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## Graduate students may face visa credit woes

► Withdrawals or incomplete grades could force students out of the U.S.

By JESSICA BOWRON  
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International students at OSU may have a new hurdle in their graduate studies. Depending on the number of incompletes and withdrawals on their transcript, they may have to prove to U.S. immigration officials that they are making progress toward their degree objective.

The Department of Homeland Security was created after September 11th. Under their juris-

diction, Special Registration was initiated.

According to the Department of Homeland Security website, special registration is "a system that will let the government keep track of nonimmigrants that come to the U.S. every year."

They estimate that there are 35 million non-immigrants that come to the U.S. every year, some of which are required to register with immigration authorities and use designated ports when they leave the country.

Currently not all nonimmigrants are required to attend Special Registration, but citizens or nationals from countries such as

Morocco, Iran, Indonesia and Kuwait are.

International graduate students from any of the countries required to participate in Special Registration may experience problems if, while being reviewed, their transcripts show any withdrawals or incompletes.

For graduate students focused on a research project, the current method of grading may be to give an incomplete until the project is completely finished and some incompletes may remain on the transcript permanently.

This can result in problems when students' transcripts are reviewed by immigration officials, who are checking to make sure the

students are making satisfactory progress toward their degree objective.

When an international student applies to a graduate program at OSU, they must not only demonstrate their scholastic achievement but also sufficient financial resources for the desired academic program.

If they are admitted to OSU, a student receives a certificate of eligibility, which is taken to the U.S. Embassy when they apply for a student visa.

Once the students arrive in the U.S., they

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## High school students camp at OSU

► Students from all over will come to OSU to learn about student media

By SHANNON SNOW  
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Oregon State University will be offering a three-day workshop on campus for high school seniors, juniors and faculty advisors this week August 6-8. The camp will focus on student media and those involved will be coming from all over the country including Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Alaska and California.

The event is co-hosted by Josten's Yearbook Company, the OSU Media Department and Northwest Scholastic Press.

Dr. Frank Ragulsky, director of OSU student media, is the founder of the workshop and this year's program director.

Each year, Josten's brings a team of representatives from Oregon, artists and teachers to help students get the most out of the workshop.

This annual event was designed to give practical instruction in organization and development of high school newspapers and yearbooks. This will be the 20th year of the

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KACY KIZER | BAROMETER PHOTO EDITOR

Participants in a three-day student media workshop enjoy the music of The Carolines at Escape. The workshop, now in its 20th year, brought in high schoolers from all over the country.

## Congressman inflamed by budget cuts

► DeFazio voiced disappointment when emergency funding was cut

By JUSTIN LACCHE  
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Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) is afraid area firefighting efforts are getting burned when it comes to emergency federal funding. Republicans say DeFazio is merely sending smoke signals.

DeFazio spoke to the media through his Washington, D.C. office July 29, the very same day the House of Representatives decided to remove \$289 million of an emergency bill previously approved.

The Congressman warned that by the first week of August, Forest Service officials will find the well of funding dried up.

When DeFazio heard the news, he immediately contacted the media saying that leaving funding bone dry will only burn future efforts to save lives and fight wildfires. Safety officials also stress that the most severe portion of the wildfire season is still to come.

"In seven days, the Forest Service will run out of money to fight the 426 major fires currently burning in the West," DeFazio said in his media release.

"According to the Republican Majority, battling the fires that threaten our homes and forests is not an emergency. This is an insult to the communities in jeopardy and the men and women putting their lives at risk to fight these fires."

The Fiscal Year 2003 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act includes more than \$983 million for disaster relief activities of the Federal

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## Skate Across America rolls into action in Newport

► Skateboarders will travel from Oregon to Virginia for Lowe Syndrome and record

By STACY AUSTIN  
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Skate Across America is a 2,900 mile cross-country skateboarding

trek raising funds for the Lowe Syndrome Association.

Skate Across America started August 2 in Newport, Oregon and is scheduled to end on August 20 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The team is skateboarding in three mile-long legs in relay race form. The team will be accompanied by an RV. Jack Smith is the organizer and

lead skater of the team. He recently lost his 14-year-old son, Jack Marshall Smith, due to complications of Lowe Syndrome.

"My son has been an incredible inspiration to myself and many others whose lives he has touched," Smith said in an interview. "This is my chance to pay him back for all that he has taught me."

Lowe Syndrome is a rare hereditary, genetic condition that only occurs in males and causes physical and mental handicaps as well as other medical conditions including kidney problems and Glaucoma.

Joe Beck, from Portland, is riding from Oregon to Idaho. He works at

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## Russian faculty vacations at OSU doing research

► Sakhalin State University faculty are visiting classes and conferences

By DEBORAH ZAHLER  
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Two faculty members from Sakhalin State University will be spending their summer vacation time at OSU.

