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Flames tear up home near campus

■ Resident arrested after attempting to assault firefighter

By TROY FOSTER

of The Summer Barometer

A large crowd of onlookers accompanied three fire engines, an ambulance and police vehicles late Monday night as firefighters battled a blaze which destroyed parts of the single-story home of 117 NW 11th.

The Corvallis Fire Department responded to the fire at 10:30 p.m., but it took 25 firefighters approximately 45 minutes to extinguish the fire. The flames spread through the attic of the home and gave firefighters a headache.

Four residents share the household and one was arrested at the scene of the fire.

Steven Hernandez returned home during the fire and was apprehended by police only feet from the flames as he attempted to assault a firefighter. He had a blood alcohol level of 0.26.

"He was very drunk," said Sgt. Evan Fieman.

"He thought the firefighters were trying to destroy his house."

Hernandez and his brother share a small shed-like dwelling which extends from the main portion of the house where their parents reside. Police said that they have had to make many visits to the brothers' living space on the east side of the house.

"What it is, is a house that is frequented by street people," Fieman said. "And as I know, street people have various illnesses and habits. We have had to stop by the back of the house numerous times."

The parents of the brothers escaped the fire without injury. The blaze was discovered by

Hernandez's mother when she awoke to get a glass of water. When firefighters arrived at the scene, flames were already showing from all windows on the east side of the house.

The fire gutted the

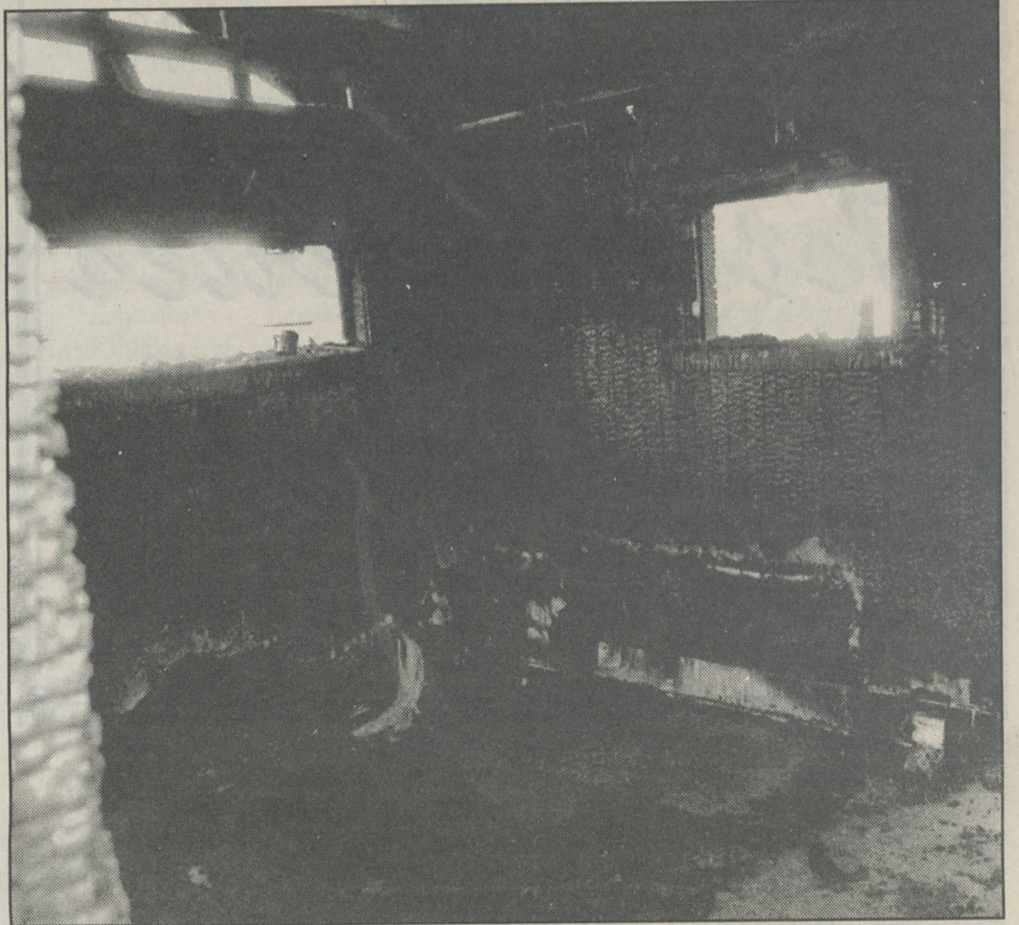
brothers' living space and extended to a sewing room and service porch. The rest of the home sustained moderate smoke damage.

Fire Marshall Neil Hall said he believed the fire originated from the east portion of the house where the two brothers stayed.

The Corvallis Fire Investigation Team is still attempting to determine the cause of the fire.

“He thought the firefighters were trying to destroy his house.”

— SERGEANT EVAN FIEMAN



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Steve Hernandez, a resident of 117 NW 11th, was arrested Monday evening during a fire at his home. This is a view of the charred remains of his apartment.

City issues first no-smoking fine in front of media frenzy

■ Implementation of bar smoking ban brings many eyes to Corvallis

By GRAHAM GORI

of The Summer Barometer

On Wednesday, July 1, Squirrel's Tavern looked noticeably naked in the pristinely clean air as owner Greg Little removed all ashtrays from the tables in accordance with the no-smoking ban which went into effect the same day. Although many Corvallis residents took a breath of fresh air as Corvallis became the first city in Oregon to deem smoking illegal in bars, Corvallis resident Mike Kelley was not yet ready to abide by the new law.

In an act of civil disobedience, Kelley entered the tavern Wednesday afternoon around 3:45 and defiantly lit up a cigarette and then stubbornly refused to put it out as bartender Julian Kasper called the Corvallis Police Department. Twenty minutes later, officers Steve Teeter and Irene Rickey handed Kelley, with smoke in hand, the landmark citation of \$100.

"He asked me if I was aware of the ordinance and understood it. I said, 'Yeah, I am aware of it but don't understand,'" Kelley said.

