



Sports Briefs

Olympic hopeful carries torch

Tauheed Ibn Sadruddin expects to represent the United States in the 1988 Olympiad. That goal, plus his prowess as a nationally recognized fencer, landed him a spot among the group of runners who will carry this year's Olympic torch through the streets of Portland.

He is being sponsored by Pacific Northwest Bell. He was one of two runners unanimously chosen for the honor by the Governor's Council on Health, Fitness and Sports. According to Ron Allen, Oregon community affairs manager for PNB, "We asked the governor's council to select two young athletes from throughout Oregon who had exceptional ability and potential to be Olympians. Tauheed's skills and Olympic ambitions qualified him for that select group."

The 17-year old Benson High School junior has been fencing for about five years. He was attracted to the sport by Portland Parks Department fencing instructor Colleen Onley. Presently, he is a member of the Salle-Auriol School and is coached by Yves Auriol.

He recently placed fifth in national junior competition. His immediate goal is to make the Junior World Team against top caliber fencing talent.

Tauheed feels his affiliation with the Salle-Auriol school gives him an edge over many Americans. Auriol is the U.S. Olympic fencing coach, and many of the school's members are Olympic caliber.

Running is just one way the five foot, 10-inch, 149-pound, Sadruddin prepares himself for competition. In addition to an overall conditioning program, he estimates

he spends more than 12 hours a week fencing.

Following high school, he is aiming for a scholarship to a college, such as Penn State, Columbia or Notre Dame, with a strong fencing program.

The Olympic Torch Relay, of which Tauheed will be a part, began its cross-country journey in New York several weeks ago. It will end in Los Angeles on July 28th, following an 80-day journey through 31 states.

AT&T, the sponsor of the Relay, has named portions of the run in which local, sponsored runners participate as a "Youth Legacy Kilometer."

Pacific Northwest Bell designated that its sponsorship fee (\$3,000) be donated locally to the Boy's Club and the Family "Y".

"This is an outstanding opportunity for us to recognize a special person like Tauheed," said Allen, an Olympic Torch cadre runner himself. "We are excited about this opportunity for him."

Tauheed is 17 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tauheed Sadruddin.



TAUHEED IBN SADRUDDIN—FENCER. July 7th, when the Olympic torch is carried through the Portland area on its journey to the Los Angeles games, Tauheed will be one of the runners. His "Youth Legacy Kilometer" is being sponsored by Pacific Northwest Bell. This future Olympian was chosen for the honor by the Governor's Council on health, Fitness and Sports.

