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VP of Finance and Administration search nears end

■ *Montana State University's Robert Specter is the only candidate to revisit OSU for second round of interviews*

By KATIE PESZNECKER
of The Summer Barometer

Montana State University's Robert Specter visited the Oregon State campus Tuesday, meeting with numerous officials in his second round of interviewing for the vacant Vice President of Finance and Administration position.

Of the 40 original applicants, only four were selected to participate in the first round of interviews. Specter is the only candidate who has been invited back for a second interview, said Andrew Hashimoto, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs.

Hashimoto said that they are in the very final stages of candidate selection,

and added, "We'd like to get everything done this week."

Specter's day-long interviewing included a morning appointment with Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart, meetings with Finance and Administration representatives and dinner at the home of OSU President Paul G. Risser.

"We followed up on issues not resolved at the first interview," Hashimoto said. "He talked to people he didn't have the chance to visit with before."

Specter last visited the OSU campus July 20-21, along with three other candidates: Jay Kenton of Portland State University; Tom Anders of the University and Community College

System of Nevada; and Mark McCambridge, OSU's director of Business Services and interim VP of Finance and Administration.

During the first interview sessions, candidates were reviewed by the VP search committee and participated in open forums.

Hashimoto, who heads the search committee for the vacant administrative spot, was favorably impressed by Specter's forum session. Specter discussed the budget situation "and how he would organize the units to be sure that they would not overrun their budgets, how to communicate where units were in terms of budgets," Hashimoto said. "He is very proactive and interested in

employee development."

The new VP of Finance and Administration will have to be prepared to deal with OSU's accumulated debts of over \$11 million. Hashimoto said the committee is confident in Specter's abilities in this area, due to his working knowledge of university budgets on many levels.

"Robert has a lot of experience," Hashimoto said. "He has a good background. He has worked in the system office in the Iowa state higher education system ... as well as worked as a sitting vice president."

Also, there are several units that report to the VP of Finance and

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Hotel causes traffic concerns



JOE ELLIS/The Summer Barometer

Time-lapse photography shows traffic streaking by the site slated for the new campus hotel. Some Corvallis residents think the hotel will add to an already poor traffic situation and possibly increase the need for a signal at the corner of Western Boulevard and 26th.

Proposed Hilton Garden Inn draws criticism

■ *Arguments continue for and against proposed on-campus hotel*

By JOY ESTIMADA
of The Summer Barometer

Arguments for and against the hotel have been voiced, but the Corvallis Planning Commission has not yet approved the proposed Hilton Garden Inn on the south end of the Oregon State campus.

Community members have until 5 p.m. today to submit additional commentary on the 156-room hotel, which would be located on the corner of Western Boulevard and 26th Street and generate an extra \$100,000 annually for OSU.

Nearly three dozen Corvallis community members attended last Wednesday's

public comment meeting about the hotel, where Linda Graham-Cross, manager of the Ramada Inn, asked that the record be left open for additional commentary on the proposal.

Graham-Cross argued that Corvallis has been in a recession and cannot successfully support a new hotel. Corvallis hotel occupancy rates, she said, suffered a decline over the past year. Graham-Cross also argued that the Corvallis Comprehensive Plan statistics, which showed that the demand for Corvallis hotel accommodations was expected to rise, are outdated and should not be considered by the Planning Commission.

Others, like Corvallis resident Peter Nelson, fear that the new hotel will attract heavier traffic to his once quiet street.

"I'm sympathetic to OSU's need for more conference facilities, but it sounds to

me that we're trying to put a square peg in a round hole with this one," said Nelson, who lives just south of the hotel site on Morris Avenue. "I already see plenty of OSU students cutting through my street to avoid the traffic on Western and Philomath Boulevards. Who knows how much worse it will be when a new hotel goes in?"

Corvallis resident Ken Kenasten, a hotel supporter, suggested that builders use this opportunity to provide a pedestrian-command traffic signal at the corner of 26th and Western.

"I believe that part of the selling point for the hotel is that hotel guests can walk to conferences on the OSU campus," Kenasten said. "Installing a pedestrian-command signal would make it easier for the guests, especially handicapped guests, to get across Western Boulevard."

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WANTED: A few good musicians

■ *Selected musicians will star in an OSU TV commercial which will air during Pac-10 sports events*

By JOY ESTIMADA

of The Summer Barometer

Dust off the old kazoo and polish up that tuba. Oregon State University is looking for a few good musicians.

The OSU Marketing Department is currently seeking a diverse range of student, staff, faculty and Corvallis community musicians to play the OSU fight song in a commercial for the university. If the advertisement tests successfully, it will air during the Pac-10 games next spring or maybe even as early as this winter.

"It doesn't matter what instrument you play; you can even show up and play in an ensemble if you want," said Jill Schuster, director of University Marketing. "What we're hoping to do with this commercial is show the wide, diverse range of people at OSU and in the community."

The goal of the commercial is to give a different look to the ads allotted to the university during televised athletic events.

Most college ads show pretty pictures of the campus, Schuster said. "We want something different," she added.

"We want all kinds of people to audition — people who differ in age, gender, race ... even clothing and hairstyle. We want the usual and the unusual," she said.

Auditions for the commercial will be held Monday, Aug. 24, between 4 and 9 p.m. in LaSells Stewart Center. Applicants are free to play any piece they wish. Marlan Carlson, OSU music department chair, and Lewis Norfleet, OSU director of athletic bands, will help choose the musicians.

Some of those selected may be shown on camera, and others may play in the background while other images are shown. Once the musicians are chosen, Hollywood composer David Metzger will score the fight song into a 60-second piece featuring the musicians' different instruments. Each of the musicians will then play short portions of the score. Schuster hopes to begin filming by early September.

"This could be loads of fun for the people who will be participating," Schuster said. "We expect that there'll be plenty of musicians out there who will want to volunteer their time and be a part of this."

Those interested in auditioning may schedule an audition time by calling 737-4668.

— OSU News Service also contributed to this article

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NEWS

Half dozen embassies suspend operations, some to be relocated

By BARRY SCHWEID

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Responding to increased threats, the United States has temporarily suspended operations at about half a dozen embassies, and Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering said Tuesday some embassies would have to be relocated to guard against terrorist attacks.

"We have to make sure all our embassies can meet an adequate standard," Pickering told The Associated Press. "This is going to require relocating some embassies right away and putting the rest in appropriate locations."

The U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which sustained massive destruction in attacks last Friday, will have to be rebuilt, as well.

Assistant Secretary of State Patrick Kennedy said about half a dozen embassies had suspended operations after the attacks in Kenya and Tanzania. American ambassadors are authorized to suspend embassy operations, based on their judgment.

"We are not shutting the embassies down in a permanent

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— ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE PATRICK KENNEDY

sense," Kennedy said. "We are not leaving. We are taking, in effect, a brief time-out in order to make the security adjustments that are necessary to be responsive to a threat."

Kennedy did not identify any of the closed embassies, but it is known that the U.S. Embassy in Swaziland was evacuated for several hours Tuesday morning after a caller phoned in a bomb threat. Sniffer dogs searched the embassy and a nearby building housing embassy offices and found nothing, a spokeswoman said.

