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Symposium**

five scholarly panels on the work of Ken Kesey in the Fir Room, EMU, at UO, starting at 7 pm on November 14

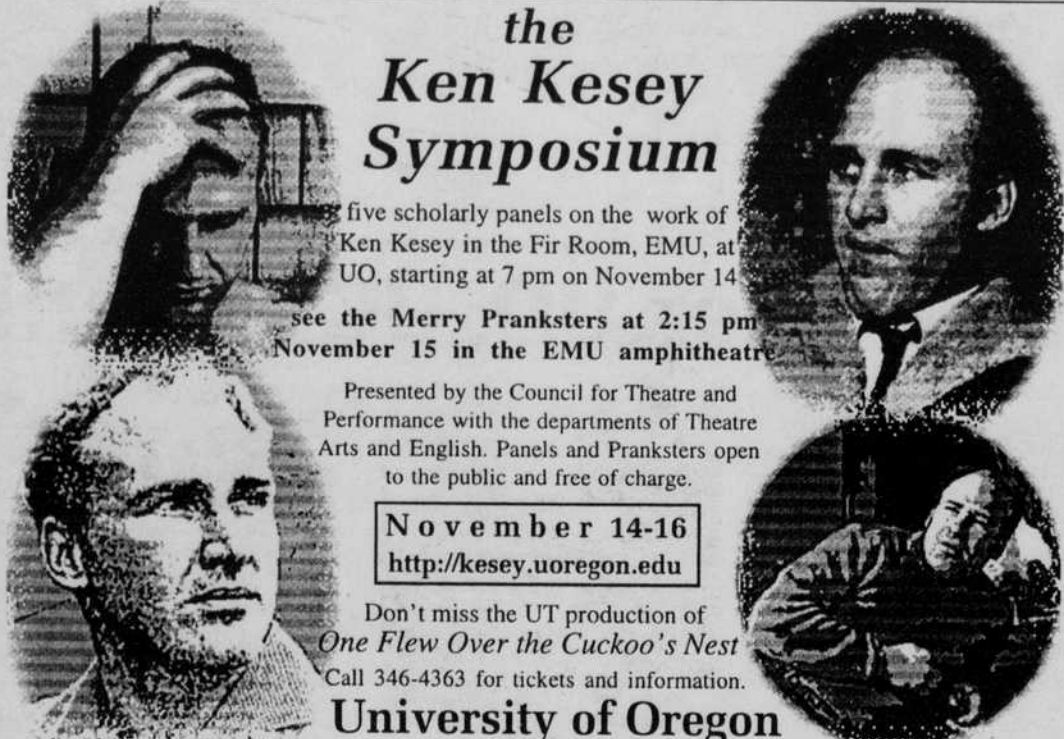
see the Merry Pranksters at 2:15 pm November 15 in the EMU amphitheatre

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University of Oregon



Drew would have been key for Ducks

Imagine an Oregon football team with one of the most highly recruited running backs in the nation.

Think of Kellen Clemens or Jason Fife handing off to this running back, then seeing him split the opposing team's defensive line for a 6-yard gain.



Hank Hager
Behind the dish

has been inconsistent in his first full season with the Ducks. Chris Vincent has been OK at times, but has yet to get to the level he showed during spring football.

Ryan Shaw has seemingly disappeared from Oregon's offensive plans, and save for a few key carries this season, Kenny Washington's specialty this year has been special teams.

There is something about Drew that screams future collegiate star.

Maybe it's the fact he played for De La Salle High School, the school with the most consecutive wins in high school history. Or maybe it's that he's taken control of the UCLA running game. He's taken it out of the hands of incumbent Tyler Ebell, who did the same thing to Manuel White last year.

My bets are, though, that Drew takes the job and runs with it. And not just the rest of this year, or next. Barring injuries or personal problems, Drew should be a fixture at UCLA for the next three seasons.

That should especially be the case since Matt Moore and Drew Olson don't play like the quarterbacks of the future. Moore was injured early on, and Olson has been inconsistent, for the most part. When Moore returned, he became just as inconsistent as Olson.

Former UCLA head coach Bob Toledo seemed to get the best out of his quarterbacks. Maybe it's not just current head coach Karl Dorrell's thing to get them going.

But he's got Drew going, and regardless of who the Bruins have behind center, they should be something to watch in the Pacific-10 Conference.

We all know what Steven Jackson did for Oregon State when he arrived on the scene.

Drew could do the same. Now imagine if he found his way to Eugene. Scary, huh?

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Then another 6-yard gain, which is followed by a 23-yard blast.

And that would be just the tip of the iceberg.

