

The Summer Barometer

A Student Publication

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SESEY offers a week peek into rigors of scientific research

Students get to explore fields of science and engineering

By TROY FOSTER

of The Summer Barometer

No, there are not many women represented in the science and engineering departments.

No, there are not many minorities represented in the science and engineering departments.

Yes, Oregon State University is doing something to change this.

Both the departments of chemical engineering and bioresources engineering have teamed up to offer the first ever Summer Experience in Science and Engineering for Youth.

With a generous grant of \$15,500 from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, specializing in grants towards chemical sciences, which was also matched by OSU's Summer Session and Pre-College Program, SESEY has come to life.

The grant of which co-director and Associate Professor of the chemical engineering department, Skip Rochefort, lobbied for will keep the program afloat for at least two years.

SESEY provides a chance for women and minority high school students to spend a week with an engineering research group.

"This program was targeted specifically to recruit high school students and get them interested specifically in engineering," Rochefort said. "The other goal was to attract people that might not be traditional college students, people that might not be thinking about college because of their social-economic situation or background."

SESEY began Sunday, July 13 and ends this Saturday, July 19.

Each student is working on a week long project in an area of their choice including materials processing for microelectronics, plastics recycling, biotechnology, bioprocessing, waste minimization, or air pollution control.

On Saturday, the youths will display their project results in poster format at the da Vinci Days celebration.

In addition to the main projects, the students partake in many other activities familiarizing them with the campus, college atmosphere, technology, and basically what OSU has to offer.

The students will visit OSU's aquarium in Newport today.

On Monday, the students were introduced to e-mail and were given an account. Each student wrote an e-mail to President Risser and to their surprise received an individual reply Tuesday morning.

On Friday morning, Donna Shirley, manager of the Mars Exploration Program Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will make a presentation to the students.

There is no fee to participants, and they are provided meals and housing in Wilson Hall.

Twelve faculty members have volunteered their time to work with SESEY participants. Participants had to apply for the program and all 24 were accepted, including one high school teacher.

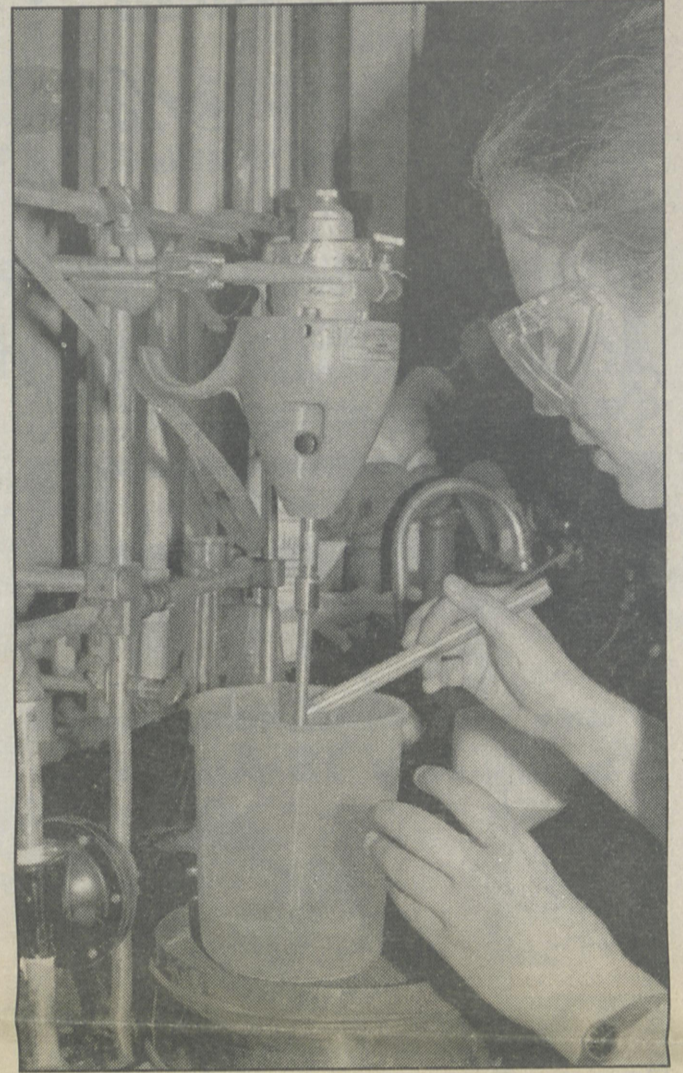
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— NICOLE DUNNIGAN,
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR

"The choices of the different projects we get to do are really good. It's a great learning experience and it's kind of like you're in college," high school junior and Lebanon resident Nicole Dunnigan said.

According to Rochefort, the students comprised of 19 women and five men, are top notch and definitely college-bound.

In the future, Rochefort is considering modifying SESEY to better economize the program in hopes of maintaining it as an annual summer event.



CHRISSY RAGULSKY/The Summer Barometer

Gina Koerner, a student from Sprague high school, performs an experiment as part of the Summer Experience in Science and Engineering for Youth camp at OSU.

Learning becomes an adventure for middle school students



CHRISSY RAGULSKY/The Summer Barometer

Evan Day shows kids from Adventures in Learning around the radio studio. Radio Training is a session that puts kids on the air at KBVR.

By JOHN LOVDOKKEN

of The Daily Barometer

How can you make a middle school aged student want to go class in mid-July?

By making it an adventure.

For two weeks of each summer Oregon State University hosts Adventures In Learning (AIL), a program designed for students entering 6th through 8th grade that have demonstrated an ability and desire to

learn beyond what can be taught in the average classroom.

The program accepts 175 students through an application process in which they must demonstrate why they deserve to be a participant.

Once admitted, the students may choose to take three to five classes from a 40 subject curriculum during their two week adventure.

The classes taught vary from

"DNA and Genes" to "Paleoceanography," but all of the courses stress a hands on approach to learning and are significantly more challenging than standard middle school classes.

"It would be great if school was like this," said Mike Bensen, a local student experiencing AIL for his third summer.

Bensen and other students stressed the freedom of choice

in their subjects as one of the best features of the program for the teachers and themselves.

"Since they get to teach topics that they [the instructors] choose, I think they enjoy it more," said student Katie Lewis.

According to AIL instructor Stewart Young, the setting of a college campus adds to the adventure for the students and provides them with a look into the future of their own educations.

"I think it provides an exciting atmosphere for learning and I think the young people respond to that," Young said.

"It's a wonderful opportunity, provided by [program director] Judy Michael and OSU, for young people to come to a major university and experience campus life and some pretty high end subject matter from a practical point of view," he said.

The daily schedule has the students in classes from 8:30 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. with a one hour break for lunch.

Each day, following class time, students have a choice of 8 to 10 activities they can choose from during the "afternoon exploratory" section of the school.

"The idea is to introduce students to other things that are going on around campus," Michael said.

"It's a nice, relaxed social time," she continued. "I think it's important for this age group to have the opportunities to make new friends and to meet others with their same interests."

The program began July 7

and will continue until July 18. During their time at OSU, the students stay at their own homes or with friends if they are not from the local area.

The price of the program is \$330 and some scholarships are available for needy students.

For more information regarding applications for next year call Judy Michael at (541) 737-1289.

OSU to host picnic for students, alums, friends

By OSU News and Communication Services

Oregon State University will host a picnic for its alumni, current students and prospective students in the mid-Willamette Valley, as well as for friends and "people who want to learn more about the university."

The picnic, sponsored by the OSU Alumni Association, will be held Tuesday, July 22 at Avery Park in Corvallis. It begins at 6 p.m and admission is free.

OSU students, faculty and administrators will serve hamburgers at the event, and visitors are asked to bring a dish to share: a salad for those whose last name begins with letters A-M and a dessert for those names beginning with N-Z.

