

# Recruits: New players add experience

■ Continued from Page 9

football player in the United States. He will make us immediately better because of what he brings to the program. He has skills, ability and leadership. He is a tremendous athlete with a proven track record of performance.

"Harrington combines size, speed, leadership and a strong arm. They were our two top choices at that position, and we got them. The fact they would both want to come at the same time... makes us set at quarterback."

Seven of Tuesday's signees were offensive linemen, the most at any position and one that the Ducks are considerably weaker at, after losing four of their five starters from the 1996 team. Bellotti pointed out transfers Marco

Aguirre (Mt. San Antonio College) and Scott Fergus (Rancho Santiago College) as players that will step in and become an immediate factor.

"We have certainly identified and filled some specific needs," Bellotti said. "[Positions] that might have been question marks because of our depth. I think we have set a good foundation with a solid group of offensive linemen."

The quality and number of JC players Oregon has been able to sign so far will help the Ducks in more ways than just on-field talent.

"Signing these JC players is a function of two things," Bellotti said. "We felt that we lacked experience last year on the defensive side of the ball, and we put a lot of stock in our young players who

were not quite ready to play. I didn't want to go through the same situation in the offensive line this year.

"The other thing about junior college players is that we get immediate experience on the field. They can compete and make you better through their competition and their presence. We expect them to play immediately and we expect them to contribute immediately, and most of these young men fit that bill very well."

Of the 27 players the Ducks signed Tuesday, 15 were offensive, 12 were defensive.

Oregon also proved that it is a recruiting force south of the border, nabbing 15 players from California, while also being equally as effective at home with seven Oregon signees.

## 1997 OREGON FOOTBALL SIGNEES

Players who have signed their letter of intent to attend the University of Oregon.

### HIGH SCHOOL

Jim Adams, OL, 6-3, 262  
Lake Forest, Calif.  
Rashad Bauman, CB, 5-8, 156  
Phoenix, Ariz.  
John Bello, OT, 6-4, 273  
Alta Loma, Calif.  
Al Cotton, DL, 6-3, 241  
Tacoma, Wash.  
Zach Freiter, DL, 6-3, 236  
Milwaukee, Ore.  
Kevin Gerlits, OL, 6-4, 273  
Silverton, Ore.  
Lee Gundy, OL, 6-5, 328  
Marysville, Calif.  
Joey Harrington, QB, 6-4, 194  
Portland, Ore.  
Bobby Nero, WR, 5-11, 160  
Upland, Calif.  
Erik Nicolaisen, OLB, 6-2, 211  
Portland, Ore.  
Jason Nikolao, DL, 6-2, 291  
Tacoma, Wash.  
Rashawn Owens, OLB, 6-0, 216  
San Jose, Calif.  
Justin Peelle, TE, 6-4, 229  
Dublin, Calif.  
Danny Pulido, TE, 6-4, 221  
Costa Mesa, Calif.

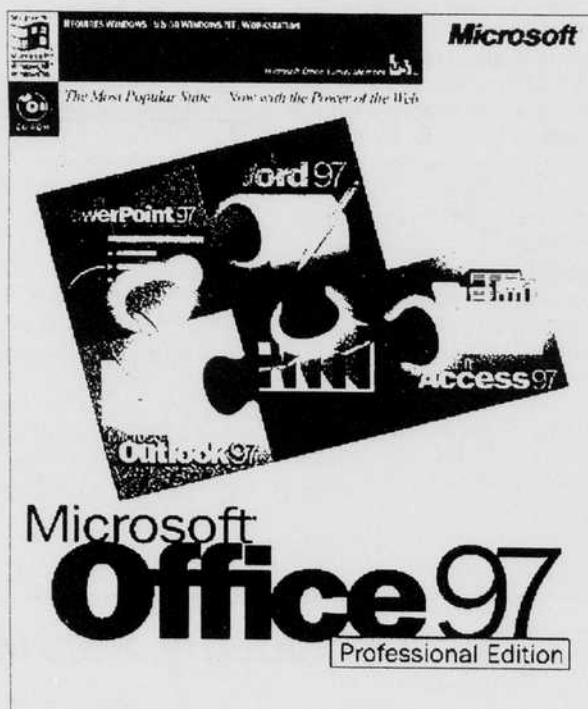
Garrett Sabol, DB, 6-0, 187  
Buena Park, Calif.  
Ryan Schmid, OL, 6-4, 256  
Lake Oswego, Ore.  
Tim Shear, ILB, 6-2, 208  
Junction City, Ore.  
Steve Smith, CB, 6-0, 172  
Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.  
Mike Yancy, TB, 5-9, 174  
San Diego, Calif.