Irina Balitskaya, head of the English language department at Sakhalin State University in Russia, and Tatiana Shapovalova, associate English professor, are visiting Oregon State University on exchange for

research from July 24 to August 13.

Shapovalova teaches English and specializes in distance learning, especially computer assisted language testing and Balitskaya is conducting research in comparing higher education in Russia.

This is the first visit to the United States for both Shapovalova and Balitskaya. The two have attended classes, attended a conference and have spent much time at the Valley Library for their research.

Balitskaya and Shapovalova have attended a political philosophy class given by Andrew Wallace and comparative politics taught by Sarah Henderson. The Russians were able

to share their experiences and impressions with students.

"We have had a lot of great impressions. American students are very active during the lesson and they are not afraid to express their own opinions," Balitskaya said. "The relationships between students and teachers (in Russia) are more formal."

On August 5 the two gave a presentation on education policy in Russia.

In Russia, teachers are addressed by first and last name and students remain in the same group for their five years of study.

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JUSTIN RUNQUIST | BAROMETER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Irina Balitskaya and Tatiana Shapovalova, faculty members from Sakhalin State University in Russia, are visiting Oregon State University on exchange for research this summer.



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# NEWSREEL

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## WORLD

### Israeli-Palestinian leaders' summit canceled

JERUSALEM (AP) — A planned summit between the Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers fell apart Tuesday as a U.S.-backed peace plan hit a rough patch over a Palestinian shooting attack and Israeli plans for a limited prisoner release.

The Palestinians reacted with scorn over Israel's announcement that it would release 440 Palestinian prisoners Wednesday. The Palestinians want more freed and say the list contains few long-serving detainees.

In protest, they called off a summit set for Wednesday between premier Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Palestinian sources said.

Israeli sources, also speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the talks were canceled. They denied Israeli media reports that the Israeli side pulled out of the meeting because of the shooting attack, which wounded four Israelis.

Sharon and Abbas last met July 20, before having separate talks with President Bush in Washington aimed at pushing forward the "road map" peace plan, which has stalled over the prisoner issue and demands for a Palestinian crackdown on militants.

Palestinian legislator Saeb Erekat called for U.S. intervention to avert "the development of a major crisis" in the peace process. He said the only way to defuse the crisis was "with the intervention of the American administration to ensure the implementation of the first phase of the road map."

Sunday night's shooting ambush of an Israeli car near Bethlehem was the latest violence to mar a cease-fire by Palestinian militants declared June 29. It also was the first attack in the Bethlehem area since Israel handed the town over to Palestinian security a month ago under the peace plan.

### Activists call for gay rights to be included in treaties

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Gay activists demanded homosexual rights be included in international human rights treaties and asked the United Nations to provide equal benefits to same-sex couples.

Speakers at a panel discussion Monday evening organized by the U.N. alliance of gay, lesbian or bisex-

ual employees said homosexuals have made great progress in winning equal rights and fair treatment but warned that discrimination is still widespread.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said there is strong support for adopting the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gender people as part of the U.N. doctrine of human rights, which sets the standards worldwide.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who briefly attended the symposium at U.N. headquarters, stressed the need for more tolerance and said he had heard the "message about rights," although he did not specifically mention gays or lesbians.

## NATION

### Pumping oil into government reserve may increase prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration's decision to buy oil for the government's emergency reserve is contributing to tight supplies and higher energy prices, some economists and congressional Democrats contend.

The Energy Department discounts the impact of the purchases, nearly 11 million barrels since the beginning of May, while a number of oil traders say other factors have had more of an impact.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., urged Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham on Tuesday to immediately suspend the oil shipments into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve "until the price of oil falls from its current high levels and the private sector inventories increase."

"This administration's actions to fill the SPR regardless of the price of oil or the amount of oil available to the commercial sector is a major reason for these high (crude) prices," Levin, the ranking member of the Senate Governmental Affairs investigations subcommittee, wrote Abraham.

Energy Department spokesman Joe Davis responded: "The vast majority of Americans realize that insuring the SPR is key to our energy and national security. That's why there is bipartisan support to fill the reserve" to its 700 million-barrel capacity.

Last week, the Energy Department's statistical agency said stocks rebounded slightly because of a boost in imports, but remained 37 million barrels, or nearly 12 percent,

below the five-year average and 30 million barrels below what they were at the same time a year ago.

### USDA puts chemical making crops under restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies must now get permits to grow crops genetically engineered to make chemical compounds for items like laundry detergent, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday, and department inspectors will frequently visit the crops.

Cindy Smith, a deputy administrator of biotech regulation for the agency, said that a new rule to be released Wednesday will include oversight of crops that make industrial products.

"The government will inspect these field tests much more often than the typical food and feed field tests, as well as audit company records of those field tests," said Smith.

Inspectors will visit each test site at least seven times during the growing season, she said.

The government has allowed the use of genetically engineered crops mostly for food and animal feed. The new rule addresses newer crops now being developed to produce industrial compounds that can be used to manufacture household goods, plastics and chemicals.

