

Academics come first at Georgetown

■ **BASKETBALL:** Hoyas have been strongly "encouraged" by Georgetown's academic adviser to keep their grades up

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — The woman sitting next to the Georgetown bench looks a little out of place. Prim and grandmotherly, she shouts the occasional word of encouragement to the players on the court, then follows coach John Thompson to the locker room when the game is over.

But beneath Mary Fenlon's placid exterior is the hard-nosed, uncompromising academic adviser who has kept Georgetown's players — and Thompson — on their scholastic toes for 24 years.

"She'd curse you out if you messed up," New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing said. "And if you needed a pat on the back, she'd pat you on the back. Mary is just a great lady."

Fenlon was the first assistant Thompson hired when he took over the Hoyas' basketball program in 1972. Since then, Thompson has made Georgetown a perennial college powerhouse, while Fenlon has made sure that the school's academic integrity wasn't sacrificed in the process — even in the money-driven, leave-school-early basketball environment of the 1990s.

"It's not a basketball thing with her," said sophomore Allen Iverson, the latest Georgetown star to wrestle with thoughts of leaving early for the NBA. "I love Miss Fenlon to death because of how she gets on me about my work in class. She wants me to put that first. She keeps everything in perspective."

Under the Thompson-Fenlon regime, 72 of 74 basketball players who stayed at Georgetown four years received their degrees.

One of her rules: If a player has a paper due on the day of an away game, he has to turn it in before the trip, not after. Things that players get away with in high school or at other universities don't go with Fenlon.

"Basically, she just picked up where my parents left off," senior Jerome Williams said. "Discipline is one of her fortes."

Fenlon has another steadfast rule: She does not talk to reporters. In 24 years, the only interview she has given was to Spike Lee for an HBO piece on Thompson, and even then she said little about herself. She declined to be interviewed for this story.

"The young men would be compromised if they thought I was going to be talking to the media," Fenlon once said. "... (It) violates the confidence of the student-athletes."

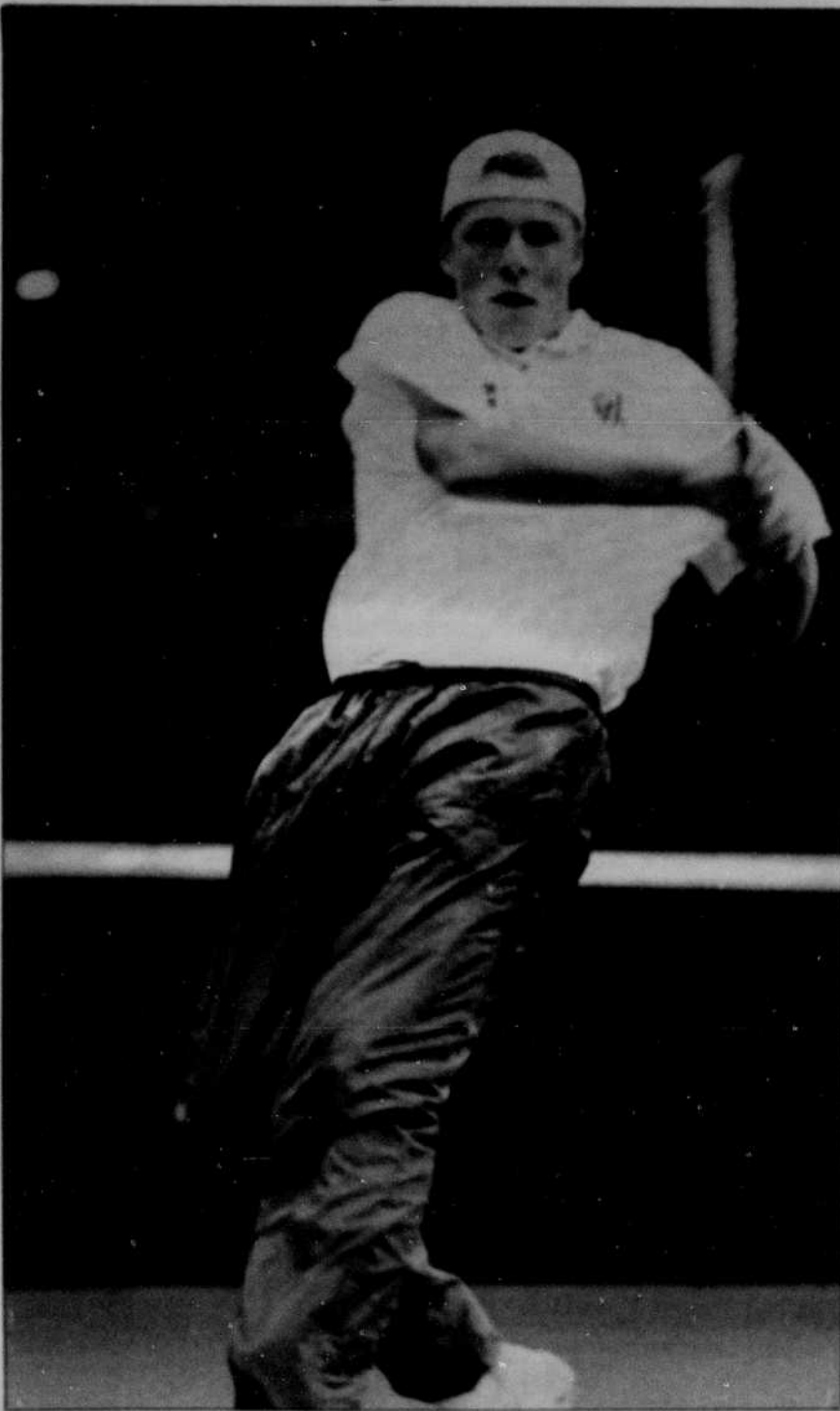
While Fenlon quietly goes about her business, Thompson can hardly stop talking about her. Mention her name and the coach's eyes light up as he describes how their unlikely and sometimes contentious partnership works.

