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TRACK IS BACK!

Track and Field, as well as Cross Country will return for the 2004-05 school year.

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OSUsed Store – the place for bargains

► Surplus Property department at OSU sells items and gives back to campus

By CHRISTINA STEWART
BAROMETER EDITOR IN CHIEF

There are used computers, bookshelves, printers, tables, fans ... even some Ford Crown Victorias to be sold off. Which raises the question "What kind of garage sale is this?"

It's the OSUsed store put on by the Surplus Property department at Ore-

gon State.

Almost every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in a building at 644 S.W. 13th St., a public sale is held to try and get rid of some of the surplus items around campus. They also obtain items from about 45 different state agencies for sale.

According to Patsy Hendricks, the surplus property supervisor, around 200 people show up each week to buy items ranging from bicycles and tables to old trophies and pictures of dissected frogs.

"We sell items no longer needed by the OSU departments," Hendricks said.

The OSUsed store gives a percentage of its profits back to the departments, while the self-sufficient Surplus Properties also receives a piece of the profit.

Last year the OSUsed store sold around 20,000 items, generating about \$300,000 for OSU's various departments.

While Hendricks could not say for certain how long the OSUsed store

has been going on, her guess is approximately 20 years.

An OSUsed store public sale will be held today, with the next one happening on July 16.

For more information and a complete schedule of OSUsed store dates please contact the OSUsed store website at www.surplus.oregon-state.edu or the Surplus Property office at 737-7374.

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Night Court not just for criminals

► People encouraged to attend open gym nights at Corvallis High School

By NICK CHAMBERS
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Throughout the entire month of July, the Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor Night Court open gym at the Corvallis High School. The program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 6:30 to 10:30.

The department first organized Night Court six years ago allowing people free access to a gym during the summer, as well as provide a way for people to make friends and get exercise at the same time.

"The primary mission of the program is to try to get people of different cultural and ethnic backgrounds and mental and physical abilities all playing together with the ultimate goal of getting to know one another," said Dan Eden, program supervisor with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Each year, student interns organize Night Court. This year that responsibility falls to Brooke LaSalle, a student at Oregon State University in her second year of internship with Corvallis Parks and Recreation, and Theresa Rarick, a student at the University of Portland and a Corvallis local.

Both found out about Night Court through the Corvallis Parks and Recreation department summer intern program.

The goal of Night Court is to give people an alternative to their normal routine and bring people together who might not otherwise meet.

"(Night Court) promotes community involvement and gives you a way of getting to know the people around you," said Rarick.

Although the program is open to people of all ages, it generally attracts college and high school age people with varying levels of skill and abilities. Families, seniors and kids are also encouraged to join in.

"Last year we had a lot of people come over from Hewlett-Packard who were on internships for the summer and had nothing else to do and didn't really know anyone," said LaSalle. She also remarked that so far this year there have been a lot more kids and families participating.

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KACY KIZER | BAROMETER PHOTO EDITOR

Four-year-old Payton Pinz, the youngest rodeo competitor this year, mounts Harry while his mother Sherie watches. The Philomath Frolic and Rodeo will consist not only of riding bulls, but horses as well.

Cowboys and carnies come to Philomath Frolic

► Thursday marks the beginning of the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo

By GARY SCHWAB
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

Philomath, five miles southwest of Corvallis, will be holding its 50th annual Philomath Frolic and Rodeo. The event will commence this Thursday, July 10, and will continue

through Sunday, July 13.

Despite being held within the small town of only 4,000 residents, the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo is an extremely popular event that draws contestants and spectators from around the country to enjoy the entertainment and activities.

The three-day rodeo, sanctioned by the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association, is the main attraction to the festival, bringing professional riders from all over the country to

compete for top honors and perform before the crowd.

It has previously been voted as the best rodeo of the year in 1994, 1995, 1998, 2000, and 2001 by the NPRA.

Other rodeo events include donkey and barrel racing, rodeo clowns, steer wrestling and calf roping.

There will also be a parade to complement the festival. The Kid's Parade, starting at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, allows any child to dress-up and participate. Immediately follow-

ing the Kid's Parade will begin the Main Street Parade.

Every year, spectators pack the sidewalks along the parade route making it one of the more popular events of the weekend.

Awards will be given to best parade entries. The parade will take place between the city blocks of 12th and 19th and stretch down the streets of Main and College.

Every November, the Philomath

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Alumni picnic brings grads to campus

► Former OSU students came back for food, music and conversation

By CHRIS GODWIN
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The OSU Alumni Association held its 128th annual Alumni Picnic Tuesday night. Over 250 former students, ranging in graduation years from 1933 to 2002, attended the event.

The picnic took place outside the CH2M Hill Alumni Center, on the lawn between the center and LaSells Stewart Center. It lasted from 6 p.m.

until about 8 p.m. There was food and drink for all as speeches by Tim White, interim OSU president, Tad Davies, director of Alumni Board of Directors, and Stephen Smith, Alumni director.

For the most part, the event seemed pretty laid back. Tables were lined up on the grass and people were sitting, facing the OSU Alumni Band while having conversations.

There were also several events for the kids so children could come with their parents to the picnic.

"We've got all sorts of activities for kids," said Richelle

Hayes, assistant director of alumni programs. "We have got, you know, the inflatable bounce-house ... face painting, balloons (and) merchandise."

The Alumni Association tries to organize between five to seven Alumni events per year. The next event will be a wine and cheese social in Bend on July 10 at which Dean Ilene Kleinsorge will be presenting the college of business update.

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Members of the OSU Alumni band play on the back patio of the CH2M Hill Alumni Center. The band performed for the Alumni Picnic.

WORLD

British Columbia court allows same-sex marriages

TORONTO (AP) — British Columbia became the second Canadian province to allow same-sex marriage under a court ruling Tuesday, and two men were wed shortly afterward in Vancouver.

The decision by the province's Court of Appeal further increased pressure on the Canadian government to follow through with plans to rewrite federal law that defines marriage as between man and woman.

An Ontario court issued a similar ruling last month, leading to more than 250 same-sex couples obtaining licenses to marry in Toronto.

British Columbia's Appeal Court earlier ruled in favor of same-sex marriages, but gave the federal government a year to draft a new law redefining marriage.

Homosexual rights groups then asked the court to reconsider the one-year delay after the Ontario ruling.

The three-member B.C. Appeal Court panel said Tuesday it was unaware of any opposition to lifting the one-year delay.

"It is also apparent that any further delay in implementing the remedies will result in an unequal application of the law between Ontario and British Columbia," the decision said.

In the courtroom, partners Tom Graff and Anthony Porcino wept with joy.

"I didn't know that I was going to do that," Graff said.

After the hearing, they went to the nearby Vital Statistics Branch to get a marriage license. Dressed in dark suits with red carnations, they were then married outside the courts building by a United Church minister.

Liberians plead for Americans to intervene

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — U.S. military experts received a jubilant but chaotic welcome Tuesday from thousands of Liberians pleading for an American-led rescue mission to help end their West African country's ruinous civil war.

Waving hankies and American flags, refugees swarmed the U.S. team's convoy as it visited some of the camps housing tens of thousands of people displaced by the fighting.

At a high school where 18,000 people live, crowds thronged the delegation, clambering over vehicles and chanting, "No more war, we want rest!"

Thousands more danced, sang hymns and chanted, "USA, USA," at Monrovia's athletics stadium, where families left destitute by war are sleeping beneath the bleachers.

The United States faces mounting international pressure to send troops to lead a peacekeeping force in Liberia, a nation founded by freed

American slaves in the 19th century. But Washington is wary of becoming too deeply involved in a West African conflict and says it wants President Charles Taylor to step down first.

President Bush, speaking Tuesday in Senegal on the first stop of a five-nation African tour, inched closer to committing peacekeeping forces in Liberia. He said the United States would work with African countries to enforce a cease-fire, but had not yet decided the extent of its participation.

Bush also repeated his demand that Taylor relinquish power.