The U.S. Embassy in Kampala, Uganda, remained closed for a second day Tuesday, and Ugandan and U.S. security personnel were on high alert five days after terrorists bombed American diplomatic missions in neighboring Kenya and Tanzania, a police spokesman said.

In Malaysia, the U.S. Embassy closed its iron gates for all but emergency services for

U.S. citizens, and armed guards on 24-hour watch circled the U.S. diplomatic compound in Kuala Lumpur.

Earlier, another senior U.S. official told The Associated Press that investigators suspect the deadly explosive Semtex was used in the attacks on the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, but no link has been found to any particular group.

Detection of the Czech-manufactured explosive, which is far more powerful than TNT, supports the theory held by many in the Clinton administration that the nearly simultaneous attacks last Friday were the work of a sophisticated terrorist organization.

But no group had been identified by FBI and Kenyan and Tanzanian investigators, said the senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity. The FBI sent more agents to East Africa, bringing the total at the two bomb sites to more than 175.

In San Bruno, Calif., President Clinton said the U.S. record of fighting terrorism has made Americans more vulnerable to attacks such as the embassy bombings. "Now is the time to bear down, not back up on that, and that is my determination and I believe that is what the American people support," he said.

Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, will attend a memorial service for the bombing victims Thursday at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington upon the return of the American dead from Africa.

The bombings claimed at least 230 lives — including 12 Americans — and injured nearly 5,000. Kenya's National Disaster Operation Center said Tuesday that 220 people were confirmed killed in Nairobi. Ten Africans died in Tanzania.

One of the American victims had been assigned to Kenya by the Central Intelligence Agency, the senior U.S. official said.

Tanzania's ambassador, paying a condolence call at the State Department, said some of the 14 foreigners detained in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam may have had a role in the attack.

The ambassador, Mustafa Salim Nyang'anyi, said all 14 had been turned over to the FBI for interrogation. They include six Iraqis, six Sudanese, one Turk and one Somali, he said.

OSU marketing seminar to feature Microsoft executive Marty Taucher

■ Seminar is free and open to the public, will focus on marketing strategies

By MARK FLOYD

OSU News Service

Marty Taucher, the network communications manager for Microsoft's interactive media group, will be the featured speaker at a marketing symposium luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 20, at Oregon State University.

The symposium will focus on marketing strategies and how organizations successfully integrate their messages into an overall strategy for a variety of audiences. A 1978 OSU graduate, Taucher will discuss Microsoft's marketing and public image goals and strategies, and discuss the role of "new media" in today's marketing.

The symposium, which is free and open to the public, will run from noon to 2:30 p.m. in OSU's Memorial Union Room 109. Taucher will speak at 12:30 p.m.

Audience members may bring brown bag lunches or order in advance a luncheon from MU catering for \$6.95. The lunch must be ordered by 5 p.m. on Aug. 17 by calling Kami Smith at 737-6379.

Following the luncheon, the audience will break into groups to discuss OSU's marketing efforts, messages, and target audiences.

"The symposium is oriented toward a campus audience, including student groups, but should be of interest to the community as well," said Jill Schuster, director of University Marketing at OSU.

This is the second in a series of symposia on marketing issues. More are planned for the 1998-99 year, Schuster said.

The event is sponsored by OSU's University Marketing and Student Media.

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Administration, including Business Affairs, Business Services, Facility Services and the Department of Human Resources.

"The VP will work with all the units in administration and the president's cabinet," said Hashimoto. "He will definitely work closely with the president on major issues such as the proposed hotel and major construction on campus."

Following the first round of interviews, the search committee sent their reports to Risser and Provost and Executive Vice President Roy Arnold. The end result was the decision to invite Specter back for a second interview.

The VP position was vacated following former VP of Finance and Administration Lee Schroeder's move to the interim director of Athletics after Dutch Baughman resigned from that position. McCambridge has filled the VP position for about a year now, while maintaining his regular role as director of Business Services.

"[McCambridge] has done a tremendous service to the university, has sacrificed a lot and really worked hard," Hashimoto said. "He has been

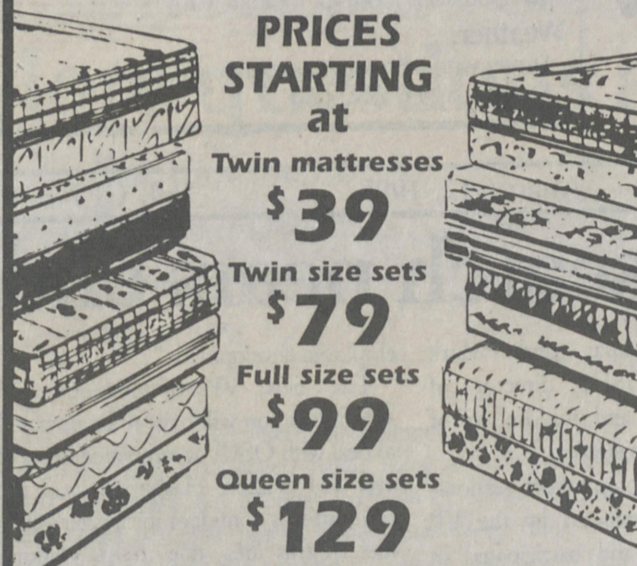
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— ANDREW HASHIMOTO, ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

holding down two jobs for a year now and he should really be commended."

Specter — whom Hashimoto describes as very professional, with a really good sense of humor — is currently the vice president for Administration and Finance and Chief Business Officer at Montana State University.

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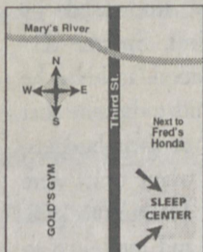
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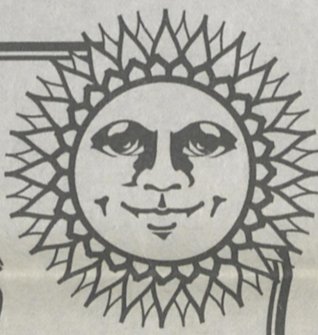
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NEWS

Boys guilty in Jonesboro shootings

Mitchell Johnson and Andrew Golden are convicted in the shooting which left four students and a teacher dead

By DAVID A. LIEB

The Associated Press

JONESBORO, Ark. — One of the boys in the Jonesboro schoolyard massacre pleaded guilty and the other was convicted Tuesday, bringing a swift end to the deadliest in a string of school shootings that forced the nation to take a harder look at children and guns.

The boys, ages 12 and 14, got the maximum penalty allowed by law — confinement to a juvenile center, perhaps until they turn 21. It will be up to juvenile authorities to decide how long.

"Here the punishment will not fit the crime," lamented Juvenile Court Judge Ralph Wilson Jr., who added 90 days in jail should the boys be released before they turn 21.

