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• **Wednesday, March 31, 2004**
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Emphasis on issues facing faculty & staff of color and diversity community staff members

The Vice Provost wants to hear what you have to say on issues of institutional equity and diversity. What are the challenges and opportunities for the University of Oregon in the areas of institutional equity and diversity?

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Malone, Kriz head Ducks at Stanford

The Oregon women began their 2004 spring season at the Stanford Invitational

By Alex Tam
Sports Reporter

The rebuilding process for the Oregon women's track and field team begins.

In the program's first year under head coach Martin Smith, the Ducks traveled down to Stanford, Calif., for their second meet of the 2004 season at the Stanford Invitational.

WOMEN'S TRACK

With recruitment scaled back the past couple seasons for the women, Oregon returns many key players, including redshirt junior Sarah Malone. Malone, who sat out last year, placed second overall in javelin with a mark of 167 feet, 9 inches. She finished first among collegians behind the unattached first-place finisher, Erica Wheeler at 175 feet.

Malone said at the Oregon Preview meet two weeks ago that she is happy to return to competition but wants to ease herself back into the mix.

"I haven't been out here for almost two years, so it's good to be back out," Malone said. "If I can throw as well as I did, I would be happy. I don't want to open up too early, so hopefully this isn't too much of a big deal." Fellow redshirt junior Rachael Kriz said before the meet that she hoped to post a Pacific-10 Conference qualifying mark at 147 feet in the javelin.

Kriz, a Toledo native, missed her mark by less than 10 feet. She ended at eighth place in the event after posting a regional qualifying mark at 137-2. Kriz also placed 18th in the high jump at 5-6.

The Ducks were also led by junior Bree Fuqua with her top-five finishes in

the shot put and discus events. Fuqua, who transferred from Wisconsin after three years, ended at fourth place in the shot put with a throw of 46-10.25. In discus, she took third at 158-9.

Senior Jill Hoxmeier finished in tenth place in the discus event at 147-8. In her last year at Oregon, Hoxmeier said she wants to keep improving on her discus and hammer throws as the season progresses.

"I just want to keep throwing far," Hoxmeier said two weeks ago. "I just want to get better marks."

In other field events, the triple jump proved to be one of the best events for the Ducks.

Junior Clarice Hayward-Lee said before the meet that she would like to achieve a jump of at least 40 feet. She slightly missed that goal but finally attained a new wind-legal personal best with a mark of 39-3.75. The jump earned her a fifth-place finish in the event.

Hayward-Lee had compiled many farther distances last season that were negated because of strong tailwinds at more than two meters per second. Hayward-Lee, a Bellevue, Wash., native, eclipsed her previous personal best wind-legal mark of 39-1 when she was in high school.

Fellow junior Maegan Traver also got a triple jump outdoor personal best of 38-2 that gave her a fourth-place finish. Traver overcame her previous personal best by 2 1/4 inches.

The distances portion of the competition was led by redshirt junior Laura Harmon, who finished fourth in the 5,000-meter race at 16 minutes, 46.97 seconds. She beat her personal best by 26 seconds from her sophomore year. The time allowed Harmon to meet Pac-10 and regional standards.

The women continue action when a selected group heads to the Texas Relays meet in Austin on March 31.

Contact the sports reporter at alextam@dailyemerald.com.

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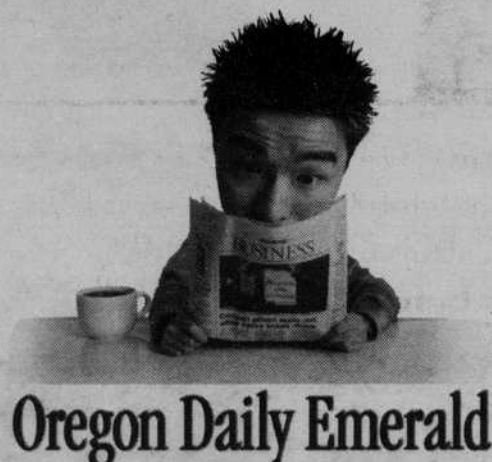
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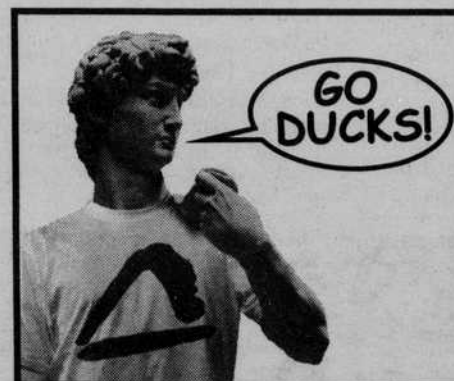
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