Indicted on war crimes charges, his capital surrounded by rebels, Taylor — a one-time Boston gas station attendant, escapee from a Massachusetts jail and warlord — is viewed by international prosecutors, diplomats and some Liberians as the main impediment to peace in the region.

The United Nations and European leaders have sought U.S. troops to enforce the June 17 cease-fire between forces loyal to Taylor and rebels fighting to oust him. West African nations have offered 3,000 troops and suggested the United States contribute 2,000.

NATION

Democrats set conditions for Medicare compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats presented President Bush with a list of conditions for their support of a compromise Medicare prescription drug bill on Tuesday, demanding an ironclad guarantee of a government benefit for the elderly in areas where no private drug plan is available.

The letter — signed by more than two dozen Democrats, also rejected a conservative-backed provision contained in the House-passed bill to inject greater competition into the health care program for seniors.

At the same time, the letter signaled acceptance of one important change in policy — making Medicare coverage dependent on the income of the beneficiary. The House bill included such a provision and the Senate indicated support for the concept without formally agreeing to it.

"We understand that hard choices and compromises will be necessary," the Democrats wrote, but pledged to oppose any bill that fails to address the half-dozen conditions they laid out.

While couched in diplomatic terms, the letter underscored the challenge facing majority Republicans and the White House as they begin seeking agreement on an issue that has defied compromise over the years.

"Don't be deceived by the overwhelming margin here," said Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, referring to the 76-21 vote on legislation that cleared the Senate last month.

"We have some very significant concerns about the prospects of

reducing the commitment to seniors and providing the kind of meaningful benefit that we all have proposed in this legislation," he said.

Democrats laid down their legislative markers as Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, conceded it would be difficult to achieve a final agreement before the end of the month. The House plans to begin a lengthy vacation in two and a half weeks, the Senate a week following. Once gone, lawmakers won't return to the Capitol until after Labor Day.

Both houses approved legislation in June to give the elderly a government-backed prescription drug benefit, with large subsidies for lower-income beneficiaries. Both bills also would call for greater competition in the system, largely through the introduction of private managed care plans that seniors could choose over their traditional government-run health care benefit.

Nuclear weapons administrator orders increased security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administrator of the nation's nuclear weapons programs ordered tighter security at the labs Tuesday in response to a recent spat of security failures.

National Nuclear Security Administrator Linton Brooks ordered additional experts to make rapid changes to alleviate security shortcomings identified in recent months, increased the frequency of surveillance at weapons labs and directed a review of past security studies to ensure recommended measures are in place.

All three major nuclear weapons labs — Sandia and Los Alamos in New Mexico and Lawrence Livermore in California — have been stung by security embarrassments in recent months. Lapses have ranged from the disappearance of small amounts of radioactive plutonium oxide to guards who fell asleep on duty.

STATE

Kulongoski weighing casino appeal request

FLORENCE (AP) — With contradictory decisions by the federal court and the Florence City Council, a tribal casino on Highway 126 is far from a done deal.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Tom Coffin upheld the right of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians to put a casino on a 98-acre stretch of land called the Hatch Tract. It was the second time a federal court has done so.

But on Monday night, the Florence City Council voted to ask Gov. Ted Kulongoski to take Coffin's decision to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The council also voted to exclude the tract from the city's urban growth boundary, preventing the tribes from

hooking into city water and sewer services.

On the streets of Florence, a battle of the billboards is taking shape. There are now three "No casino" billboards up in and out of city limits, and two "Yes casino" signs.

One "No Casino" sign was vandalized on Saturday, when a graffiti artist spray-painted a "Y" before the "No" and a "T" after it. Now the sign reads "Y not casino."

Locals say the propaganda assault has gotten ugly. One man said he disassembled a "No Casino" sign planted on the property he rents, only to be confronted by casino opponents and the Florence Police.

Mistakenly released Douglas County inmate re-captured

ROSEBURG (AP) — Authorities have captured an inmate who was released from the Douglas County Jail when deputies mistook him for the resident of a neighboring cell.

Jeffrey Scott Brown, 21, of Roseburg was being held in a cell next to Joshua Allen Brown, 22, of Camas Valley. When the elder Brown was scheduled for release Monday morning on a misdemeanor restraining order violation, Jeffrey posed as his neighbor.

He fooled deputies long enough to put on the other man's clothes, take his belongings and leave. The two men are not related.

Tipped by witnesses, detectives captured the inmate later in the day, said Sgt. Pat Moore of the Roseburg police.

Brown was charged with resisting arrest, escape, probation violation and assault.

Jail Capt. Donna Green said the case of mistaken identity was "an error, what can I say? We all make mistakes."

Jeffrey Brown was in jail for allegedly assaulting a probation officer and two others. Joshua Brown, the neighboring inmate, was released Monday as scheduled.

The incident was similar to one last week, when the wrong inmate was released from the Marion County jail and later recaptured.

UNIVERSITIES

Students given highest priority in visa screenings

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — International students returning from a visit home may find re-entering the United States to be a much quicker process. The U.S. State Department told overseas consular offices to give students, professors and researchers first priority for interviews that are part of anti-terrorism screenings for most visa applicants.

"This has always been problematic, and there's not a lot we can do," said Deane Willis, director of the University of Texas International Student and Scholar Services. "Last summer, [the University] had students coming

in a semester later because of the delays."

"Current policies are hampering the ability of the world's best and brightest international students, scholars and researchers to study and work in our country and to contribute to our nation's science and technology enterprise, economy and security," the presidents of those organizations wrote in a collaborative letter to Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The groups were referring to a May message from the State Department that required all foreigners and visitors to have in-person interviews with consular officials before they could receive approval for visa documents. The Department of State was hoping the process would prevent potential terrorists from entering the country.

"Our first concern is that many international students and scholars are now experiencing unusually long delays in receiving visa decisions," the organizations' letter said. "We share this pessimistic assessment and believe that, without a commensurate increase in resources to accommodate the substantial increase in workload that will result from this new requirement, there will be even more delays than there already have been for [them]."

According to a message in June from Powell to all consular offices, there are currently a small number of posts that have a four-week or longer waiting period for interviews.

The State Department may waive in-person interviews for a limited number of returning students and researchers who already had been through the clearance process.

—By Tracy Dang
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

Proposed bill would make research results free

MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE) — Minnesota representative has introduced a bill that would make all federally funded research results available to the public free of charge.

According to Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn., Americans are essentially paying for scientific research twice. Taxpayers currently pay \$45 billion per year for scientific and medical research, Sabo said in a general press release. But if taxpayers want to see the results of that research, they have to subscribe to private and sometimes expensive journals that publish the results.

Sabo's proposed Public Access to Science Act is drawing mixed reviews from university officials, despite library budget cuts resulting in hundreds of scientific journal subscriptions not being renewed — nearly 8,000 since 1995, said University librarian Wendy Lougee.

University Provost Christine Maziar said the bill does not clearly define what research to which it would apply.

—By Nathan Hall
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)



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Julie Koenig holds her llama, Moonlit Night, while Brenden Triller, 8, pets.