In a courtroom protected by metal detectors and bomb-sniffing dogs, Mitchell Johnson admitted on his 14th birthday to taking part in the killings. Johnson stood before the judge for just 10 minutes, not much longer than the ambush March 24 that left four schoolmates and a teacher dead.

Then, 12-year-old Andrew Golden was found guilty by Wilson after the judge rejected his claim of temporary insanity.

Golden had nothing to say in court, but Johnson apologized, marking the first time either boy had spoken publicly since the attack. It also was the first time either had been out of jail.

"I am sorry," Johnson said, reading a statement. "I understand that it may be impossible for some of you to forgive me. If I could go back and change what happened on March 24, 1998, I would in a minute."

He said he had intended to shoot over the victims' heads.

"I really thought that no one would be hurt," he said. "I have caused pain. I have also asked God for forgiveness and I pray that he will heal the lives of the people who have been hurt by my actions."

More than 100 of the victims' relatives and school staff reserved spots for the hearing, which was the equivalent of an adult trial.

The boys were charged with five counts of murder and 10 counts of battery and were pronounced guilty on all counts. Nine other students and a teacher were wounded in the attack at Westside Middle School.

It was one of a series of deadly school shootings that shocked the nation between October and May. The others were in Pearl, Miss.; West Paducah, Ky.; and Springfield, Ore.

The rampages also stirred debate over America's gun culture and children's access to guns. They also prompted legislators in Arkansas and elsewhere to consider lowering the age at which children should be considered adults under criminal law.

Johnson and Golden could not be charged as adults because they were under 14 at the time of the crime. In fact, unlike adults convicted of felonies in Arkansas, they will be able to own guns when they get out.

Juvenile hearings typically are closed to the public in Arkansas, but Wilson opened this one because of intense public interest.

Prosecutors recounted step-by-step how they took a van from Johnson's home, guns from Golden's grandfather's house and went to school dressed in camouflage.

Golden pulled a fire alarm near a door to flush classmates and teachers outside and ran to the woods nearby, where he and Johnson opened fire as students filed out 75 yards away. The boys then took off through the woods, running toward their van, before police stopped them.

A crime lab examiner said bullets from

Johnson's rifle were the ones that killed teacher Shannon Wright and probably also killed student Stephanie Johnson. Golden's gun matched bullet fragments from the bodies of Natalie Brooks and Paige Ann Herring. The examiner said the lab was unable to determine who shot Britthney Varner.

Mitchell Wright, the husband of the dead teacher, said outside court that he didn't believe Johnson's apology: "When I looked the boy in the eye from the stand, he did not look that sorry to me. It's not justice."

In court, Wright told the boys: "I not only lost a wife, I lost my best friend thanks to you two."

Johnson closed his eyes and covered his mouth, and Golden gazed downward.

In Johnson's short time before the judge, he held his mother's hand while his father put his hand on his shoulder. His mother, Gretchen Woodard, told Wilson that her son understood what he was doing, but his father, Scott Johnson, objected.

"I do not concur with this plea, but he's making it on advice of his counsel and mother," Johnson said. He complained later he wasn't allowed to hire a lawyer of his choosing for the boy.

Golden gazed at the judge and members of the media, and once wiped his nose with a handkerchief he clutched in his hands.

Golden's attorney, Val Price, claimed that the boy was insane at the time of the shooting and wasn't mentally competent to understand the proceedings. But the judge refused to consider the defense; he had rejected it previously in a sealed ruling.

In practice, juvenile offenders in Arkansas are always freed at 18 because they are too old for juvenile prison and because they were too young when they committed their crimes to be put in an adult prison.

Gov. Mike Huckabee has said he will build a new prison or modify an existing one to hold Golden and Johnson as long as the state can.

NEWS BRIEFS

Schools bust education barriers

MADISON, Wis. — Wayne Fanno, agricultural education distance delivery coordinator at Oregon State University, is part of a three-state team called the Tri-State Agricultural Distance Delivery Alliance that received the 1998 Barrier Buster Award at the Distance Teaching and Learning Conference held recently.

The team was selected for the award by ADEC, an international distance education consortium.

According to Fanno, the three universities began discussing the potential for developing a tri-state agricultural degree consortium in 1996. The concept was to deliver distance course work, via distance education networks, to community colleges and other learning centers, including extension offices and industrial sites.

The program is aimed at individuals unable to access upper division university courses due to time or travel constraints, said Fanno. The set of courses was mutually accepted by the three universities and organized to provide a bachelor of science degree in general agriculture.

MTV to hit Portland

MTV Music Television announced that MTV's "House of Style" and IMG Models will hold a regional "Model Mission" competition at the Pioneer Place Shopping Center in Portland. "Model Mission" is a national model search being held in four cities around the country.

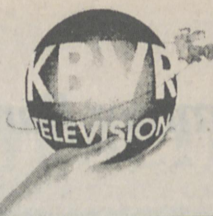
On Aug. 22, "House of Style" host Rebecca Romijn will host a

"Model Mission" semi-final event from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. where the first 1,000 eligible young women will compete for a chance to travel to appear on MTV's "Fashionably Loud" and win a \$250,000 modeling contract from IMG Models. IMG model Alek Wek, "House of Style's" Model of the Year for 1997, will co-host the event in Portland. After narrowing the field to five semi-finalists, Rebecca will host a finalist competition at 5:30 p.m., where the young women will participate in three stunts to determine the winner. Each of the semi-final events will broadcast as half-hour specials on MTV and lead up to the Dec. 5 broadcast of "Fashionably Loud," where the IMG modeling contract will be awarded.

To be eligible, you must be female, 16-24 years old (with a valid passport of birth certificate; minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian), U.S. citizen, 5'7" or taller and be available the week of Dec. 5, 1998. The Pioneer Place Shopping Center entrance for "Model Mission" is the corner of Yamhill and Fourth Avenue.

The finalist selected in Portland will participate in "Fashionably Loud," House of Style's mix of top models, cool clothes and live music performances. The four finalists will take to the runway along with other top models showing the spring collections from top designers. At the end of the show, a "Model Mission" winner will be chosen, and she will receive a \$250,000 modeling contract with IMG Models. In addition, Mademoiselle magazine, the national print partner, will feature the winner in an upcoming issue.

For further information about "Model Mission," call 1-888-810-5541 or visit MTV Online on the World Wide Web at MTV.com or keyword: MTV on AOL.



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A PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

Monica and Bill, meet Catherine MacKinnon

■ Feminist philosopher says many so-called consensual sexual encounters should be called rape

Recently, I mentioned to my doctor that I was writing a column for *The Barometer*. She was alarmed. "Well! I hope you aren't writing about Monica Lewinsky!"

No, no, no, I assured her, my column does not sink to such depths.

Until now.

I make, here, the huge assumption that Monica is telling the truth in her testimony before the grand jury. Of course I have never met Monica, but I did serve on grand jury several years ago.

We were sworn to secrecy, and I am such a nerd that I actually kept the testimony a secret. We learned that there is another side to Corvallis, the night time back-alley side, and that there is a whole cast of characters in this crowd. The cops know them all, and where to find them and what they are probably up to. (Meticulous grammar: to what they are probably up.)