Until now, companies growing industrial crops simply had to notify federal officials before planting. The food industry and watchdog groups complained that there was too little oversight.

Smith said the new regulations will require an unplanted, 50-foot-deep perimeter around industrial crops to ensure they don't cross-pollinate with neighboring plants. Biotech farmers also will have to plant the industrial crops at least one mile away from food crops and dedicate farm equipment for only cultivating, maintaining and harvesting them.

## STATE

### Sheriff may know identity of Mount Hood remains

GOVERNMENT CAMP (AP) — Detectives believe they have identified skeletal remains discovered last weekend in Zig Zag Canyon on Mount Hood, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office said Tuesday.

The person's identity will not be

released until the state Medical Examiner's Office completes a full exam and family members are notified, according to a statement from the sheriff's office. That could take up to a week, officials said.

Search crews discovered the remains Saturday as 150 people fanned out on the mountain to search for the body of Fred Frauens, 49, who disappeared while snowshoeing on March 2.

Detectives at first thought the remains were Frauens', but later said they weren't.

Only three people are known to be missing on Mount Hood — Frauens, Kenneth Budlong and Karoly Janos Orsi — but the sheriff's office said Tuesday the remains belonged to a person who has not been searched for before.

The person was not a victim of foul play, the statement said.

Budlong, a 45-year-old Nike executive, disappeared in 1995 during a solo climb of Mount Hood.

Orsi, a Hungarian exchange student who was living in Salem, disappeared during a day hike in 2001.

### Lebanon girl injured by lightning strike

LEBANON (AP) — An 8-year-old girl was struck by lightning early Tuesday while sleeping in a tent near her grandparents' house, Lebanon Fire Marshal Mark Wilson said.

The girl, whose identity was not released, was taken to Lebanon Community Hospital and was then transported by ambulance to Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Wilson said.

He declined to discuss the extent of her injuries.

The girl was in the tent with other family members when lightning struck the top of a tree about 20 feet from the campsite, Wilson said. The electricity traveled down the tree, into the ground and into the tent, he said.

Other family members were sleeping on air mattresses and were not hit, Wilson said.

## UNIVERSITIES

### Federal international student database survives data flood

BERKELEY, Calif. — (U-WIRE) Despite early concerns that a federal government database tracking international students could collapse

under the strain of hundreds of thousands of entries for the fall semester, the database's survival of last Friday's registration deadline brought a sigh of relief.

Created to keep tabs on international students in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, experienced no serious glitches Friday and should hold up through fall registration, said Ted Goode, University of California-Berkeley director of services for International Students and Scholars.

The database provides personal information including the addresses and majors of international students to the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Service, formerly known as the Immigration Naturalization Services.

—By Alexandra May  
Daily Californian (Berkeley)

### Oregon Secretary of State explores 'Computer Harvest'

EUGENE — (U-WIRE) Computer waste in landfills is an overwhelming problem nationwide, and people should continue promoting the proper recycling of e-waste, Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury said Monday.

Bradbury visited campus to learn about the University of Oregon's Computer Harvest program and how it could be implemented more widely.

The 2-year-old Computer Harvest program "demanufactures" and recycles old computers on campus. University Environmental Manager Nick Williams said that through the program, the University saved 6.5 tons of cathode-ray tube glass, five tons of metal and miles of wire from landfills.

Now, Bradbury and university staff hope the idea can be expanded to all of Oregon's communities.

"We can learn from what's being done here at a state level," Bradbury said.

Smith said that, according to 2002 statistics, more than 70 percent of obsolete computers were thrown in landfills.

While monitors and computers are made of numerous parts, only some are recyclable. Most of the plastic used in the older computers cannot be recycled in the United States.

—By Ayisha Yahya  
Oregon Daily Emerald (U. Oregon)

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## Shakespeare act shows on campus

► "As You Like It" makes a showing at OSU at Withycombe Hall.

"As You Like It" will be this year's Shakespearean play on the Oregon State University stage. For the past five summers, OSU has offered other plays by the Bard including "All's Well That Ends Well" and "Twelfth Night."

The play is a comedy about evil Duke Frederick who banishes his brother, Duke Senior, and takes his land. Rosalind, Duke Senior's daughter, decides to go to her father in the Forest of Arden. The road is filled with many dangerous characters and she must dress as a man.

"As You Like It" stars Peter Mello, John Carone and Amber Pepper as Rosalind. Tickets for the show are \$10 for general admission, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for students and they may be reserved at the University Theatre box office.

## Deportation: Could be forced to leave U.S.

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must go through inspection. If a student is admitted, they must maintain their visa status. For international graduate students at OSU, the requirement is nine credits per term.

The Office of International Education and the Graduate School work closely together to coordinate policies for international graduate students.

Students have an academic advisor, and the Office of International Education also employs three International Student Advisors to help students make sure their requirements are being met.