OSU President Paul Risser and his wife, Les, will be attending, and representatives from athletics and various OSU colleges and academic programs will be available to answer questions. University viewbooks and other resource materials also will be available.

For more information contact the OSU Alumni Association at (541) 737-2351.

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INTERNATIONAL

Is U.N. reform missing the point?

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — With revised flow charts and promises to slim down, the United Nations hopes to convince a skeptical Congress and public that it is taking seriously Washington's demands to reform.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan plans to announce his reform program Wednesday. It is expected to focus on administrative changes aimed at cutting staff, better coordinating U.N. operations worldwide and allowing the organization to function with a negative growth budget.

Annan hopes to reverse the perception, widespread in the United States, that the United Nations is a bloated, ineffectual organization that wastes American taxpayers' money.

Regardless of its effectiveness, the United Nations already is a smaller organization than it is often perceived.

The annual U.N. operating budget — about \$2.6 billion — is only slightly larger than that of the state of North Dakota. Counting the U.N. headquarters and staffs of independent U.N. agencies, which maintain their own budgets, the U.N. system employs about 53,300 people worldwide.

By comparison, the state of Hawaii employs 62,500 people, including part-time and seasonal workers.

Some U.N. officials and American supporters believe the United Nations' image problem can be blamed on the notion that it doesn't do anything.

From a distance, it may look like an organization that stands by and watches a coup in Cambodia, allows thousands of Hutu refugees to die in the Congo, fails to bring peace to Somalia and issues empty declarations while those indicted for war crimes in the former Yugoslavia roam free.

The question is who's to blame?

"A lot of what the U.N. can do has to do with what the inter-

national community wants it to do," said John Tessitore of the U.N. Association of the United States.

The United Nations is an instrument of the 185 member-states, in particular the 15-member Security Council. The council is dominated by the five permanent members — the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia — each of which can veto U.N. resolutions.

It is the council that dispatches peacekeepers to world trouble spots and decides which crises require U.N. attention.

In the Cambodian crisis, for example, the council met Friday to discuss the ouster of First Prime Minister Norodom Ranariddh by his co-premier, Hun Sen. As the process threatened to unravel, the council simply called for mediation and avoided calling the upheaval a coup. That was largely because two members — China and Japan — insisted on a soft response.

The council also nominates the secretary-general. Last year, the United States used its veto to block a second term for Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, ostensibly because he opposed reform.

Boutros-Ghali's supporters also believed Washington was uncomfortable with his independent stand on issues including the Middle East and Yugoslavia. The message was that a secretary-general should follow the council's lead.

For decades, the East-West conflict stymied the effectiveness of the United Nations since both Washington and Moscow could veto moves in the council that threatened their interests.

The end of the Cold War brought new hope that the major powers could work together through a revitalized United Nations. That meant a more vigorous role for the Security Council in combating world crises.

But the spirit of "multi-lateralism" took a big hit in Somalia, when 18 elite American soldiers were killed in an attack on the stronghold of warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid in October 1993.

Angry Serbs suspect of another explosion

Associated Press

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina — A second explosion apparently targeting international groups in as many days is suspected to be the work of Bosnian Serbs angry that NATO-led forces have begun arresting war crimes suspects.

An explosion late Monday shattered dozens of windows on an apartment block in Banja Luka, the largest Serb-held town in Bosnia. The building houses a senior official with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

"It's a miracle that nobody got wounded," said spokesman Johan Verheyden. We are looking into the possibility that this is a more orchestrated campaign."

Local Serb officials in Banja Luka, speaking to *The Associated Press* by telephone, said the explosion most likely was caused by a hand grenade. They said it slightly damaged the facade of the apartment block.

Late Sunday, a bomb packed with 4.5 pounds of explosives went off outside a hotel in the eastern Bosnia town of Zvornik, destroying an OSCE jeep and shattering windows in the hotel and a nearby school.

The OSCE, which is running September's local elections, has

tightened security for its people in Serb-held territory.

The chief aid agency, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, withdrew its workers from Zvornik and another nearby Serb-held town, Dobo, for a day, but sent them back after consultations, said spokesman Kris Janowski.

U.N. police also have been repeatedly harassed since Thursday, when British troops in northern Bosnia killed one war crimes suspect during an arrest raid and detained another.

Anger increased Monday, when The Hague tribunal set up to investigate crimes during the 1991-95 war in former Yugoslavia sentenced Dusan Tadic, a Bosnian Serb, to 20 years in jail for atrocities in prison camps in Prijedor, northern Bosnia.

The man shot to death Thursday, Prijedor's former police chief Simo Drljaca, allegedly helped run those camps. Troops arrested hospital director Milan Kovacevic, who is suspected of organizing the transport of non-Serbs to the camps.

Bosnian Serb leaders have accused NATO of overstepping the mandate for its forces in divided Bosnia. They have warned that further actions could spark uncontrollable rage toward foreign troops. In Dobo, one Serb group circulated leaflets containing death threats against foreign troops.

Trapped democracy activists hide from coup leader's forces in Cambodia

Associated Press

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand — Dozens of Cambodian democracy activists were trapped in a Cambodian border town Tuesday, fearing for their lives as the forces of coup leader Hun Sen took control of the area.

At least 56 members of the Khmer Nation Party — union leaders, journalists and politicians — were in Poipet and unable to cross to safety in Thailand, party member Yasith Chhun said.

The Khmer Nation members lack visas needed to enter Thailand. Their plight is dire — at least 25 of Hun Sen's opponents have died in custody since he and his Cambodian People's Party seized power in a July 5 coup, human rights workers say.

The Khmer Nation Party, which serves as an unofficial opposition, is headed by Sam Rainsy, one of Hun Sen's harshest critics. Rainsy's party had aligned itself with First Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who was ousted in the coup.

"These people are in a desperate situation and are in need of immediate protection," said Demelza Stubbings of the London-based human rights group Amnesty International.

Hun Sen's forces were 12 miles from Poipet and closing in, said

Yasith Chhun, who flew to Thailand from Long Beach, Calif., to try to help the Khmer Nation supporters. Poipet is a trading town opposite the Thai town of Aranyaprathet.

The deaths in custody have been announced by Hun Sen officials or reported by newspapers sympathetic to his party. They have been described as suicides or actions taken by soldiers who could not control their anger.

Some human rights officials said the figure of 25 dead was low.

Opposition groups say opponents of the new regime are also being tortured. Those accounts could not be independently verified.

Most of the democracy activists reached Poipet after fleeing the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh.

Rainsy, who was not in Cambodia at the time of the coup, went to Aranyaprathet on Tuesday to urge Cambodians to stand up to the new regime.

"I urge all the armed forces under Hun Sen's control not to obey orders to kill, harm or harass the people," said Sam Rainsy. "I urge them to defect and join the legitimate democratic forces and help lay the foundation for Cambodia's reconstruction on the basis of integrity, honesty and justice."

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NATIONAL & LOCAL NEWS

Mars rover finally takes measurements of rock 'Yogi'

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — The Mars rover jiggled, jogged and finally managed to sniff the tubby rock called Yogi, while scientists worked to catch up on data transmissions delayed by a series of computer glitches.

Photos released at a NASA news conference today showed the Sojourner pirouetting on its six wheels as it maneuvered into position to touch Yogi and deploy the device known as an alpha proton X-ray spectrometer to chemically analyze the rock.

At least two of the sensors on the device "contacted and tripped," said project scientist Matthew Golombek.

Early results showed that Yogi seems to be covered with soil and is volcanic in origin.

It is "a more primitive rock" that "has not gone through the cooking Barnacle Bill went

through," said James Greenwood of the University of Tennessee, a member of the Pathfinder mineralogy science team.

The rock called Barnacle Bill — the first touched by the rover — had a lot of quartz in it, indicating that it had been heated and reheated during its history, Greenwood said. Yogi also had higher levels of magnesium than Barnacle Bill, another indicator it was more primitive.