JUDY RINGLE

One such character was known to the cops as a drug maker, and when the guy's lab was raided, surprise! The law enforcement officers found evidence of a child porn operation that the fellow had been running on the side. You know, butter-and-egg money, wholesome country living.

Our grand jury got the child porn case. We saw the pictures. You don't even want to know what we saw.

One of the victims came in to testify about what had happened to her. I will never, never forget that girl's sobbing with relief when she noted that the grand jury was all women that day; the only two men happened to be absent.

The girl was about 15, and she told us of how the bad guy — 'scuse me, the alleged bad guy — had flattered her with offers of her being a fashion model. And indeed, the first pictures were glamour shots, then dress off the shoulder, then dropped to here, then lifted to there, and over a period of weeks, the "fashion pho-

“It's complicated because young women really can swoon in the presence of a powerful, strong male.”

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Everything in its place



Cleaning up science's leftovers

When I was a Little Girl, cleaning my room consisted of simply shoving everything under the bed. For many years, this worked out rather well. I now recognize that this was, in no way, cleaning up the mess; I was simply moving it. *Cleaning* would entail actually putting everything in its Appropriate Place.

I was reminded of these old cleaning habits of mine when I saw a small headline in yesterday's *Oregonian* that read, "Creosote being cleaned up near Milwaukie Marketplace." It caught my eye because the creosote-contaminated field is just down the street from my house. I used to pick blackberries there when I was a kid, before they discovered that an old factory there had left the soil soaked with creosote, a potentially cancer-causing product.

Although the headline claimed that the creosote was being "cleaned up," a further reading of the article revealed that the former factory owners "will remove most of the contaminated soils and dump them in an unidentified off-site landfill."

So, we see that the creosote isn't being *cleaned up*, it's being *moved*. Like the archeological layers that collected under my bed, the creosote is not being put in its Appropriate Place. It is only being relocated so the City of Milwaukie can finally take down the field's embarrassing chain link fences bearing

the little skull-and-crossbones signs.

The truth is, it's impossible to Clean Up the creosote, just as it is impossible to Clean Up nuclear waste, pollution, various toxic chemicals, and the rotting containers of plutonium buried up north at Hanford. Why? Because these things don't have an Appropriate Place. As environmentalists and government officials fuss about the residue of science with whisk brooms and dustpans in hand, we're finding that there's nowhere to put this stuff.

At the advent of heavy industry and across the ever-unfolding era of science and discovery, man became so arrogant about all the neat things he could make that he never even considered what he'd do with the mess when he was done.

If you throw waste into the ocean, it pollutes the water. Toss it into space and it's in the atmosphere. Bury it, and the containers will leak, just like the decomposing plutonium-containing units at Hanford; these depositories now serve as eerie time capsules, not only of an era of scientific achievement, but also for a bunch of Men of Science who were never taught how to properly clean up their rooms.

So what's the moral? Plan ahead, and put things away when you're done with them — in their Appropriate Places.

And the truth is, if something doesn't have a Place, I'd venture a guess that it probably never should have been here in the first place.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Katie Pesznecker, forum editor for *The Summer Barometer*.



KATIE PESZNECKER

The answer to the good life: Down, out and up

Hoping to keep the attention of those of you who've been watching this spot for the past several weeks, I have determined to use this, the last summer issue of *The Barometer*, to launch an entirely new cause. My new crusade will sweep first through Corvallis, then Oregon, the West Coast, the entire Nation, and then the World (except maybe France). This drastic new movement will challenge the very structure of 20th century society and give rise to sweeping reforms across the globe. It's a radical idea, but I think it might catch on.



MATT ZIMBALIST

It's called Common Sense.

OK, so maybe not quite *all* of that other stuff would happen if there were a sudden upsurge in the rational thinking demographic, but I know there'd be some empty desks down at the motor vehicle department and the state legislature. That's to say nothing of (dare I say it?) the Oregon State University Athletic Department or the U.S. Congress. Of course these are not the only bastions of common sense deficiency in our world. Take for example the Guy Who's In Charge of Road Work.

Here is an individual whose sole function, that I can see, is to make me late to wherever I'm going. The Guy (or Gal) is the dude who feels that it is essential to rip apart large sections of roadway for

long periods of time, if at all possible during the most heavily traveled (and hottest) part of the day. I don't have anything against highway workers themselves, mind you (except for the fact that you so rarely see them actually *working*), but the Guy has got to go. Has anyone been to Albany recently?

Other notable repositories of anti-sensible thinking include Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Rwanda, the Corvallis City Council, the NBA, the whole idea of Major League Baseball expansion, and most of my ex-girlfriends ... but, I digress.

To get back to my movement. In spite of what one friend of mine suggested be done with individuals suspected of uncommon irrationality, I refuse to condone acts of brutal violence. As satisfying as that might be in the case of, say, the punk

who hit my car or the girl at the drive-through window who inquires whether or not I'd like my change back ("No, thanks, that \$8.50's my donation to the Hamburglar. I'm a big fan."), it would be unethical (and illegal) for me to advocate it here. I'm sure that some kind of standardized exam could be developed to weed the Jerry Springer material out of the gene pool, but the answer is simpler than that, namely: Down, Out, and Up. As in:

Down with Stupidity. Out with the Bums. Up with Common Sense.

See you in September.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Corvallis Community Theatre presents Sylvia

■ *Comedy considers complexities of marriage, delves into necessity of communication*