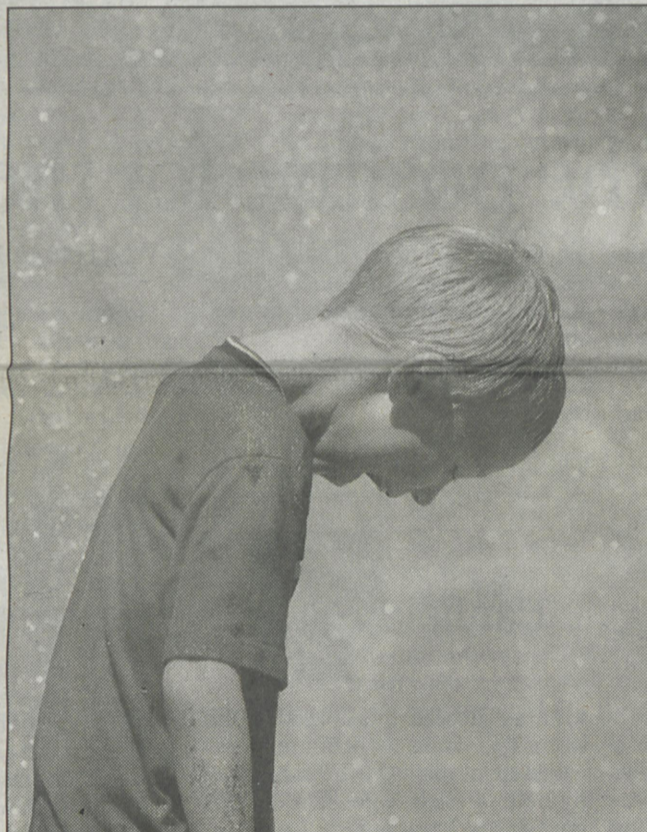
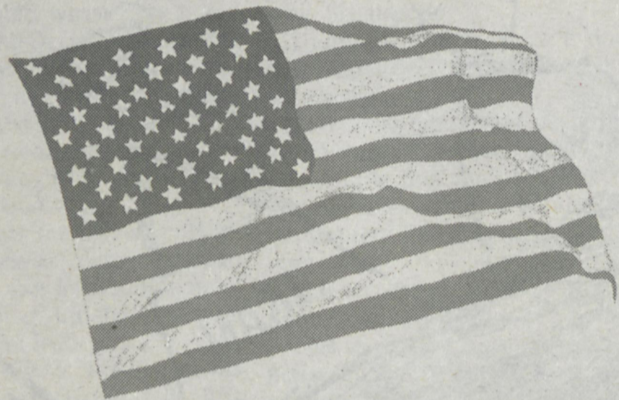


The festival included Rat Race, an inflatable obstacle course for the children.

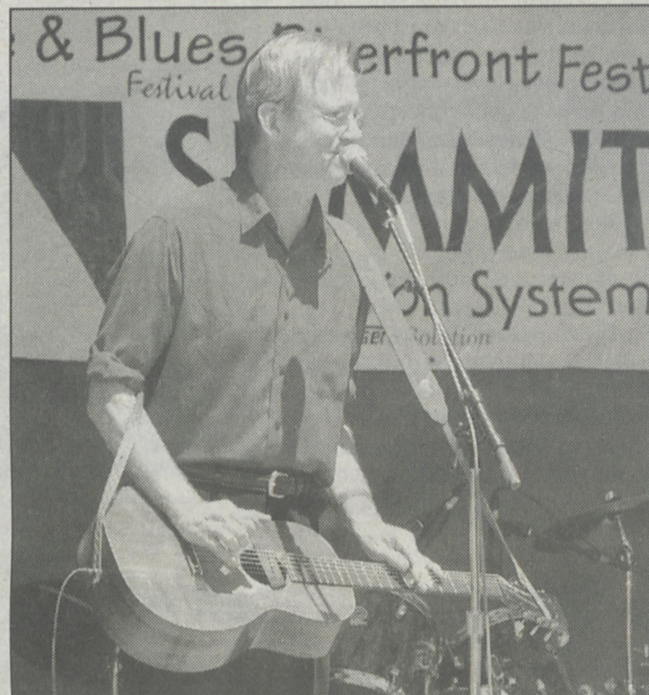
Celebrating a Red, White & Blues Independence Day



Katelyn Beilby, 6, lines up her shot at mini-golf.



Jomas Barstad, 5, finds relief from the July 4th heat by standing in a fountain. The Corvallis Riverfront Park was home to the Red White & Blues festival on Friday.



Tom Gray performs lap-style slide guitar for a crowd at the festival. Gray is a member of Delta Moon, a blues band based out of Atlanta, Georgia.

Photos by Ben McCoy
Barometer Photographer

CORRECTION

In the July 2 edition of The Summer Barometer a mistake was made in the "Buildings, new and old, in Corvallis" article. The bookstore is currently in negotiations to set a new lease with the university so it can remain in the Memorial Union and not move to the corner of Kings and Monroe. We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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EDITORIAL

Yeas & Nays

Yea to the Summer Barometer. Your Wednesday salvation from those tedious, two hour lectures.

Nay to the Summer Barometer. Just like a newlywed couple, once a week is never enough.

Yea to the White House for admitting President Bush was wrong when he said Iraq had been shopping around Africa for uranium. Admission is, after all, the first step to recovery.

Nay to Bush and his merry vacation through Africa, the land of the Bushmen. The Gods must be crazy.

Yea to the late Barry White. His sweet grooves were, after all, the soundtrack to your conception.

Nay to Britney Spears for admitting she is no longer a virgin. Looks like Christina Aguilera is the only gal out there with some real values.

Yea to Comedy Central for airing the uncensored South Park movie over the weekend. Next up, "Scarface" on the Disney Channel.

Nay to Comedy Central for not giving Dave Chappelle or Gary Bussey their own shows sooner.

Yea to Ashton Kutcher. He landed Demi, now he's chummy with P. Diddy. Just wait ... his downfall will come as swiftly as John Stamos.

Nay to MTV for showing the same old episode of "Punk'd" over and over again. Give us new material, or show us some damn videos.

Yea to Whiskas for beginning a new campaign emphasizing "what cats want." And we thought women were the difficult ones.

Nay to Whiskas for not unveiling "own-crotch-flavored" cat food. It doesn't take Mel Gibson to figure out that's what they really want.

Yea to the Portland Blues Festival this past weekend. What better way to celebrate our nations independence than to pass out on the grass during the fireworks extravaganza?

Nay to \$4 beers. Whether you are at a concert, a ballgame, or a frat house, Miller Light is never worth that much hard-earned scrilla.

Yea to summer birthdays. Sure, you got screwed in grade school, but now you get to celebrate your big day in an empty bar while all your friends are gone for summer.

Nay to cover charges in Corvallis. This is C-O-R-V-A-L-L-I-S.

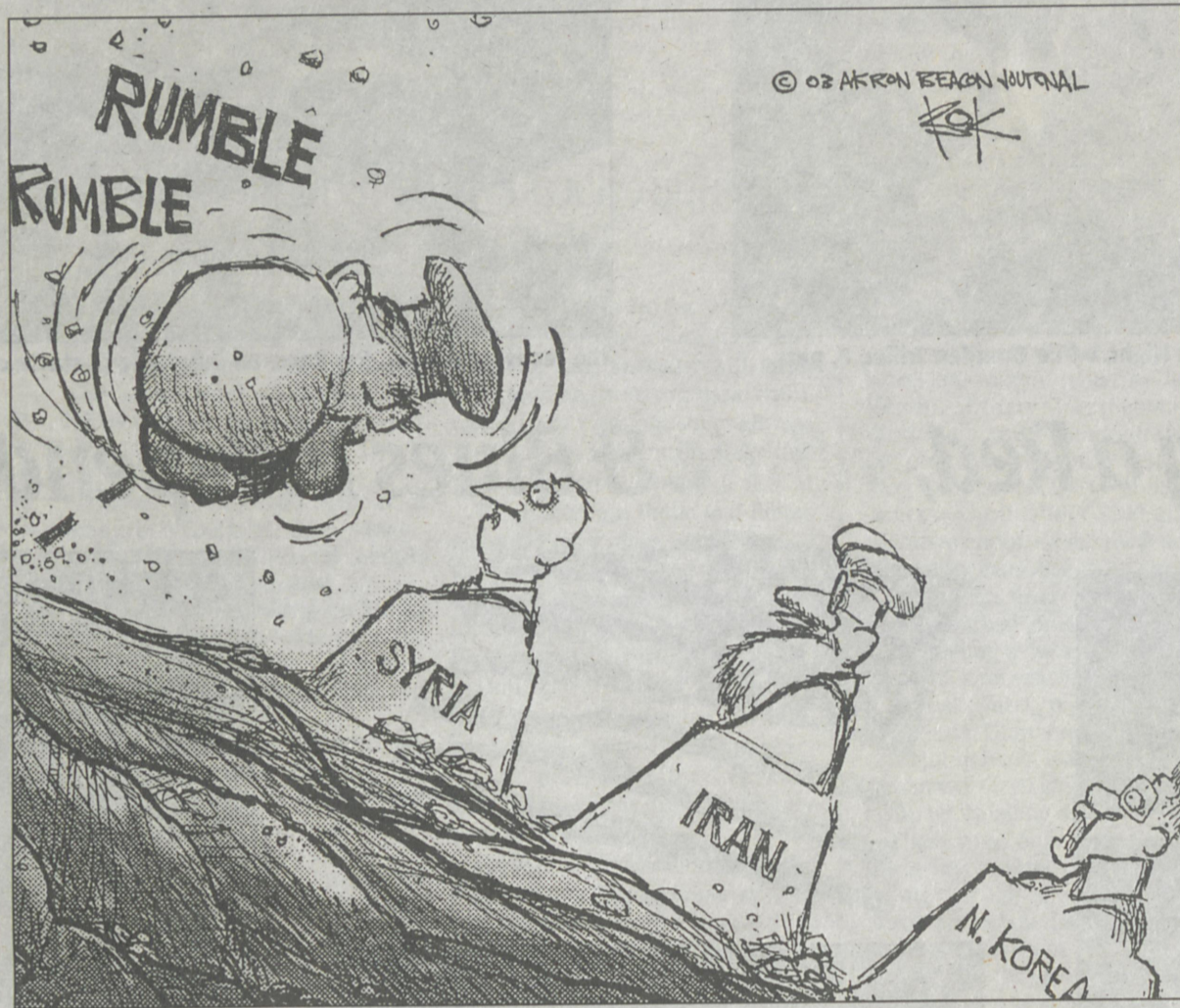
Yea to roadside fruit stands.