The analysis was transmitted back to Earth and still was being reviewed today.

The rover will back off of the rock Wednesday morning and move to a nearby patch of soil for an abrasion test by spinning a wheel in place. Scientists hope the resulting gouging will give them a clue about the soil's makeup.

On Thursday, Golombek said, the rover may move off through a patch of soil dubbed the Cabbage Patch toward another rock named

Scooby Doo.

Sojourner's examination of Yogi had been waylaid for several days. The analysis first was postponed after one of the rover's wheels rolled up the rock when it overshot its target. The spacecraft and rover were stalled again Thursday when a human error resulted in no instructions being sent to the spacecraft. Then, the computer reset itself on Friday and on Monday, cutting short communications between the Pathfinder

spacecraft relaying the data and controllers on Earth.

Trying to prevent future resets, the Mars Pathfinder team was trying to get their computers to cool it a bit.

Glenn Reeves, flight software engineer, said the resets were a safety feature that tripped automatically when the computer on the Pathfinder lander overloaded while trying to carry out several activities at once.

Kitzhaber target of ethics complaint

Associated Press

SALEM — A legislator's former aide is asking a state panel to determine whether Gov. John Kitzhaber illegally logged time on state-owned planes toward getting his private pilot's license.

Steven Nicot of Lyons, former assistant to Sen. Gary George, R-Newberg, filed a complaint on Monday with the Government Standards and Practices Commission.

Nicot said a state police pilot has acknowledged signing Kitzhaber's personal log book twice while on official flights with the governor, and that Kitzhaber acted as chief pilot during one flight.

Nicot asked the panel to determine whether Kitzhaber violated a law against using state vehicles for personal use or benefit, on grounds a private party would pay hundreds of dollars an hour for a plane and instructor.

The commission will conduct a review of the complaint as required by law, said Director Pat Hearn.

Kitzhaber spokesman Bob Applegate said the allegation has no merit.

The governor has been taking flying lessons for some time on his own. His wife, Sharon, is a licensed pilot.

The governor is working toward a license to fly single-engine craft and would get no credit toward that on the twin-engine state planes on which he travels officially, Applegate said.

"The governor receives no benefit from having flown in the copilot seat and having had the pilot sign the log book," Applegate said. "Nothing the governor does in a twin-engine airplane can advance his cause for gaining a pilot license."

Applegate said Kitzhaber would avoid all pilot activities if he was working toward a license to operate twin-engine planes.

Kitzhaber "is an inveterate note taker," and gets signatures for his own personal records, Applegate said.

"We will cooperate fully" with the state commission, Applegate said.

State Senate Majority Leader Gene Derfler, R-Salem, said the "appearance is certainly not appropriate. It doesn't look good to the public."

Police investigate double homicide on coast

Associated Press

SEASIDE — Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis said today two people found shot to death on the beach here appear to be county residents. He declined to say why.

"We believe they are local residents," he said.

An autopsy in Portland revealed that each died from a single large-caliber gunshot wound to the head.

The man was dark-haired and husky with a goatee. The woman was a strawberry blonde. Investigators were still trying to establish positive identification through fingerprints at midday.

The couple appeared to be in their early 30s.

The man wore a red-and-black flannel shirt and blue jeans. About a yard away, the woman wore a green shirt, white cardigan and denim shorts.

The two were shot just yards from three beachfront hotels at this coastal resort town.

Police were searching for two young men who may have been involved in another incident on the beach about the same time, police Chief Ken

Almberg said.

One may have light hair, the other dark hair, Almberg said.

At least one man who was "acting strange" joined a group of teen-agers around a campfire on the beach sometime before the killings, but police do not yet have a detailed description of the men, Almberg said.

The bodies were found by three Beaverton teen-agers shortly after 5 a.m. Monday.

Police arrived on the scene within two hours of the killings and cordoned off three acres of beach, Almberg said. They expanded their search late Monday morning after finding a shell casing outside the original perimeter.

Neither victim carried identification.

There was no sign of a robbery, and police said there was no evidence of a possible murder-suicide.

Their bodies lay on the beach until afternoon, when they were taken to the state medical examiner's office in Portland for autopsies, Marquis said.

Fashion designer Versace shot to death

Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Gianni Versace, whose flamboyant fashions adorned celebrities and socialites from Rome to Hollywood, was fatally shot in the head today at point-blank range outside his South Beach villa. He was 50.

The multimillionaire Italian designer was walking home from the nearby News Cafe, where he had picked up an Italian newspaper around 7 a.m., waiter Michael Kisingbury said.

The FBI, which is assisting police in the investigation, said it was looking into the possibility that suspected serial killer Andrew Cunanan, one of the agency's most wanted fugitives, may be involved. He is wanted in four murders in

Minnesota, Illinois and New Jersey.

Witnesses described the shooter as a white man in his mid-20s, about 5 feet 8, dressed in a white shirt and gray shorts, wearing a backpack.

Cunanan is 27 and is slightly taller, 5 feet 10.5 inches.

"We're looking into the possibility. I know our Miami office is working on that right now," the FBI's Kevin Rickett said.

Police said Versace's killer, acting alone and using a handgun, walked away after the shooting. There was no sign of robbery.

Versace was pronounced dead at Jackson Memorial Hospital, spokeswoman Conchita Ruiz-Topinka said.

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A PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

Don't forget to check for snakes

It's summer vacation time, and I'm sure you can't wait to jump into the family car and drive to fun and exciting new places, preferably before the family wakes up and realizes you're gone.

But before you "hit the road," you should make sure your car is in proper mechanical condition. Drive to your local gas station, beep your horn, and when a friendly, competent mechanic comes out to help you, ask him to please call the mental hospital, because you are hallucinating. There ARE no friendly, competent mechanics at gas stations anymore; there are nervous cashiers locked inside bulletproof enclosures surrounded by smokeless-tobacco products.

DAVE BARRY

So you'll have to inspect your car yourself. According to the American Automobile Association, the most important thing to determine about a car, before taking a trip, is: Does the car contain enough Cheez-Its? Vacationing Americans need to eat while they drive; it gives them something to do in between Waffle Houses. An average family of four will consume a pound of Cheez-Its every 50 highway miles (25 city), although your actual mileage will vary, depending on whether you also have Ding Dongs.

On the mechanical front, it goes without saying that you should inspect your car thoroughly — including engine, transmission, brakes and electrical system — for snakes. I say this in light of articles from two British newspapers, sent in by alert readers Trudy and Dan Simmons, concerning a sales representative named Nicholas Miller who was driving his car in England when he felt something slithering across his ankle. Horrified, he looked down, and there, wrapped around his legs, with beady eyes staring from its scaly head and forked tongue flicking out, was: F. Lee Bailey.

No, seriously, it was a two-foot-long snake. According to the articles, Mr. Miller slammed on his brakes and jumped out of the car; the snake was eventually taken into police custody and turned over to a veterinarian, who determined that it was an American corn snake and fed it some dead crickets. The articles do not say how an American snake happened to be in England; perhaps there is some kind of snake-exchange program intended to foster understanding between the two nations.

But the point is that there could be a snake living in your car right now, and it could have been there for a while. One of the British newspapers made this statement, which I am not making up:

"Mr. Miller is convinced that the snake had been in his car for several days because of excrement on his boxes."

So you should go over your car with a fine-toothed comb looking for snake excrement, always bearing in mind that "The Fabulous Snake Doots" would be an excellent name for a

rock band. If your car does contain a snake, you can take it (the car) down to a Sears automotive center, where, no matter what you tell them, they will sell you a new shock absorber. Or you can remove the snake yourself by luring it out with a trail of dead crickets, which you can purchase in the bait department of your local gas station.