"I [told her] when I first came here, that I wanted these kids to graduate, and [that] I did not trust my own competitive instincts," Thompson said. "My competitive instincts are to win, and [I told her] I'm going to be fighting you to all be-damn about what I'm asking you to do."

"You see, I'm like the guy who's getting ready to go to the candy store [and is] on

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Ducks complete season sweep of Pilots



Playing in the No. 2 singles spot, senior Hans Forsberg picked up a win in both singles and doubles action Tuesday against Portland.

■ **TENNIS:** The men have now won three matches in a row

By **Ryan Frank**
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The Oregon men's tennis team edged above the .500 mark with a sweep of Portland on Tuesday afternoon, 7-0. The victory was the Ducks' third-straight win and second sweep in the last three matches.

Oregon did not drop a set in the win, while improving its record to 10-9 on the season and sweeping the Pilots for the second time this year.

"We played much better against them compared to fall," head coach Chris Russell said. "It was very evident how much we have improved. We [were] much more assertive on the court and were in control of the points."

"I think we had some momentum coming in from wins over Idaho and Marquette. [Mikel Goldstein, Hans [Forsberg] and Dougal [Williams] all played well."

Forsberg, playing at the No. 2 singles spot, gave up only seven games in his doubles and singles matches combined. Teaming up with Williams, he defeated Chris Atzet and Henry Oldham 8-3 and gave up only four games in his singles match against Oldham.

After losing against Marquette, No. 3 singles player John DeVorss moved into fifth-place on Oregon's career win list with a win over Steve Ascher. The win moved his career record to 47-36.

With a win at No. 5 singles, Jeff Strong brought his team-leading season win total to 11 on the season.

Oregon's current winning streak stopped a previous seven-match losing streak. Russell said his team will benefit from the last three matches on its schedule.

"This section of our schedule gives us a little confidence and gets us on track," Russell said. "We want to peak at the right time. Right now we are not playing to our full potential."

For the fourth time this season the Ducks will travel to California when they go to Fresno to play highly ranked Fresno State on Saturday.

"They're good," Russell said. "They will be one of the best teams that we have played this season. We will try to worry about staying within ourselves and play our game rather than worry about who we are playing."

On the women's side, Oregon will take a week

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Men's lacrosse comes from behind to beat OSU

■ **CLUB SPORTS:** Oregon's men's and women's indoor soccer teams both nab wins

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The Oregon Club Sports men's lacrosse team pushed its record to 3-0 with two important wins last weekend on South Bank Field.

The Ducks fell behind 0-3 to Oregon State on Saturday before scoring 11 unanswered goals on the way to a 12-4 win.

Ben Myler and Craig Baggott each recorded hat tricks in the victory over the Beavers. Schuyler Harrison added two goals and two assists. Andreas Fehrle scored both the Ducks' first goal of the game.

Oregon also put together an 8-6 comeback behind win Sunday over Washington.

Harrison, Baggott and Jerry Baglien each scored twice for the Ducks. Dan Calvert led Oregon's defense in both games as well as scoring a goal in each. Goalie Chris Barbieri had a solid weekend as well, collecting 23 saves against OSU and 23 against the Huskies.

Team coordinator Harrison said the

weekend wins boosted Oregon's morale.

"After beating Washington, now we have the confidence that we can go out and beat any team in the league," he said.

The Ducks will test their new-found confidence this weekend against undefeated Lewis and Clark on Saturday and Pacific Lutheran on Sunday.



The Oregon Club Sports women's lacrosse team heads to Portland this weekend to compete in a tournament with teams from around the Northwest. The Ducks' home season starts on May 9.

The Oregon Club Sports men's soccer team won its first game of the indoor season, 13-7 over a Salem team. With the victory, the Ducks pushed their record to 1-3-1.

Ryan Aanderud and Geoff Oliver led the offense with three goals a piece. Brian Westhaver, Graham Goodloe and Dave Plechl each scored twice, while Craig Renaud rounded out the scoring with one goal.

Oliver had the game's most spectacular goal, a second-effort diving header over the goalkeeper's outstretched arms.

Oregon goalie Greg Labavitch was pleased with the Ducks' performance and credited Aanderud for keeping the team pumped up.

"Ryan was the emotional leader in the win," Labavitch said. "He was real intense."

The Oregon Club Sports women's soccer team moved to 4-0 in the indoor season with a 15-4 victory over Kaiser.

Louisa Lakos, Jamie Kawamura and Naomi Alibshman all scored multiple goals to lead the Ducks' offensive barrage.

In a United States Volleyball Association Classic, the Oregon Club Sports women's volleyball team went 2-4 in pool play. The Ducks were then bumped out of the tournament by Fade to Gray in the first round of elimination play.

The Ducks will compete in their next tournament this weekend when they travel to Lewis and Clark. Oregon will head to Portland this Sunday for the all day tournament beginning at 8:30 a.m.