's been quite a challenge for Kohlmeier to excel in every event.

"It's tough," she admitted. "This week coming up (the Pac-10 meet), I've got to do sev-

Turn to Kohlmeier, Page 6S

LET IN SOME *Springtime!*

With a DOWN TO EARTH gift for home or garden:

- GLASSWARE • TABLEWARE • GOURMET COOKWARE
- ORGANIC STARTS & HEIRLOOM SEEDS • BAREROOT TREES & BERRY BUSHES • QUALITY GARDENING TOOLS & SOIL SUPPLEMENTS • PETCARE • BODYCARE • JEWELRY
- CARDS • DESIGNER GIFT PAPER • BASKETS
- SILK SCARVES • CUT FLOWERS & MORE...

Come in and shop at our new stores and visit Allan Bros. Coffee for brunch, lunch or munch.

◆ DOWN TO EARTH ◆

|                  |   |                    |
|------------------|---|--------------------|
| HOME<br>344-6357 | HOME & GARDEN STORES<br>5th and Olive<br>In the Historic Feed & Seed Bldgs. | GARDEN<br>342-6820 |
|------------------|---|--------------------|

## New Arrivals

"Quality Clothing That Lasts"

Terramar  
Royal Robbins  
Patagonia  
Woolrich  
Russel  
North Face  
Hind

We have a great selection of Natural Fiber Clothing

Remember 10% Student Discount

# McKENZIE

OUTFITTERS

79 W. BROADWAY VALLEY RIVER CENTER  
Mon - Sat 9:30-6 Sun 11-5 (Reg. Center Hours)

## FUN FOOD TO GO

Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner  
Catering

24th & HILYARD • 484-4497  
Around the corner from Sundance

## CATCH A COMET AFTER THE MEET

at  
& Yogurt Shop

50¢ CONES  
(small size)  
with this coupon • expires 5/19/89

& Yogurt Shop  
345-5566  
Open early Open Late • Across from UO Bookstore