OK! Now you're ready for your vacation trip! The question is: Where should you go? The answer is: Not outside. I say this in light of another alarming article from a British newspaper, this one sent in by alert reader Katy Decker. The article states that an MIT researcher has come up with a plan to plant trees by — I swear I am not making this up — dropping them from Air Force bombers. The article states that the researcher "has designed a tree holding canister capable of reaching 200 mph before impact, then planting itself in the ground."

Great! As if we didn't have enough problems with drugs and crime and the federal government, now we have to deal with high-speed trees dropping out of the sky! You will love this: The researcher claims this project would be safe, because before an area got tree-bombed, it would be checked for human inhabitants by — get ready — "Star Wars" technology. This does NOT reassure me. Over the past 10 years we have spent several jillion dollars on the "Star Wars" system, and according to all reports, it still does not have a clue how to protect us from Russian missiles. Every time scientists fire up the main "Star Wars" computer, it goes: "WHICH ONE IS RUSSIA AGAIN?"

So if this tree project is implemented, I see danger ahead. Try to imagine what would happen if a Cheez-It-munching vacationing family were driving through some supposedly uninhabited wilderness area, with Dad at the wheel, pointing out various natural wonders ("Look, kids! There's a rock! It's made from minerals!") when suddenly a 200 mph strategic elm came hurtling out of the sky, piercing the family car like a lawn dart going through a Twinkie. What would happen is, the kids would think it was the coolest vacation ever. They hate it when Dad points out natural wonders.

So maybe the tree-planting project is a good idea. But just to be safe, I think I'm going to spend my summer vacation relaxing in a bomb shelter with a good book.

I'm not going to read the book, you understand; I'm going to use the book to kill snakes.

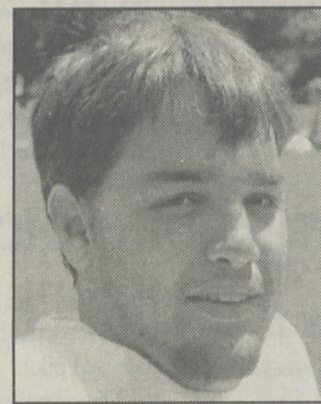
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How do you feel about courses at OSU taught via television videos?

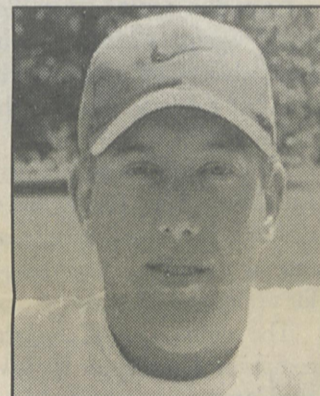


"I personally think it's not a good way to teach because you lose the human interaction where there's a lot to be learned from that."

— NATHAN MANLEY
SENIOR, BUSINESS

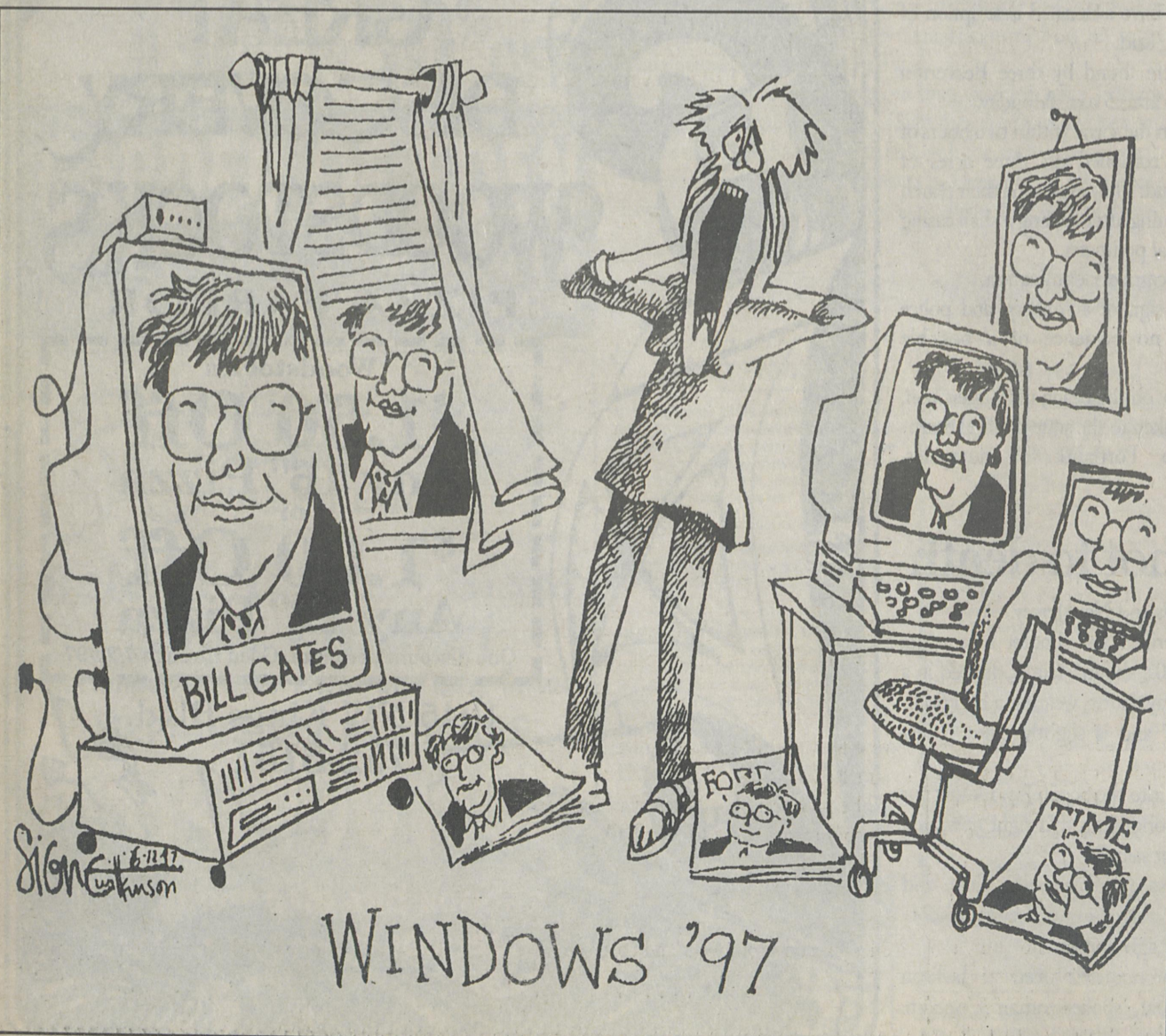
"Some of my fellow classmates have taken that class [ANTH 210] before and failed it. They said the video class is just not worth it because you just don't learn. It's just so much easier with a human to interact with you."

— DIRCK LATTER
SENIOR, GRAPHIC DESIGN



"You can't ask questions of a TV. I don't like the idea of it. I think you are paying for a professor to be there, to teach, to answer questions."

— CARA TAORMINA
SOPHOMORE,
MICROBIOLOGY



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'Men In Black' wows audience with comedy and film making creativity



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Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith prepare to battle aliens in this summer's blockbuster, "Men In Black."

By DAN MAGILL

of The Summer Barometer

Most everyone experiences times in their lives when they want to just slip away and hide where they can't be found. One option for making this a reality is described in the new sci-fi comedy "Men In Black," which stars Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith. It is basically a job description, showing one or two days in the life of an intergalactic security guard who has absolutely no identity in the public domain.

Much of the humor depends on the audience understanding many of the latest alien hypotheses, and these are best known by keeping up with the informative Fox series "The X-files." The movie actually exaggerates several scenarios brought up during the year on that show, and the attentive viewer will recognize and enjoy those allusions. In fact, the idea of men in black was even humorously portrayed on a show from two seasons ago. Their premise of being high-tech, top secret government agents who are in the government somewhere with unlimited funds and who show up unexpectedly every time someone has a close encounter to encourage them to keep it to themselves is not deviated from at all. It, in fact, creates the laughs.

