

## Club sports

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Some groups, such as the running and cycling teams, practice year-round. They compete mainly during spring term, but try to maintain and expand their abilities during the off-season, either as a group or as individuals.

When out of season, the club alpine and Nordic ski teams practice dry land skills, ski imitation, strength and cardiovascular endurance to peak during ski season. With several

strong returning athletes, the alpine ski team stands a solid chance to race at nationals this winter, alpine ski team coordinator Mark Lorincz said.

The number of clubs varies each year, and information is available at the Club Sports office in the basement of the EMU, or on the Internet at [darkwing.uoregon.edu/~clb-sprts](http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~clb-sprts), or by calling 346-3733.

There will also be an open house on Sept. 28 for those interested in any of the club sports. It will take place between 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Fir Room of the EMU.

For those less competitive, the

UO Outdoor Program provides an alternative to the traditional sports.

The Outdoor Program focuses on companionship and support, minimal environmental impact and sharing experiences and skills on trips. According to the Outdoor Program philosophy, everyone can initiate a trip given the resources and pool of experience that exists in a wilderness community.

Through the student fees, all students are members of the Outdoor Program and community members can join for only a \$5 annual fee. The program holds skills and trip initia-

tor clinics, as well as hosting equipment swaps and inviting speakers. It also houses an extensive resource library that includes equipment, vehicles and logs, as well as published outdoor material and literature.

On the event calendar this summer were numerous Friday paddle and kayak trips, overnight river excursions, overnight camping, day hikes, a mountain bike skills clinic and a paddle captain's clinic.

For more information, call 346-4365 or check the Outdoor Program Web page at [outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu](http://outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu).

## Tennis

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Switzerland, native was ranked as high as 69th by the International Tennis Association. Geiczys became the highest individually ranked freshman at Oregon since Alina Wygonowska, who graduated last spring.

Returning for the men are senior David Becker and sophomores Oded Teig, Leslie Eisinga and Jason Menke.

Last season, Eisinga and now-graduated Guillermo Carter quali-

fied for the NCAA tournament in doubles competition. Although the team lost in the first round, it marked the first time ever that an Oregon freshman competed in the NCAA doubles tournament.

Teig also made a mark in his inaugural season. The Holon, Israel, native finished second on the Oregon single season victory list with 22 wins.

Added to the mix is highly touted recruit Paul "Buck" Mink. The Texan was ranked 45th nationally for Newman Smith High School

while winning a state championship in singles.

The men hope to improve upon their 2000 fifth-place finish in the Pacific-10 conference, the highest by an Oregon tennis team ever.

Leading the efforts to try to achieve a third-straight NCAA team appearance for the women are juniors Sarah Colistro, Adeline Arnaud, Janice Nyland and Valerie Young. Sophomores Lisa Cummings and Jeanette MattssonC also will be looked upon to perform well. Arnaud and Nyland are two-

year starters.

Colistro has had an injury-plagued career at Oregon, but is back and healthy for the Ducks.

The Oregon women have fielded an extremely young team in the past, but now the underclassmen of its 1999-00 campaign are seasoned veterans with two years of NCAA tournament experience under their belts.

Still, the Ducks will have no seniors on the roster, meaning the best is yet to come.

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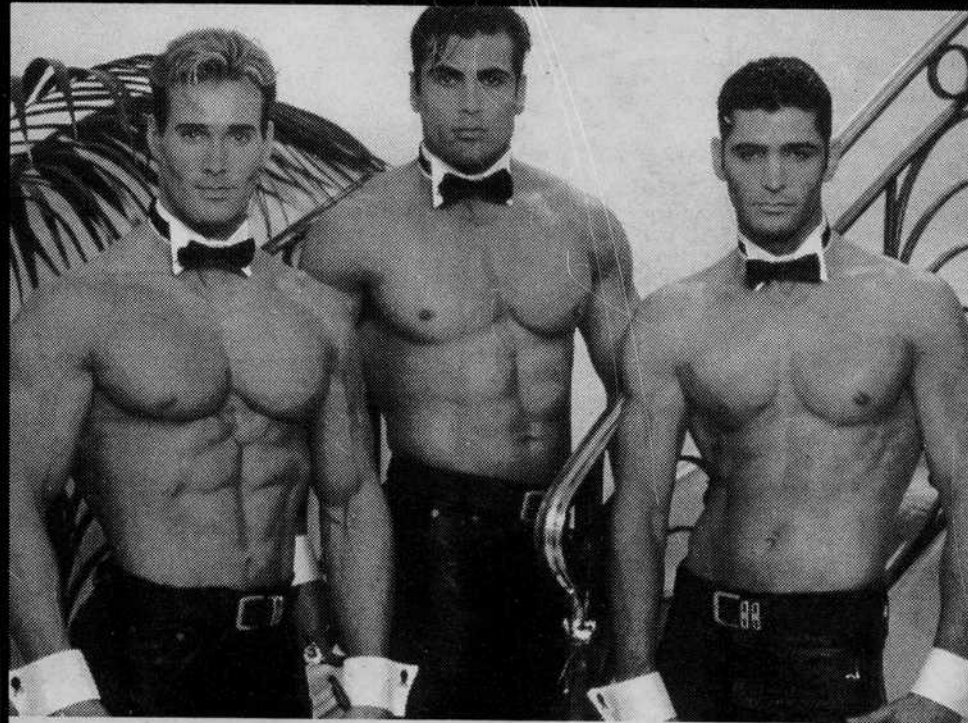
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