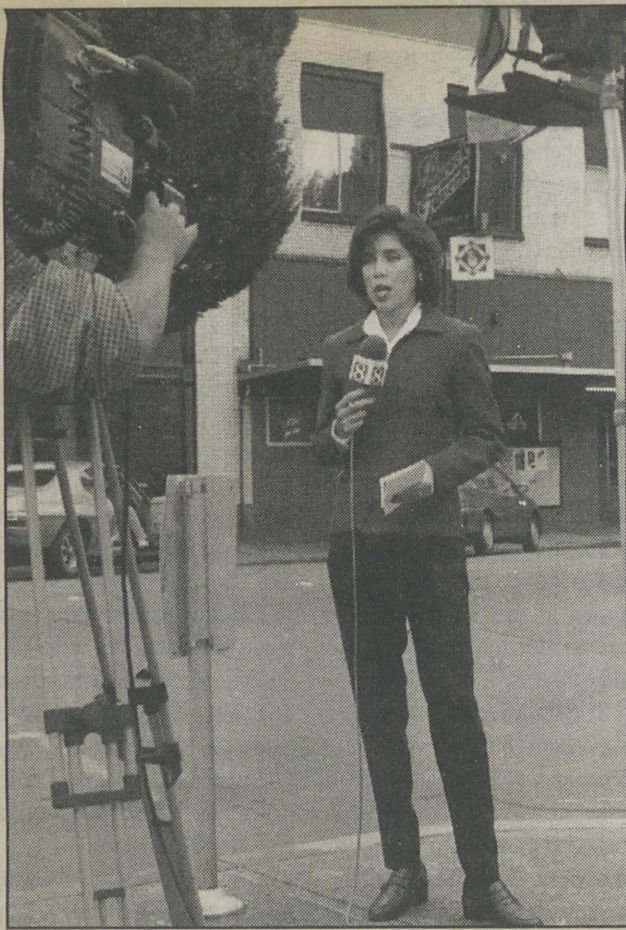
Kelley's delinquency was witnessed by more people than just the few patrons of Squirrels who booed the citation. Trailing the two officers were what was estimated to be nine television news camera crews. Audiences in the Portland-Metro area, as well as in Eugene, were offered live eyewitness accounts as camera crews crowded the bar.

"Heck yeah, I was nervous. I was nervous because of all the TV stations there," Kelley said. "Also because I was intentionally breaking a city ordinance which I don't feel is valid. I find it ludicrous that the city of Corvallis can expend enforcement money on citing someone for smoking a legal substance in an establishment."

Besides being the first person cited for the no-smoking ban, Kelley is also the chief petitioner behind overturning the ordinance by putting it to a vote on the November 3 ballot. After turning in nearly 2,000 signatures, Kelley was notified by Benton County officials that he must collect another 569 due to invalid signatures.

Under the new law written by the nine members of the Corvallis City Council, offenders will receive a fine ranging from \$50 to \$100 for the first violation in a one-year period. For a second violation,

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KGW Channel Eight news reporter Krista Vasquez was one of many reporters from across the state that was on hand to report on the first smoking citation issued to Mike Kelley in Corvallis.

IS continues to chip away debt

■ Administrators say department has repaid approximately \$2.5 million to university

By ANDREW McCORD

of The Summer Barometer

It came as a shock to most who heard about the debt that Oregon State University's Information Services had amassed:

\$5.6 million.

Seven months and several funding cuts later, Information Services (IS) is still working and planning to remove the debt from its record. However, the repayment to the university is going better than expected for a single year. In fact, it's going roughly half a million dollars better.

"We were expecting to owe the university about \$3.7 million by this time," said Curt Pederson, associate provost for Information Services. "But it looks like it will be more around \$3.1 (million)."

The debt accumulated over two years, from 1995 to 1997, during which former Vice Provost of Information Services Joy Hughes was in office. Much of the spending that was done during this time was not budgeted by IS. Salary increases and new positions were not budgeted, nor were any new services or programs. Other reasons that the debt was accumulated were the lack of line-item budgeting and the fact that the privilege to spend money was given to several senior and middle manager positions within IS.

Within the structure of IS, there are four main departments: Computing and Network Services; the Communications Media Center; the Valley Library; and IS Administration. Over 120 technology-related services are provided to the university through IS, including e-mail access, free internet access, modem pooling and the university computer labs.

Originally the cutbacks that would eventually lead to IS paying back its debt included a \$340,000 cutback on book spending by the

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Study on student cheating finds profs make a difference

■ Researchers find that one out of three college students will cheat if given the opportunity, suggest ways to curb dishonest behavior

By MARK FLOYD

OSU News Services

A new study on cheating by college students has found that diligent professors can virtually eliminate cheating on exams through a combination of efforts, including using multiple versions of the same test, hiring additional proctors and giving verbal warnings about cheating.

But in a worst-case scenario, the

researchers found, about one out of three college students will cheat, given the opportunity.

Results of the research have been accepted for publication in forthcoming edition of the Journal of Economic Education.

"There is a lot of information out in the popular press about cheating in academia, and most of it tends to place the blame on students," said Joe Kerkvliet, an associate professor

of economics at Oregon State University and principal investigator in the study. "But our research has found that cheating is strongly dependent on what goes on in the classroom."

"As professors, we can do a lot of things to reduce cheating," he added.

The study, conducted at two different public universities in the

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library, doing away with the modem pool, and eliminating the staffing desks at various IS-run services such as the computer consulting desk and the library reference desk. Both the ideas of library cuts and the removal of the modem pool were eventually discarded. However, many staff did not have their contracts renewed, some were laid off, many vacancies were left unfilled, and roughly half of the 400 students employed by IS at various positions throughout the campus lost their jobs. There will be no budgeting for high-performance computer consulting, nor will there be any statistical support in the computing area.

"There were a whole bunch of factors that were involved in the decisions," Pederson said. "It involved a lower number of spending than we've been used to over the last few years. We

decided that we could rely on our colleagues within the university in that area. There are many bright people on this campus that can help us in the computer areas."

Now that IS is on the road to repayment — and even though the IS budget has yet to be balanced — Pederson is confident that there will be fewer cuts in the coming school year.

"The end of June was the last of the layoffs," Pederson said. "I don't see any more cuts like that for '98-'99."

While the original time estimate for paying back the debt to the university was six

years, at the rate that IS is currently reworking, it appears the task will be accomplished sooner than expected.

"We're dedicated to the repaying of the university of our deficit," Pederson said. "We're definitely not going to break the bank again."

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— CURT PEDERSON, ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR INFORMATION SERVICES

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United States, found that the biggest factor in whether students cheat is the instructor. Using tenured or tenure-track faculty tends to reduce cheating, Kerkvliet said. But when professors use teaching assistants, students were 31 percent more likely to cheat.