Smith and Jones lead a perfectly cast group that includes Rip Torn as the head of the intergalactic police station and airport. Jones plays the veteran, which fits him perfectly because it allows him to ramble on about incredibly obnoxious items of business as if they were routine. Smith,

on the other hand, is the newcomer, which enables him to use flamboyant, exclamatory words and actions that bring his humorous persona onto the screen. His performance far outshines his last one in "Independence Day." In fact, the whole film surpasses the last July 4 phenomenon, because it tackles what has become an overused subject in a manner that flaunts the silliness of it all. It compares to "Mars Attacks" in that respect, but it is less a parody than a celebration of the alien fascination of our culture.

With the perfect attitudes of all the characters and excellent cinematic humor that requires very little dialogue, "Men In Black" ranks above most of the other summer blockbusters. However, director Barry Sonnenfeld's attention to detail gives this film a unique flavor, and the imagination at times equals that of many top-notch science fiction films. For instance, the supermarket tabloids, with headlines like "An Alien Stole My Husband's Skin" are referred to by Jones' character as the best investigative reporting on the planet.

The story also includes just a touch of realism in the characters to allow the audience to relate to them, and this personal touch adds significantly to the enjoyment of the film, and gives it a completeness. In covering all the angles, Sonnenfeld includes a final scene that not only complements the humor of the film, but inputs a little philosophy, something that usually accompanies good science fiction and makes an excellent ending to a very entertaining movie.

★★★, PG 13

WORLD BEAT:

Reviews of European and World Music Releases

Associated Press

"Passione" (Olivi/Sony) — A Filetta

The latest in polyphonic cave chants from the rugged and troubled French Mediterranean island of Corsica. It's a moody, melancholy and passionate collection that transports you to the red rocky coastline and the jagged wind-swept mountains above.

Corsica's indigenous song was dying out until the 1970s, when Corsican nationalists began attacking the highly centralized French government. The surge in nationalism led to the creation of the International Center for Corsican Polyphonic Art. This octet's compositions are mainly new but based on traditional melodies, recorded in Saint Jean-Baptiste Cathedral in the town of Calvi.

The chants consist mainly of long bass or tenor tones in harmony over which the lead weaves a sometimes tortured polyphonic melody. They're songs about love, death and joy, backed by violas and organ. Other Corsican outfits include I Muvrini and a beekeeper, Petru Guelfucci. Tour plans include two shows in Paris in October in the Eglise Saint Louis en l'Île on the Ile Saint Louis.

"Le Roi est mort, vive le roi!" (Virgin) — Enigma

As atmospheric as ever, Michael Cretu has blended his latest spacelike vibes with help from various corners of the Earth. Samples are taken from Gregorian chants, Lithuanian solar rites and Mongolian strains. Sometimes it borders on moody sappiness as a kind of fin-de-siecle Alan Parsons Project manque. But check the dance cut "Why!..." It's slow dance for thoughtful space cadets. The echoey "Shadows in Silence" would be a great soundtrack for an Abel Ferrara film noir. Much of it is synth-driven melodrama, to avoid especially if maniacally despondent over a bad date. It's all so serious! But there's also classic Enigma in "Prison of Life," a slow, hallowed Indianlike dancebeat with haunting chants, sent into the stratosphere. Nice piece.

"Reindeer Rock 97" (Poropromo) — Various

Maybe it's something about being on the edge of East and West, the northern edge of the Earth, where even Jim Jarmusch was moved to film a wayward nocturnal taxi ride. This annual collection of nuggets from a gamut of Finnish bands is again a bumper crop of both talent and schlock.

Costi's pop rock "Call Me a Drifter" features the luscious-lipped Costi Snellman (well, she COULD think about a stage name) in her first English-language album on the Poplandia label. Sub-Urban Tribe, on Zen Garden, is noisy metallic pop with a dancebeat, bordering on Soundgarden, with their single "Frequency."

The 69 Eyes do what they call a "glamsleaze" version of Debbie Harry's "Call Me," on the Gaga Goodies label. Plum is a girl band that takes after the Cranberries, with angry young women singing "Hollow (and Cavin' in)," on the Rockadillo label.

For a laugh, try Laika and the Cosmonauts' "Look! No Head!" It's an attempt at the surf genre, on Warner/Chappell. There's Missouri-born Dallas Wayne and the Dimlights with "Stone by Stone," genuine country tuneage on Bluelight Records. Also, Vaertinae does "Holla." The nine-piece female lead bands' latest album "Kokko" was voted album of the month by Stereo Review.

There's more, but gotta go.

"Automatik Kalamity" (Virgin) — Anouk

Start out with a reggae takeoff on the old song "Sitting in My Lala, Waiting for My Yaya ..," generously sprinkle English rap, pour on that sexy French voice and you've got Anouk.

The most interesting cut, though, has very little of her. "Curse Dub" is a montage of answering machine messages in various languages — some quizzical, some angry or frustrated, some nice. A sort of United Colors of Phone Aggravation. Not a bad idea. The oft low-fi, scratchy vinyl-like engineering gives the album a nostalgic, intimate flavor. And she can melt the heart with her French-tinged English reggae chants. Some of the stuff is rather repetitive, but reggae was never in a hurry. Love it or leave it.

MTV launches sixth season of 'The Real World' in Beantown

Associated Press

BOSTON — Nestled on a quiet cobblestone street in Boston's tony Beacon Hill neighborhood, a former firehouse has been converted into a funky condominium.

Inside the dream dwelling, seven young people — strangers tossed together under a common roof — are living television's version of reality.

The roommates were brought together nearly six months ago by the producers of MTV's "The Real World," the network's reality-based soap opera, now in its sixth season.

And, as usual, these housemates, who make their debut at 10 p.m. tonight, add up to an unlikely group.

Elka, 19, of Brownsville, Texas, was raised with strict Catholic values and announces on Day One that she is leery of Genesis, 20, an outspoken lesbian from Gulfport, Miss., who acts like a Southern belle.

Montana, 21, originally of San Diego, Calif., describes herself as confrontational, while Jason, 24, who hails from Boulder, Colo., says he expresses himself through writing.

Syrus, 25, is black and proud of it. "I love being black. If I wasn't black, I wouldn't be Syrus," he says. Then there's Sean, a 25-year-old lumberjack from Hayward, Wisc., who spends his time rolling logs and climbing trees when he's not in law school.

Kameelah, 19; a sassy, outspoken woman, went to study at Stanford University after being homeless.

The producers hope their clashing personalities continue to make for good TV.

"That's where the story comes from, because normally we don't live together with people who are different from us," says Jonathan Murray, the series' executive producer and co-creator.

"If we're white, we live with white people and, if we're black, we live with black people. If you're straight, you live with straight people, so it's an

unusual situation where you bring all the elements of America into one place," he says.

After an exhaustive casting process, Murray and his partner Mary-Ellis Bunim chose the lucky seven.

For the last six months, nearly every movement they made, every word they spoke, was captured on tape.

In the season opener, the roommates argue over who will sleep where, discuss who gives off "bad vibes" and talk about their religious views.

The cast volunteered at a children's after-school program, and some housemates took jobs at bars, boutiques and breweries to pay for utilities and other expenses. MTV picked up the tab for rent.

For the Boston shoot, the producers, directors, technicians, cameramen and an assortment of other crew members camped out in the windowless, stuffy basement of the firehouse — affectionately known as the "Bat Cave."

The crew watched a row of monitors waiting for a dramatic moment that would send a cameraman running up a back staircase into the house to film.

Whenever a cast member went out, they'd reach for the "Bat Phone," to ring in the control room. Their destination would be logged and a cameraman dispatched to follow them.

