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tallest and biggest of my friends at a whopping 6-foot-1, 200 pounds, I just could never bring myself to sell out and join a team full of people I didn't know just to win a shirt.

That all changed last month.

Two of my friends found ways to win shirts during the spring. My friend Eryn claimed one in soccer, while Brandon was part of a championship softball team. Of course, each was quick to rub it in, knowing how badly I want one of my own.

After that experience, I've changed my way of thinking. I'm fully ready to do whatever is necessary to get a shirt. Come next fall, I'm going to find a way to get on a football team full of quality players and I'm going to be the proud owner of a "University of Oregon Intramural Champion," T-Shirt.

If an intramural flag football team is in need of a retired high school quarterback for next fall, my e-mail address is below.

Think I'm kidding? Think again.

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regularly contributed to the Ducks' achievements and might have caught the attention of other junior-college athletes ready to make the jump to the Division I level.

Watson (St. Louis Community College) found success in the triple jump and long jump this year, garnering All-American status (ninth, 25, 2-1/2) in the latter during the indoor season.

Etter moved south from Clackamas Community College and entered the season as Oregon's only upperclassman in the hammer throw. The Everett, Wash. native has consistently reached 190 feet this year and plans to use his experience from this season to prepare for his senior campaign.

"I've had a mediocre year," Etter said. "I haven't won any meets like I used to at a community college, but it's been a transition year and I've gotten used to it."

Inico transferred from Barton County Community College in Great Bend, Kan., and has been an important part of the 4 x 400 relay team.

The Ducks figure to continue their strength next season, as they will lose

only a handful of seniors, including distance runner Ryan Andrus, javelin thrower Adam Jenkins, decathlete Gabriel LeMay, pole vaulter Trevor Woods and Holliday. Oregon also will lose freshman distance runner Mike McGrath, who will not return to the team next season.

End-of-the-year awards

The Oregon track and field team held its annual end-of-the-year banquet at the Casanova Center on Wednesday and announced several award winners.

Mitchum was presented with the Dow Wilson Most Inspirational Award after a season full of hard work and improvement. He owns the nation's third-best time in the 110 hurdles (13.50w) and also broke the school record in the 60 hurdles during the indoor season (7.69).

The Perry Holloman Most Improved Award was given to the 4 x 400 relay quartet of Travis Anderson, Holliday, Inico and Matt Scherer.

Skipper took home the George Scharpf Outstanding Athlete Award, while Eric Logsdon was presented with the Bill Dellinger Cross Country Award.

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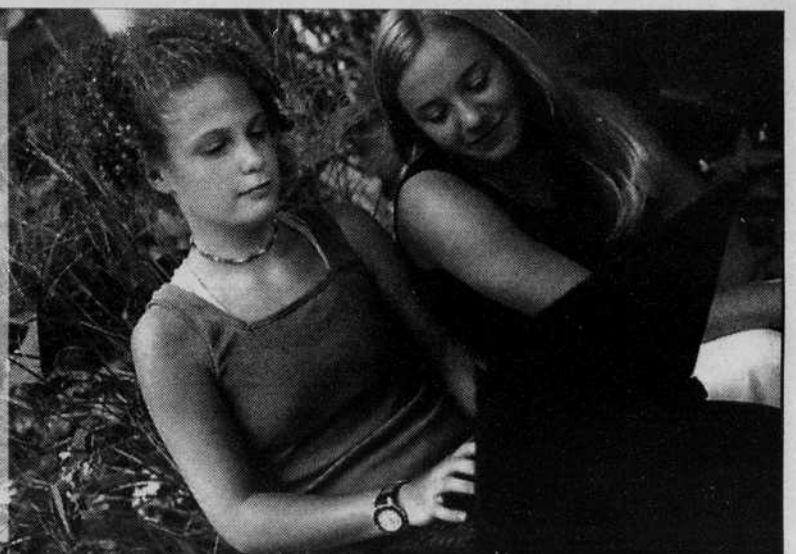


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