Nay to Kobe Bryant, who was arrested, but not charged yet, for sexual assault in Colorado. Looks like someone has finally committed to being a superstar, eh Kobe?

Yea to the Blazers for fining Damon Stoudamire \$250,000 and suspending him for his most recent brush with the law. At least 'Sheed wasn't with him this time.

Nay to Damon Stoudamire. Dude, if you want to get your stash through a METAL detector, try wrapping it in something other than ALUMINUM FOIL. Next time, try stuffing your goods into a barrel of a gun. That'll work just as well.

Editorials serve as a platform for Barometer editors to offer commentary and opinions on current events, both national and local, grand in scale and diminutive. Opinions here are a reflection of the Editorial Board's majority.



Focus on the positive for the kids

There has to be something wrong with me.

I'm the only person I've ever known who had aspirations to be a high school teacher while I was still in high school.

Everyone else around me had dreams of playing professional basketball or making millions in the stock market.

I spent my time daydreaming about how I would organize and decorate my classroom some day.

I'm not joking about this. It's ironic that I wanted to be a teacher so badly because I was a horrible student.

I got good grades, but I was like a poorly-trained chimpanzee on a sugar high when it came to behavior.

Once, after exasperating my history teacher for the trillionth time, he took me out in the hallway, and after trying several times to say something, finally blurted, "I give up! Just go back into the classroom and act like I yelled at you."

After that happened, I realized that if I was going to be a teacher myself some day, I had probably better start treating my own teachers a little better.

Yes, I was a weird kid. I still am.

After two years of being a teaching assistant and even with the current state of education in our country, I still want to be a teacher.

It's my passion, it's what I want to pour my life into.

I'm one of those annoying people who still honestly believes that the world can be changed by people who have the faith in God to do so.

Everyone these days has a take on the educational system in America. There are bookshelves full of sermons about what needs to be fixed,

where money needs to go, what vision we need to embrace. Doom and failure are prophesied daily over our schools.

Speaking of prophecy, it's amazing to think about the power of the spoken word.

Most of us have heard the psychological phrase "self-fulfilling prophecy" — referring to the power we have



Brad Canfield

to either succeed or fail based on the words that come out of our mouths.

I've spent the last two years trying to help at-risk high school kids improve their reading.

Believe it or not, it's fairly easy to predict any given student's success.

The ones who say that they're going to fail, do fail.

The ones who say that they're going to succeed, and really believe what they're saying, do more than they ever imagined they could.

Any teacher will tell you there's nothing like the power of a student who truly has confidence they can succeed.

Perhaps we should apply this idea to the bigger picture.

If the only words that come out of our mouths in regard to education are full of doom and gloom, failure is almost certain.

Instead of griping about money, administration, language barriers, and low test scores — which are all very important issues that deserve attention and energy — we should try a different approach to the educational crisis in America.

We should try being positive about it.

I for one see hope in our schools. I see students who will go on to become the leaders of our nation. I see actors, artists, athletes and yes, future teachers.

And I'm planning on spending the rest of my life reaching out to those young people, to help them discover what they can do.

I'm not going to waste my time griping and complaining. I'm going to jump in and do something about it.

Our schools do desperately need help and the system does need to change. But money won't solve the problem. It will help, but there has to be something else.

That something else is a new generation of people willing to lay down their own lives in the interest of teaching children.

Not everyone is called to do it, but I'm hoping that some of those reading this today are called to be teachers.

I'm hoping there are others who share the same vision I do — a vision that reaches beyond the traditional American ideal of achieving wealth and security and instead finds value in lifelong servitude.

To those who don't understand, this column will seem like a rather schmaltzy pep talk.

I don't expect everyone to get it, but I know that some will.

And for those people, there are millions of students out there who need you.

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A fork in the road

Yogi Berra once said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

However insightful yet profound this statement appears, it does not ascribe enough clairvoyance and wisdom needed in the path of history.

To put it simply, it would be ever so convenient for our leaders to implement Yogi's attitude; unfortunately the stakes are too high.

David Williams



Indeed, the Bush administration has come to a crossroads in our nation's foreign policy. After an unprecedented and overwhelmingly successful victory in Iraq, we are now faced with phase two, if you will, which includes preventing North Korea from developing a nuclear arsenal, all the while avoiding war.

Their leader, Kim Jong Il, is once again attempting to blackmail the United States out of funds for his desperately deprived and starved country. While in the meantime, hiding human rights violations to terrorize any seemingly anti-communist activities.

President Bush has received too much slack for his label of the "axis of evil."

I don't think too many people know what evil is, or worse yet, don't believe it exists.

I don't believe Bush's policies or views of Hussein or Kim Jong Il are oversimplified; rather, they signal the necessary pro-active approach. Part of the "War on Terror" is implementing strategies that severely hinder the possibility of terrorists obtaining weapons of mass destruction.

Intelligence reports differ as to the degree of success North Korea has had at reprocessing 8,000 fuel rods (enough to make about five nuclear bombs), any of which could be sold to a terrorist network.

Some believe that Kim Jong Il is bluffing. That, however, has not stopped the administration from squeezing North Korea fiscally and diplomatically.

Furthermore, according to U.S. and South Korean officials, there are at least 200,000 political prisoners held in an array of six camps spread throughout North Korea.

Intelligence officials also estimate that 400,000 North Koreans have perished within the camps in the last three decades.

Annually, Stalin-esque regime practices are documented by camp survivors and political defectors who have witnessed crippling beatings, torture, rape, cruel abortions and executions.

The Bush Administration has, from day one, not ruled out the possibility of war, but certainly made it

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Letters

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Snuffing the patriotic act of dissention

Last Friday, we celebrated the Fourth of July. In many places, the Declaration of Independence was read.

Those words, written in 1776, still ring true for many Americans today.

The United States has changed a lot since equality meant that all white, land-owning men had to be treated the same.

In the 227 years since the Declaration of Independence was signed, rights have been granted to non-land owners and minorities, including former slaves and women. And despite dire warning of the disintegration of society, the inclusion of different groups of people has been a benefit to American culture, bringing different ideas and views into our everyday lives.

Yet, America's problems are in no way solved.

In the past few years, we've seen the United States move away from many of the ideals that our nation was founded upon.

In many ways, America seems to have reversed course. Although this nation is based, in part, upon the ideas of freedom and the accountability of leaders, these are precisely the ideals that are being eroded every day.

In the year and a half since the tragedy of September 11, we've seen our freedoms disappearing before our eyes.