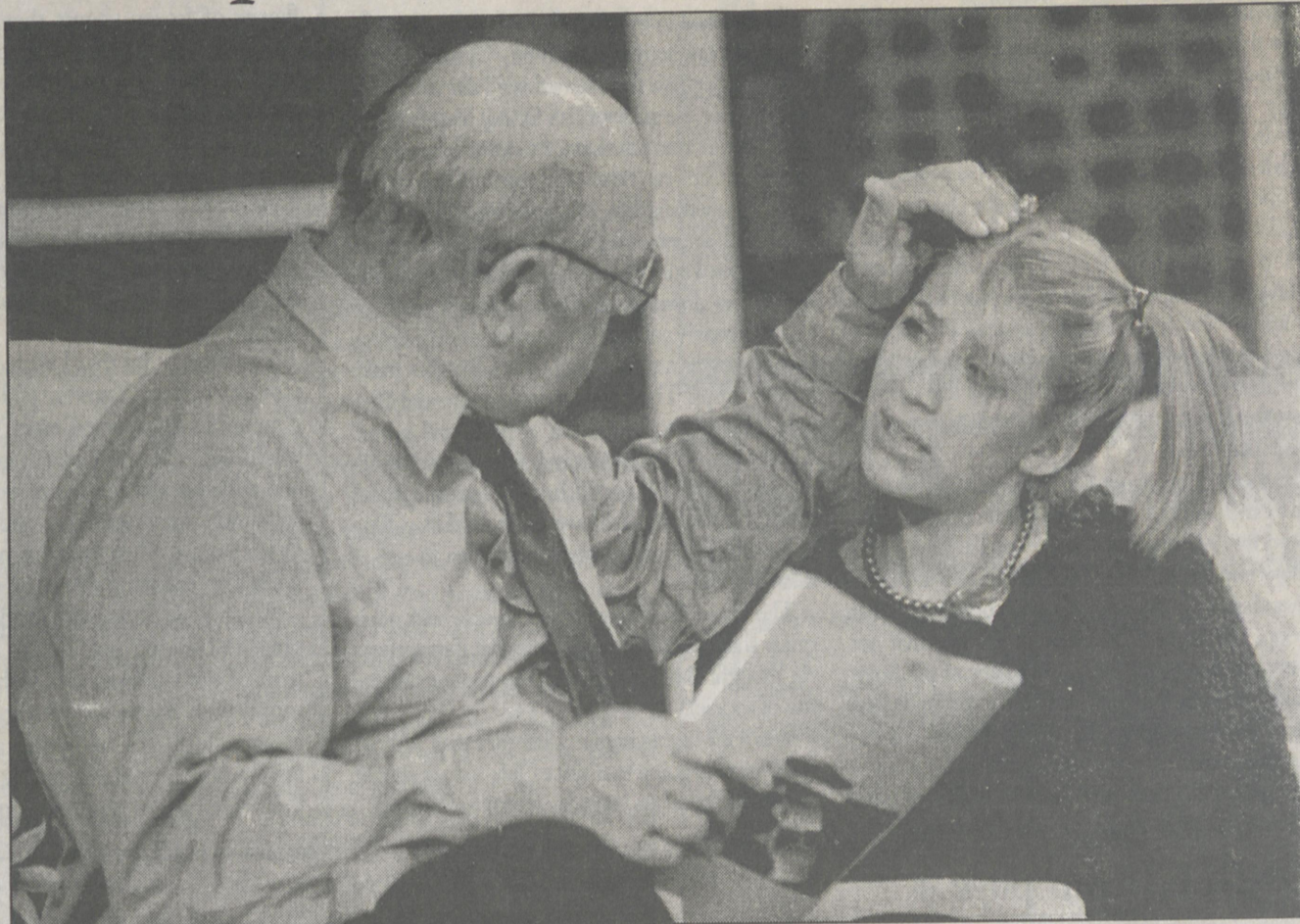
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Can the marriage of two New York City empty nesters survive the introduction of a new pet? On the surface, that's the simple question posed by Corvallis Community Theatre's summer comedy. But the play, in which a husband brings home a stranded pet that happens to talk, is much more than a cute story line. Underlying the humor, says director Mike Aronsen, it's a deeper exploration of marriage and the importance of communication in maintaining a long lasting relationship.

Playing the part of Kate, the unhappy wife, is Mary Jeanne Reynales, a home nurse for Good Samaritan Hospital. She is perhaps best known for her performances in *Oliver!* and *Annie*. She also appeared as a female impersonator in *La Cages Aux Folles*.

David Selivonchick, a professor at OSU in the Food and Science Department, will be playing the part of Greg, the husband. Other roles that he has done include Colonel Pickering in *My Fair Lady* and Lazar Wolf in *Fiddler on the Roof*, both productions done through Linn Benton Community College. This is Selivonchick's first role after a long break from the theatre.

The role of Sylvia, the dog, will be played by Gillian Scott, who is currently the assistant to the manager of the Majestic Theatre. Growing up in Corvallis, Scott completed her high school education at the Interlochen Arts Academy where she



JOE ELLIS/The Summer Barometer

Gillian Scott plays the lead role and title character as Sylvia, the dog, in Corvallis Community Theatre's play. Here, in the first act, Sylvia gets a pat on the head from her owner Greg, played by OSU's Daniel Selivonchick. Performances of the play will be August 14-16 and 20-23 at the Majestic Theatre.

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Spice Girls worth the time to see

■ *Different understanding of group brings with it a new respect*

By ANDREW McCORD
of The Summer Barometer

It was going to be the highlight of my life. At least that's what I kept telling myself each time I asked, "What am I doing here?" In fact, I had to tell myself that several times as I alternated between standing and sitting at the Rose Garden on Sunday.

But shucks, I was less than 100 feet away

from the Spice Girls, and I wasn't about to complain.

Then they started to sing. And along with their singing I was forced, directly against my will, to put up with the screechings of more 12-year-old girls than probably attended the final concert of the New Kids on the Block.

But this was going to be the highlight of my life.

I have to give it to the Spice Girls — Scary, Baby, Sporty and Posh — they know how to give a good show. But they are very aware of their following, and they don't play to much else. I was, however, surprised by the number of college-aged men who went to the con-

cert. I wasn't alone, and let me tell you, in that frenzy of double ponytailed, sported out, posh-clad and leopard-print-loving pre-pubesence who felt it necessary to make eyes with anyone who looked "older," that was a big comfort.

There are several things that become very clear when you attend the concert of one of the most highly praised and dogged groups of the last year: They are entirely deserving of both the acclaim and the disdain that they have received.

Not only are they decent movers and somewhat motivational speakers, but they make

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CORRECTION

In an article that was published in the Aug. 5, 1998, edition of *The Summer Barometer*, both Tim Holmstrom and Wendy Paup were quoted out of context and misrepresented. *The Summer Barometer* apologizes for any problems this may have caused.

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Corvallis' yogurt establishments mediocre

■ *Despite wide selection, atmosphere, portion size take away from experience*

By SARIKA PATEL
of The Summer Barometer

These past few days have been really hot. In an attempt to escape the summer heat, I decided to grab some frozen

yogurt. Since the boom of frozen yogurt in the early 90s, there has been a considerable downsizing of places to get good frozen yogurt. I decided to put two of Corvallis' main frozen yogurt outfits, Yogurt Hill and TCBY, to the test.

First I went to Yogurt Hill, located along the busy Kings Street across from Kinko's. Not only do they have various specials throughout the week, but they also have five different

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their crowds scream. On the flip side, however, one has to wonder how hard it is to make a large gathering of hyper young girls who are out for the night (past their curfew, no less) yell until they're hoarse.

And to my shame, I have to admit that I was rasy when I left. What can I say? I know the words. I sang along. Everyone else was doing it, and besides, I didn't know anyone there that could point at me and laugh. And when the Spice Girls motioned for everyone to move, you can bet that I did too — I was a sheep in the control of four interestingly controlling shepherds. Shepherds that were at least a head and a half shorter than the men on stage. Until you have witnessed the Spice Girls, the fact that, for example, Baby Spice is five feet tall never really is cemented. But she really is, even with those platform clogs.

Let's talk now about *Girl Power*. Until this concert I had been an uninformed ignoramus to what these two words meant. How could I have really known how much it has affected today's sixth and seventh graders? I have about zero contact with that group, and while I am aware of the fact that not every girl that age is a staunch fanatic of the Spice Girls, the ones that were at this concert had gone hog wild with voicing their beliefs. I don't remember the women of my seventh grade class being as verbal or endowed with a sense of uncaring freedom as the girls at this concert, but if the Spice

Girls are what it takes to achieve this, then I'm for it 100 percent.

