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Men's

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Harris finished only 0.03 seconds behind Prairie View's Lewis Edmonson, who took second.

"A lot of guys really brought their 'A' game," Harris said.

But the senior said he's confident of his chances in today's semifinal heat.

"It doesn't take a superman to win the championship, you just have to be consistent all the way through," Harris said.

In the javelin, Bakke — who was the last thrower into the meet after winning the Pacific-10 Conference title two weeks ago — finished in 16th, four spots higher than his projected finish of 20th.

"Going into the meet I had nothing to lose and everything to gain," Bakke said. "I gave it everything I had, and that's all you can ask for."

Bakke launched his best throw of 211 feet, 1 inch on his first attempt. On the second attempt, he tweaked his shoulder and couldn't match his

**HARRIS**

Kansas senior Scott Russell won the event with a heave of 262 feet. In order to make the finals, Bakke would have needed a throw of at least 230 feet. His Pac-10 winning throw was 210-7.

"I was kind of hoping to make (the finals)," Bakke said.

But Bakke is just a sophomore, and has the possibility of more NCAA trips in his future.

Harris, however, is a senior and will not get another shot if he fails to advance in the hurdles today. The same could be said for Billy Pappas, a senior who will compete in prelimi-

first distance. His third throw also fell short.

"I was pretty happy with that first throw, but after that my shoulder was hurting," Bakke said.

**BAKKE**

nary decathlon events today.

Pappas will compete in five events today — the long jump, high jump, shot put, 100 and 400 — before finishing on Saturday with the discus, pole vault, javelin, 110 hurdles and 1,500.

Pappas, Harris and sophomore pole vaulter Trevor Woods are the only Ducks who haven't finished their events. Woods will have perhaps the best chance of the three to score points. He ranks fifth nationally heading into this afternoon's pole vault competition, and is looking to avenge his no-height performance at the 2001 NCAA meet.

The NCAA Championships conclude on Saturday night.

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**Etter ends Oregon's
NCAA participation**

Oregon now has one competitor left, Mary Etter, in the team's quest to earn double-digits in points for the first time

since 1995, when it earned 10,

Etter, in her third appearance at the NCAA Championships in the discus — finishing eighth in 2000 and 19th in 2001 — has high hopes on earning the team much-needed points.

"My goal all year has been 180 (feet)," she said. "If I can hit 180, I'll

be happy because I'll have reached my goal, but then on the other hand I'll have placed at nationals. Hit my goal and everything else will take care of itself."

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make you live in a box, and if you don't conform, they won't let you be in it."

Pallone holds the people in management positions to blame for much of the homophobia in athletics. He said that it is not the athletes because "they just want to win,"

but collegiate athletics directors and owners perpetuate the anti-gay sentiment in athletics.

"Universities don't do enough for their lesbian and gay and transgender athletes," he said. "There is someone out there, and maybe someone in here, who thinks about suicide every single day. I will never stop doing this until nobody thinks about suicide."

Throughout his years of touring the country to promote his message, Pallone has received approximately 120,000 letters from supporters and those who have told him that he saved them from suicide.

"That is why I do what I do," Pallone said. "One is way too many."

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The U.S. Bank 2002 April Star of Distinction is John Stiegeler, a Senior from Coos Bay, Oregon, majoring in Math. John is a four-year veteran of the men's track and field team competing in javelin. When John is not competing, he is an active participant in Athletes in Action, a Christian organization for athletes, and is a member of the Student Athletes Advisory committee representing the track and field team. He is also active in SOAR, a program to promote each of the following characteristics in UO student athletes: Scholastic excellence, Outstanding character, Athletic achievement, Responsibility to self and others.

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