Since September 11, hundreds of Arab and Muslim men have been held secretly. They are denied the right to contact a lawyer. The government refuses to tell these men and their families what they are being charged with.

Even after evidence proved that most of these men had nothing to do with September 11, their rights were still denied.

Not only is this contrary to constitutional rights, it is counterproductive to the war on terror.

According to the FBI, information from Arab-American and Muslim communities is vital to ongoing investigations. However, holding members of these communities while denying them their rights is not the way to foster cooperation.

Most people respond to this by simply asking, "why do we care?" Most of us don't know anyone being held.

Yet, as we watch the rights of certain communities disappear, we are seeing the rights of all communities disappear.

Although not all of this is officially sanctioned by the government, we see dissent disappearing.

In the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson states that we not only have the right to question our government, we have the responsibility.

ELIZABETH MEYER*

If we don't, we are accountable for the actions of our government.

Yet dissent is absent from modern politics. Anyone who questions current policies is branded unpatriotic — a traitor. They are told that if they don't like it, they should leave.

But this isn't the principle that the framers had in mind when they risked their lives to sign the Declaration of Independence. This isn't what the colonial armies fought for in the Revolutionary War that soon followed.

Yet, Americans seem perfectly content allowing the government to do whatever it pleases, without question.

If we cannot speak out against policies of the United States, we cannot demand the second aspect that Jefferson wrote of in the Declaration of Independence — accountability of our leaders.

President George W. Bush and his cabinet have been caught hiding, editing, and stretching the truth, but the American people don't seem to care.

After all, it's unpatriotic to question them. They must know what's best.

Bush has certainly taken advantage of this new-found "trust," especially in the build-up to war in Iraq.

Officials in the CIA have confessed to Congress they felt pressured by the Bush administration to hype up evidence about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

The weapons that President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld knew "for a fact" existed, have mysteriously vanished.

There is growing evidence that we invaded a country and sacrificed both American and Iraqi lives for reasons that, at best, our leaders weren't sure about.

At worst, the reasons were intentionally fabricated. Even more disturbing than the idea that Bush lied to us is the idea that most Americans don't care.

According to a Gallup poll published by USA Today and CNN on July 1, 56 percent of Americans feel that the war in Iraq was justified, even if we never find weapons.

Just five years ago, Congress was willing to impeach a president for lying about an extramarital affair.

Now, the American people are standing by, watching our military invade another country for reasons we are unsure of.

The issue is not whether or not Bush lied, it is whether or not the American people care. And right now it doesn't seem like they do.

Thomas Jefferson wrote a document that started a war to hold a leader accountable.

Now most Americans are unwilling to take the time to demand an investigation.

It is time that the people of America once again declare independence from a government that does not represent their interests.

This revolution is not a war and it will not be fought with guns and bombs.

This revolution must be fought in the polls. It must be fought with your vote. Americans must elect someone who stands for their best interest.

Dissent is patriotic — it is what this nation is founded on.

It is time Americans reclaim their voice.

It is time Americans reclaim the American Dream, taking back our rights, taking back control of our country, taking back what we believe in.

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Williams: A three-step plan for the disarmament of North Korea

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clear its intent to solve the problem by other means.

Even war hawks give pause to the thought that in the first hours of war with North Korea nearly half a million artillery shells could hit Seoul; not to mention an array of chemical weapons, over 1 million soldiers, and a potential nuclear bomb.

Certainly, and unequivocally, North Korea is no Iraq.

As much as I would like to tie Kim Jong Il up and feed him to the buzzards, we must, in the meantime, be leery of how our actions are perceived from the North.

Not to say we are intimidated, but administration officials need, in retrospect, an attitude of caution when dealing with the ever-unpredictable Kim Jong Il.

As a near direct opposite of Clinton in foreign policy, I believe Bush will not allow a tyrant to pull around world military and diplomats on a whim.

Our administration is faced with the same problem it had during the last nuclear crisis with the North in 1993.

I believe there is an array of options we

could execute.

First, the already-taking-place crack-down on North Korea's revenue streaming from the sale of heroin, counterfeit U.S. dollars, cigarettes, high technology goods and methamphetamines.

Applying this option would mean providing their neighbors with ships and tools to inspect any suspicious ships from the North.

Next is an ongoing diplomatic strategy with Russia, Japan, China, and South Korea to implement increasing economic sanctions to hinder régime revenue sources.

Lastly, though quite the riskiest of the three, is a strategic surgical strike of the North's nuclear reactor site at Yongbyon.

This would be quite similar to Israel's direct bombing of Baghdad's nuclear reactor in 1981, which, by the way, was assisted with French funds from Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

I understand this country is just finishing a major war abroad.

I also understand why some, especially in lonely old Corvallis, may not compre-

hend the significance of this dilemma.

Indeed, North Korea is an entire ocean away and most of us will never meet or read of the tortures in that country.

Certainly, one may even see little trouble in the fact that they are developing weapons grade plutonium.

Sure, you say, we have thousands of nuclear bombs, who cares if an impoverished, small country of 22 million people develop some of their own?

The difference is this: we do not use our nuclear arsenal to blackmail funds from other countries, and we do not, in turn, threaten to use those bombs on our neighbors on a whim, with malicious intent to distribute weapons of mass destruction to a terrorist network.

Indeed, we have encountered a divergence of paths. This time, however, we must not only insure that the correct direction is chosen; but also, that we do not confront this fork, if you will, again.

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Chase: Beaver Nation rising to a new level

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ing Reser and expanding Beaver Nation worth it in a cost-benefit analysis?

The rise of Beaver Nation helped fund not only Beaver athletics in 2000-2001, but the university raised twice as much money for academics as it did for athletics that year according to the OSU Foundation. The pure marketing force of college football in the United States today is one that not many other venues can come close to. A power house football team and stadium at our university is something that will bring attention and sponsorship at a national level, not only for Athletics but for sponsorship in other departments around the school.

Truthfully, what we can get out of this is that when someone makes reference to Beaver Nation they aren't just talking about the group that wears bright orange and worships October BBQ's in the giant gravel parking lot outside Reser, they are taking about all aspects of OSU.

This of all years could be the biggest in the history of OSU athletics. With a basketball team coming off of one of their best seasons in recent years and the return of Coach Riley, OSU Athletics has a lot of work cut out for its self.

But just like the 2000-2001 football season it's not just about the players, it's the fans that make Oregon State University what it is. The members of the Beaver Dam, piercing loud "Ohhhhhhh" at kickoff and crazy OSU students that cut classes two days before football games to tailgate are what make Reser Stadium home to Beaver Nation.

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Parks & Rec: Basketball the choice sport

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LaSalle and Rarick both agreed that most of the time basketball is the activity of choice, but that people who show up can choose what they want to do.

"Mondays and Wednesdays its definitely about basketball," said LaSalle. She said Friday nights are when most of the other activities

flourish and families show up.

Night Court is held at the Corvallis High School. The signature of a parent or guardian is required for participants less than 18 years of age. For further information contact the Parks and Recreation department at 766-6918.

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Rodeo: Concerts, shows each night

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Frolic and Rodeo council board elects a new queen to take the title of Miss Philomath Frolic and Rodeo who reigns over the festivities, serving as a public figure for the event. This year's royalty is Queen Nicole Renae George.

Queen George will appear at many rodeo performances, parades and other promotional events throughout the northwest.

She will be appearing on Friday and Saturday to preside over the rodeo and parade. She will also be available to greet the guests and take pictures with kids.

Other activities at the rodeo will include performances by the Clarkettes Drill Team, the Sisters View Clydesdales, carnival rides, crafts booths and bingo.

The western band Lonesome Road will also perform both Friday and Saturday nights on the largest outdoor dance floor in the Pacific Northwest.

The Old Fashion Fiddle Jam on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. will allow amateur, novice and professional

fiddle players to demonstrate their skills.

The show, led by the Willamette Valley Old Time Fiddler's and Acoustic Jam Session, will allow spectators to listen to classic country-western and folk songs. Everyone is invited to get on stage and play along with the band.

