

## Duck linebacker awarded for off-the-field achievements

**■ HONOR:**  
Derrick Barnes is an appreciated volunteer for Lane ShelterCare

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It's not everyday that a football player is honored for something other than tackles or completions. But Oregon outside linebacker Derrick Barnes is no ordinary athlete.

In addition to being a full-time student and a starter for the Ducks, Barnes spends time during the week as a volunteer at Lane ShelterCare's Ulhorn Program, for which he was honored with the Volunteer of the Month award on Wednesday.

Barnes works with low-income people who suffer from a traumatic brain injury. The program helps to re-teach life skills. He currently teaches a basic cooking class and tutors individuals in areas such as grocery shopping and other skills to help make them more self-sufficient.

Barnes says he got involved in the program about six months ago as a way to get practicum credit toward a degree in Sociology. Although he will be unable to collect

the credits due to a paperwork error, Barnes says he hasn't even considered quitting.

"I'm getting a lot out of it even if I'm not getting the credit," he said.

Lane ShelterCare Volunteer Program Manager Jeff Gardner also submitted Barnes' name to United Way of Lane County, which also chose him as its Volunteer of the Month.

Although Barnes was proud to receive both honors, he is doing something that he always wanted to do.

"I am going to get my Masters in special education," he said. "It's something that I always wanted to do. I'm just glad that I can help."

Although football practice starts in three weeks, Barnes expects to find time to continue to help at Ulhorn.

"I am spending about nine hours a week here now," he said. "It will be rough to stay involved during the season, but I am always going to be around here."



MARK MCTYRE/Emerald  
Derrick Barnes (left) receives the Volunteer of the Month award from Jeff Gardner for his work at Lane ShelterCare Wednesday.

### Outdoors

## A Program with a Splash

The University Outdoor Program offers wet n' wild fun for all during the summer quarter

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"If you're an outdoor bug, Oregon is the place to be," according to Ed Fredette, an University Outdoor Program staff member.

It seems that a lot of folks agree with him, judging from the amount of rafting trips that leave from campus each week. Oregon Outdoor Program buses head all over the state, and beyond, to explore rivers as calm and close as the McKenzie, and as ferocious and far-away as the Colorado.

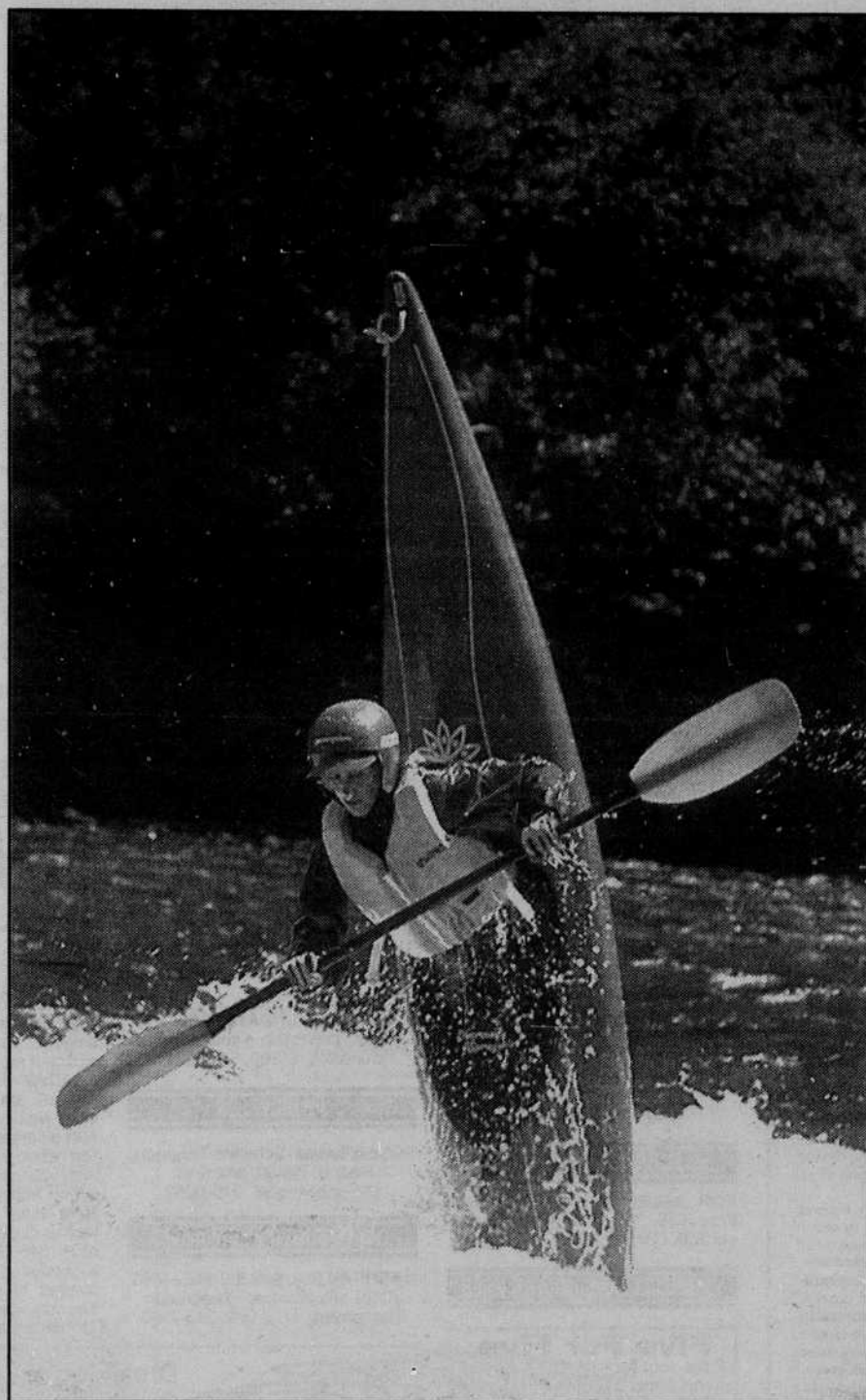
River sports, like rafting and kayaking, are big in the summer, and there are plenty of opportunities to accommodate all those interested.