As I walked to my car, I found myself still humming the tune to their smash hit, "Wannabe." I've since bought their CD, something I did with pride and without the guise of "It's for my friend's birthday." I know that admittance to an admiration for the Spice Girls can be social suicide in some circles, but it's something I'm willing to risk. They're not very good singers, they're really not as cute as I'd hoped they would be and to be honest, their choreography is downright pathetic (though truth be told, I probably couldn't do any their routine on my first or twentieth try for that matter). But they make people happy. They make people smile and they give a lot of people a sense of pride and power. There are over 50 different web sites that are devoted to bashing the Spice Girls, and I can understand some of their reasons. However, I would be willing to bet that none of designers have been to one of their concerts.

The Spice Girls may repulse people with their gaudy show of "who cares?" but what if more people thought that way (within the confines of the law, of course)?

Was it the highlight of my life? Not at all. Would I recommend going to a Spice Girls concert should they not disband and one day return to Portland? Absolutely.

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tographer" had manipulated this young kid into porn poses.

Given that there was no coercion, why was this against the law?

For the same reason that we have laws against statutory rape: there is a huge power differential between the kid and the grownup, one that makes it possible for the grownup to exploit the younger person. It is almost universal that the grownup is male, the younger person a female. Mary Kay LeTourneau and her sixth-grade lover were wildly exceptional to the rule.

We invite into our little chat, now, Catherine MacKinnon, a feminist philosopher who extrapolates that reasoning into supposedly adult sexual relationships. Her argument goes roughly like this: given the power differential between men and women in our society, a vast amount of so-called consensual sex should really be called rape. This is so because there can be heavy consequences when a woman refuses to have sex, at least an element of emotional blackmail if not outright physical abuse. She finds herself saying yes because saying no can have its price. If she says "no" it's rape. For MacKinnon, if she says "yes," it probably is anyway. "I want what I want when I want it," yok yok. And, holds

MacKinnon, a guy thus getting what he wants is usually committing rape. Again, it's because of the power differential.

It's complicated because young women really can swoon in the presence of a powerful, strong male. Kids get crushes on teachers, undergrads are dazzled by TA's, grad students drool over the faculty. Lower ranking staff dream about administrators. Groupies crowd around athletes or rock stars.

At OSU, there are clear directives that because of the power differential, faculty are forbidden to consort with students. I have seen notices written by alarmed department chairs, reminding the faculty to keep their office doors open when they are alone with a student of the opposite sex. (The notes do not address gay/lesbian attractions, don't go there, don't go there.) OSU basically acknowledges that a higher ranking person who consorts with a lower ranking one is engaged in highly unethical conduct, taking advantage of the attraction that normal young people (women mostly) have for people (men, mostly) that they perceive as more powerful, more wise. Oh, and also more rich. Prince Charming is every girl's dream.

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come, so handsome, so strong, so powerful, with the twinkle in his eyes promising a trip to his castle in the clouds, promising to make you a princess — and so, little Monica of Lewis and Clark College, meet Prince Bill.

Would you like to talk consenting adults? Maybe Jack Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe were consenting adults (although poor Marilyn's suicide suggests that she never found her prince), but Monica and Bill? I scoff, friends, I scoff.

Given the indifference of the voters to the alleged Monica and Bill incidents, I suggest that much of the nation thinks that a man of the nation thinks that a man of power has, as a perk sort of like his own private bathroom, the right to fish in the pond of swooning women. It goes with the turf.

I suggest that when the President of These United States, for God's sake, gets it on with a lowly intern fresh out of college, we are light years from consenting equal adults, here. It is not "gentlemanly." It is despicable exploitation.

Or, as Catherine MacKinnon would argue, it is rape.

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

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flavors of frozen yogurt that are constantly changing. Along with toppings that are available for a very good price, there are two specials, the Monday banana split special and the Friday root beer float special where either of those specials are available for just a little more than half price, a good deal to say the least. However, my only complaint of Yogurt Hill was the fact that the servings were a bit too small, especially if you're planning on sharing anything.

The other store that I visited, TCBY (The Country's Best Yogurt), is located in the Timberhill Shopping Center. Roughly eight weeks ago, the shop rearranged their decor and added a new ice cream cart, making the restaurant very spacious and comfortable. What's more, Cub Foods is nearby, making TCBY an easy stop after grocery shopping.

Along with having various flavors and toppings to choose from, TCBY has a specialty treat of sorts known as a sorbet fizz: sorbet mixed with Sprite, which then turns into a creamy slush. It's refreshing and incredibly tasty. Another enticing quality of TCBY was their readiness to give new scoops to anyone

that dropped their treat on accident, no questions asked.

Yogurt Hill and TCBY both had their pros and cons. On the positive side, Yogurt Hill had a nice friendly atmosphere and a good selection of both frozen yogurts and ice creams along with their two specials. TCBY is very spacious and has a wide selection to choose from, and several packaged items that can be taken home. However, despite how recently it may have been remodeled, TCBY is still very plain on the inside, and the spaciousness tends to work against it, giving a feeling of emptiness.

For both, the main problem was the serving sizes. It makes it hard to justify going to the places on days that specials aren't available.

The tastes from both were comparable. Were I to choose one, I'd go with Yogurt Hill, due only to the sense of coziness that I got while I was there.

On the other hand, if I heard his music playing, I would run after the ice cream boy on his bicycle and go for a firecracker popsicle in a minute.

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majoring in play acting. To her name, Scott has the roles of Hero in CCT's production of *Much Ado About Nothing* and Panda Buffy Watchalk in *Revenge of the Space Pandas*.

Finally, Craig Snider, an employee of the U.S. Forest Service, will be carrying the load of three different supporting roles — one man, one woman and one person of indeterminate gender. Snider recently appeared in ACT's *La Cage Aux Folles* as both a drag queen and the straight-laced Minister of Decency. While he was at ACT, he won the Best Actor Award for his leading roles in *Jekyll & Hyde*.

While this is Aronsen's directorial debut for CCT, he has not only been on the board for many years, but he has also appeared in *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, *Mousetrap*, *Isn't It Romantic* and *The Happy Time*. For *Sylvia*, Aronsen will be putting to use his photographic abilities, taking slide pictures which he plans to use in the production.

Yvonne McCallister will be working alongside Aronsen as the assistant director for *Sylvia*. She directed *See How They Run* for CCT and appeared as the daughter in *On Golden Pond*.

Sylvia will be performed August 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and on August 16 and 23 at 2:30 p.m. The performances will be held at the Majestic Theatre located at 115 S.W. Second Street in downtown Corvallis. Tickets will cost \$7 for general admission, \$5 for seniors 65 years of age and older, and \$5 for Juniors 18 years of age and younger. Due to the blunt language, *Sylvia* is not appropriate for young children. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Corvallis Coin Shop at 754-8455 or purchased at Rice's Pharmacy.

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To help alleviate traffic, the City of Corvallis has already asked that a traffic signal be installed at the corner of 26th Street and Philomath Boulevard before the hotel can open — a request that has hotel officials up in arms.

