## Oregon basketball, wrestling begin next week

## By Steve Mims

Although this weekend's Civil War matchups mark the end of the Oregon football and volleyball seasons, the winter sports begin their seasons next week.

The Oregon men's basketball team will play an exhibition game against the Bamburg Club at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday before beginning the regular season next Friday against Humboldt State at McArthur Court.

The Ducks feature six new players plus junior Jordy Lyden, who redshirted last season. One Duck who will not be in action is Jeff Potter, who is out from four to six weeks with a elbow injury.

The Pacific-10 Conference media rep-

resentatives have not shown much confidence in the Ducks this season. The preseason media poll placed the Ducks in ninth place, ahead of only Washington. The media voted California in first place, followed by UCLA and Arizona.

The Oregon women's basketball team will open the year with an exhibition game against the Melbourne Raiders on Monday. Following one game at home, new Oregon head coach Jody Runge will take her team to Hawaii to play in the Paradise Classic with Hawaii, Loyola Marymount and Northern Illinois on November 26-27.

The women have also made some changes, adding seven new players to the team, including 6-foot-5-inch center Sandie Edwards. In addition, one familiar player with a new name is Missy Croshaw, formerly Missy Stowell before her summer marriage.

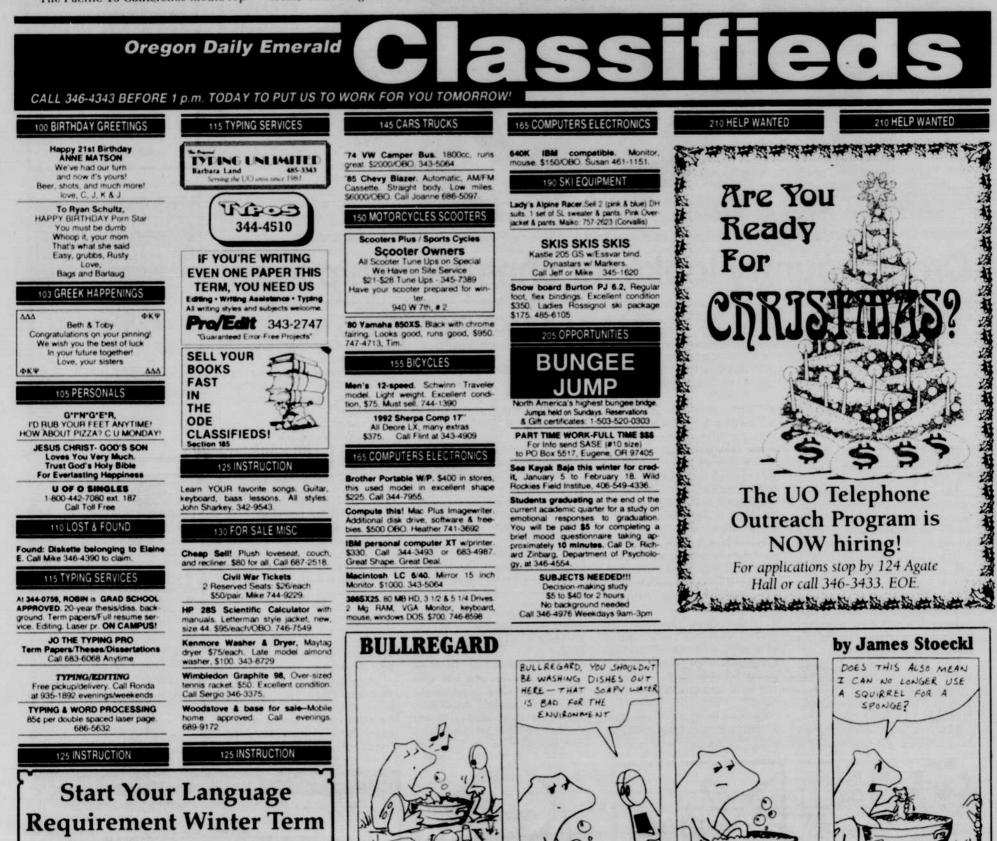
The media did not show much confidence in the Oregon women's team either, picking it eighth, ahead of Arizona State and Washington State. Stanford and USC were picked first and second, respectively.

The Oregon wrestling team begins its season this weekend, when it grapples at the Southern Oregon Open in Ashland on Saturday. Oregon's wrestling team got more respect than the basketball teams in the preseason, getting pegged 39th in the country by Amoteur Wrestling News. This season marks Ron Finley's 24th year as head coach.

Oregon's Kevin Roberts is ranked 12th in the country at 118 pounds, as is Chris Anderson at 275 pounds. The only other Duck ranked in the preseason is 134pounder Cory Sonnen, ranked 15th.

Other returning lettermen are Chris Jensen, James Stephens, Pat Hirai, Dustin Maddox, Justin Muggy, Peter Stayner, Tom Glenn, Clint Messner, Mat Sprague and Jeff McCoy.

One fall team that has not finished its season yet is the men's tennis team, which will be in Hawaii next week. There the Ducks will face Chaminade, Hawaii, Brigham Young and Hawaii Pacific.



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