R. Bruce Rettig, associate dean of the OSU Graduate School, has solution proposals to the requirement issue.

The first was to break the project into components and grade each part

separately. By setting a goal at the beginning of the term, there would be a letter grade at the end of the year. Another method could be to use Pass/ No Pass grading for the project.

If a student fails to meet the obligations of their visa, they are considered "out of status," and must be reinstated. This can result in being forced to not only leave OSU, but the United States.

International graduate students may have up to three terms of less than full-time enrollment, whether they began the term with less than nine credits, or received an incomplete or withdrawal in the course.

If they are on an assistantship, either research or teaching, they must be registered for at least 12 credits.

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## Skate: Still looking for pledges

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Daddies Board Shop in northeast Portland.

Dan Loveland, owner of Daddies Board Shop, says "the whole idea is pretty wild."

"It takes serious commitment, ability, time and money."

Loveland and Smith started out in a business setting. Loveland carries Bahne Skateboards, a product owned by Smith, in his store.

Loveland recently held a Slalom Skateboard Race in Vancouver to raise funds and spread awareness in conjunction with Smith's cause.

Loveland set up two lanes with cones, and had riders weave through them. The event was judged by time. People were encouraged to give money, and \$525 was donated to The Lowe Syndrome Association.

Smith raised \$15,000 for The Multiple Sclerosis Society in 1984, when he made a similar cross-country trek.

Smith, along with friends

Paul Dunn, Bob Denike and Gary Fluit set the world skateboard distance record when they completed the transcontinental skate in 26 days.

This summer, Nick Krest, Scott Kam, Josh Maready and Smith are attempting to set a new world record by making the trek in less than three weeks.

Smith agrees that this time will be a lot harder.

The team is still seeking sponsors for the trek. All proceeds generated from pledges will be donated to The Lowe Syndrome Association.

There are two ways to make a pledge. One way is to donate a specific amount. The second way is to pledge a certain amount per mile.

Interested participants may pledge by way of Paypal by donating to skatecrossamerica2003@yahoo.com, or mail in the donation.

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## Newspaper: Students get glimpse of campus life at Oregon State

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OSU/Jostens Yearbook Workshop.

According to Ragulsky, the program gives students "a real experience of what college life is like and what OSU has to offer in excellent facilities."

"The goal is to have some fun while they are here," Ragulsky said. "We have a band on Tuesday night in Escape and on Wednesday, we are taking them to the OSU play, 'As You Like It.'"

While at the camp, the participating

students will get a feel for the university and a glimpse of what it's like to live on campus. The high schoolers will be staying in one of the residence halls, the men on the second floor and the women on floors three through five.

Last year, more than 300 participants arrived to work on their skills and learn more to help improve a yearbook or high school newspaper. This is one of the largest workshops offered that works with a university and a printing company.

Participants must pay an entrance fee of \$250 which is due by June 15th and there is no late registration available. Photographers have to pay an extra \$40 and pre-enrollment is required. Information about academic credit, program details, meals and lodging is available from Ragulsky, 541-737-3374.

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## DeFazio: Fire suppression funding is down to \$350 million this year

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Emergency Management Agency, but zero funding to fight wildfires, DeFazio's aids said.

"The definition of insanity is repeating an action over and over again and expecting a different outcome each time," DeFazio said. "Every year, Congress underfunds the Forest Service firefighting budget, and every year they have to drain their fuel reduction funds, ensuring they won't have the resources to complete the work that will prevent future fires."

However, some Republicans say DeFazio isn't telling the whole story. Especially in reference to Michael D. Brown, under secretary of the Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response, who announced 450 grants to fire departments throughout the U.S. on July 25.

Four communities in Oregon received grants including Dundee, Eagle Point, Jacksonville and Veneta.

This announcement represents almost \$27 million for fire departments, and is

the largest announcement to date in 2003 in support of America's firefighters as first responders in the neighborhoods and communities they serve, Brown said.

"I'm pleased to announce 450 fire departments will receive their much needed funding this week," Brown said.

Last year, \$1.6 billion was spent to fight wildfires. This fiscal year, congress has appropriated \$350 million for fire suppression, DeFazio said.

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## Russians: Russian schools are expanding curriculum constantly

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The education system in Russia has undergone changes in the last 15 years. New departments have appeared, there are new standards, students learn more about other countries and there are now opportunities for students to go abroad.

"Russia has been changing. A lot of Russian people go abroad. A lot of people go to work in other countries," Balitskaya said.

"There has been more interactive learning," Shapovalova said. "Project work has become popular. I think it was taken from the American system."

Some of the more signifi-

cant changes in the Russian educational system included more diversity of standards and texts.

"Everything was the same years ago. All schools, all regions followed the same standards of education," Balitskaya said. "(The schools) used the same books. Now a lot of schools use American text books."

The curriculum has also been expanded to include social studies and applied economics.