The Philomath Frolic and Rodeo council board gives 50 percent of the profits made at the event back to youth organizations and other local projects they believe benefit Philomath and surrounding communities.

Admission to the rodeo will be \$8 per person, children under six years of age may enter for free, and admission prices for the nightly dances vary.

For further information about the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo or driving directions to the event, visit their website at www.philomath-rodeo.org.

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King James begins his reign

> The number one pick makes a name for himself

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ORLANDO, Fla. — With equal parts flash and fundamentals, LeBron James was a thrill to watch Tuesday night in his pro basketball debut.

Before a huge crowd that waited several hours to get in to see him play, James had 14 points, seven rebounds and six assists as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Orlando Magic 107-80 in the NBA summer league.

James' game showed little rust although it was his first competition since late March, when he led St. Vincent-St. Mary's High School to its third Ohio state championship of his prep career. A little more than three months later, the 18-year-old James is worth about \$100 million, thanks to endorsement deals and, to a far lesser extent, his NBA contract.

In the first three minutes, James had a wicked one-handed dunk after stealing a pass under the basket, sank a reverse layup and tossed a no-look feed in the paint that DeSagana Diop converted into a short jump hook. James later wowed the crowd of 15,123 with a reverse layup while falling down.

There were only three lowlights: In the first quarter, he airballed a 3-pointer as the shot clock wound down, and a late defensive rotation left his man open for a baseline jumper. But the worst came early in the third period, when James threw a lazy outlet pass that was picked off by Britton Johnsen, who promptly dunked on his highly hyped oppo-

nent.

The Cavaliers, who selected the 18-year-old James number one overall in last month's NBA draft, have every reason to believe that he will quickly mesh with his teammates.

Playing in Orlando's summer league are three-fifths of the Cavaliers' projected starting lineup: James at point guard, small forward Darius Miles and power forward Carlos Boozer. It was that unit, plus shooting guard Dajuan Wagner and center Diop, which raced out to a 16-point first-quarter advantage.

James' presence added an unprecedented buzz to the summer league game. Such contests are usually informal affairs held in dimly lit gyms with scouts and coaches among the most interested spectators.

Before the game, \$5 tickets were being scalped for \$80 and a traffic jam developed around the arena five hours before the opening tip.

"He's exciting to watch," said Paige Berger of Albany, N.Y. "He's got the skills of Magic (Johnson) and (Michael) Jordan combined."

James led the Cavaliers onto the court to a brief burst of applause and cheers, then turned around and worked his way back through his teammates, handing out high-fives to all. Without warning, he performed a 180-degree dunk and another jam moments later.

Miles followed with an off-the-backboard dunk that got the crowd roaring, but the ball slipped out of James' hands when he tried to respond. That prompted some light-hearted booing, and a big smile crossed his face.

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'Terminator 3' rises to the occasion

► It's the human element, not the special effects, that make 'Rise of the Machines' a great summer sleeper

By JASON M. VAN LOH
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

The long anticipated "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines," starring Arnold Schwarzenegger as the reliable T-101, was released on July 2. Once the gold standard for sci-fi action films, the Terminator franchise has been technologically supplanted by the scope and philosophical intrigue of such films as "The Matrix."

The first, most heinous rumor that must be dispelled is that Claire Danes does not take over the role of Sarah Connor. Rather, she is the love interest of John Connor, played by Nick Stahl.

Those of you who saw the teen suspense flick "Disturbing Behavior" will recognize Stahl as the whiney geek who ends up "turning" at the end of the movie. If Stahl's career had been anything like his John Connor predecessor, Edward Furlong, "T3" would have been doomed.

But unlike Furlong, who's probably living in a trailer park in San Luis Obispo, Stahl has actually managed to ditch his geek persona and develop some mad acting skills at the same time.

Joining Stahl and Arnold is silver-screen newcomer Kristanna Lokken. Lokken is hot as the Terminatrix, or T-X. Though her lines are minimal and her presence not nearly as haunting as Robert Patrick's T-1000 performance in "T2," she manages to be evil in an icy

robo-bitch way.

With so many different cast members and a new director, it would seem that "T3" would not compare with other CGI driven movies, but it is the human, non-blue screen, non-computer generated element that keeps this movie floating.

But, while other summer blockbusters like "The Matrix Reloaded" are jam-packed with chases and explosions, they lack a certain intensity, making them seem formulaic. After all, how many Oldsmobile Intrigues and Cadillac XLS are honestly going to be on the freeway all at the same time?

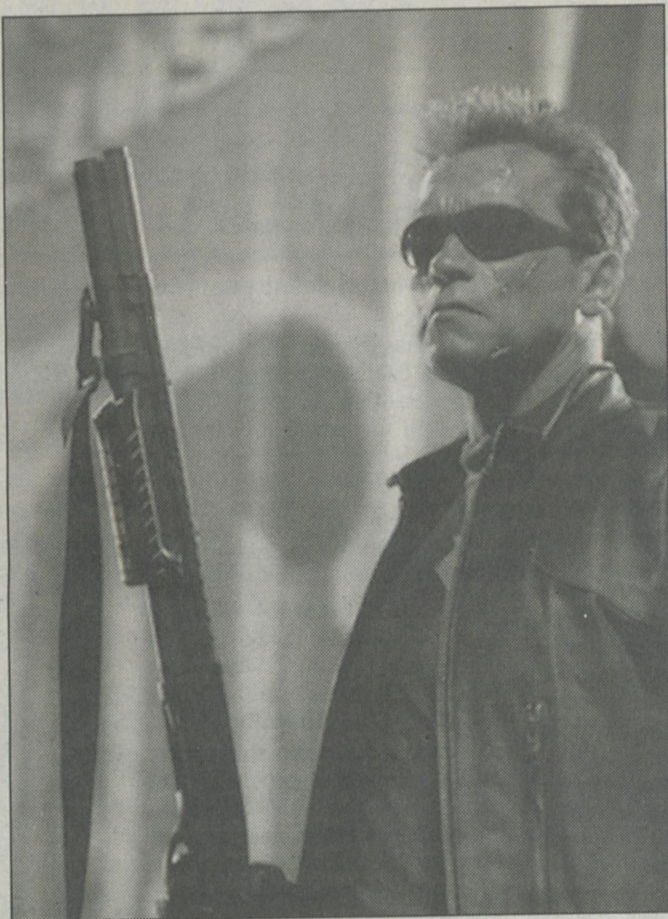
In other words, if there is time to notice the fact that every car on the road during a chase scene is a General Motors vehicle, save the Ducati Motorcycle and Freightliner trucks, there's something wrong with the chase scene itself.

"T3" deals with this problem like most problems: by keeping it simple. The special effects aren't an avalanche but the chase scenes keep you on the edge of your seat because of creative use of unweildy vehicles.

Rather than sporty European cars or beefy American autos, director Jonathan Mastow ("U-571," "Breakdown") uses massive slow vehicles, like a mobile crane, a fire truck and a hearse to name a few. The ungainliness and the speed of the chases provide an edge-of-your-seat thrill that "Reloaded" seemed to lack.

There are also the humorous moments, like when Arnold travels back in time naked and has to go into a strip club on ladies night to find his trademark black leather bikerware.

There is a great parallel



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Arnold Schwarzenegger returns as the out-dated but not out-gunned T-101 in the summer blockbuster "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines."

between the story and the franchise itself when T-101 admits that he is obsolete. Though it was once the cutting edge, the whole Terminator series seems like it should be obsolete. But somehow Mastow, along with Danes and Stahl, seems to breath energy and humanity back into the story. And Arnold and Lokken just kick ass.

Like the two previous films, the only thing missing from T3 is more footage of the apocalyptic battle for the future. But

the ending of "T3" leaves the door wide open for a "T4," and perhaps the long awaited war between cyborg and human will be played out on the big screen.

Though it lacks the vision of the first two, "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" was surprisingly punchy and well worth the price of admission.

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The Matrix series goes interactive

By ROBIN CANFIELD
BAROMETER COPY EDITOR

Are you ready to enter the world of the Matrix?

