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Open Forum
 on the
**Role of Student Housing
 in the 21st Century**

A Consulting Team has been invited to campus to solicit input on the subject of the role of student housing at the University of Oregon in the next 50 to 100 years.

- ◀ What would you like the atmosphere on campus to be like in the next century?
- ◀ How could student housing play a role?

We welcome and encourage your ideas.

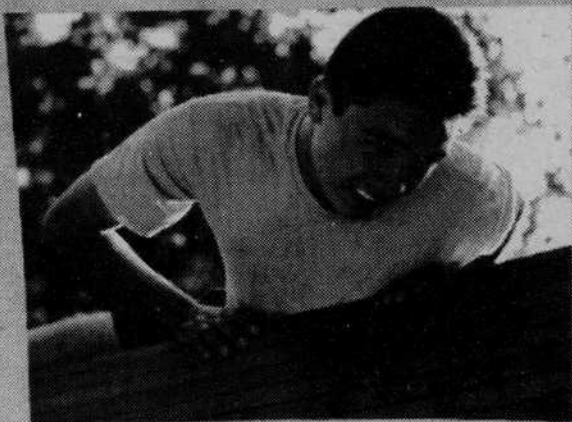
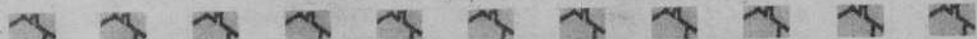
Please join us

Thursday, February 24th
 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Hamilton Conference Room

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Gieczys

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gee-shiz) has switched off with Wygonowska as Oregon's No. 1 player.

Last week, Gieczys became the second player in Oregon history to be nationally ranked. The pollsters were so impressed by the freshman's upsets against ranked opponents, they ranked her 65th.

The trip to the top hasn't been easy for the Sopot, Poland native. Four of the eight opponents Gieczys faced in singles competition have been ranked. The highlight of her season came on Jan. 22, when Gieczys upset then-No. 9 Amy Jensen of California.

"Monica had been on the edge of making an appearance in the national rankings," Griffin said. "So that was a huge win."

Two of Gieczys's five losses have been heart-breaking, third-set, tie breakers to top-10 opponents.

"It's been tough," Gieczys said. "I knew there would be some tough games, but not so many."

Part of the reason why Gieczys chose Oregon was the quality of the competition that she knew she would face.

"She just had to move away from Poland because there was no competition left for her," Griffin said.

While in Poland, Gieczys was a three-time champion at the junior level.

"It [heightened competition] has helped my game," Gieczys said.

"I needed more matches and I think it's good that we have so many matches each weekend,"

said Gieczys.

Another reason Gieczys chose Oregon stemmed a little closer to home. Wygonowska, the Ducks' team captain who played at the same tennis facility as Gieczys in Poland, recommended Oregon.

"Only because of [Alina] I am here," Gieczys said.

"She has helped me out so much. She told me about the coach [Griffin] and helped me register and everything."

"I thought that she was the perfect person to come here," Wygonowska said.

"I'm really proud of her and proud that there is another Polish girl on the team."

As impressive as Gieczys has been in singles play, she has been equally, if not more, effective in doubles action. Together with redshirt sophomore Sarah Colistro, the two have compiled a 5-2 record and risen to Oregon's top doubles position.

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 team captain

No. 34 team of Abigail Spears and Elizibeth Schmidt of UCLA, and No. 38 Kara Warkentin and Tiffany Brymer of USC on consecutive days.

Geiczys "never lets down, never gives up," Colistro said.

"I know she's going to be there and that she's going to get the next point. She's solid and doesn't make a lot of mistakes."

Gieczys has benefited from the pairing as well.

"I really like to play with [Sarah]," Gieczys said.

"Her attitude is always great. She motivates me and I motivate her back. We'll be down 6-2 or 5-2, and we'll still come back to win. It's great."

Griffin can't say enough about the freshman phenom.

"She's an unbelievable asset to the team and a very hard worker. You couldn't ask for a better kid."

And Gieczys has flourished among her new teammates.

"In Poland, tennis is really more of an individual sport," she said.

"Here, we are so close. I really like my team a lot. They are good to practice with; they have really helped my game."

While Gieczys has received praise for her athletic ability on the court, one of the motivating factors in her decision to come to Oregon was academic.

"America is the only place where you can go to school and play tennis at the same time," Gieczys said.

"I really want to study well and get good grades on top of playing tennis."

Along with goals of graduating with a degree in business administration, Gieczys wants to follow Wygonowska and become the second player in Oregon history to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

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