"There are a couple of possible explanations," Kerkvliet said. "One is that TAs have a lot less experience. But it also could be that they are more sympathetic to the students and reluctant to start the whole dirty process of accusing someone of cheating."

Professors can also reduce cheating by offering multiple versions of the same test, so that students don't share the questions and answers with friends in other class sections. The use of multiple versions of exams makes students 25 percent less likely to cheat.

Giving verbal warnings before each exam is also "surprisingly effective," Kerkvliet said.

"That surprised me," he admitted. "I didn't think it would be effective. But professors who state clearly before the exam that cheating will not be tolerated had success in reducing cheating." Those verbal warnings made it 13 percent less likely that students would cheat.

The other most effective method: using additional proctors, which made students 11 percent less likely to cheat.

"In the best classes, we estimate the likelihood of cheating

to be .002 or two-tenths of one percent, or effectively, zero — if the class is taught by a full professor, using many versions of the exams, giving verbal warnings and employing additional proctors," Kerkvliet said.

Some professors may try things that don't work, the OSU professor pointed out.

Contrary to popular belief, multiple choice tests don't necessarily lead to any more cheating than other forms of exams, the study found. And physically separating students doesn't guarantee a reduction in cheating.

"We tend to focus on one kind of cheating - copying from your neighbor," Kerkvliet said. "But there are many forms of cheating: crib notes on students' hands, notes on the bills of their baseball caps, recordings on their headphones."

"And the study didn't begin to look at other classroom work like term papers and reports," he added. "My sense is that the Internet has really increased the potential for plagiarism. What's really sad is that the papers turned in that are really well-written are the ones that are most suspect."

The study used a randomized response technique, where students anonymously answered a series of survey questions that looked at a variety of classroom behaviors, though the researchers were actually focusing on cheating.

Kerkvliet found that, on aver-

age, 13 percent of students cheat on at least one exam in each class.

The study also confirmed his earlier research that upperclassmen are much more likely to cheat than freshman, and that the more credit hours students take, the more likely they are to cheat.

However, the study also found that the higher the grade point average of the students, the less likely they are to cheat.

One question that arises during these studies, Kerkvliet said, is what constitutes cheating? In his own classroom, he sometimes allows students to bring materials like hand-written notes during an exam.

"If you give well-conceived essay questions," he said, "you'll still find out what the student knows."

Kerkvliet cited a Kent State University study which found that the use of crib sheets had no significant effect — positive or negative — on learning.

The other question that arises, he said, is why anyone should care about cheating.

"Cheating tarnishes the reputation of universities, and allowing it to continue turns education into a somewhat sleazy enterprise," Kerkvliet said. "And I have seen from personal experience how it hurts the motivation of good students."

"And, personally, cheating offends me," he added. "I don't like to see it go on in my classroom."

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there's a possible fine of up to \$200. A third violation carries a \$500 fine. The ordinance was written in order to protect Corvallis employees from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke.

"I wouldn't be doing this if (the City Council) would have allowed it to go to a vote of the people; I would respect it," Kelley said. "But we have nine people in this city who have dictated to 50,000 people their policy without letting the public decide the issue. And that is not democracy.

"I don't make it a habit of breaking the law. I just wanted to make a statement. I guess you could call it civil disobedience," Kelley added. "If they were so concerned about employees' health, why are they not in dry cleaning places and gas stations protecting them from the fumes?"

Others at Squirrels were not pleased with the ordinance. Kasper, the bartender who called the police, was wearing a T-shirt which

read 'Cig Nazi' with a large Swastika emblazoned in the center.

Corvallis resident Aaron Medonich wore a shirt with 'City Council Sucks' and 'Disgruntled Smoker' duct-taped to it. "It's like communism in terms of them trying to dictate what's right and what's good for everyone. I think it is detrimental to a whole lot more than it's good for," he said.

"People come to bars because they want to smoke cigarettes and drink beer. We're all adults. We're old enough to get completely trashed, but we can't smoke a cigarette."

Little is not sure whether the ban will hurt business at Squirrels. Some people have already told him that they will go to the bar more often now that it is smoke free. Either way, it is going to radically alter the social atmosphere of the bar. "Right now you are displacing a population that you know that exists that supports you and who are patrons of the establishment."

It is still too early to note whether there has been an exodus of smokers leaving Corvallis in favor of bars in neighboring communities. Golf City Pub, on Highway 99 near Hewlett Packard, lies just outside Corvallis city limits and is free from the no-smoking ordinance. Bar manager Tammy Torbet said that over the Independence Day weekend, at least four or five patrons who usually do not frequent her establishment came to the bar specifically to beat the ban. "They didn't like smoking out by the trash cans," Torbet said. "They felt like second-class citizens."

Kelley joins the ranks of other famous heretics such as Argentina's head soccer coach Daniel Passarella, who has been immortalized for his nonchalance in refusing to hide his smoking habit on the field during the World Cup. FIFA has warned him not to smoke on the bench, especially when the cameras are on him. No citation has been issued, however.

BRIEFS

Summer blood drive July 14

Oregon State University's summer blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, in mobile donation units on the east side of the Memorial Union Quad.

Mobile units have limited space and appointments are required. Walk-in donors are usually turned away, said Douglas Tracy, Red Cross spokesman.

To schedule an appointment, call 541-928-2458. Donors unable to attend the campus session can call the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to locate the nearest blood center or drive.

Red Cross Pacific Northwest Regional Blood Services serves 90 hospitals in more than 30 counties in Oregon and Washington. Giving blood takes less than one hour.

Donors must be healthy, at least 17 years old, and weigh 105 pounds or more.

SHS summer events

Want to know what's up for your summer health and well-being? Student Health Services for Summer Session are open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Sept. 4; Sept. 8-11, SHS is open 9 a.m. to noon. For appointments and information, call 737-WELL.

Here's what's happening:

- Blood Pressure Check Week, through July 10. Available to all

Summer Session students at no charge; drop in from 9 a.m. to noon to have your blood pressure checked.


- ASOSU Health Insurance Open Enrollment: ends July 10. Sign up now for important health insurance coverage. Pay the summer health fee of \$65, even if you're not taking summer classes, and you can buy ASOSU Health Insurance. Hurry as enrollment time ends soon. Questions may be directed to the SHS Insurance office at 737-7568, or stop by SHS room 333.