The Wachowski brothers hope that you are, and with "Enter the Matrix" they've made one hell of a game. If you pick it up your first foray into the Matrix will be a sweet one.

One might think of it as a let down to not get to play as the main movie character Neo, but "Enter the Matrix" isn't a re-telling of the movie, it's a whole side story.

Your character choices are split between Naiobe and Ghost. If you've seen "The Matrix Reloaded" then you should know Naiobe as the captain of the hovercraft "The Logos." Her crewman Ghost is often with her in the movie, and is the other playable character.

By playing these two side characters you are allowed to follow along with "The Matrix Reloaded" by doing things that cause events to happen in the movie.

Who brought the last transmission of "The Osiris" to Zion? You do. And when Naiobe shows up to save Morpheus in the freeway scene? If you don't remember now, you will.

The coolest thing is that, for the most part, Naiobe and Ghost also have separate stories. When Naiobe is driving Ghost is manning the guns. So if you play the game with Naiobe you'll handle driving the car on a level where if you played as Ghost you wouldn't get to drive at all, just shoot. There are other levels where you'll run through a room if you're Naiobe, but you'll cover her with a sniper rifle if you

play as Ghost.

Sounds almost like two games, except for the depressing fact that sometimes levels are basically the exact same no matter which character you use.

For "Enter the Matrix" it feels like the Wachowski brothers devised their own new way to play. There are only two menu bars to watch on-screen, the health, and the focus. But while you're jacked into the Matrix, both your health and your focus bars recharge on their own if given the time.

What is a focus bar, you might ask? When you engage your focus time slows down and you are able to dodge bullets easier, and also to do a lot more killer hand-to-hand combat moves.

While hand-to-hand combat is probably the most fun way to go through the game, guns are also a necessity and you have over a dozen to work with.

The story follows "The Matrix Reloaded" closely, but footage from the movie is rarely seen. However, about an hour of extra footage was shot with the real movie characters to supplement the story of the game.

A truly unique feature of "Enter the Matrix" is the addition of Hacking. Completely outside the main game, Hacking is an option that brings up a computer screen, keyboard, and a few options. Correct choices along with key codes from within the game and on the net can lead to a training level, sparring, and a sword.

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"Enter the Matrix"
On all platforms
Grade: A

Celtic Music Fest fun for music lovers

By DARRIN CRESCENZI
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School may be out for the summer, but leisurely summer afternoons don't have to be spent indoors in front of the 'ole boob tube. Many great campus activities still await you summer stragglers, especially if enjoying live music is your forte.

Every Wednesday this summer you are invited to leave the stresses of summer work behind and take in the sweet sounds of the OSU Celtic Music Fest. Each week a new artist takes the stage to lay down celtic melodies at the heart of our beloved campus, the Memorial Union Quad.

If the sunshine is smiling on our shoulders, the concerts begin at noon at the brick courtyard by the OSU Bookstore. However, Corvallis rain doesn't put a damper on the music spirit, it just forces it to relocate inside the MU Lounge.

So far this summer the Celtic Music Fest has seen several types of music. June 25th bestowed us with the melodic stylings of O'Carolyn's Consort, a Celtic renaissance group featuring Glenn Falkenberg on harp with Vincent McCullan on open-hole Irish flute.

Performing last week was Chayag, a band specializing in traditional and contemporary music from the Andes and Ecuador.

Show up Wednesday, July 9th, to experience folk music at its finest, told through the twang of six and 12-string guitars with Fred Towne and Friends.

The OSU Celtic Music Fest will see bands each week this summer through August 13. For a complete schedule, check out the Fest's web site at oregonstate.edu/~thiesr/FolkCelticConcerts.html or keep an eye on the local events calendar in The Summer Barometer.



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The OSU Celtic Music fest brings many genres of live music to the Quad, including Ecuador-based Chayag.

Get outside. Get to the Quad. Check out the great live music every Wednesday, you'll be glad you did. Besides, it's not like you have anything better to do with a boring summer afternoon, right?

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Local Events Calendar

Wednesday July 9

Music Fest: Fred Towne and Friends. MU Quad, on campus. Noon
OSUsed Store. Property Services Building, 644 S.W. 13th St. 10:00-3:00. Info: 737-7347

Friday July 11

Youth Dance Project of Oregon. Majestic Theater 115 S.W. Second St. 8 p.m. Tickets \$12 for adults, available at Majestic Theater. Info: 766-6977

Summer Film Series "Double Indemnity" (1944). Owen Hall 103, on campus. 7:00 p.m., free. Info: 737-1470

Saturday July 12

Youth Dance Project of Oregon. Majestic Theater 115 S.W. Second St. 8 p.m. Tickets \$12 for adults, available at Majestic Theater. Info: 766-6977

Sunday July 13

Day at the Garden & Concert, featuring the 5th Dimension. Oregon Garden, Silverton. 879 W. Main St. Concert @ 7:00 pm. Info: 877-305-3759

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"As long as it's not broken, I can play with the pain."

— New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter
After being hit by a pitch by Boston's Pedro Martinez. Jeter was later taken out of Tuesday's lineup against the Cleveland Indians after feeling the effects of Martinez's pitch.

Former Beaver star heads to L.A.

► Gary Payton to sign with Lakers in the next few weeks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Gary Payton has agreed to sign with the Los Angeles Lakers, ESPN.com reported Tuesday.

The Lakers declined comment on the report, but a team spokesman told The Associated Press that general manager Mitch Kupchak would make a statement later Tuesday or Wednesday.

The free-agent guard severed ties with his former team, the Milwaukee Bucks, on Monday. He and other free agents are not allowed to sign contracts until July 16.

If Payton does join the Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant-led Lakers, they might double their number of superstars for next season — Utah's Karl Malone also is considering signing with them.

Payton's agent, Aaron Goodwin, told ESPN.com that the longtime member of the Seattle SuperSonics has chosen the Lakers.

"He could have taken a lot more money to go somewhere else," Goodwin said. "But he's going to Los Angeles to follow his dream."

Goodwin didn't immediately return calls made by The Associated Press.

Payton, dealt by Seattle to Milwaukee at last season's trade deadline, would be limited to earning \$4.9 million with the Lakers in the first year of a multiyear contract.

Malone, a two-time league MVP, reportedly has said he'd be willing to take the veteran's minimum salary — \$1.4 million — with the Lakers in order to have a chance to win his first NBA championship.

A lineup of O'Neal, Bryant, Payton and Malone would make the Lakers, who lost to eventual champion San Antonio in the playoffs this year, the

favorite to win their fourth title in five seasons.

Malone has mentioned San Antonio, Dallas, Sacramento and the Lakers as possibilities. His agent, Dwight Manley said the power forward has narrowed his choices to a handful of teams.

Manley would not identify those but said, "They would probably be the favorite if he were on the team."

Malone met last week with the Lakers, and Manley acknowledged that they were among the teams his client was considering, depending on who else signs with them.

"It's not just the Lakers that Karl is waiting to see what happens. There are other teams," Manley said. "He wants to make an informed decision and not speculate."

Portland and Miami also were reportedly trying to sign Payton, a nine-time All-Star and one of the league's best defensive guards.

OSU to host 2006 NAAs

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

Oregon State has been selected to host the 2006 NCAA Gymnastics Championships as well as the 2004 NCAA West Region Gymnastics Championships, the NCAA announced Thursday.

The 2006 NCAA Championships are scheduled for April 20-22. Last year's freshman class of Michelle Dickinson, Chrissy Lamun (the 2003 Pacific-10 Champion on floor) and Angela Morales will be seniors when the Beavers host the national championship meet for the third time. Corvallis was also the site of the 1990 and 1993 national championship competition.

The Beavers finished seventh as a team both years the meet was in Corvallis and had an individual national champion both times. Amy Durham scored a perfect 10.0 to win the floor title in 1993, and Joy

Selig won titles on beam and floor in 1990.

The 2004 regional meet is set for April 3. OSU will be hosting the event for the 13th time and the fourth time since 1999.

