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women placed first in nine events and broke seven more personal records.

"I haven't had any criticism," Malone said. "I asked them if this is dumb, then tell me. I think they really enjoy it, especially before that Pepsi meet. I think it was a little special and it got people fired up."

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Kirstin Larwin
Oregon pole vaulter

Kirstin Larwin, a senior and Eugene native, is appreciative of the job Malone has done off the track to create a better camaraderie around the team.

"I'm really happy with what's going on with our team this year," Larwin said. "In years past, our team hasn't been that close. Sarah is somebody that has really stepped up and tried to start bringing us together." Larwin said the importance of feeling a part of a team directly correlates to their success.

"We're never going to be at the level we want to be at unless we start becoming a team," Larwin said.

With the Pacific-10 Conference Championships beginning this weekend and continuing into next week in

Tucson, Ariz., Larwin said she hopes to see each athlete support one another for the benefit of the entire squad.

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Senior Day at Hayward

This past Saturday's Oregon Twilight was the last meet at Hayward Field for many of the Oregon seniors. After the last event was over, each graduating athlete took their final victory lap around the track while they hurled T-shirts into the about 4,000 in attendance.

Despite the uneven competition with many of the participants from Lane Community College and Willamette, head coach Martin Smith said he was still proud of his team's success.

"For the seniors, it was their last meet and there were a lot of people here, which was a lot of fun for the kids," Smith said. "I know the competition wasn't Pac-10 or national level. It was kind of to do the best we can."

Redshirt senior Abby Andrus led the senior contingent with her two event wins. Andrus, a Peoria, Ariz. native, triumphed in the 100 hurdles with a time of 14.16 seconds and the 400 hurdles in 59.9 seconds. Both times were season bests and Pac-10 qualifiers.

Senior C'el McAllister also ended her Hayward Field career with a win as a part of the 4x100 relay team, which triumphed with a time of 47.97 seconds.

Contact the sports reporter at alexam@dailyemerald.com.

SPORTS BRIEF

The Ducks get Love

Oregon announced Tuesday the National Letter of Intent signing of Kenny Love, a 6-foot-2 point guard from Casper College in Wyoming.

Love, a native of South Bend, Ind., has three seasons of eligibility left after helping Casper to an 18-12 record in 2003. He averaged 14

points, four rebounds and three assists for the Thunderbirds.

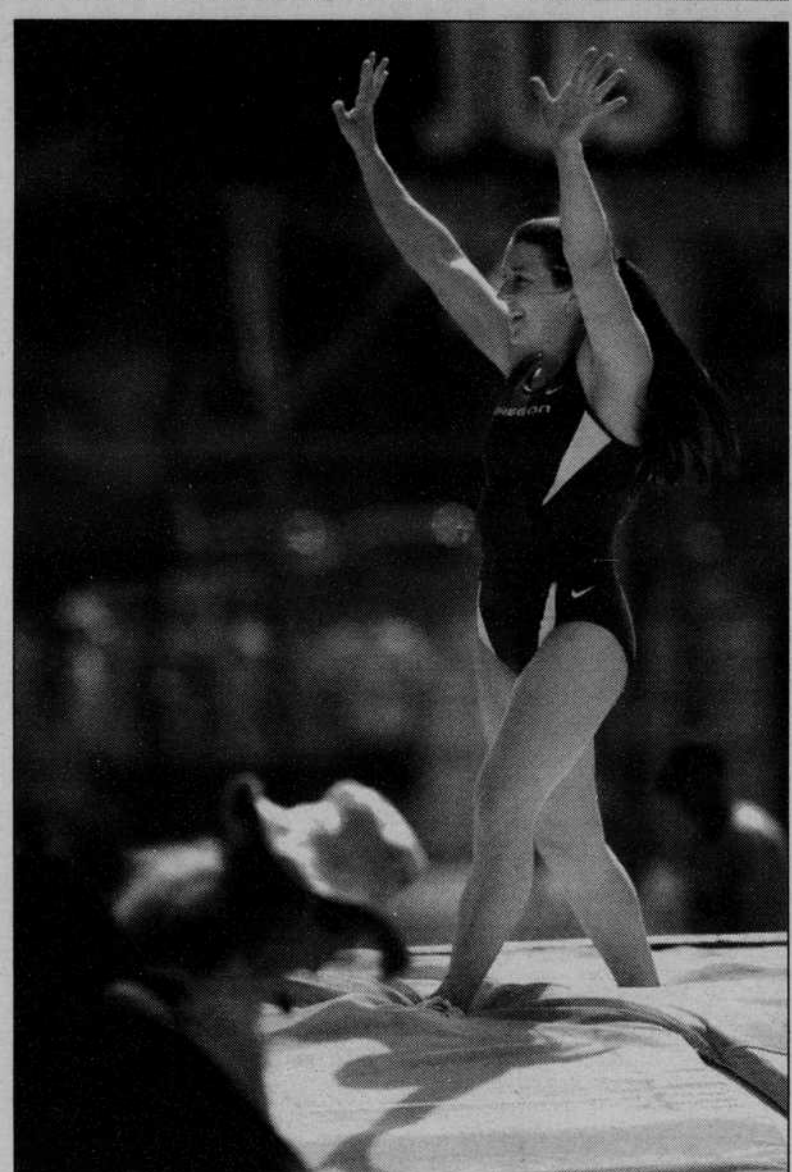
"I liked the guys and they like me," Love told the Casper Star-Tribune. "I think with the players that coach Ernie (Kent) has coming in, we can make a good tournament run."

Love came out of John Adams High School, where he averaged 16.7 points, eight rebounds and four steals per game as a senior.

Love is expected to back up Oregon point guard Aaron Brooks, who missed 10 games due to a broken wrist but was effective when starting for the Ducks this past season.

Love joins Redmond native Maarty Leunen; Richmond, Texas native Chamberlain Oguchi; and North Hollywood, Calif. native Bryce Taylor as members of Oregon's current recruiting class.

—Hank Hager



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Senior Kirstin Larwin said she is happy about the track and field team's direction so far this season.

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