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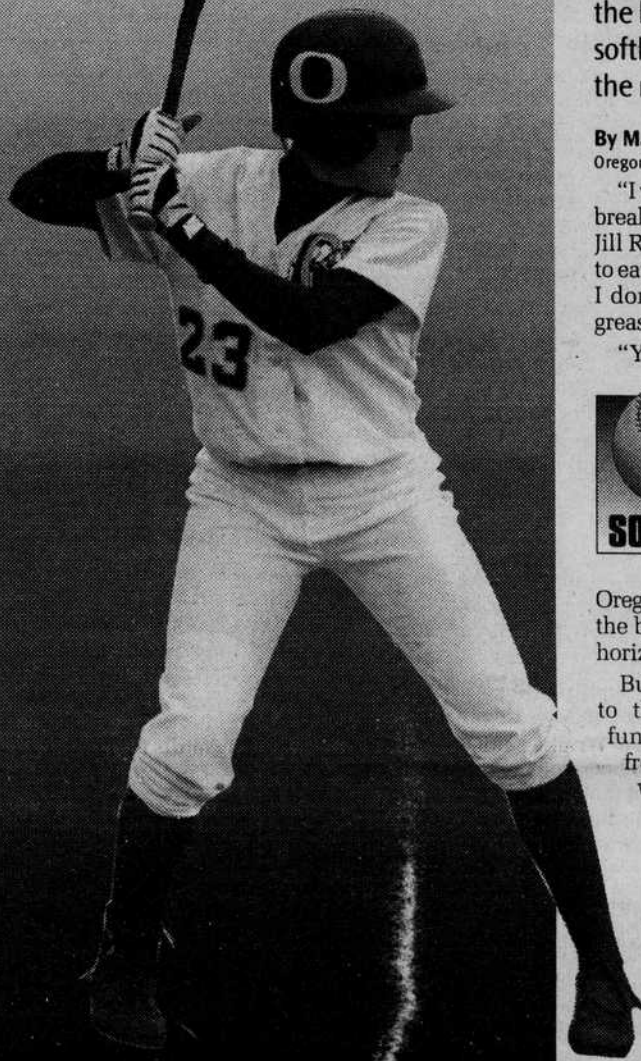
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And, here's to you, Mrs. Robinson



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Jill Robinson became Oregon's all-time leader in career and single season home runs last weekend, crushing the 32nd homer of her career and 15th of the season.

■ Jill Robinson isn't only one of the best players in Oregon softball history, but also one of the most outgoing

By Matt O'Neill
Oregon Daily Emerald

"I wish I was rich, so I could go out to breakfast at the Glenwood everyday," Jill Robinson said. "I hate going home to eat cereal or oatmeal, or fruit. I mean I don't really hate them, I just want greasy potatoes and eggs sometimes."

"You can make that stuff at home," her roommate Andrea Gustafson said.


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"Yeah, but then I'd have to clean up afterwards," Robinson replied.

Robinson is one of the best players in Oregon softball history and has some of the biggest games of her career on the horizon.

But right now the slugger who heads to the plate with Simon-and-Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson" blaring from the speakers at Howe Field is worried about something else.

Getting breakfast after a grueling morning practice at the Moshofsky Center.

That's just the way Robinson is.

She lives in the now; she is off the wall.

A conversation with the affable superstar is a joy ride ranging from topic to topic, from her dogs, to her life with her roommate Gustafson, to her fiancé.

She holds Oregon's all-time career home run record (33), and the Ducks'



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Robinson's teammates appreciate her antics on and off the field.

single season home run record (15). In addition to those accomplishments, Robinson is one of the most down-to-earth athletes to put on a Duck uniform.