The Ducks almost had that in Maurice Drew. Instead, the 5-foot-8-inch back is doing wonders for the UCLA offense. He hasn't rushed for more than 500 yards this season, but he is a quick, versatile back.

While he's small in stature, he weighs 200 pounds, a nice size for a collegiate runner. Yet, some teams may have been scared off because of his size.

Not Oregon. Not Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti.

Bellotti openly admits he wanted Drew to become a Duck, but as it would turn out, Drew decided to stay in California.

Instead of wowing crowds at Autzen Stadium, he's doing it at the Rose Bowl. Instead of garnering recognition in the Northwest, he's getting it in Southern California.

After losing Onterio Smith to the NFL after last year, Drew's place on the Ducks would have been a boon to the offense. Terrence Whitehead is a good running back and should improve in his final two seasons in Eugene.

Whitehead beat out three other capable runners for the position, but he

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Prefontaine Classic moved to June

Tom Jordan, meet director for the Prefontaine Classic Grand Prix, announced Wednesday that the 29th version of the event will be held on June 19 at Hayward Field.

The meet was held on May 24 last year.

It will be the 10th year in a row the race will be part of the International Amateur Athletics Federation Grand Prix circuit. It is also the third straight year it will be part of USA Track & Field's Golden Spike Tour Series.

Moving the Prefontaine to June will make the event the last invitational meet in the United States in 2004 before the Olympic Trials are held in Sacramento, Calif., on July 9.

Tickets can be purchased in person beginning on April 7. They can be bought at the Casanova Center or by calling 1-800-WEBFOOT.

Online ticket sales will begin March 31 and can be purchased through Oregon's Web site, www.goducks.com.

Men's golf inks two

The Oregon men's golf team signed two recruits from Southern California on Thursday.

Yorba Linda native Derek Sipe and Joey Benedetti, who hails from Huntington Beach, signed National Letters of Intent.

"I've seen them both play, and they are really good golfers," head coach Steve Nosler said in a press release. "They both have a chance to come

here and play right away. Derek has a very impressive resumé and understands how to win a tournament. Joey doesn't quite have the same background, but I think he has a chance to be just as good. I'm really excited because I think the two of them together should provide a solid base for our team for the next several years."

The Ducks will lose seniors Mike Sica and Jimmy White to graduation after this season.

Garbin garners Pac-10 honors

Oregon's Nicole Garbin was named to the Pacific-10 Conference's All-Conference Second-Team on Thursday.

Garbin led the conference in shots with 70. She ranked in the top 10 in assists with seven and points with 21. She had seven goals this season, which placed her ninth in the conference and tied for eighth with two game-winning goals.

The junior was the only Duck to be named to the team.

Ferreira signs two

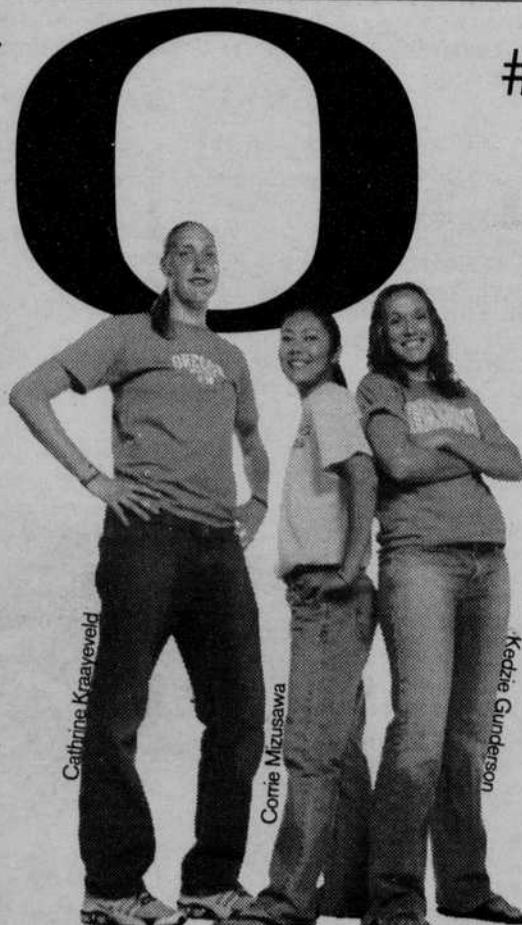
Oregon volleyball head coach Carl Ferreira signed two players to National Letters of Intent Thursday.

Justine Petry and Karen Waddington signed the letters. Both stand 6-foot-2 and play the middle blocker position.

Petry, a Trumansburg, N.Y., native, was a first team Class C all-state selection in 2002. Waddington hails from Langley, B.C., and has led D.W. Poppy Secondary to a No. 2 ranking for most of the season.

— Hank Hager

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