- "Being SUN Smart" is the topic of the noontime conversation at the MU Martin Luther King Room (and it's air-conditioned) on Wednesday, July 15. Hear from Susan Poole, pharmacist, about summertime precautions like avoiding sun burn and how to prevent skin cancer.

- "Are you really ready to travel abroad?" is the second talk, also in the MU MLK Room, at noon on Wednesday, July 22. SHS Travel Clinic nurse consultant Sandy Baer will help you pack your black bag for traveling abroad and offer you travel advice with immunization suggestions and travel tips. SHS Travel Clinic is available to OSU Faculty/Staff as well.

- Cholesterol Screening: want to know your cholesterol level? On July 22 from 9 a.m. to noon, there is a cholesterol screening at SHS. Students call 737-7550 for an appointment; fee is \$12.

- Want a massage? Call 737-WELL to make an appointment with a massage therapist. It's very relaxing on a warm summer day.



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EDITORIALS • LETTERS • OPINIONS

A PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

The smoking ban: Let the people of Corvallis vote

STAFF EDITORIAL

Corvallis has become a town divided by the recently-implemented, city-wide smoking ban. The removal of smoking from Corvallis bars has brought some relief, caused others frustration and, in general, raised a pondering and thoughtful remark: "Do you remember voting on this?"

The answer would be, simply, no.

No one would remember voting on this ordinance because it never appeared on a ballot. This landmark decision — the first of its kind in Oregon — was the result of the opinions of the nine members of the Corvallis Tobacco-Free Coalition. These chipper do-gooders decided that blessing Corvallis businesses with a smoke-free environment would do nothing but benefit our small town existence by decreasing wrinkles and cancer among the citizens, establishing healthier working environments for the likes of waiters and bartenders, and guaranteeing that a venture to the bars would be a cleaner, more pure experience.

But there are a few problems with their thinking.

First of all, there is the concept of creating a healthier atmosphere in our esteemed Corvallis bars. Let's say that slowly, all together: *healthy bars*.

Hmmm ...

Bars were not created, contrary to the belief of the Corvallis Tobacco-Free Coalition, to emulate a healthy environment. In fact, part of the age-old appeal of bars has been their inherent *unhealthiness*. It's heart-warming that a well-meaning group of people like the Tobacco-Free Coalition wants to amend this image and improve upon the working conditions of establishments such as the popular Peacock Tavern. But as a wise man once said, you don't take a job shoveling horse manure and complain about the smell.

We sympathize with people who take a job — any job — out of the need to feed and clothe themselves or their families. However, bartending suggests the risk of excessive second hand smoke inhalation, just as a pro athlete acknowledges possible injury, or just as a truck driver knows his left arm will probably get sunburned if he's driving through Florida in August, or just as a shop laborer risks slicing his right thumb off with a band saw.

You get the idea.

All professions carry risks, and all businesses, in effect, have owners or managers who try to protect workers and customers from these risks through various regulations and procedures.

Enter the owners and managers.

The ownership and management of Corvallis bars have expressed the gamut of emotions over this smoking ban. Some business people think it's a great idea; others think it's the worst thing since the Athletic Department started screwing around with the Beaver mascot and created that dreadful Sonic the Hedgehog look-alike.

The bottom line — and the opinion of this editorial board — is that the differing opinions of these businessmen reflect the varying views of Corvallis in general. The smoking ban raises many questions as to the rights of individuals and private business owners, and has left many people grumbling and wondering, just who were these nine people that created this ordinance?

Whether or not the ban is a good idea is almost beside the point. You can make arguments for and against it. On one hand, tobacco is *not* illegal, and people have a right to smoke if they are over 18. On the other hand, it's a disgusting habit, more addictive than heroin and entirely unhealthy for the smoker and the surrounding people.

But the principle lies not in the ordinance itself, but how exactly it came to be. We can only hope that Mike Kelley, ardent opposer to the ordinance, is effective in collecting his signatures to get this ordinance on the upcoming ballot. The vast outcry from Corvallis citizens has shown that the people of this town are not content to

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Free speech, grammatical Nana, and the race for Faculty Senate President

Today we connect three curious things. The first is my passion for free speech. The second is my grandmother's impeccable standards with respect to grammar. The third is the letter that Professor Larry Daley sent to the faculty asking them to vote for him for president of the Faculty Senate.

First, free speech. You have read that Faculty Senate President-elect Robin Rose was castigated for speaking his mind about DPD, and I side with those who favor the completely open marketplace of ideas. If you cannot air all sides of an issue in a public university, where can you expect to do so? That I disagreed with Rose's position in no way shakes my defense of his inalienable right to have stated it. I don't blame him for resigning.



JUDY RINGLE

So of course I applauded when Larry Daley, another free-speaker, agreed to run for Faculty Senate president. A person committed to free and open exchange of thought is my kind of guy. Remember, I was a speech major at Berkeley.

Second topic: my grandmother's impeccable standards with respect to grammar.

Nana was a tiny Irishwoman, and one of the first women to attend the State University of Iowa. She sold encyclopedias door to door to pay for her degree. Education was priceless.

She mastered English grammar, and I caught her love for it. I spent many an hour at her miniscule knee learning about properly written sentences. Grammar, for me, became an icon through which shines the divinity of coherent English. I cannot split an infinitive, just as I cannot wear white dress shoes in San Francisco. I just was not brought up that way.

Indeed, when *Barometer* staffers have introduced errors in the

"I have attended only one Faculty Senate meeting, and I loved the careful attention to protocol, Robert's Rules of Order being upheld by no less an elegant academician than Professor Robert Iltis."

process of "editing" my column, I have gone ballistic. Spelling or grammatical errors, in the paper, under my name? Last term when somebody changed "whoever" to "whomever" in one of my columns, I raged for a solid week. I nearly started World War III, and for a good cause, at that.

Now, here's where it all comes together. I have before me the letter that Larry Daley sent on behalf of his candidacy for Faculty Senate president. I liked it.

For one thing, Daley is a professor in the department whose name provides the best pun:

"Please use 'horticulture' in a sentence."

"Sure. You can lead a horticulture, but you cannot make her think."

Anyway, I applauded his content. For that, he'd probably have my vote. But who wrote that letter? Was it garbled in e-mail? In editing? Some person or some technology owes Daley an apology. I cannot believe that someone running for president of the Faculty Senate would knowingly circulate a letter with — well, let's take a look.

