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Sophomore Greg LaVoie (left) is one of many young players that will need to fill the gap left behind after the graduation of Chris Carnahan and John Ellis (right).

Young golfers face reinvention, tough conference schedule

Sica will lead a young men's team as Oregon's women try and build off last year's conference performance

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The Oregon men's golf team began the 2003 season the honorable way.

Oregon represented itself and the United States, along with four other NCAA schools, earlier this month in the Topy Cup in Tanagura,

Japan. In the annual competition, American universities are invited to Japan based on their finish at the NCAA Championships, where Oregon took 22nd.

"It's neat to go over and represent your country, and especially represent the University of Oregon," senior Mike Sica said. "That's the most thrilling part about it except for getting to experience all the culture."

In Oregon's first appearance in the Topy Cup, the Ducks finished 10th.

The Ducks continue play beginning Sept. 25, when they travel to Corvallis for the Northwest Collegiate Classic and try and establish

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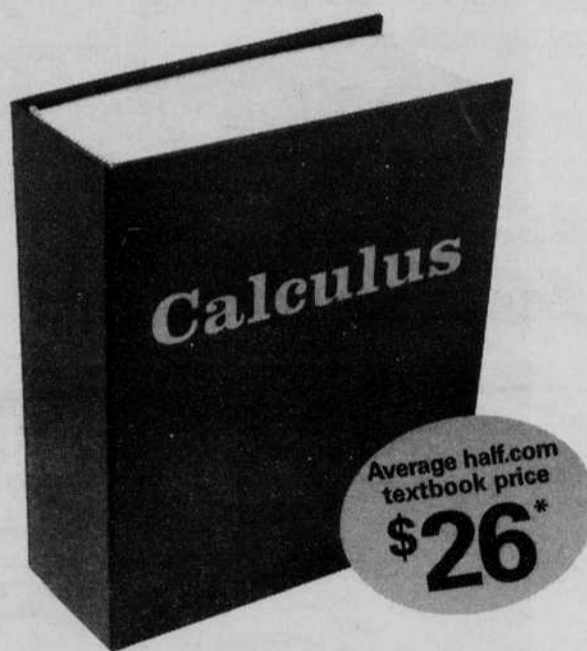
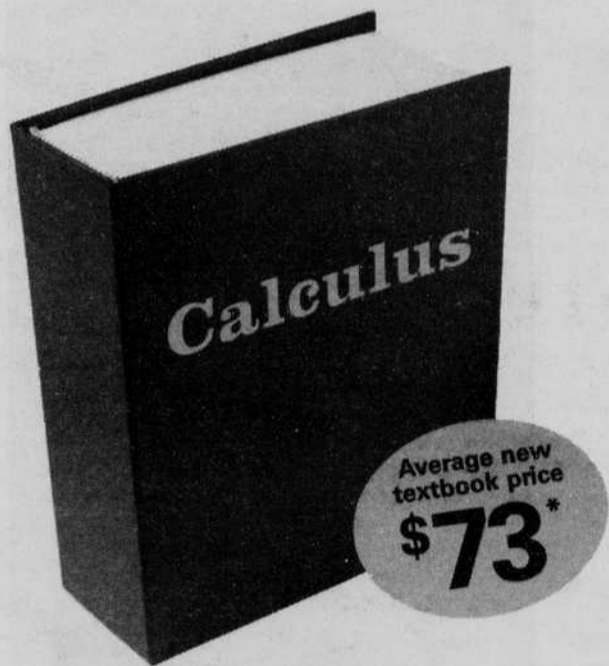
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