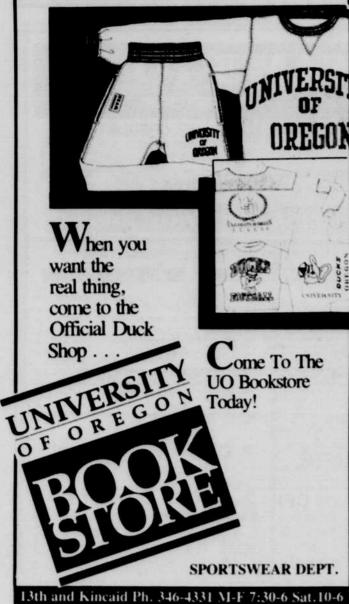




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Stephanie Wessell is hoping to improve upon last year's 58th place finish at the NCAA cross country championships on Nov. 19.

## Wessell out for better NCAA finish

By Robert Weber Emerald Sports Reporter

Fifty-eight. It's a number that is on Stephanie Wessell's mind as she and Oregon's women's cross country team head into their stretch of championship meets.

Wessell, a senior from Coos Bay, is dead set on improving upon her 58th place finish in last year's NCAA Championships.

"Now that we're heading into the regionals and nationals, I've started thinking about 58th last year," Wessell said. "It's kind of a big number. I've been thinking about how much better I can do this year."

Wessell is well on her way to doing better this year as she and the Ducks look to sweep through

the Pacific-10 and Region VIII championships on their way to a top-five finish in the NCAAs.

The Ducks completed the first phase of their plan last weekend by capturing the Pac-10 title at Stanford. Wessell finished second behind teammate Liz Wilson as the Ducks scored 56 points and held off second place Washington, who finished second with 61 points. The league title is the Ducks' fourth in five years.

Wessell was happy the Ducks won the meet but felt the team could have run better.

"We didn't run the race as well as we could have," Wessell said."If we run like we can we could have won by 20 points."

It was the fourth time in four meets that Wes-

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