

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Wide receiver out with torn ACL**

Oregon wide receiver Keith Allen will miss the 2003 football season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during practice Thursday.

Allen, who was competing for a starting position this year, caught three passes for 54 yards last year as a sophomore. He sat out the first four games of 2002 because of a knee injury. The Torrance, Calif., native has 10 receptions for 215 yards during his career.

Oregon kicks off the season Aug. 30 at Mississippi State at 6 p.m. on ESPN2.

**Record sales**

Oregon has set a record for football season ticket sales for the sixth straight year and has suspended sales before the start of the season for the fifth straight year, Senior Associate Athletics Director Dave Heeke said.

The Ducks suspended sales after reaching 40,435 tickets sold, surpassing last year's mark of 40,207.

Also, no tickets remain for home games vs. Michigan (Sept. 20) and Oregon State (Nov. 22), while standing room-only tickets are all that remain for Oregon's Sept. 27 matchup against Washington State. Those tickets are available for \$13 each.

Reserved seats for the Ducks' three re-

maining home games vs. Nevada (Sept. 6), Stanford (Oct. 25) and California (Nov. 8) remain on sale for \$32.

**Ducks picked to finish fifth**

USC has been picked to win the 2003 Pacific-10 Conference football title, while Oregon was slated fifth in the league's annual preseason media poll.

The Trojans were first with 227 points, including 10 first place votes — three more total points than Arizona State, which received nine first place votes. Washington was third with 198 points and four first place votes, followed by Oregon State with 172 points and two first place votes.

The Ducks claimed fifth with 139

points, one more than UCLA's 138. Defending Pac-10 champion Washington State was seventh with 107 points, while California (68 points), Stanford (57 points) and Arizona (46 points) filled out the bottom.

The Pac-10 media members have correctly picked three straight Pac-10 champions, including Oregon in 2001, and have tabbed four of the past five champs. This is the first time since 1996 that USC has been picked to win the conference.

**Lacrosse clinic**

The Oregon women's lacrosse program will host a summer clinic Saturday, Aug. 16, for local high school ath-

letes. The clinic, beginning at 9 a.m., will feature Oregon head coach Jen Larsen and U.S. national team members Rachael Becker and Lauri Kenis.

The clinic is open to all Oregon and northwest high school girls' lacrosse players. It will take place at the University and is an opportunity for players to improve skills while gaining knowledge from coaches and national players.

The cost for athletes is \$30 per person, while coaches can attend for free. Interested coaches and athletes can ask questions or register for the clinic by contacting the lacrosse program at laxcamps@uoregon.edu or calling 346-5492.

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them in Europe.

One of the tests that soldiers had to complete was a nine-mile run with a full pack in less than two hours.

While in Europe during World War II, Springer was a medical administrator at a field hospital — like in the show M\*A\*S\*H, he says — and

eventually won a Bronze Star Medal during his service for being a "good soldier," as he put it.

The former world champion was also a professor at the University of Tennessee where he taught soils for 25 years. Springer has a wife, three sons and two granddaughters, including Allison who is a freshman in high school and runs track. One time the two even ran in a road race together, but Allison

went on to finish as the third girl while Springer was "way back."

Yet even at age 89, Springer is still running. But for how long?

"Until they haul me off," he says with a laugh. "There'd be no better way to kick off then out here on the track."

In October, Springer will turn 90 and enter a new age bracket. And although this season has come to a close, he plans on competing at

the national championships again, if he's around.

"You see, at age 89, you don't plan that far ahead," Springer said when asked about next year. "If I'm still running and I'm healthy, I'll be at nationals."

Springer's gentle demeanor and soft tones are an inspiration to anyone who ever said they were too old to compete, or a little too out of shape to try and be

active. With his aged wisdom, Springer has advice for those types.

"I think everybody ought to be active," he said. "It gets rid of your troubles and if you get out here and get tired, it feels good."

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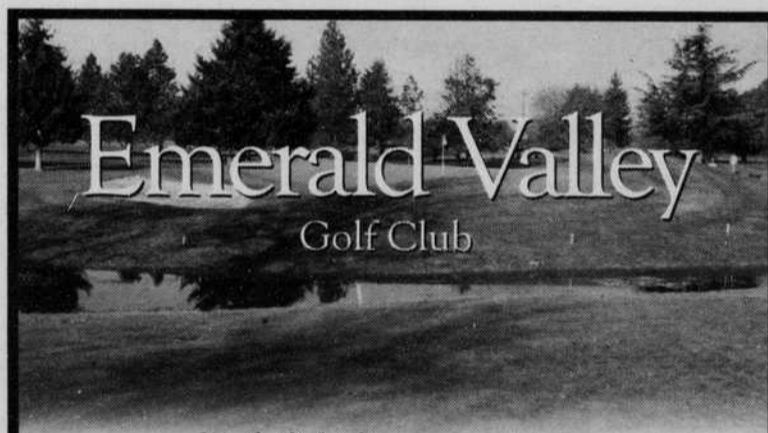
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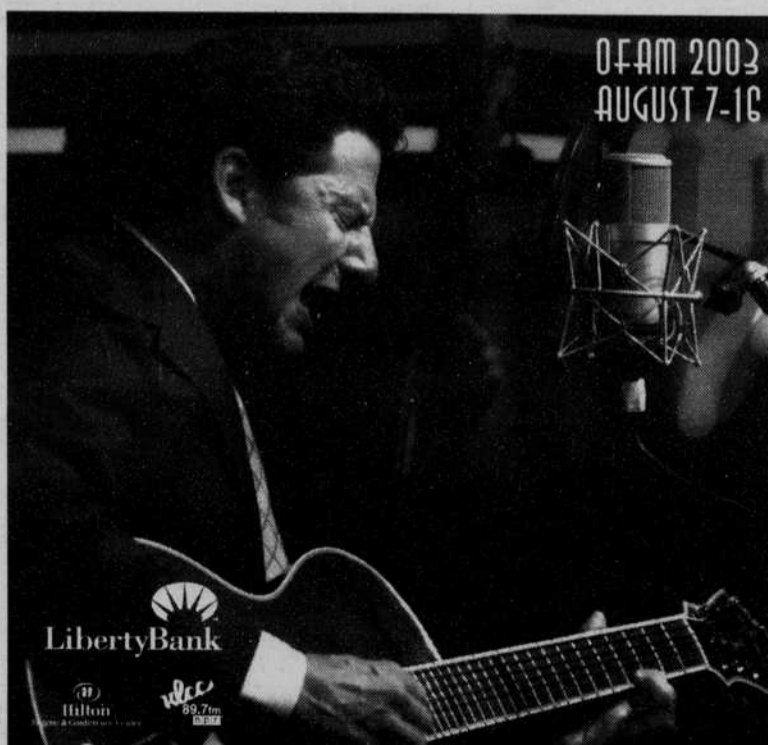
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