"If this hotel were to be approved, we wanted to begin construction right away and hoped to open as soon as possible," said Greg Martin, project manager for Larkspur Hospitality, the company which will run the hotel. "We do not want this condition holding us back."

If approved now, the hotel is projected to be completed by July of 1999. But according to Corvallis Planning Commission member Dee Eilers, the traffic signal may not be installed for another year.

Despite some disapproval, the hotel did have its supporters. Sylvia Moore, OSU director of Conferences and Events, is convinced that the hotel is a positive addition to the community.

"This hotel is an essential part of our mission to bring more people here to learn from us and for us to learn from them," Moore said. "We already have the CH2M Hill Alumni Center and the LaSells Stewart Center. The missing piece is the addition of this hotel. I've found that the vast majority of conference participants want to eat, meet and sleep in the same facility, and I think we're all very fortunate to have found a corporation who can help us achieve our mission."

Once all public comments regarding the hotel have been submitted, Larkspur Hospitality will have one week to come up with a rebuttal.

The hotel's fate will be decided on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. in the public meeting room of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

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SPORTS

Holyfield returns to ring again

■ *Champ returns to Georgia Dome for hometown fight against unheralded Vaughn Bean*

By PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

Evander Holyfield says this one isn't about the money. Holyfield, who failed to line up a lucrative heavyweight unification bout with Lennox Lewis, instead will settle for his first hometown fight in seven years when he meets unheralded Vaughn Bean at the Georgia Dome on Sept. 19.

The hastily arranged fight was promoted during a news conference Tuesday featuring all the ludicrous hype — Don King was the master of ceremonies, after all — and bad taste usually associated with a heavyweight title fight.

Holyfield, holder of the IBF and WBA titles, pushed for a fight in Atlanta when he couldn't come to terms with Lewis, the WBC champion. In order to make the bout happen outside the casino belt, Holyfield had to agree to take a substantial cut in his usual purse.

Instead of commanding at least \$10 million for a fight in Las Vegas or Atlantic City, Holyfield agreed to base his purse on ticket sales at the 40,000-seat Georgia Dome.

"This thing is not about the money," Holyfield said. "I know I'm worth more than I'll be getting."

His lawyer, Jim Thomas, would not disclose Holyfield's possible purse, but said it would be less than \$3 million even if ticket sales are strong — certainly no guarantee considering Atlanta's checkered boxing history.

Muhammad Ali made his historic return to the ring in 1970 at the City Auditorium, selling out the 5,000-seat arena for a bout against Jerry Quarry. But two title fights in 1986, one featuring Holyfield's cruiserweight bout against Dwight Muhammad Qawi, drew poorly at the Omni.

Holyfield's last fight in Atlanta came in 1991 for his heavyweight

defense against Bert Cooper. A crowd of 12,996 was announced, short of a sellout at the Omni and a gathering that would appear downright sparse in the cavernous Georgia Dome.

Holyfield (35-3 with 25 knockouts) hasn't fought since a Nov. 8 knockout of Michael Moorer added the IBF belt to his collection of titles. Holyfield was scheduled to fight June 6 at Madison Square Garden, but the bout was canceled when opponent Henry Akinwande tested positive for hepatitis.

Bean, rated the No. 1 contender by the IBF, has built up an impressive record (31-1, 25 KOs) against a collection of mediocre opponents. His lone loss came in a March 1997 title fight against Moorer, who claimed a 12-round decision in a lackluster performance by both fighters.

"I want to tell the world that there's no fear here," said Bean, who had a large red turban on his head and former heavyweight champions Joe Frazier and Michael Spinks at his side. "I respect Mr. Holyfield for the champion he is and the things he's accomplished. But I'm here to win."

Nevertheless, Bean was largely a sideshow in Tuesday's news conference and doesn't figure to get much attention leading up to the bout, which will be televised by the Showtime network.

Holyfield, who will be a huge favorite, admitted that he's never seen Bean in action and doesn't plan to watch tapes of his opponent until a week or two before the bout.

A month after being acquitted of insurance fraud charges, King resumed the role of promoter with his usual bombast. At one point, he said tickets were selling briskly, then conceded that sales wouldn't even begin until Wednesday.

Perhaps the low point of the whole affair came when Jay Larkin, a senior vice president for Showtime, joked about possible names for the baby expected to be delivered in the next few days by Holyfield's wife.

Noting that Holyfield picked names beginning with "E" for his other children and that his wife is a doctor, Larkin suggested "E-coli" as a possibility.

Later, Larkin admitted that he was not aware of a recent E-coli outbreak in Atlanta that infected more than two dozen children, killing one.

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Dennis Weathersby gives chase at practice yesterday to one of the Beavers' wide receivers.

Women's volleyball adds Canadian to 1998 roster

■ *Alberta's Gina Schmidt is third player to sign a letter of intent to join young Beavers*

OSU Sports Information

Gina Schmidt of Beaver Lodge, Alberta, Canada, has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for Oregon State University beginning in the fall of 1998, announced head coach Jeff Mozzochi.

Schmidt, an outside hitter/setter, plays club volleyball for the Grande Prairie Wolves, which finished second at the 1997 Canadian Nationals. She also played volleyball for Beaver Lodge High School.

Schmidt was also a teammate of current Beaver and Calgary, Alberta, resident Krista Kinsman at the Canada Games last summer. Coaches in Alberta have said that Schmidt is one of the top two or three female athletes to come out of

Alberta in the last 10 years. She is a Canadian National Team prospect in both volleyball and ice hockey.

"We are really excited to have Gina joining our program. Her intelligence, work ethic and desire to excel fit in very well with our young, talented team," Mozzochi said. "As talented as Gina is, she will come here and help us in a number of different roles. I know that the team, particularly Krista (Kinsman), is happy she chose Oregon State."

Schmidt is the third player to sign a letter of intent to come to Oregon State in the fall.

Michele Solomon (Billings, Mont.), who will join the Oregon State volleyball team in the fall of 1998, was recently named the Gatorade Circle of Champions Volleyball Player of the Year for the state of Montana. She is now up for regional and national honors.

Solomon, whose team recently finished its season second in the Montana state tournament, was the tournament MVP and first team All-State.

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More questions and concerns, but fewer answers

■ *Mike Riley continues to battle with flaws on line as football season approaches*

By CHAK RAMANUJAM

of The Summer Barometer

Concerns continue to be voiced throughout campus as head football coach Mike Riley opened training camp last Monday for freshman and other first-year players. The most pending one: Who will play starting quarterback?

However, despite some of the unanswered questions, the outlook for this year's team is favorable. The Beavers are returning with confidence and valuable experience to back it up. Indeed, the team returns a total of 20 starters, making them the only team in the Pac-10 with such high numbers.

Returning members begin their practices this coming Saturday. This group includes 24 seniors, which Riley acknowledges as one of the team's biggest

strengths. In a recent interview, Riley praised the seniors on the team and felt that they would be the ones to make a difference.

"Probably our seniors are the strength of this football team," said Riley. "I think there are a lot of good people there and a lot of good football players. Our season will ride on how those guys develop and really what kind of success they can have in their senior year."