"What was most remarkable to me is that it was constant," Kameelah said after the show wrapped. "That's what I would drive home to anyone who ever thought of applying. You're not just dealing with your own dramas, but the dramas of six other people."

"I had an awesome time with it. The experience was a chance of a lifetime," Sean said. "There are so many different people in this world that we close ourselves off to because they're not like us, they're not in our secure group. I was forced to live with them and interact with them and I ended up liking them a lot."

NATIONAL NEWS

Candy-covered toys new concern for safety regulators

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nestle's gambit to put Disney toys like Hercules inside a new chocolate candy has the government regulators scrambling to put together new food safety rules for what could become a big new trend.

Federal health officials said Tuesday that the Disney movie figures hidden inside Nestle Magic balls of chocolate appear safe — they're too big to choke someone and are encased in a plastic shell not expected to chip teeth.

But no one has ever sold toys actually inserted into food in this country, and the fear is that as Nestle Magic hits the shelf this week, competitors may race out candies that are a threat.

"We'd be very, very concerned about the safety aspects of this kind of product," said Terry Troxell of the Food and Drug Administration, which is writing new regulations to set federal safety standards for candy-covered toys.

And the Consumer Product Safety Commission, anticipating Nestle's gambit will start a trend, is writing chocolate manufacturers to warn that such confections will be strictly scrutinized, said spokeswoman Jane Francis.

Nestle, meanwhile, hopes

to persuade kids and moms that its new candy is a good deal because you get a treat within a treat. Its first nationwide shipments this week contain 24 figures from recent Disney movies, including "101 Dalmatians" and "Hercules." New toys will update the candies later.

"We just felt it was a fantastic opportunity to have a product that has some fun and surprise elements to it," said Nestle Vice President Laurie MacDonald. She called the candy a "magic ball" that kids eat section by section until they pull the plastic shell from the center and reveal the toy.

Consumer advocate and mother Bonnie Liebman was skeptical.

"Do kids need yet another incentive to eat candy?" asked Liebman, nutrition chief for the advocacy group Center for Science in the Public Interest. "When Disney tries to tempt them with the latest movie hero, it makes it even harder for kids to eat a healthy diet."

If European children are any indication, the market may be ripe for such a gimmick: A Nestle competitor has sold 2 billion candy-covered toys in Europe.

"We are confident that our rigorous safety standards will serve as a model for the regulations," said Nestle's MacDonald.

Navy meets with tribe over chopper damage to cemetery

Associated Press

DARRINGTON, Wash. — The Whidbey Island Naval Air Station commander has met with Sauk-Suiattle tribal leaders to begin the process of apologizing for damage a base helicopter caused at a century-old tribal cemetery.

Capt. Larry Munns and other base personnel met first with the tribal council and then with other Sauk-Suiattle members, who aired their concerns Monday at the tribe's headquarters north of this Skagit County community.

"They always say they're sorry, but you can see they're here again," said Marvin Ska-du-gwas, recalling the military's past history with tribes. "There's a lot of hurt."

Munns left believing that his meeting with the tribe may be just the first step, with acceptance of his apology a matter that tribal leaders will address in their own time, said base spokesman Howard Thomas. The council told Navy personnel that the July 2 incident has deeply affected tribal members with relatives buried at the cemetery, he said.

Under tribal culture, "it's not something you can walk up and say, 'I'm sorry,' and then walk away," Thomas said.

The damage occurred during training. The helicopter, assigned to Navy search-and-rescue missions, was practicing moving an

injured hiker from Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest to a clearing — and chose the cemetery site as the clearing.

The chopper didn't land, and it left the scene as soon as the crew realized the site was a cemetery. But the rotor wash knocked down wooden crosses and a fence, and blew flower baskets around. The Navy advised the tribe of the damage later that day.

At Monday's meeting with tribal members, Munns said he would like to share their grief over the disturbance at a sacred burial ground.

"I think I'm getting closer to understanding that, but I don't come from the same heritage you do," he said. "I don't fully understand everything that I have been told."

"I don't feel the impact to the extent that I'm sure you do, but I am honestly sorry."

Several Sauk-Suiattle members offered bitter responses. "You shame not only me, but you shame my ancestors" with the offer of an apology, said Allan Sanders of Tacoma, who has relatives buried at the cemetery.

"You can fly anywhere, you can do anything. You can pinpoint anything thousands of miles away, but you can't see a cemetery," Sanders said.

"The wind is full of your sorries," he said.

Mormon Church basking in spotlight of pioneer celebration

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — In 1847, when the Mormons fled to the Rocky Mountains, the last thing they wanted was publicity.

They had come 1,300 miles to a high desert valley near a salty lake, chased from three states by neighbors who found their beliefs — among them, polygamy and communal economics — repulsive and threatening. What they wanted was sanctuary from the spotlight.

What a difference 150 years make.

Leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are going to extraordinary lengths to promote their celebration of the migration's sesquicentennial.

"I would guess by the end of this year we will have had more favorable press in one year than perhaps in the entire history of the church," said Apostle M. Russell Ballard, chairman of the church's sesquicentennial project.

The dramatic focus of the well-orchestrated hoopla is the July 24, 1847, arrival of the first company of pioneers led by Brigham Young. About 70,000 followed until 1869, when the transcontinental railroad rendered the wagon train and handcart obsolete.

Each year, business shuts down for Pioneer Day on July 24. But this year, the Mormon Church has pushed the celebration way beyond the usual parades, ceremonies and fireworks.

To commemorate the trek, a modern-day wagon train has closely followed the trail of the original pioneers since April. PBS plans a documentary in August.

Top church leaders, who normally grant few interviews, are using the event as an opportunity to declare that Mormonism is not a cult but a Christian religion finding growing acceptance.

But Ballard insists the publicity is merely the byproduct of a larger purpose — a spiritual awakening for the world's 9.7 million Mormons, less than half of whom live in the United States.

"You've got to keep placing before your people their spiritual roots and spiritual foundation for any organization to hang on to those fundamental principles," Ballard said.

Church membership has more than doubled since 1981, with most growth occurring abroad. That means a shrinking percentage of Mormons share an ancestral link with the faith's pioneer roots.

Not wishing to alienate members in foreign lands, church leaders have urged congregations abroad to celebrate their own "pioneers," or

the first Mormons in their countries.

Still, many of the celebrations outside the United States carry the symbolism of the American pioneering experience. In Mexico City, Mormons hiked Mount Popocatepetl. Members in Russia made a pioneer handcart that will be featured when some 50 wagons, 20 handcarts and 250 trekkers re-enacting the Mormon exodus arrive in Salt Lake City on Tuesday.

The stories of death, suffering and sacrifice along the Mormon trail are legend among church members, and the modern-day trek has become a pilgrimage for thousands of American Mormons seeking a connection to their pioneer ancestors.

"They have a purpose out here," said Russ Leger, a non-Mormon and one of several wagon masters guiding the trip. "You hear about their [ancestors'] personal history and the trail comes alive. You start looking at the terrain and maps a little differently."

Sheryl Lee Wilson, a 52-year-old Provo, Utah, woman whose planned four-day horse ride on the trail turned into a five-week spiritual journey, compares the experience to her visit to Christian holy sites in Israel.

"It transforms from a two-dimensional to a three-dimensional experience," she said. "When you see the wagon wheel ruts ... words and pictures can't communicate the impressions and feelings that you get."

"This is a journey with God," said Grant Packard of San Luis Obispo, Calif. The 69-year-old Packard is pulling a handcart resembling those used by pioneers who couldn't afford wagons.

The show of dedication is rewarding to Ballard and other top leaders of the church, who have done their level best to tell the world about it.

In addition to the standard press packets of news releases, maps and such, they distributed 20,000 CD-ROMs packed with video footage, audio excerpts from pioneers journals, membership statistics and phone numbers of church contacts around the world.