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LETTERS

Cheers to Weatherford

To the Editor:

Hats off to Joy Estimada and Joe Ellis for their article on Weatherford Hall. As a former resident, there are a few points I'd like to add about the Weatherford residents, and the impact they had at OSU. The residents were the backbone for the cultural life on campus. "Weatherfordites" formed the core for such organizations as KBVR, both the radio and television stations, and even *The Daily Barometer*. They were active in campus theater, the debate team and in the student government. A group of residents conducted a pilot project that hooked computers in Weatherford directly to the Internet, which was a revolutionary idea for OSU at the time. This opened the door for the Ethernet connections that are common in student housing today. Unfortunately there isn't enough room in this letter to list all of the accomplishments and deviant behavior of the residents, and how it affected campus.

The bonds that formed between the residents are still as strong today as yesterday. The Mardi Gras celebration is still held yearly. Many former residents still live together, spend a great deal of time together and have even married each other.

In the last couple of years of graduate school, I have listened to a great deal of rumors regarding the activities that went on in Weatherford. The truth is that the most outrageous rumor I've heard doesn't

come close to the things we really did.

Jeffrey Foster,
Graduate student and former
Weatherford resident

Procedures questioned

To The Editor:

Faculty Senate news reports in *The Daily Barometer* during spring term and in the first issues of *The Summer Barometer* leave some really major questions concerning the replacement of the president-elect of the Faculty Senate.

Do the by-laws really forbid delaying or rejecting acceptance of a resignation? Most by-laws are silent on such a matter, so it is left to a majority vote of the members. When Prof. Rose returned and found his office door savaged ("hate" attack?), the reaction is understandable that he would feel like resigning, especially when a faction of the Senate was seeking a no-confidence vote. A truly Senatorial response (like U.S. Senate courtesy among members) would have initially been a resounding vote to reject the resignation, thereby rebuking the attackers and allowing Prof. Rose to reconsider. What's happened to "collegiality"?

Even under suspension of the rules, do non-members of the Faculty Senate gain full status to propose motions and to vote on them? Faculty members have elected Senate members to act as representatives but hardly confer the power to suspend the rules so as to reconstitute the Senate. We

wonder if the ASOSU Senate would so readily extend membership functions to non-members of that Senate as *The Daily Barometer* of June 5 indicated that the Faculty Senate had done.

Fred W. Decker,
Emeritus Faculty and former Faculty
Senator

Library enhances OSU

To The Editor:

The July 1, 1998 issue of *The Summer Barometer* carries a letter from D. DeMers commenting on costs of the new Valley Library. I agree with the writer's comments that we need to be prudent in planning new structures, but would like to see more substantial arguments for the claim that the library building was unneeded and the construction dollars used instead for such things as salaries and services.

There seems to be an almost universal agreement from staff and students that a good university library is essential to the core purposes of education and research. This is evidenced by the fact that a very large part of the construction costs were provided by donations and do not reflect any taxpayer dollars from the general fund. These donations would never have gone into an open fund for payroll and more staff. Certainly substantial dona-

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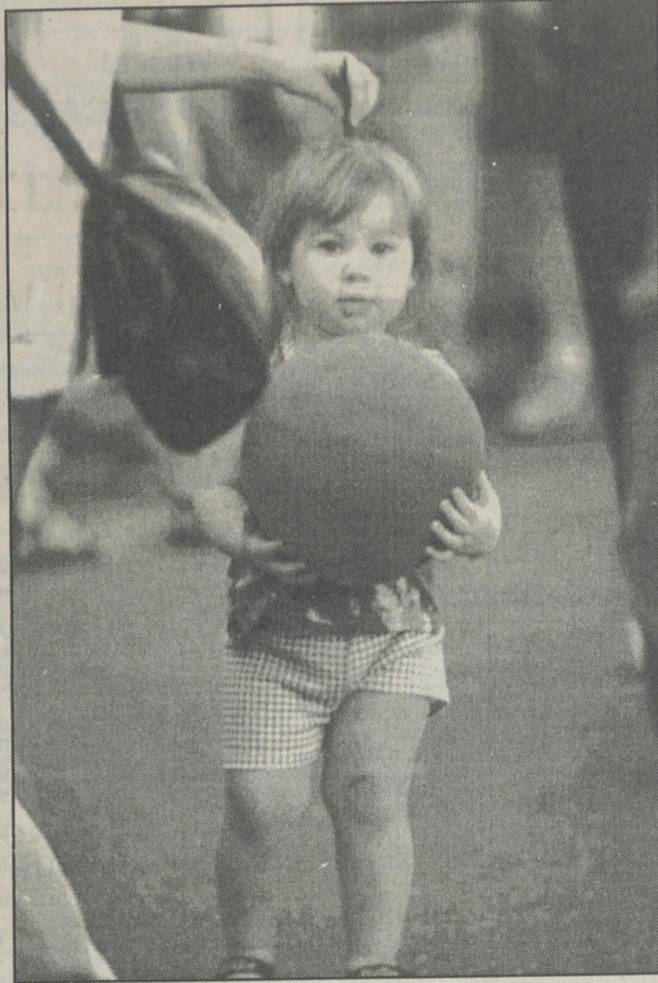
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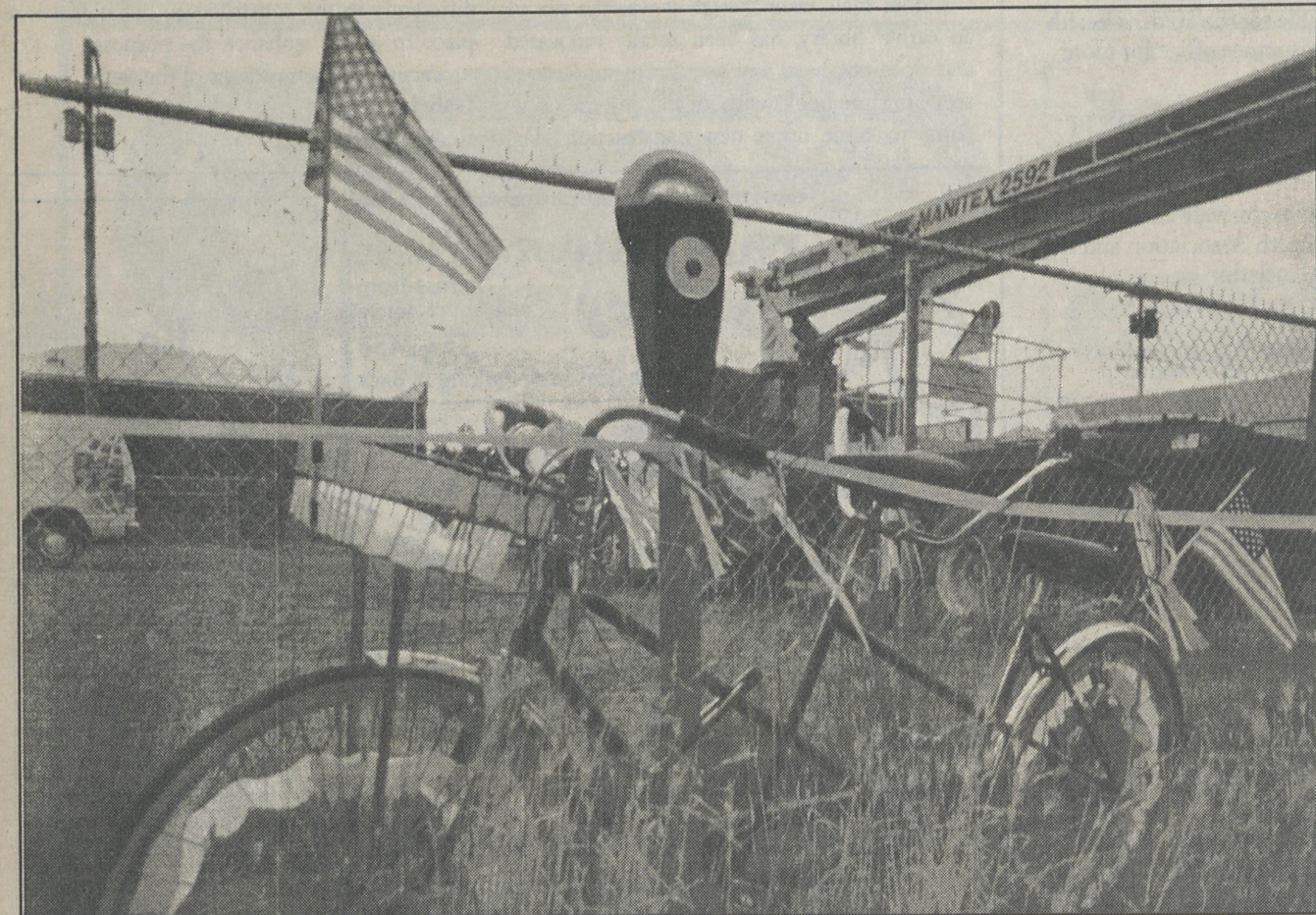