The most notable difference between OSU and SSU is size. Sakhalin State University has six buildings and roughly 3,000 students. They have neither athletic equipment nor the facilities.

"Student unions are not as strong," Balitskaya said.

In 2000, Sakhalin State University established ties with Brent Steel, associate professor in political science, to create a collaborative program with Oregon State University.

Balitskaya and Shapovalova attended an international conference given by Steel and were later invited to OSU.

The exchange is made possible by the National Security Education Grant (2000-2004) to support undergraduate environmental science, social science and health policy research in Russia, in addition to Japan, China, Thailand, Vietnam and South Africa.

Exchange is an option for both students and teachers.

For more information about the exchange program with Russia contact Marit Legler or Sarah Henderson, or visit [osu.orst.edu/international/oie/irup.htm](http://osu.orst.edu/international/oie/irup.htm)

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## EDITORIAL

### Yeas & Nays

**Yea** to Beaver football media day, and the official start of the 2003 season. The best reason to wake and drink is steadily inching closer by the moment.

**Nay** to the Oregon Ducks football team. Sure, the season is still weeks away, but the time for talking smack has already begun.

**Yea** to Hilary Clinton appearing in Portland to sign books. Now that she's visited, she should have just enough Oregon citizenship to be our next senator.

**Nay** to Bill Clinton for not writing his book yet. Nothing better than a good political memoir with a subtle hint of "Penthouse Forum."

**Yea** to America for not going to see "Gigli" over the weekend. Piracy will no longer be an issue if Hollywood keeps pumping out this kind of garbage.

**Nay** to the J.Lo backlash that is taking place. Come on, can't we just focus on Ben Affleck and leave that sweet rump out of the equation?

**Yea** to those entertaining local commercials. The question is whether these things bring in business, or drive them away screaming.

**Nay** to John Basedow, his line of "Fitness Made Simple" videos and the commercials that come with them. His chiseled frame and tiny head not only look unnatural, but they are now showing up in our nightmares.

**Yea** to VH1's 200 "Greatest Pop Icons." Sure, you've seen each episode three times, but think of how much useless information you're retaining!

**Nay** to VHI for their somewhat questionable ranking system. Bob Marley in the 180's? Oprah number one? And where the hell was the Commish?

**Yea** to Colin Powell for confirming he would not return for Bush's second term, should there be one. Good call, get out before all the indictments come.

**Nay** to Mr. Powell for deciding to leave. Faith ... in government ... decreasing ....

**Yea** to Monday Night Football and the addition of babe-a-liscious sideline reporter Lisa Guerrero to the booth team of John Madden and Al Michaels. We didn't need another reason to watch football on a Monday night, but thanks anyway guys.

**Nay** to preseason NFL football. We're sick of the chips and salsa, bring on the main course already!

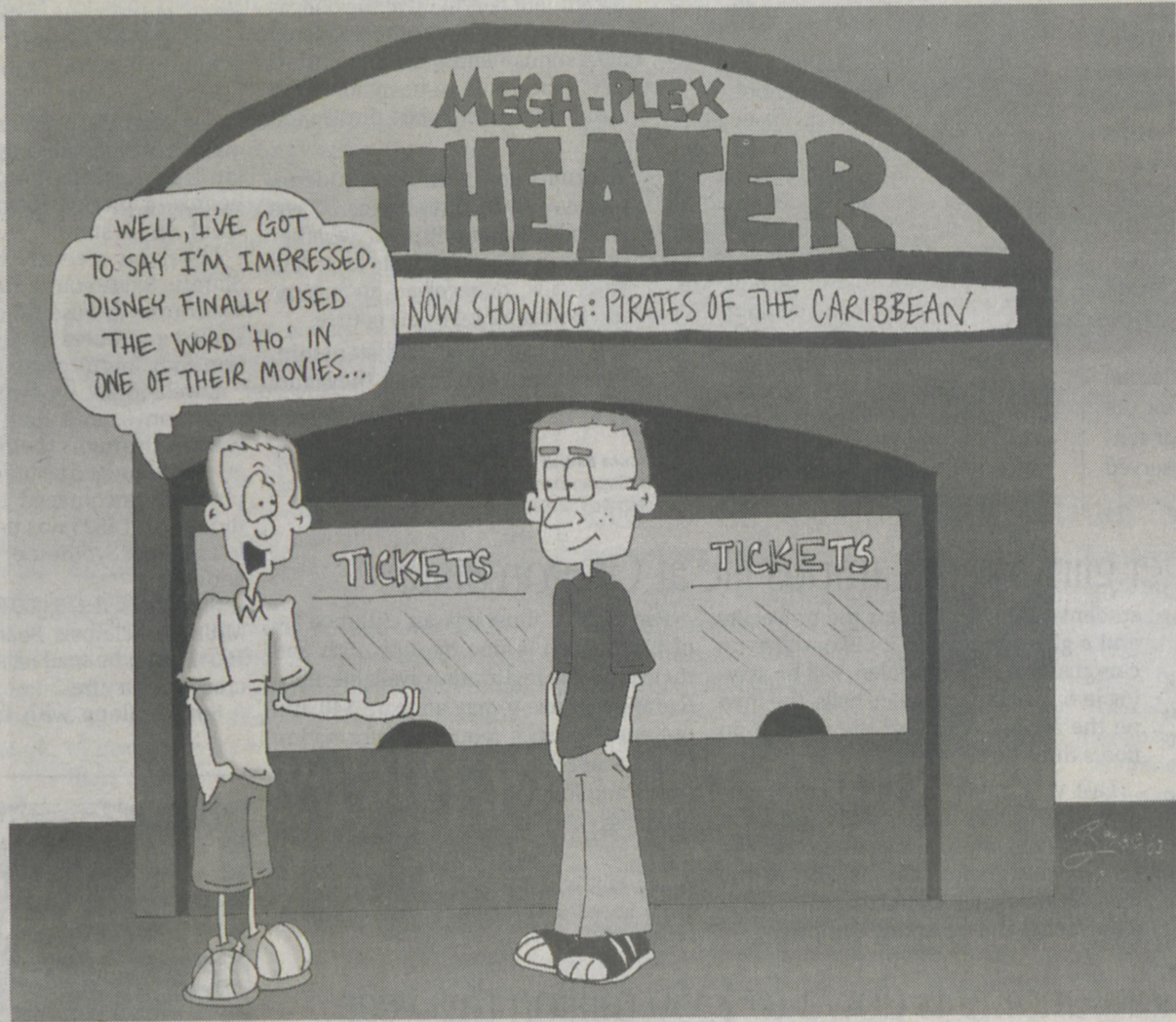
**Yea** to family reunions. Like your favorite gentlemen's club, the rule here is "all lookie, no touchie."