"We wanted this to have a shelf-life beyond this year," said Val Edwards, manager of media production for the church.

Ballard hopes the media queries and renewed commitment by church members linger past 1997. But he wouldn't mind a little rest.

"Frankly, when it is over [we] will be very grateful because it has consumed us," he said. "But for what a great cause!"



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SPORTS

Scott makes unacceptable remarks at youth camp

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Angry comments by Dennis Scott during a summer camp in Virginia, including a threat to sit out next season, caught the Orlando Magic off-guard.

General manager John Gabriel said Monday that Scott's actions before a group of children who listened to him while explicit rap music blared from the rear of the player's nearby sport utility vehicle were inappropriate.

Scott has offered to reimburse over \$28,000 to the parents of the children attending the camp, today's *Washington Post* reports.

The newspaper, quoting an associate of Scott's and county officials running the camp, also reported that the Magic forward promised to

send letters of apology to those involved in the camp, as well as "a letter of explanation" to parents and participants.

With arms flailing, the veteran of seven NBA seasons told the youngsters, ages 9-17, that he could retire if the Magic "don't start treating me right."

"Don't ask me for my autograph, because 28 years ago, I was broke. You ask for my autograph now because I've got millions of dollars. Do not ask me for my autograph. Ask me to explain the rage that exists inside of me," Scott said in a scene caught on videotape at his youth basketball camp in Sterling, Va.

Gabriel said he spoke with Scott by telephone on Monday and that the 6-foot-8 forward told him that he wants to remain in Orlando and

honor the final season of a three-year, \$9 million contract.

"I've only seen bits and pieces of the video. But what he said is unacceptable. He told me he felt it was something he needed to make a statement about. But this obviously wasn't the proper forum," Gabriel said.

"I'm concerned about my player. If he's having problems, or if he doesn't want to play here, or he's unhappy, I want to know about it. But I didn't hear any of those things from Dennis (on the phone)."

Scott's speech was supposed to stress the virtues of clean living and striving for goals. Instead, he complained about being underpaid and ended the talk abruptly, saying he had to go and visit a friend.

Scott did return about 3 1/2 hours later, apologized for his outburst and signed autographs for about 50 youths still waiting to be picked up.

Loudoun county sports program director Chris Leonard told the *Washington Post* that Scott said, "He was sorry the whole incident happened."

Gabriel was still trying to sort through the situation. "This caught me off-guard. I need more facts before I make any kind of decision about if there would be any disciplinary action," he said. "I had no idea this was coming."

Scott is scheduled to earn \$3 million next winter. He missed 14 of the first 17 games because of a hamstring injury last season and averaged just 12.5 points and 3.1 rebounds in 66 games.

Fields of Dreams: The greening of community ballparks

Associated Press

BROOKLYN PARK, Md. — When Cal Ripken reflects on some of his fondest baseball memories, he thinks of his mother cheering him on at little league games from a lawn chair on the third-base line.

"Dreams aren't made at places like Camden Yards," Ripken told hundreds of children who gathered recently at a community ballpark near Baltimore. "They're made at places like this where you learn to love the game, learn to practice and learn to dream."

Giving kids a place to grow and dream is the idea behind a national hardware store chain's push to rehabilitate hundreds of neighborhood ballparks nationwide.

True Value hardware is working with major league baseball to repair backstops, build pitchers' mounds and spruce up infields at hundreds of parks from Philadelphia to Sacramento, Calif.

The stores supply the equipment and materials. Volunteers from the Jaycees, a national service organization, do the work.

"We come in and do whatever needs to be done," said Kelly Wills of Omaha, Neb., a former National Jaycee president. "Sometimes it's painting a building or making a new dugout."

True Value started the Field of Dreams program in 1996 as a way to keep local stores connected to the community, said Dan Cotter, chairman and chief executive officer.

So far, the Chicago-based company has

spent more than \$1 million to rehabilitate more than 500 parks, Cotter said. By the end of 1998, the third and final year of the program, True Value expects to have repaired an additional 1,000 parks.

"It puts into action our philosophy that 'Help is just around the corner,'" Cotter said.

Most of major league baseball — 22 of 28 teams — is participating. The teams select the fields in conjunction with local Jaycees, park districts and school boards. Often, the chosen parks have fallen into disrepair because of budget cuts.

Players and team representatives then visit work sites, as Ripken did, for clinics.

"Kids get a chance to polish their skills," said Ripken, a True Value spokesman who presided over a ceremony on July 1 to mark the rehabbing of the program's 500th field in Brooklyn Park, a blue-collar suburb just south of Baltimore.

Hundreds of children turned out in the rain to glimpse baseball's Ironman and attend a clinic given by his father, Cal Ripken Sr., a former Baltimore Orioles coach.

But baseball representatives say the program is about more than simply teaching kids to hit or pitch.

Safe parks "provide kids with an alternative for spending free time constructively," said Tyler Barnes, a spokesman for the Detroit Tigers, a team that has helped repair 12 fields.

Tiger leads list of favorites to win British Open tournament

Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — Memories abound at the British Open, as happens when an event is held 126 times, and the tournament looming this week at Royal Troon offers the promise of something truly memorable.

There may have never been a major championship held at a time when so many of the best golfers in the world were playing their best golf.

It is what the players — not to mention the fans — long for.

"To be pitted against the best, playing your best, is what you dream of," Greg Norman said Tuesday. "It would be idyllic if you had nine holes to go and the top 10 players in the world locked in within a stroke of each other."

In fact, the top seven players in the World Golf Rankings come into this British Open very much on their games.

Tiger Woods, Ernie Els, Norman, Colin Montgomerie, Nick Price, Tom Lehman and Steve Elkington have all won tournaments this year — Woods, Els, Norman, Montgomerie and Lehman within the last month.

Montgomerie, the hometown hero who won the Irish Open with a final-round 62 two weeks ago, ticks off a list of contenders at Troon that would make for a stirring Sunday finish.

"Tiger Woods is the favorite," Montgomerie said about the No. 1 player in the world. "But I would like to include Ernie Els and Tom Lehman, who are playing very well at the moment. And Greg Norman won the other week and Nick Price is on form and you can never count out the likes of Nick Faldo or Steve Elkington."

But Norman, Price and Montgomerie already have bitter-sweet memories of Royal Troon and the west coast of Scotland.

For Montgomerie, it is a return to his childhood home and a reminder that of the four major championships — none of which he has won — this ironically is the one in which he has fared the worst.

Price thinks back to 1982 at Troon when he finished second by a stroke at age 25 after being three strokes ahead with six holes to play. He can also revel in the memory of the 1994 British Open he won just down the road at Turnberry.

And Norman, who played his first major championship at Turnberry 20 years ago, remembers that his playoff loss at Troon in 1989 helped make him the only person to lose all four of the major championships in a playoff.

For no one is the return to Troon as poignant as for Montgomerie, who grew up within sight of the first tee.

He hopes his local knowledge of the course where his father is the club secretary will count for a lot.

"I've played this course in all types of conditions," Montgomerie said. "Obviously, I know my way around here."

Price and Norman are two other players who can draw on years of experience playing British Open courses under British Open conditions.

In 1989, Norman, who won the British Open in 1986 and '93, began the final round at Troon seven strokes behind but opened with birdies on the first six holes and closed with a 64 to make a three-way playoff won by Mark Calcavecchia.

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Intramural Sports offers summer recreation activities

By JODY BROOKS

of The Summer Barometer

Summertime in Corvallis. There is not much to do except school and work right? Wrong!

Although a lot of programs offered during the regular school year are not offered in the summer, Intramural Sports is a year round endeavor. During the summer session, IM Sports offers eight events for students, faculty, and staff.

Charley Fisher, IM Sports director for 16 years, sees summer intramurals as a great social experience. "The IM program is more relaxed in the summertime," Fisher said. "There are no separate gender leagues. It is still a program for people to test their physical skills against others and to meet other students with similar

skills and interests."