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Op-Ed

SMOKING, from page 4

let the cement dry around this one before they have their say.

At the very least, let the people of this town be heard. Leave the decision of making a business smoke-free to the employers, or put the smoking ban ordinance to a vote.

The opinions expressed in this editorial are those of *The Summer Barometer* editorial staff. *The Summer Barometer* forum editor, Katie Pesznecker, can be reached by e-mail at peszneck@ucs.orst.edu.

RINGLE, from page 4

Here's what my copy says.

"... no faculty member should be censored in anyway. ..." Oops. Not "anyway," but two words, "any way," belong there.

"...this should have never happen to a Faculty Senate President Elect." "Happened," not "happen."

"...if this could happen to Robin Rose; this could happen to any of us." Typos also happen to any of us, and anybody could inadvertently put a semicolon where a comma belongs.

"This single event is in my opinion demonstrates a much larger problem." Ummm... perhaps a cut-and-paste glitch?

"A considerable number of senators, went to last Monday emergency meeting." Omit comma, and give "Monday" an apostrophe "s." Typos again?

"My commitment to this candidature is serious." I admit it, I had to look up "candidature." It's chiefly British. In the USA, we say "candidacy."

And finally, "In my view, the Faculty Senate needs more freedom to and joy in debate, changes in by-laws that assure, by quorum, all votes represent a majority of the senators, and greater input from faculty and staff." Oh, man, Larry, who did that to your poor sentence? Shame on them!

Of course, I don't know how this will read when it is printed in the *Barometer*. Maybe it will suffer further damage, or maybe someone will have corrected everything by the time you read it here, in

which case this column will make no sense whatsoever.

Lord knows that formatting gets turned inside out when text is moved around in the ether and into word processing, and we all have deleted words or phrases only to find that what remains sounds completely cockeyed. It happens, it happens.

So why bring up such who-cares topics as grammar and punctuation? Well, heck. I guess I see faculty senators as guardian angels of at least entry-level academic standards. I have attended only one Faculty Senate meeting, and I loved the careful attention to protocol, Robert's Rules of Order being upheld by no less an elegant academician than Professor Robert Iltis. I would hope that the same could be said for upholding basic English. I would want Nana to have approved of the Faculty Senate.

Inasmuch as I totally support Professor Daley's stand on the Faculty Senate as a forum for free and open speech, why should I express public dismay at the boners in his letter? It's partly because somebody might owe him an apology, big time, for distributing under his name, a letter that should get serious red ink, if submitted by a student.

And it's partly because — hey — I just was not brought up that way.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Judy Ringle, columnist for *The Summer Barometer*.

LETTERS, from page 4

tions come with the understanding that those donors can offer suggestions about the design and function of the library.

Kidder Hall, even though it was the site of an earlier library, has been totally renovated and does not have any significant amount of space to store books without moving the occupants to some other new construction. The

present library already does have considerable off-site book storage.

There are some things I would have done differently in the construction, but it still is a place to greatly enhance the purposes of the university for the residents of the state.

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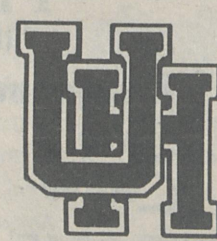
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KARASELIMOVIC, from page 8

Karaselimovic' went to see the airport manager, who said he would allow him to board the plane for 500 German marks. When Karaselimovic's father leaned over to take the money from where he'd sewn it into his pants, the airport manager ripped out a piece of Esad Karaselimovic's pants and took about 2,000 German marks (approximately \$1,500) and let him go.

Meanwhile, Sead and his brother were standing in front of their plane, watching arms being unloaded from Russian aircraft, and wondering if their father had been taken away.

"My brother and I had no idea what was going on," Karaselimovic' said. "Then we saw my dad walking through the checkpoint and coming, and we realized ... he showed us by his look that we shouldn't do anything, run towards him or anything, just stay where we are."