And who can blame people for leaving behind 13th Avenue for the sound of rushing whitewater, blue skies and pine tree-filled canyons. As Outdoor Program employee Valerie Gray says, "there's no place I'd rather be on a 100 degree day than on a river."

For those who have never gone rafting or kayaking before, the Outdoor Program is ready for you. In fact, the program thrives on new participants.

"Numerous times, I've heard people say, 'man, I wish I would have gotten involved in this program when I first got here two years ago,'" Fredette said.

The McKenzie River is good for those newcomers to start on. It's relatively flat without many surprises, but there are



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The University Outdoor Program provides many opportunities to students and members of the community to experience kayaking, rafting and many other activities.

## Mum's the word from Blazers on Anderson

■ **NBA:** The rumored signing of point guard Kenny Anderson is still not confirmed

By Landon Hall  
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PORTLAND — The Portland Trail Blazers said nothing Wednesday about the reported acquisition of All-Star point guard Kenny Anderson.

But a secretary for David Falk, Anderson's agent, said Falk is leaving the country Thursday and will be gone a month, indicating a deal is imminent.

Anderson, a five-year NBA veteran, left Georgia Tech after his sophomore season and was taken by New Jersey as the No. 2 pick in the 1991 draft.

ESPN reported Tuesday night that Anderson had agreed to a seven-year, \$50 million contract with the Blazers.

The Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, citing sources in Falk's office, also reported the Anderson deal as done.

But a Blazers spokesman said Portland president and general manager Bob Whitsitt is still looking for a replacement for point guard Rod Strickland, traded to the Washington Bullets on Monday in a deal for forward Rasheed Wallace.

"We have not signed Kenny or anybody else," spokesman John Christensen said. "Obviously, Bob's looking at point guards, talking to free agents and looking at possible trades."

Whitsitt steadfastly refuses to discuss possible player moves. Writers attending a luncheon Monday at the Rose Garden had no clue about the trade announced a few hours later sending Strickland and forward Harvey Grant to Washington for Wallace and guard Mitchell Butler.

Christensen dismissed the ESPN report as speculation.

"These are the same guys that had us getting Larry Johnson, too," Christensen told The Oregonian in Wednesday's edition.

The Oregonian reported a source in the Blazers' front office said it was unlikely an official announcement would come before



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