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PULLMAN, WASH.-Third Annual Trail's End Marathon at Seaside, Oregon, Feb. 26 is attracting 10 members of the (informal) Cougar Track Club, including celebrities.

Gerry ~~Lindgren~~ Lindgren, who in his collegiate years at Washington State University finished first in each of 11 national NCAA starts in distance events and cross country, is trying his first competitive marathon. In preparation he jogs over wintry, hilly Pullman roads up to 40 miles per day, as he can spare time from job and family.

Pullman Mayor Jim Dunne, in his 40's and a senior runner of tenacity, in his third Seaside start, has just broadcast nationally <sup>and every</sup> a challenge to any/interested mayor of any age and either sex to test speed with him over the 26 mile, 385 yard course.

A couple of ranked marathoners will also be CTC entries. Dr. Richard Dailey, a WSU economist, at 41 gets the rank of 25th among the seniors, he reports. WSU student Tom ~~Richardson~~ <sup>Robinson</sup> is named twentieth as a marathoner it is reported, somewhat on finishing second at Seaside last year.

A pair of WSU international students from Ireland are also aiming at Seaside. One is Dan Murphy, whose individual fourth in the NCAA finals in cross country last fall helped the (real) Cougars to second place. His friend from abroad, Sean O'Riordan, finished first in last year's Seattle Marathon.

An eleventh prospective Pullman marathoner, Richard Stark, recently broke a leg in a fall on ice. He wound up third last summer in the first annual Evergreen Marathon in Pullman.

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# Graduate student marathon victor

SEASIDE — Russell Pate, a 25-year-old University of Oregon graduate student, dueled little Gerry Lindgren for 20 miles, then pulled away to win the third annual Trail's End Marathon in near record time Saturday.

Pate took the lead from Lindgren with just over six miles to go and eventually won by more than a quarter of a mile. His time was 2:22.59.9, about two minutes slower than the record set two years ago by former University of Oregon runner Ken Moore.

Lindgren, former Washington State University distance star running his first marathon, fell back after his pace-setting start and finished fifth.

More than 400 entries, including 17 women, ranging in age from 11 to 72, started the marathon. Entries from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, New Mexico and Canada tackled the course between Seaside and Camp Rilea south of Warrenton and generally along Highway 101.

Pate, running a marathon for the fourth time in his life, said he experienced some difficulty with strong winds, but "the cool temperatures were just right."

He said he "had trouble with the wind about a half-mile out. But, I just tried to relax through the middle of the race and the wind seemed to let up," he said.

### Lindgren tires

The race, sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union, covered 26 miles, 385 yards.

"I really enjoy running. If I didn't, I wouldn't do it," Pate said.

Lindgren moved out quickly at the start and maintained a comparatively big lead until he tired noticeably at the 20-mile mark. At that point, Pate took over and coasted as three other runners also passed the fading Lindgren.

Russell Pate (Eugene), 2:22:59.9; Gary Harrison (Vancouver, B.C.), 2:25:29; James Pearson (Bellingham, Wash.), 2:25:35; Larry Miller (Portland), 2:25:59; Gerry Lindgren (Pullman, Wash.), 2:27:47; Gordon Currie (Corvallis), 2:30:28; Curtis Ankeny (Dundee), 2:30:28; John Burnett (Vancouver, B.C.), 2:30:5; Wolf Schamberger, (Duncan, B.C.), 2:31:37; George Oja (Pendleton), 2:30:06.