They sat at opposite ends of the plane, looking down as bombs flashed and lit up the sky from the fighting in northeastern Bosnia.

After landing in Belgrade — ironically, the capital of Serbia — they boarded a bus for the long ride to Rijeka, Croatia.

That's now the city that Karaselimovic' considers his hometown.

"I don't consider my hometown to be Banja Luka anymore," he said.

"Because that is not my city. If I had a chance, I would burn that city because they made a pigsty out of it.

"It was a city with a huge culture. Whenever you ask people from the ex-Yugoslavia what kind of a city it was, they say, 'A beautiful city with everything.' It had everything in it; one of the first railroads in Europe was made there.

"Now there is nothing there — just one big pigsty,

which they deserve to live in."

In November 1992, the Karaselimovic's managed to get Sead's mother out of Banja Luka with the help of a sympathetic Croatian official and the Croatian Catholic Church. Sead's grandmother, who had not been cleared to leave by the Serbs, was then cared for by his uncle's family in his grandmother's home, with her food and medicine coming from humanitarian organizations.

“One wrong step will take you far away from that goal of a normal life again.”

— SEAD KARASELIMOVIC'

"There was a lot of pressure," Karaselimovic' said. "They threw a couple of bombs on her front door."

Finally, in August 1995, a military action by the Croatian and Bosnian armies drove back the rebel Serbs, called "Chetniks." As the Chetniks retreated through Banja Luka, they told Karaselimovic's grandmother that she had six hours to leave the city or be killed.

"It didn't matter that she was 73 years old, and my uncle's family had to move out with her, so they got out," Karaselimovic' said. His father went to the northern border between Croatia and Bosnia to pick up the family members, who crossed the Sava River on a raft. They left a Bosnian side of the river that was lined with gun-toting soldiers and arrived on a Croatian side of the river that was lined with people waiting with food and cakes.

"It was something unbelievable," Karaselimovic' said. "It was like there was 100 meters distance, and there were two worlds — like hell and heaven."

It wasn't too long after that when Amel Karaselimovic'

began thinking of going to the United States.

"Then my parents picked up on it," Karaselimovic' said. "I was the one who was hardest to convince. I started my life all over again in Croatia. I played on an amazing team — I played for Croatia on the junior national team, which was the biggest honor I've had in my entire life.

"Because after a couple of years I spent in Croatia, I got the honor to defend the col-

ors of that country while the people were still fighting and defending the country. And I still have a person over there who is waiting for me, and that person was one humongous reason I didn't want to go."

His parents, though, wanted him in the United States so he could continue both his schooling and his soccer career. Once in Portland, Karaselimovic' graduated from Cleveland High School and while playing in club games, he caught the eye of Oregon State coach Jimmy Conway.

Last fall, Karaselimovic' played in seven of OSU's games and started four as a true freshman.

"I've found pretty reasonable people here," Karaselimovic' said. "OSU has helped me in some ways, the athletic department in helping me through school and to go back (to Croatia), also. I just want to thank everybody for this who helped me ... I really, really appreciate that."

Now Karaselimovic' is settling into another routine, that of a student majoring in

exercise and sports science. There's a degree of security in that routine, but there's also the knowledge that some of the hijinks that would get most college students a slap on the wrist could have much more severe consequences in his case.

"It's very tough, because you have at least 10 things to think about in your life," Karaselimovic' said. "One wrong step will take you far away from that goal of a normal life again."

Another of those 10 things that Karaselimovic' found himself thinking of was just what he could say to his father this summer, just how he could convince him to give living in the United States a try.

"What am I going to tell him? How am I going to convince him in those two months?" Karaselimovic' said. "He knows I'll try to do that; he knows it very well that I'll try to get him over here, but I'll see what will happen.

"The biggest argument would be that we should be all together again because we have been all over the place ... it (makes me mad). I can't sleep at night because of that.

"I hope we'll come back together, but I doubt it. But I hope he'll come back right after me, that I'll put that little worm (of an idea) in

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OSU's Karaselimovic' hopes to get family together at last

■ Athlete struggles with past while pondering his future

By KIP CARLSON

OSU Sports Information

There are many ways for sports to provide an escape.

For most, it's as a diversion to what can be a dreary routine. For those growing up in poverty, it can be a way to a more comfortable life.

For Sead Karaselimovic', there's another way that sport provides escape. His sport has meant an escape from the worries and pain of a family spread across the globe by the disintegration of normalcy in their native Bosnia.

"Soccer is the thing that basically helped me stay normal and not just blow up," said the Oregon State freshman, who has lived in three countries since 1992. "I grew up with soccer. I started playing when I was 4, and the soccer ball was bigger than I was. I love that sport so much — that sport is one of my biggest love affairs.

"I just want to play that as long as I want to. School is different; you're not in motion, you're not enveloped that much when you try to study. A

lot of times when I study, my mind just goes away — it just drifts way too much, it just takes off."

But playing soccer provides some external stimulation, so when Karaselimovic' steps on the field for the Beavers' autumn games or spring drills, it frees his mind from an almost constant intrusion: When will my family be together again? And how can I possibly make that happen?

For over six years, since Karaselimovic's family was forced to flee its home in Banja Luka, Bosnia, their time together has been painfully brief. Sead, his father Esad, his mother Suada, his brother Amel and his grandmother Arifa have spent precious few months in the same country. Through a United States government program for victims of the Bosnian violence, Amel Karaselimovic was able to come to Portland in April 1996; he now works as a laboratory assistant at Oregon Health Sciences University.

Sead followed his brother to Portland in December 1996. This past Christmas, Karaselimovic' returned to Croatia to finish up the paperwork that allowed his mother and grandmother to arrive earlier this year.

Now, the Karaselimovic's are one step away from being reunited in Oregon. And Sead's summer job, if you will, is to get his father to take that final step — to leave their adopted hometown of Rijeka, Croatia, and join the rest of the family in Portland. All the proper clearances have been given; it's just a matter of convincing Mr. Karaselimovic'.

That wouldn't sound like much of a decision to many of us, but there's more involved for Esad Karaselimovic'. In Bosnia, the name Karaselimovic' resonates the way Kennedy does in Massachusetts, or McCall in Oregon.

"It's very difficult for him because of who he is," Sead said of his father. "It's tough for him, who is 53, to start all over again right now. It was tough for me to go, for example, and erase my life in Bosnia and start a new life in Croatia, and erase that again and start all over in the U.S. I can imagine how it is for him, to erase that in Bosnia and start all over in Croatia, and he thinks that he has built something right now.