### JUNIOR COLLEGE

Marco Aguirre, OL, 6-4, 268  
Norwalk, Calif.  
Scott Fergus, OL, 6-6, 285  
Santa Ana, Calif.  
Donald Haynes, WR, 5-9, 168  
San Diego, Calif.  
Masi Hearnish, DL, 6-3, 262  
Portland, Ore.  
Anthony Martin, TE, 6-4, 238  
San Jose, Calif.  
Davis Sanchez, CB, 5-10, 171  
North Delta, British Columbia  
Jeff Simpson, ILB, 6-1, 217  
Blue Springs, Mo.  
Akili Smith, QB, 6-3, 226  
San Diego, Calif.

MATT GARTON/Emerald

# Office 97 Is Here!



## Microsoft® The World's Most Popular Office Suite

Now with the Power of the Web!

Microsoft® Office 97, Professional  
Edition with Bookshelf® Basics.

Academically Priced!

### Get Your Job Done Faster and Better than Ever!

- Professional Edition contains five powerful applications that work together and work alike: Microsoft® Excel 97 (spreadsheet), Microsoft Word 97 (word processor), Microsoft PowerPoint® 97 (presentation graphics program), Microsoft Access 97 (database), and the newest addition to Office, The Microsoft Outlook™ 97 desktop information manager, which helps you manage your time, communications and documents; plus Bookshelf® Basics.
- The Bookshelf® Basics multimedia reference library gives you fast access to a world of information.
- CD ROM contains thousands of clip art images, plus .avi files and more.
- Built-in, integrated tools let you easily create and publish content for the Web.
- The innovative Office Assistant gives you interactive help--providing advice and tips as you work.



University of Oregon  
Bookstore

895 E. 13th Ave. • 346-4331  
Monday - Friday 7:45-6  
Saturday 10-6 Sunday 12-6

## UO club ski team tries for regional berths

■ CLUB SPORTS: A strong showing this weekend will advance Oregon skiers to regional competition

By Brian Vanneman  
Freelance Sports Reporter

The Oregon men's and women's club ski team enters its final regular season meet with postseason berths lying in the balance this weekend. To advance to regional competition, the team will have to place at least eighth out of 15 teams.

The conference meet will be on the familiar slopes of Mount Hood Meadows, where team coordinator Lolo Castaillac hopes his troops can continue to be resilient. Though several of the Ducks' top skiers have suffered serious injuries throughout the season, and the team's head coach has moved on to another job, the remaining skiers have held their position among the top six teams of the 16-team conference.

Oregon's most recent meet, held last weekend in Washington, saw the Ducks place among the top six teams. The strong showing was fueled by Ben Wallace and Sarah Monson. Wallace placed 13th in the Slalom, while Monson was able to overcome a dislocated shoulder and place seventh in the Giant Slalom. Monson was in so much pain entering the competition that she had to receive help suiting up.

In this weekend's racing, Monson will not be able to compete due to the injury. A doctor advised her not to ski for three weeks, meaning she will not be able to return until the beginning of the regional competition.

"It may put a lot of pressure on the team if I don't race," Monson said, "but if we ski well, we can definitely make it to regionals."

Ryan Barnes, who was expected to be the men's No. 1 skier this season, is another injured teammate. He tore a ligament in his knee when racing three weeks ago and will not return until next year.

Another setback to the team was the loss of its student coach, Don Wallace, who accepted a job and left the team in early January.