During the regular school year, the IM office, located at 131 Langton Hall, provides a myriad of athletic events ranging from basketball to skeet shooting. During the summer, softball, grass volleyball, 5K runs, 3-on-3 basketball, badminton, table tennis, 9-hole golf, and tennis make up the scheduled events.

Molly Kennedy, a graduate student with IM Sports for two years, is in charge of summer intramurals for 1997. "Most of the recruitment of participants is from the

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— MOLLY KENNEDY, IM SPORTS

Barometer advertisements," stated Kennedy. "We're hoping for more involvement with summer school students. All the events are free, except for golf."



JODY BROOKS/The Summer Barometer

A few Oregon State students tune up for table tennis, one of many IM events on campus.

The reason most of the summer sports are free is due to money from the summer session's budget. Although a portion of summer student fees goes to summer session activities, and the summer session provides monetary support to summer IM Sports, student fees don't directly go to intramurals. During the school year a budget for intramural sports is taken directly out of student fees.

There will be a 5K run, today at 5:15 p.m. in Avery Park. Competitive and recreational

runners are encouraged to participate.

There will also be a badminton tournament this Thursday, July 17, in Dixon Recreational Center. Entries are due by 5:00 p.m. tonight.

Look for more information in *The Summer Barometer*, or stop by the IM Office.

If you're looking to keep your athletic edge during the summer, intramural sports is a great, affordable way to enjoy the few months of sun here in Corvallis.

Women's basketball hires Caires as assistant coach

By OSU Sports Information

Karen Caires, former University of Vermont associate head coach, has joined the Oregon State University women's basketball staff as an assistant coach, Beaver head coach Judy Spolstra announced yesterday.

"Karen will be an excellent addition to the staff," said Spolstra. "She is full of energy and will bring a positive character to the program. Karen has East and West coast ties and has been very successful in the part at the University of Vermont."

Caires, a 1990 graduate of California State Northridge, has been an assistant at Vermont for the past three seasons. She was promoted to associate head coach prior to the start of the 1996-97 season. The Catamounts posted a 21-8 record and a second place finish in the America East Conference last year under head coach Pat Borten.

"Karen's strengths are recruiting, communication, organizational skills, and her proven ability to know and teach the game," said Borten. "She demonstrates a tremendous work ethic and a desire to always achieve more."

During Caires' three year tenure at Vermont, the Catamounts posted a record of 50-35.

Prior to joining the Vermont basketball staff, Caires served three seasons as an assistant coach at Cypress College (1989-92). Before that, Caires was the head coach at John F. Kennedy High School in Orange County, California (1992-94).

Caires earned her bachelor's degree in physical education from Cal State Northridge in 1990 after transferring from Cypress College.

At Cypress, she was a two-time all-conference player and helped lead the team to a 1988 Orange Empire Conference championship with an undefeated record. Caires played only one year of basketball at Cal State Northridge due to an injury.

She was also a scholar-athlete recipient at Cypress while earning her associate's degree.

While an assistant coach and teacher at Cypress, Caires received her master's degree in pedagogy/coaching at Long Beach State in 1992.

Caires joins Trisha Sears as Spolstra's full time assistants.

Cowboys' Novacek, Haley announce retirement plans

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Charles Haley and Jay Novacek, two key players on the Dallas Cowboys' championship teams of the early 1990s, both retired Tuesday because of back problems.

Haley, an 11-year veteran defensive end who has an NFL-record five Super Bowl rings, said he had finally come to terms with the fact that he will never again be able to play football.

"I've been fighting depression for a long time because of this injury, but you know... I've had a pretty good career," said Haley, 33. "It's time to move on."

He underwent a third back operation on Nov. 14, 1996.

Haley finished with 97.5 career sacks, including 11 in the postseason. He led his team in sacks in eight of the seasons he played for San Francisco and Dallas. In 1988 and '89, he won NFL titles with the 49ers. After being traded to

Dallas in 1992, he won championships in that year, and also in 1993 and '95.

Haley had six seasons in which he got at least 10.5 sacks.

"Charles is a player. He works hard," Cowboys running back Herschel Walker said. "He's one of the best pass rushers that plays this game, so you're going to miss somebody like that."

Tight end Novacek didn't play last year. His back gave him problems again in a recent minicamp, prompting the Cowboys to draft David LaFleur of Louisiana State University in the first round. Novacek, 34, was Troy Aikman's main target on third-down plays, and his absence weakened the team's passing attack last year.

"It's going to be tough not to be out there playing," Novacek said. "It was a heck of a ride. Thanks Troy."

Novacek caught 422 passes for 4,630 yards and 30 touchdowns in his 12-year career.

Sports writer sues Nets coach John Calipari for ethnic remarks

Associated Press

PATERSON, N.J. — A lawsuit filed by a Mexican-American reporter over a racial slur and other actions directed at him by New Jersey Nets coach John Calipari is an attempt "to extract money for absolutely no legal reason," the team charged.

Attorneys for Dan Garcia of *The Star-Ledger* of Newark filed the lawsuit against the Nets and Calipari in state Superior Court on Monday. It alleges the sports writer suffered "extreme humiliation and emotional distress" because Calipari called him "a Mexican idiot" in an incident following a team practice March 20.

The lawsuit does not ask for a specific amount in damages. However, Kenneth McElwee, one of Garcia's attorneys, said today his research has revealed verdicts in excess of \$5 million in similar cases.

Calipari publicly apologized for his comments, maintaining it was an ill-advised attempt at humor. He was fined \$25,000 by the NBA.

"Simply labeling this as a mere insult is wrong," he said today. "This is a hate speech that was designed to degrade and publicly stigmatize an American because of his ethnic origin."

Garcia, who has covered the Nets the past

nine seasons for *The Star-Ledger*, was vacationing in Utah and not available for comment.

The suit charges Calipari and the Nets with four counts, including infliction of emotional distress, assault and negligence. It asks for compensatory and punitive damages, as well as any other relief deemed proper.

"This was Dan's decision," Kevin Whitmer, *The Star-Ledger* sports editor, said in his paper's Tuesday's editions. "It obviously means his assignment will change."

"In a letter to Michael Rowe, president of the New Jersey Nets, Mr. Garcia asked for \$1 million as compensation for remarks made by John Calipari to Mr. Garcia last March," the Nets said in a statement issued by spokesman John Mertz.

"We were surprised and disappointed to receive that letter since Michael Rowe, on behalf of the Nets organization, and Coach Calipari publicly apologized to Mr. Garcia and he accepted our apology. Mr. Garcia's threat of legal action is nothing more than an opportunistic ploy to extract money for absolutely no legal reason."

Kerber reported that Calipari was complaining about media coverage and said "Mexican idiot," along with an expletive, loudly enough for Garcia to hear.

Intramural sports calendar:

5K RUN — Today at 5:15 p.m. in Avery Park. Competitive and recreational runners are encouraged to participate. Registration forms and course maps can be picked up in the Intramural Sports Office. Entries will be taken at the event. This event is free.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT — Thursday July 17, starting at 4 p.m. in Dixon Recreational Center. Both recreational and competitive levels will be offered, to encourage all levels of play. Entries are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16 to the Intramural Sports Office. This event is free.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT — Thursday, July 24 at 5:00 p.m. in Dixon Recreational Center. Competitive and recreational divisions will be offered, to encourage all levels of play. Entries are due Wednesday, July 23 at 5 p.m. in the intramural Sports Office. This event is free.

GOLF TOURNAMENT — Thursday, July 31 at Trysting Tree Golf Club. Fees for 9 holes is \$9 for students and \$15 for faculty and staff. Sign up for tee times is on a first come-first serve basis.

For information, contact Intramural Sports at 737-4083 or stop by Langton 131.