On her dogs

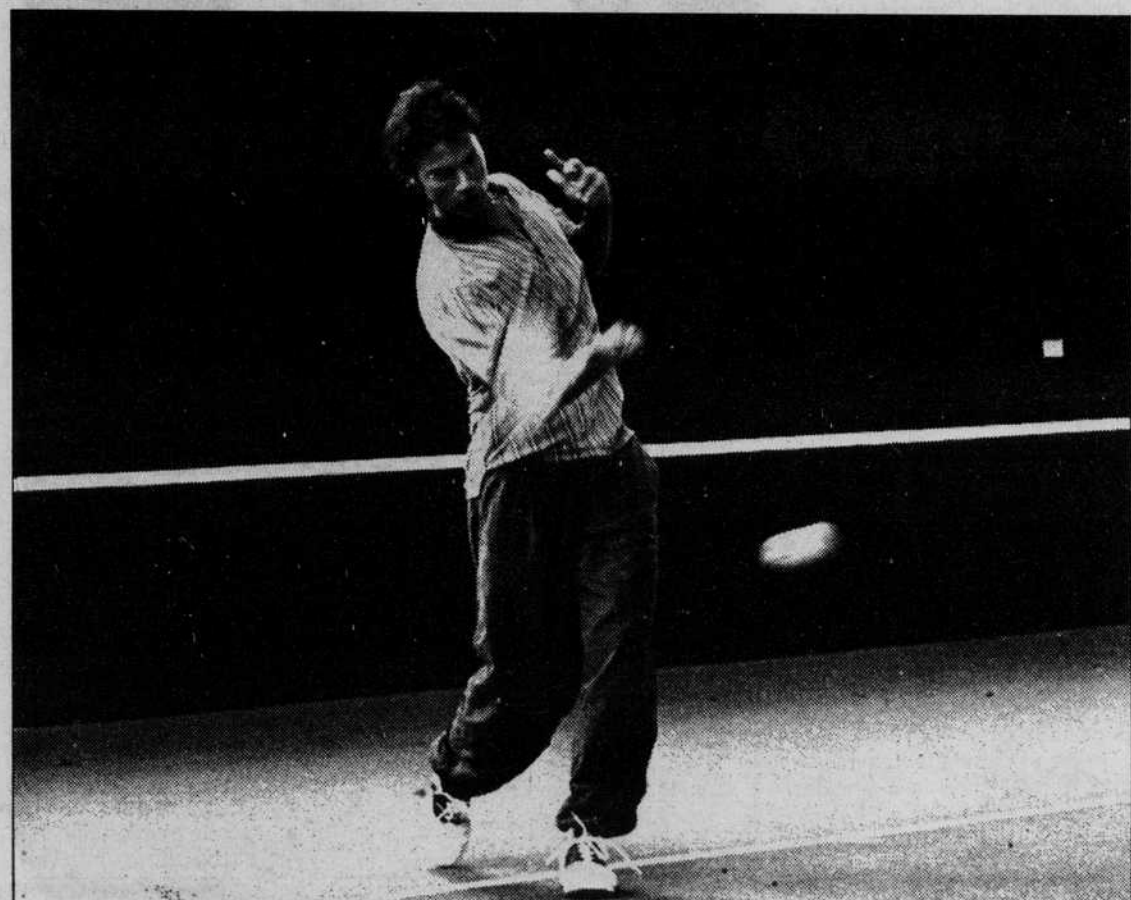
Robinson has three dogs, a miniature Doberman Pinscher (Pumpkin), and two Dachshunds (Patches and Buddy). Three dogs are unusual for any college student, let alone a student-athlete. But for Robinson, it's not

so strange.

"I love to talk about my dogs," Robinson said. "We couldn't get enough I guess. We started out with one, but then we decided she was lonely. So we got her a friend."

"We ended up breeding Patches because she was so unique and beautiful. We didn't mean to end up with the

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Catharine Kendall Emerald

Head coach Chris Russell said he's seen Leslie Eisinga on-court intensity improve in his first season of Pac-10 Conference play.

The Dutch Clutch

■ The growth curve for freshman Leslie Eisinga has been steep, raising hopes for the tennis team's future

By Robbie McCallum
for the Emerald

Getting into the flow of things is what Leslie Eisinga is all about. The freshman tennis player has tested the waters at Oregon and is ready for bigger and better things.

The Helleveetsluis, Netherlands native came to Eugene not knowing much about Oregon or the Pacific-10 Conference. But an up-and-down tennis season taught Eisinga much about the system and the Pac-10.

"I'm just trying to get used to things as fast as possible," Eisinga said. "I haven't had a lot to adjust to in Pac-10 matches. The more I get used to it, the better player I

think I will be."

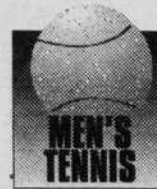
The intense style of play head coach Chris Russell teaches has changed the way that Eisinga has looked at tennis.

"I've seen him grow, not so much technically, but in the kind of intensity that we need out of him on a day-to-day basis," Russell said.

After a rocky start to the season, in which Eisinga lost five of his first six singles matches, he turned a corner. Near the end of February, Eisinga and doubles partner Guillermo Carter upset the top-ranked doubles team in the nation. The freshman-senior combo outlasted Stanford's Geoff Abrams and Alex Kim, 8-6.

Eisinga, whose current singles

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