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"When Monson and his staff came to my house, they sat down with my mom and we talked academics," Lucas said.

"That really impressed my mom and me," he said. "Other schools talked about basketball first, but the Oregon recruiters really stressed the academic side of college and then talked about basketball."

Lucas said his first priority while at Oregon is to earn a degree. He said he remains realistic about his chances at a professional basketball career.

"People always ask me about the NBA," Lucas said. "The NBA is great and I would go in a second."

"But the percentage of college players who make it in the NBA is not very high," he said. "I have to be realistic. The degree is the major reason I came here."

Along with personal improvement, Lucas sees improvement over last season in Oregon's basketball team. The 1988-89 Ducks finished 3-15 in the Pac-10 and 8-21 overall.

Lucas said hard work and improved attitudes will be a key to an improved 1989-90 Oregon basketball squad.

**'Cats move in poll**

The Arizona Wildcats, Oregon's opponent this Thursday night, moved from sixth to second on the Associated Press men's college basketball poll. Arizona beat national champion Michigan in the Tipoff Classic last weekend.

Syracuse, ranked third last week, moved into first place without having played a game this season.

Nevada Las Vegas dropped from first to sixth in the poll after its loss to Kansas in the pre-season NIT tournament. Kansas, unranked last week, was fourth after beating UNLV, Louisiana State and St. John's for the NIT title.

Georgetown and Missouri were rated third and fifth, respectively in the poll to round out the top five.

"There's no question we're going to improve," Lucas said. "We're going to be a fun team and an enthusiastic team. You're going to see guys working their hearts out."

Lucas said part of the Ducks' problem last season was souring attitudes when things went bad. This year, that will improve.

"Last season, whenever we hit a low point, it just compounded itself because our team didn't have good attitudes," he said.

"This year, we have a lot of players who are enthusiastic about practice and working hard," he said.

It is that kind of enthusiasm, both as a basketball player and a student, that Lucas hopes will make him a success in whatever he does.

**Oldham nets first team honor**

By Ashley Conklin  
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Defensive back and kick returner Chris Oldham was the only Oregon football player to be named to the first team all-Pacific-10 Conference when the all-conference teams were announced last week.

Oldham, a senior from Sacramento, Calif., was named to the first team on defense for the second time in a row after finishing second in the league with six interceptions. He was also named first team return specialist after leading the conference in kickoff return average at 28.7 yards per return.

Senior running back Derek

Loville, who was fourth in the Pac-10 in rushing, was named to the second team for the second straight season.

Other Ducks named to the second team offense were senior flanker Terry Obee, senior tackle Curt Dykes and sophomore place kicker Gregg McCallum.

Obee became Oregon's all-time leader in receiving yardage this season while McCallum set single season records for field goals and points scored.

Junior linebacker Peter Brantley and senior nose guard David Cusano were named to the defensive second team.

Brantley registered 10%

sacks this season and tied for fourth on the team with 70 tackles. Cusano intercepted two passes and was second on the squad with 79 tackles.

Junior quarterback Bill Musgrave, who led the Pac-10 in passing yardage and touchdown passes, received an honorable mention.

Other offensive players receiving honorable mentions were senior fullback Latin Berry and offensive guard Chris Husko, both seniors.

Oregon defensive players who earned honorable mention status were senior linebacker Mark Kearns, senior free safety Derek Horton and sophomore defensive end Matt LaBounty.

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