"My dad is a pretty stubborn man. His pride does not allow him yet to think of our house — which was taken away from us after our family

had lived there 700 years — as being gone, as someone else living there. He's still hoping he'll be able to get it back. It was pretty tough for me to get over it the first year, but after that, it was just ... we're lucky to have our heads on our shoulders, because there were a lot of people like us that weren't able to (escape) and right now they're laying down in mass graves all over Bosnia."

So, when Sead Karaselimovic' tries to talk his father into coming to the United States, it will be with an eye toward his family's future. But none of the Karaselimovic's will forget the past — a past whose retelling puts a human quality to the television images from Bosnia that with so much fictional violence in the eyes of American viewers in the 1990s.

The war centers on the Serbian belief that all of Bosnia and parts of Croatia are Serb lands; but Karaselimovic' points out that Croats have been in that territory since the 7th Century and Bosnia was declared an independent country in the 10th Century.

"How can somebody claim in the 19th Century that it's Serbian land?" Karaselimovic' said, referring to the current conflict's roots about 150 years ago. "That's just ridiculous.

We didn't agree with that, obviously. Then, again you make the claim at the end of the 20th Century, when we're going into the 21st Century, and start making mass graves and concentration camps all over the country."

The latest violence flared in the early 1990s, when three western republics of the former Yugoslavia — Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina — tried to secede, which was their constitutional right. The Serbs, wanting to keep the former socialist country intact but under Serbian control, intervened.

"They tried to stop us by any means," Karaselimovic' said. "They had the army under their control, completely. That's why they killed so many people, because they had the weapons to do it. We were fighting them without any weapons the first couple years."

As the conflict grew, life became more of a trial for the non-Serbs in Banja Luka. The government caused problems for his father's small import/export business, and his mother lost her job as a laboratory supervisor at a water quality plant. Sead found himself among those in his school being singled out for harassment because the principal was "a hard-core Serb."

"He tried to make my life as hard as he could," Karaselimovic' said. "They'll have teachers give you low grades and not show you the tests. He'll call you to the office and blame you for stuff; for example, if he can't find anyone who did something, me or one of my fellow Muslims or Catholics — it would be their fault."

Serbian propaganda and flyers lined the hallways, which Karaselimovic' also found disturbing.

"When you know the 7- and 8-year-olds show up there and you try to brainwash them at that age already, that shows their character," Karaselimovic' said. "And the friends that talked to you, you considered them friends two years before that, they don't want to talk to you anymore. Kids that you grew up with, or kids who my parents helped move into the city and build their house, and those are the ones that threw you out. I mean, we didn't ask them to come and treat us like kings, but just leave us alone. It's unbelievable that you can't go to school normally."

Each night, one or two homes of Muslim or Catholic families in Banja Luka were bombed.

All 20 of the city's mosques, some dating back 500 years, have been destroyed.

"Definitely, you're not 13 anymore," Karaselimovic' said. "You're 45 at that point immediately. When you go to school, you're thinking, 'Am I going to come back alive?' You start looking at the world in a totally different way. Your childhood is gone — it's totally taken away from you. The sad part is, you're looking at your parents and they know they can't do anything to change it, and they feel like they failed.

"And that's the part that also hurts a lot."

By mid-May, 1992, it was time to go.

"I was at in practice — I was playing soccer, and we were doing longballs," Karaselimovic' recalled. "I saw my dad coming, running into the stadium and saying, like, 'Go, get dressed, let's go.'

"I'm like, 'Yeah, right, I'm going to go. I've got practice.'

"He said, 'Go, you're leaving right now.' So I ran into the locker room — I didn't even have time to take a shower. I just grabbed all my stuff, and I didn't have time to say good-bye to my teammates or my coach. My dad just stayed to explain to my coach what was going on."

When Karaselimovic' got home, his mother had already packed his belongings and there was a plane ticket waiting for him. His mother would be staying behind to care for Sead's grandmother, and his father did not have the certificate required of all men age 18 to leave

the city.

"The Serbian soldiers had already been looking for my dad and my brother," Karaselimovic' said. "They'd only been looking for me once, because of my last name. They knew in the future I could create problems."

On the drive to the Banja Luka airport, there's a small hill.

"You see the whole city," Karaselimovic' said. "And the last view of it was just horrible."

The Karaselimovic' men passed through a pair of checkpoints manned by armed Serb soldiers; Sead's brother had the necessary exit certificate and Sead's father was allowed to pass because he told the guards he was driving the boys to the airport and would be returning.

"I had no idea dad would try to leave with us," Karaselimovic' said. "He had no stuff with him

— no bags, no nothing. ... We came to the airport, and dad took out three tickets, and I knew what he was trying to do."

At the airport checkpoint, the last hurdle before the plane, both Sead and his brother were allowed to pass.

"And we see our dad standing at the end of the line trying to pass through the checkpoint," Karaselimovic' said. "But he knows they will capture him and take him to jail if he tries, and that means death for sure. And he's looking — what's he going to do?"

Rather than try the checkpoint, Esad

“Now there is nothing there — just one big pigsty, which they deserve to live in.”

— SEAD KARASELIMOVIC',
ON HIS HOMETOWN

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Takaishi repeats as women's champion

■ Golfer gives stellar performance at Oregon Amateur

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Oregon State senior Kathleen Takaishi made another outstanding showing last weekend to complete the Oregon Amateur golf tournament as repeat women's champion.

Takaishi, a major contributor to the Beaver golf team during the last four years, took an early lead in the first few days of the tournament and was able to hold the lead in the final day. She finished at 9 and 7 over Karla Kalian of Tri-Mountain.

Takaishi was 1 under par for the tournament's 29 holes, making three birdies and two bogies along the way. She made a birdie from ten feet on the first hole and then had 16 consecutive pars before making her first bogey, attaining a comfortable lead after the first day.

"I aimed for the middle of greens a lot today (in the final round)," said Takaishi. "I knew I didn't have to go for anything."

Not only was Takaishi's performance noted by the public, but also by six-time champion Marcia Fisher. Fisher watched the women's final and highly commended Takaishi's game.

"She has a wonderful game," Fisher said. "She doesn't make many mistakes, and I like the way she keeps her tempo, not just her swing but in the pace at which she walks, too."



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OSU's Takaishi repeats as women's champion at the Oregon Amateur last weekend.