Including regionals, OSU will have six meets at home during the upcoming 2004 season. The Beavers will host Cal State-Fullerton on January 16 in their home opener, and Washington will visit on January 23. OSU hosts Arizona on February 13 and Stanford on February 27.

OSU's final regular season meet, the Shanico/Days Inn-vitational, is scheduled for March 5 with BYU, Michigan State, Sacramento State, Boise State and Seattle Pacific joining the Beavers for the competition.

Track and field to make a return at OSU

► Track and field and cross country will make their debut in 2004-2005

By TASHA RASSULI
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The speculation can end.

The rumors can be put to rest.

Oregon State's athletic department announced Monday afternoon that the university will add women's track and field and cross country to its booming athletic program beginning in the 2004-2005 school year. The new addition will give OSU 18 intercollegiate athletic programs overall.

"We're very happy to start the process of adding these teams to Oregon State's athletic family," OSU Athletic Director Bob De Carolis said. "There's a tremendous history of high-quality running in this state and in the Pacific Northwest, and that made track and field and cross country a natural fit for us as we expand our offerings."

The decision to add track and field and cross country resulted from a study conducted by a subcommittee of OSU's Athletic Advisory Board which is made up of faculty, students and alumni.

"In speaking with our constituency across the state, the running community is extremely supportive of this project," De Carolis said. "The pieces are there to enable us to be successful both within the Pac-10 and nationally over the long haul."

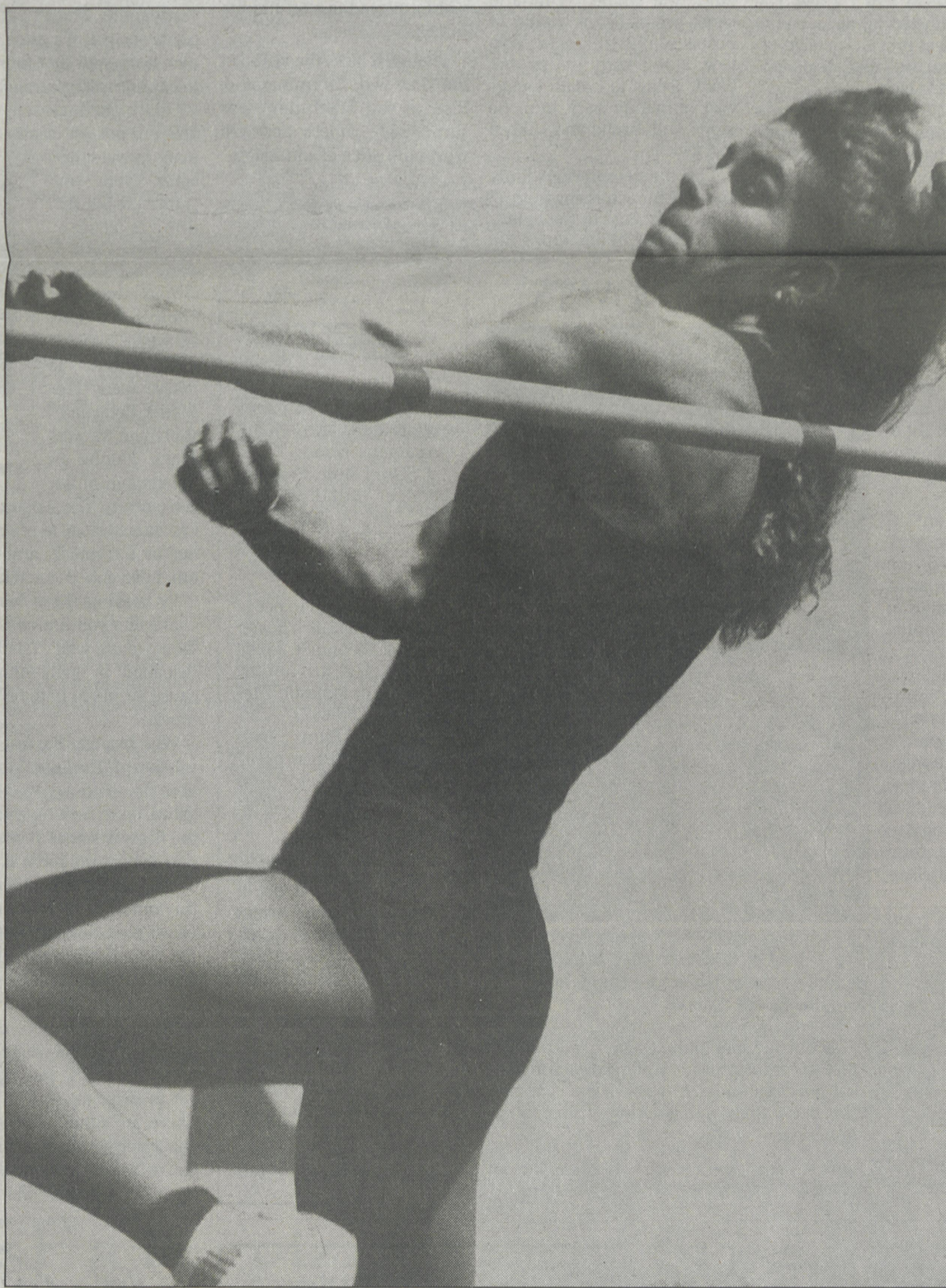
Numerous factors were considered when it came down to choosing a new sport, such as financial concerns, competition and regards to Title IX. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination by schools that receive federal funding.

"One of the big things was the recruiting pool for a potential sport," De Carolis said. "There's a wealth of running talent in high schools in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest."

"Also the profile of the middle- and long-distance runner is that many of those students choose to go into natural resource studies or engineering, and those are two fields in which Oregon State University has some of the nation's best programs," De Carolis said. "It makes it an attractive package to a student athlete."

The new addition will also help keep OSU in conforming with NCAA rules which requires Division I-A schools must sponsor at least 16 varsity sports, eight of which must be women's sports. Currently OSU sponsors eight women's sports and seven men's sports.

OSU previously sponsored women's track and field and cross



Former Oregon State track star Kim Fenton was the Beavers last female competitor in track and field when she high jumped at the NCAA championships in 1988.

country teams from 1975 to 1988, the same year the university added men's and women's soccer.

Currently Oregon State is the only Pac-10 school without a women's track and field program and cross country program. With the new

addition OSU will be forced to jump into what could be the most competitive track and cross country programs in the nation. In the 2002-2003 season UCLA finished in eighth place at the NCAA championships, while Stanford was one point behind fin-

ishing in ninth place. Overall, five Pac-10 athletes stood atop the medal stand at the NCAA championships.

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Oh, that Raising Reser

The 2000-2001 football season set precedence in the Pac-10 and returned Oregon State University athletics to their spot back at the NCAA dinner table.

We didn't have to drive Interstate 5 giving inappropriate hand gestures to cars labeled with a giant green "O." Beaver Pride was all over the Pacific Northwest, beginning what some called Beaver Nation.

In the past few years Oregon

JOHN CHASE

State University finally has been able to build on that popularity with the hopes of a new Reser Stadium. The new project, according to OSU's official website, is going to be completed sometime around 2005.

Currently Reser holds about 35,000 seats, which puts OSU as one of the smallest football stadiums in the Pac-10. The new Reser Stadium is projected to hold up to 55,000 seats.

Overall it is an 80 million dollar project. 28 million of the total sum is to come from fund raising through Oregon State departments while state bonds will be used to fund the remaining amount. On June 17, OSU's athletic department reported nine million has been raised and the entire goal of 28 million should be reached by late 2004.

What the papers and press releases don't tell you about this matter is the controversy that surrounds this fund raising effort. Why are we building a stadium if we can't even pay off what we are presently building? Currently the university is working on many multi-million dollar projects; Dixon Rec center, Weatherford Hall, the new Kelly Engineering Complex, not to mention the majestic chain link that surrounds the Education Building (and we don't even know when those projects will finish).

What most people don't know is that our "self-sufficient" athletic program is currently about 8 million dollars in debt. We have so many projects going on, do we really need to be asking our already financially sought-after alumni for more funds? Is the concept of Rais-

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