**Nay** to family reunions. It will be at least a year before you want to see all of those jerks again.

**Yea** to Terry Porter being named as head coach of the Milwaukee Bucks. It's only a matter of time before Kevin Duckworth gets a gig.

**Nay** to Mike Tyson for declaring bankruptcy. Without Mike's bucks, Don King could be next to declare. Only in America.

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.



## Step right up and place your bets

At first, I thought it was a joke. A parody, intended to mock the ineffectiveness of our intelligence agencies.

After all, the government wouldn't really let people profit off of terrorism, would they?

According to a plan revealed by Senators last week, that's just what the Department of Defense wanted to do.

Adm. John Poindexter, head of the office of Terrorism Information Awareness, proposed starting a futures market, intended to predict terrorist attacks by looking at what people bet on.

Possible scenarios included the assassination of Jordan's president, a biological weapons attack against U.S. troops and even a missile strike by North Korean president Kim Jong Il.

"Investors" could bet on if and when these events would occur, and profit if they happen to be correct.

Poindexter and the Department of Defense were prepared to put this system into effect by October until public outcry stopped it in its tracks, and forced Poindexter to resign.

Although, thankfully, this program will not come to pass, it still leaves many questions about the government's war on terror.

First and foremost, why was Poindexter ever involved?

The last time most Americans heard about Adm. Poindexter was as the senior national security advisor to President Reagan.

As a member of Reagan's cabinet, he was deeply involved in the Iran-Contra scandal, which sold weapons to Iran — giving aid to the Contras in Nicaragua, who were fighting an

elected, leftist government.

These dealings went directly against the will of Congress, who had banned aid to the Contras.

As a result of the scandal, Poindexter was convicted of lying to Congress.

Although this conviction was overturned, due to a technicality involving his testimony, there was never any question that Poindexter had lied to Congress to further his own political ideals.

### ELIZABETH MEYER

Yet this is the man President Bush appointed to be head of an office with unprecedented powers.

Last year, the Office of Total Information Awareness was created.

The public was alarmed by this "1984-esque" sounding agency within the Pentagon, and equally alarmed that Poindexter was appointed to head it.

So, in a brilliant public relations act, the name was changed to the Office of Terrorist Information Awareness.

Since everyone agrees that terrorism is bad, an agency to collect information about them must be okay.

But a skunk by any other name still reeks, and anyone paying attention saw that nothing but the name of the office changed.

The federal government now had the power to collect and compile electronic information on Americans, including credit card records, library books — just about anything that leaves a paper trail — all in the name of fighting terrorism.

But a terror act like September 11 wasn't caused because law enforce-

ment didn't have enough information about potential terrorists.

According to the recent report released by the 9-11 commission, the hijackers were on several watch lists.

However, nobody coordinated the watch lists, and the FBI and CIA didn't know they were watching the same people.

More information won't prevent another attack. Using the information we already have might.

Giving up our right to privacy won't make us safer, we'll just have less privacy.

