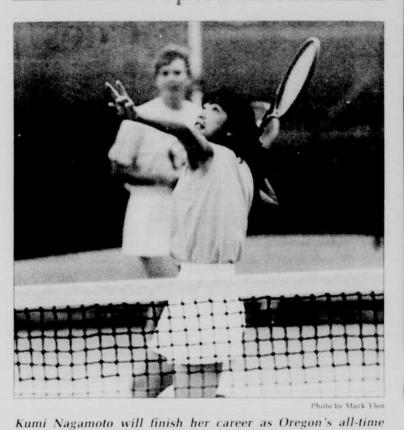
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Nagamoto leaves her mark in Duck tennis

By Ashley Conklin Emerald Sports Reporter

For the best singles player in Oregon history, tennis is not the top priority.

Senior Kumi Nagamoto will wrap up her Oregon career Saturday — when the Ducks host Puget Sound — as the all-time singles victory leader in schoolhistory. She currently sports a 63-28 career record and passed the career singles mark of 59 wins two weeks ago against Grand Canyon College.

But for the native of Yamato, Japan, tennis is second to school on her list of priorities.

Nagamoto will graduate in June with a degree in psychology and a minor in chemistry. Despite the hectic schedule of tennis and school work. Nagamoto has maintained a 3.50 grade point average and is a prime example of the kind of player coach Tom Greider wants on his team.

"To have players graduate, that's my goal," he said. "That's the reason I was hired, to get players to get their degree, not to win the NCAA title." Nagamoto said she doesn't have any secrets when it comes to getting good grades.

"I don't know, I just do it." she said. "I really like to organize myself. Once I get a syllabus I write down the test dates and all the due dates on my calendar and just follow that schedule."

It won't be an easy schedule for Nagamoto to follow after she graduates this spring. She plans to enroll in the graduate program at the University of Rochester in New York to pursue a graduate degree, and probably a doctorate, in neuroscience research.

Talk about a demanding requirement.

"I really like doing research on the behavior of drugs on animals," Nagamoto said. "A professor from the biology department gave me an experiment to do on the effects of drugs on coho salmon and I learned much more from doing my own research than I ever did in a lecture class.

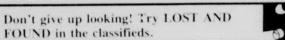
"I'd like to do that in the future." she said. "I would like

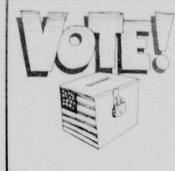
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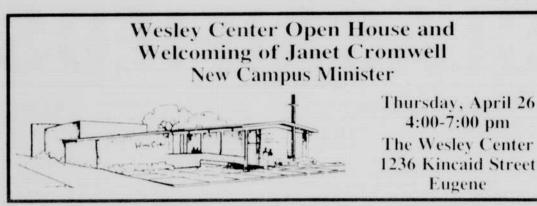


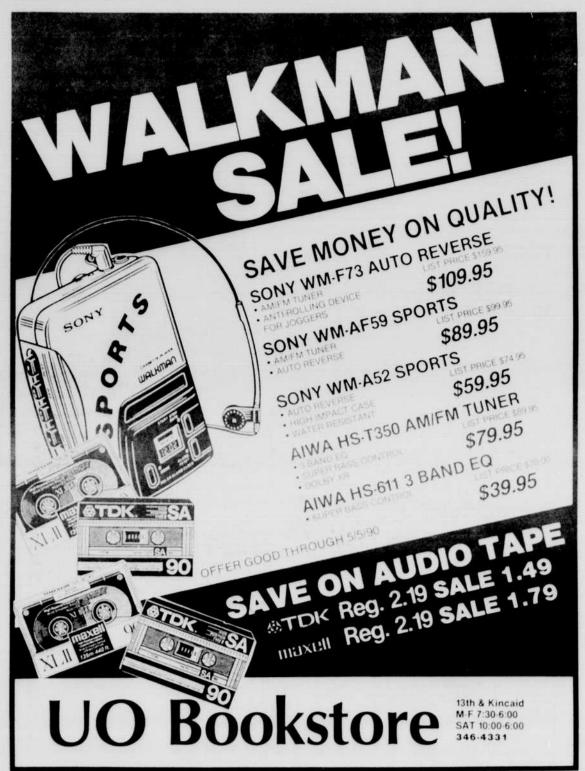


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