Nevertheless, the question of quarterback is always in the back of people's minds. The starting position is currently being battled for by four players, including senior Tyler Tomich,

junior college transfer Terrance Bryant, and redshirt freshmen Nick Stremich and Jonathan Smith.

Tomich, said by many to be the most likely choice, is the only one with Division I experience. However, he is expected to redshirt.

This might leave the spot open for Bryant. In his two seasons at City College of San Francisco, Bryant threw for 4,599 yards and 47 touchdowns.

However, the quarterback position is not the only thing on Riley's mind. Other issues are concerning him as well, as he heads into fall camp.

"I would have to say (the biggest concern is) depth on the offensive line heading into the fall, and the addition of size on the defensive line."

Despite the somewhat shaky lineup, Riley remains unperturbed, feeling that the good far outweighs the bad. The team acquired seven junior college transfers, and high expectations are being placed on all of them.

"I suspect that those guys will be able to immediately compete to start, and that is why we recruit junior college players," commented Riley. "We don't recruit them to redshirt or to be backups; we recruit them to come in here to compete to start."

"I have no question that we are a better team in almost all phases. As far as running the ball, having a corps of receivers to catch it, and overall development in almost all other areas, we have improved. How that translates will be hard to tell because we do play a harder schedule."

The team is out practicing for their opener with Nevada, scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sept. 5 at Parker Stadium. Riley expects to have everything worked out by that time.



JOE ELLIS/The Summer Barometer

Coach Mike Riley gives instructions to his linemen at practice yesterday. The Beavers are scheduled to open the season early next month.

"I don't have any major concerns other than what we already talked about, and that is the depth on the offensive line, size on the defensive line and finding the quarterback," he summarized. "Those things are important, but overall, I am very pleased with the development of our program and the development within each position on our team."

Beaver fans will be waiting to see how everything turns out.

SPORTS BRIEFS

OSU gymnasts receive honors

Four Oregon State gymnasts have received National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women Scholastic All-America recognition for their work during the 1997-98 school year.

Senior Leah McKernan and juniors Megan Murphy-Barcroft, Danae Phillips, and Bea Tistu each were awarded the honor.

"I'm extremely proud that our athletes were able to continue the strong academic tradition that Oregon State gymnastics has had," said head coach Tanya Chaplin. "It was the first time that any of these four earned this award, and they worked really hard for it."

To receive the honor, an athlete must maintain a 3.50 grade point average over the entire school year or have a 3.50 cumulative GPA. Athletes must also have actively competed during the season.

Bow Hunt notice

The McDonald-Dunn Forest Bow Hunt is taking place Aug. 29 - Sept. 27. A valid General Deer Bow Tag is required. This is a walk-in hunt only. Fifty access permits will be randomly drawn on Monday, Aug. 17, and successful applicants will be notified. Mail in your name, address and phone number by Aug. 17 to Research Forest Bow Hunt, 8692 Peavy Arboretum Rd., Corvallis, OR, 97330. Only one application per hunter or hunting party is necessary.

Scholarship announced

The Association for Women in Sports Media announces its 10th annual scholarship program for female college students who plan to pursue careers in sports writing, sports copy editing, sports public relations, or sports broadcasting. First place winners in the categories of sports writing, copy editing, public relations, television, and radio will each receive \$1,000. Inquiries can be made to Anita Cechowski at (972) 740-2045.

Andre Agassi keeps comeback rolling

■ *Agassi finally comes out of slump and is heading back to the top*

By TERRY KINNEY

The Associated Press

A re-energized Andre Agassi, back in the top 10 for the first time since January 1997, kept his comeback rolling Tuesday by beating Nicolas Kiefer of Germany in the \$2.45 million ATP Championship.

Serving in game 12 of the second set and facing elimination, Agassi won four straight points to force a tiebreaker after falling behind 30-0, then dominated Kiefer and won 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.

He seemed to play with more determination after breaking Kiefer's serve in the ninth game of the second set with a stunning cross-court shot that nipped the line.

"I don't think you show up to any tournament and play your best tennis in the

first round," Agassi said. "You've just got to get through the days when you're not feeling the greatest."

While he was slumping — he was ranked No. 141 in November — he would not have survived a match like this, Agassi said.

"Things like this used to be a quick exit for me," he said.

But with a new dedication to being No. 1 again has come a renewed mental toughness.

"It's nice to feel competitive again," said Agassi, who now is No. 9. "It's nice getting the 'W' when you're not at your best."

Kiefer, who is 25th in the ATP rankings, never had played Agassi before. But he looks forward to a rematch.

"It was a good chance to beat him. I just didn't make it," Kiefer said. "I played him very aggressive. I see that I can beat him."

Meanwhile, two of the tournament's seeded players lost.

Thomas Muster of Austria beat 11th-seeded Tim Henman of Britain 6-4, 7-5,

and Wayne Ferreira of South Africa defeated 15th-seeded Felix Mantilla of Spain 7-6 (7-5), 7-5.

In other matches, Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine beat Arnaud Clement of France 6-4, 6-3; Jerome Golmard of France defeated countryman Nicolas Escude 6-2, 6-7 (2-7), 6-3; Scott Draper of Australia downed Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, and Mark Philippoussis of Australia beat Byron Black of Zimbabwe 6-2, 6-3.

Also, 14th-seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia beat Andrew Ilie of Australia 6-4, 0-6, 6-4; Marco Ondruska of South Africa defeated Steve Campbell 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; Michael Chang topped Todd Woodbridge of Australia 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; and Martin Damm of the Czech Republic beat Mark Woodforde of Australia 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

The new No. 1, Marcelo Rios, had a night match Tuesday. Pete Sampras, the defending champion and No. 1 seed, was idle until Wednesday, when six of the top eight seeds play for the first time.

French successful at Acura Classic

■ *Three Frenchwomen enter into the second round of Wimbledon, led by Nathalie Tauziat*

The Associated Press

Wimbledon finalist Nathalie Tauziat led three Frenchwomen into the second round of the Acura Classic women's tennis tournament on Tuesday.

Playing a patient game and waiting for her opponent's mistakes, Tauziat defeated Chanda Rubin 6-4, 7-5.

Seventh-seeded Sandrine Testud ousted Italy's Adriana Serra-Zanetti 6-3, 7-5, and Alexandra Fusai eliminated 17-

year-old Alexandra Stevenson 6-3, 6-3.

Tauziat needed 87 minutes to down Rubin and won 83 percent of her first service points, including six aces. Rubin dumped numerous forehands into the net and double-faulted six times.

"I don't think I played so well today," Tauziat said. "She made some unforced errors. She can put the ball out or in and so you just have to always concentrate. It was hot and humid and sometimes I didn't read her so good."

In another match involving a seeded player, No. 8 Natasha Zvereva, a quarterfinalist here last year, defeated Anne Kremer of Luxembourg 7-5, 6-2. Iva Majoli, the 1997 French Open champion, fought back to beat Rita Grande of Italy 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.