But talk of this sort is unpatriotic in the new America, so the Bush administration went full speed ahead with the Office of Total, I mean, Terrorist Information Awareness — headed by a man that has a history of lying to Congress and the American people to get what he wants.

And all of this proceeded quietly, until Tuesday, when plans of the futures market exploded into public discourse.

That the government was considering allowing — no, condoning — profits made from terrorist attacks would be laughable if it weren't so frightening.

Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon was infuriated, stating, "the idea of a federal betting parlor on atrocities and terrorism is ridiculous and it's grotesque."

Already, terrorism is seen as something distant.

A constant threat, but, at the same time, something that is almost surreal.

There is a sense of dread hanging over anyone who watches the news

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## Marriage, defined

Last week President Bush was given an opportunity of historic proportions.

With a tenure tainted by national economic hardship and missing weapons of mass destruction, the president passed up a chance to walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther King or John F. Kennedy.

He turned his head from compassion and looked to the polls.

Bush defined marriage and in the process ostracized millions of Americans.

### MIKE NIERENGARTEN

Following suit, the Vatican made public its grievances with gay marriage and adoption.

The ever-hypocritical Roman Catholic Church stands tall behind pedophilic priests but condemns specific consensual sex.

The same money picked up by collection plates throughout the globe that pays to teach the immoralities of homosexuality also goes to defend and cover up the molestation of little boys.

The Vatican further denounces gay adoption.

In its document titled, Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons, the Church stated that allowing gays to adopt children "would actually mean doing violence to these children."

The extent of this "violence" may include a little harassment in grade school for having two mommies, but the possibility of serious damage to the child is minimal.

The tumultuous experience of maturing in a loving gay family would pale in comparison to growing up with physical abuse.

Only a short time ago, the Catholic Church supported belts and yardsticks as tools to mold young children.

Why leadership in our country refuses to take risks escapes me.

Public appeal is not difficult to achieve.

For example, Portland's Z100 waits until a song is immensely popular before playing it, and not surprisingly their ratings remain high.

Our politicians and religious leaders are acting in the same fashion.

They are reiterating society's norms simply to maintain their approval ratings.

In order for our society to progress, we need to change.

Gay marriage is a logical next step and needs to become an acceptable aspect of our culture.

Other areas of the country recognize the union of homosexual couples.

A number of Fortune 500 companies extend benefits to the "spouses" of gay employees.

Advertisers acknowledge the buying power of gay couples and are

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# Animals take a bite out of politics

► Welsh quintet bash Blair and Bush with their latest effort *Phantom Power*

By **JASON M. VAN LOH**  
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

Britain has long established itself as a rock innovator. And while mega-bands such as Radiohead and Blur continue to sell millions of albums based on reputation alone, the best of U.K. music has remained overshadowed.

One such band is Super Furry Animals.

Their recent album *Phantom Power* is what Radiohead's *Hail to the Thief* should have been. It is a sonic masterpiece of harmonious melodies and an ambient sound that slams British and U.S. foreign policy.

Most Americans will never hear Mogwai or Travis, and few will know the name Massive Attack without ever owning an album.

So while Blur and Radiohead continue their slide into further artistic obscurity, alienating fans in the process, bands like Super Furry Animals continue to toil away, creating some great rock.

Never heard of Super Furry Animals? The Welsh quintet has been a U.K. sensation for half a decade.

In this case, the lack of typical British

subtlety is a good attribute. Super Furry Animals do not hold back the blows as they hammer questions of going to war, consumerism and what price we pay for security.

The opening track, "Hello Sunshine," seems to plead for some optimism, a more positive approach in times when most people seem to feel down.

From "Liberty Belle" through the rest of the album, the optimistic energy is turned toward criticism of current events. This is an album that protests the Iraq war and globalization with passion. "Liberty Belle is ringing across the sea / And everyone sings along / Though she's singing way out of key," opens the second track. "You know we're digging to hell / Right down our oil wells," goes the chorus.

For some, this kind of evaluation by a rock band might seem off base. Of course, Super Furry Animals would probably not claim to be political pundits so the science of their politics is easy to question.

This is part of what makes this album worth the time, however. People expect

furry animals to be cute and cuddly — until they get bitten or kicked in the head.

That is precisely why Super Furry Animals' approach works.

The harmonies created with lead singer Gruff Rhys' voice are matched by the soothing sounds of strings.

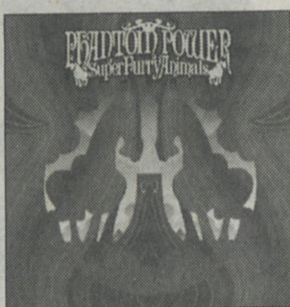
Some of the tracks, such as "Father Father #1," are backed by the warm tones of a horn section, à la the Dandy Warhols.

At times the harmony, strings and horns are so cheery that a few of the songs verge on being corny. This includes track six, which is an almost creepy ode to Venus and Serena Williams, the sister tennis stars.

