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Veterans, youth a solid mix for men's soccer

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The Club Sports men's soccer team will be eager to improve on last season's solid performance with returning players and a slew of tal-

ented newcomers.

Player-coach Andy Gagnier

calls this year's team even more talented than last year's.

"But we have so many new players that it will be a while until we develop a team chemistry," he said.

Student interest in the team has risen so sharply that Gagnier has had to make more cuts in the lineup with each year.

"We started with 60 guys this

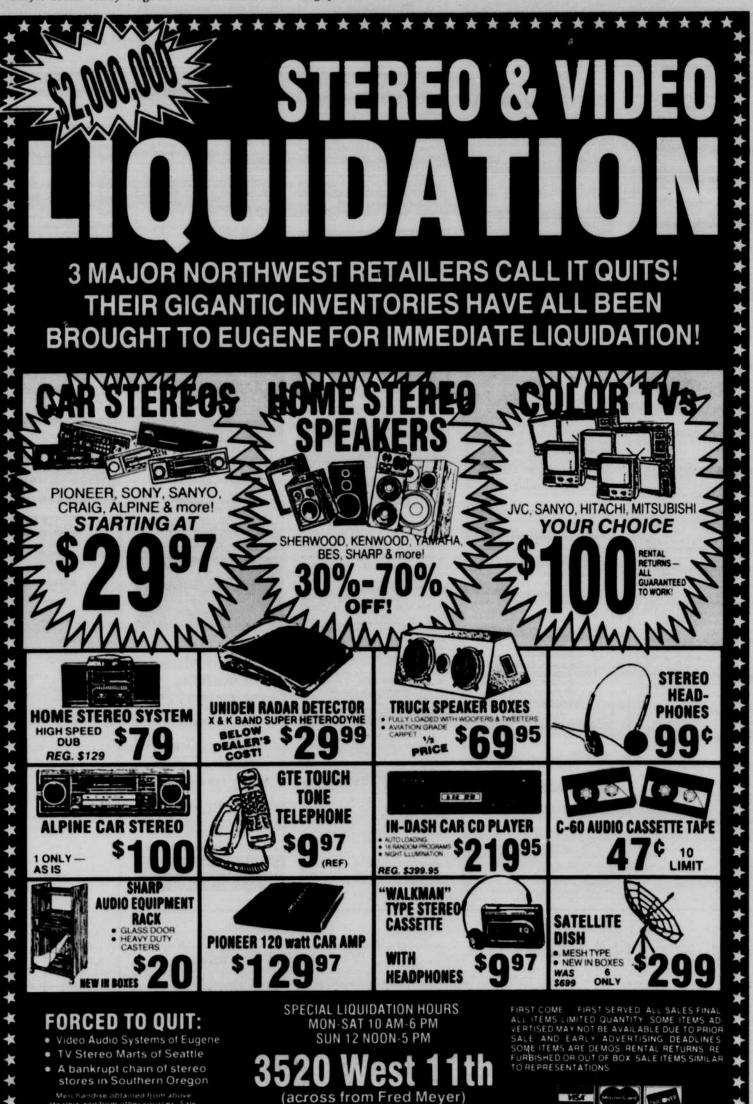
season, but unfortunately I had to cut the list down to 19," Gagnier said.

Last season, Oregon won nearly every game, with losses only to Portland State and Oregon State. With this year's talented group, Gagnier said he believes the Ducks have a good chance to win every game.

"We have some talented

players that were offered scholarships to Division 1 programs," he said, "but our main problem is a lack of experience playing with each other."

Oregon will play Central Oregon and Boise State in a tournament in Bend this Sunday. The Ducks return to the South Bank Field for a game against Portland State Oct. 14 and against Washington State Oct. 18.



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