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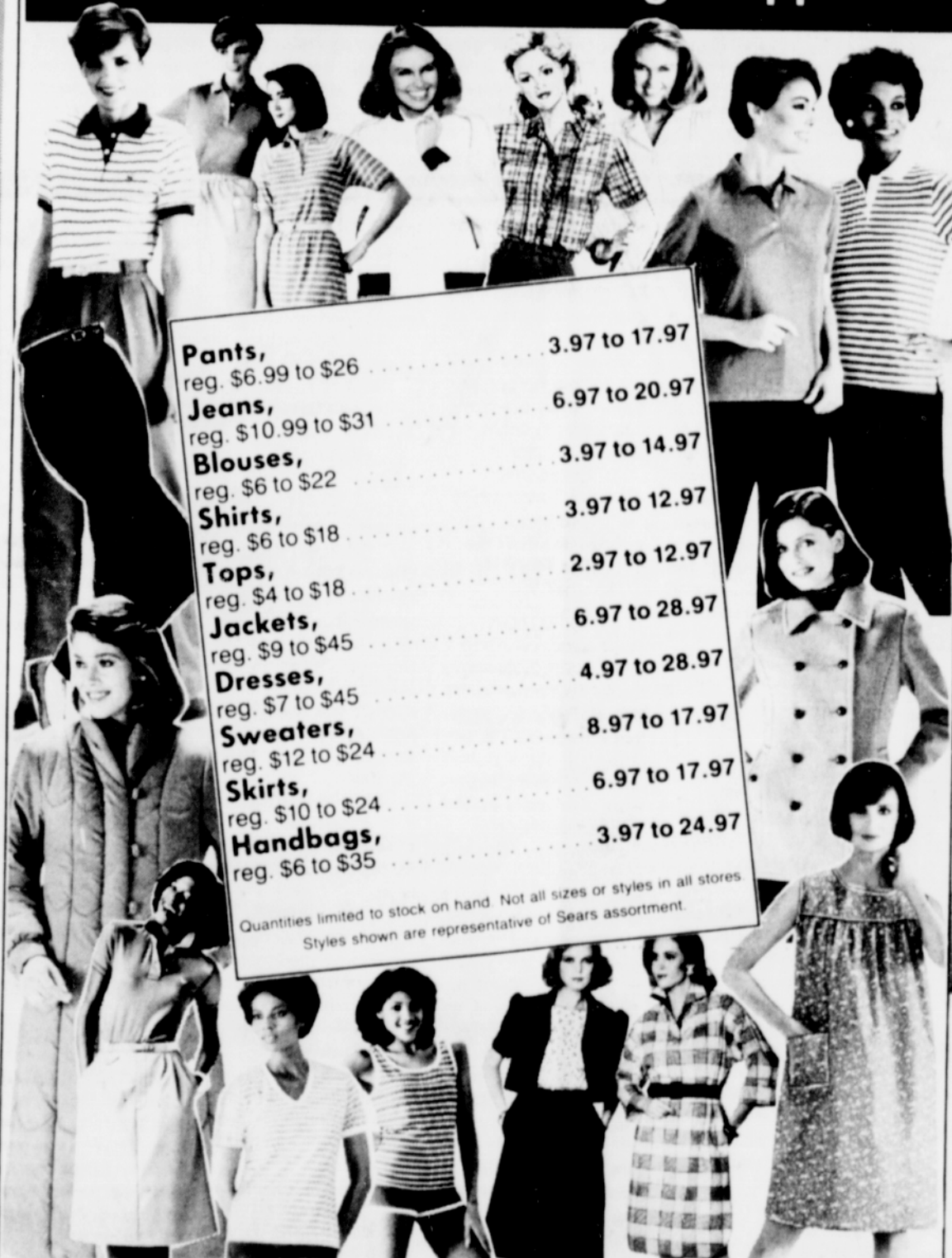
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Coach seeks players for Eastern Oregon

Jerry Howell, new head football coach at Eastern Oregon State College, is looking for 30-40 "hard-nosed, aggressive players" from around the Pacific Northwest to rebuild a solid football squad.

"With the approved changes in the football program here at Eastern, there is a return to an emphasis on regional and local high school recruiting. We now have a young and inexperienced program that portrays the Northwest," Howell said Monday, the first day on his new job.

He said he needs between 30 to 40 players "to field any kind of team." The college administration earlier this year agreed to recruit players from Washington, Idaho and Oregon high schools to attract students who fit into the rural environment of Eastern Oregon.

"We are looking for players who like the beautiful outdoors and culture offered here and who are interested in getting a good education," Howell added.

Howell holds two master's degrees and will stress a solid academic program right along with the physical program of football.

"I realize that football is not all encompassing. It is not the final answer to life's problems but it does help a person realize his strengths and weaknesses. It is academics that serve as the tools that the students carry away with them into the world."

For himself, Howell said he has "never wanted to be anything but a football coach, ever since I was a little kid."

He played defensive back for San Jose State and later coached at New Mexico State University, Occidental College in Eagle Rock, Calif., and at Claremont College in California.

"My real strengths are organization, administration and a sound knowledge of the game. I feel I have a broad background since I have coached at all levels."

"At this stage in my coaching career, I know the ups and downs of the game and I will not be in a hurry to tell people things that won't come true," said the 38-year old California native.

"But I can say I will build a sound program from the ground up."

Howell and his wife, Patricia, come from rural backgrounds and look forward to their move to La Grande.



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