The tranquility of music makes you almost forget to listen to the words. This is how Super Furry Animals hide their fangs.

So no matter what your political bent, Super Furry Animals have created an album that surpasses both Radiohead and Blur's recent albums for listenability and political edginess.

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**Super Furry Animals**  
*Phantom Power*  
Beggars XI Recording  
Grade: A-

# Expoding Hearts missed throughout the Northwest

By **NICOLE DECOSTA**  
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The accident was two weeks ago, but to families and fans the reality will always live on. Three members of the rising Portland pop-punk band Exploding Hearts were killed in a rollover accident on Interstate 5 returning home from Eugene on July 20.

Lead singer Adam Cox, 23, bassist Matthew Fitzgerald, 20, and drummer Jeremy Gage, 21, were ejected from their van when it lost control and rolled two times before its final resting place alongside the highway. Cox and Gage were pronounced dead at the scene and Fitzgerald, the driver, died shortly after arriving at the hospital, according to Oregon State Police.

The band's manager Rachelle Ramos, 35, and guitarist Terry Six, 21, were the only survivors escaping with minor injuries. Only Ramos was wearing a seat belt.

The band was returning home early Sunday from a Friday show at San Francisco's Bottom of the Hill nightclub when the accident occurred around 6 a.m. on I-5 North. Speed may have been the main factor. According to authorities, the van veered from the left lane through to the right when the driver lost control and tried to correct the vehicle, causing it to roll.

Rumored to revolutionize the pop-punk scene, Exploding Hearts will have to rely on their critically acclaimed debut album *Guitar Romantic*, released March



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Portland pop-punk upstarts Exploding Hearts were one of the best kept secrets in music before their July 20 accident.

24 to please fans. Seattle's punk label Dirt-nap Records hosts more information on their official website at [www.dirtnaprecs.com](http://www.dirtnaprecs.com). The band was currently preparing for their U.S. tour in September in support of the album.

News of the accident hit close to home. The band was loved by many.

"Jeremy Gage was always a talented musician ... all the way back in elementary school," OSU's Heather U'Ren stated. Some close friends in Portland had no comment when asked about the misfortune.

Their tragedy has been covered in such

publications as Rolling Stone, The Seattle Times and Willamette Weekly.

The Exploding Hearts can be visited online at [www.explodinghearts.com](http://www.explodinghearts.com) where message boards are flooded with loving memories and eulogies. MP3 downloads are also available.

The Northwest music scene will dearly miss the three very talented and prospective musicians. Just as their hit song states, "(You left me) Shattered."

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## Local Events

### Calendar

#### Wednesday August 6

- OSU Summer Choir, Benton Hall, OSU Campus, 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 737-4061
- Celtic Music Fest: Rebel Voices. Brick courtyard, MU Quad, on campus, noon. Free. Info: 737-4811
- Ego Machine. Fox & Firkin, 202 S.W. First St. 10 p.m.
- Lew Jones. The Beanery, 500 S.W. Second St. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 753-7442.
- OSU Summer Film Series: "Fight Club" (1999). Owen Hall 103, on campus. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 737-1470.

#### Thursday August 7

- William Shakespeare's "As You Like It!" OSU Theatre, Withycombe Hall, 30th and Campus Way, OSU Campus, 7:30 p.m. \$10 General, \$5 Student. Info: 737-2853
- Orange. Fox & Firkin, 202 S.W. First St. 10 p.m.

#### Friday August 8

- William Shakespeare's "As You Like It!" OSU Theatre. 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday August 9

- William Shakespeare's "As You Like It!" OSU Theatre. 7:30 p.m.
- Courtesy Clerks. Fox & Firkin, 202 S.W. First St. 10 p.m.
- Gina Machovina. The Beanery, 500 S.W. Second St. 8 p.m. Free. 753-7442.

#### Sunday August 10

- Acoustic Blues Jam. Fox & Firkin, 202 S.W. First St. 6 p.m.

# Eve 6 is back in your head

By **STEPHEN ARTHUR**  
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Once again the music scene incarnates itself as the pop-sopped soundtrack for the millions of teenagers' unforgettable summer experiences, and it should come as no surprise that Eve 6 will most likely settle their way into these heart warming moments with their latest release, *It's All In Your Head*.



**Eve 6**  
*It's All In Your Head*  
RCA Records  
Grade: B

Like many other successful summertime pop rock bands Eve 6 has a distinct edge when

it comes to identifying with their audience, which is that all of them are still in their early twenties and have been on national airwaves since they were teens themselves.

Early fame and fortune has not always proved kind to the Eve 6'ers, but after clearing some indecent exposure troubles, frontman Max Collins and the gang went back to the studio and set out to climb back into the number one spot of TRL. Fortunately,

one spot of TRL. Fortunately, | See EVE 6, page 6 |

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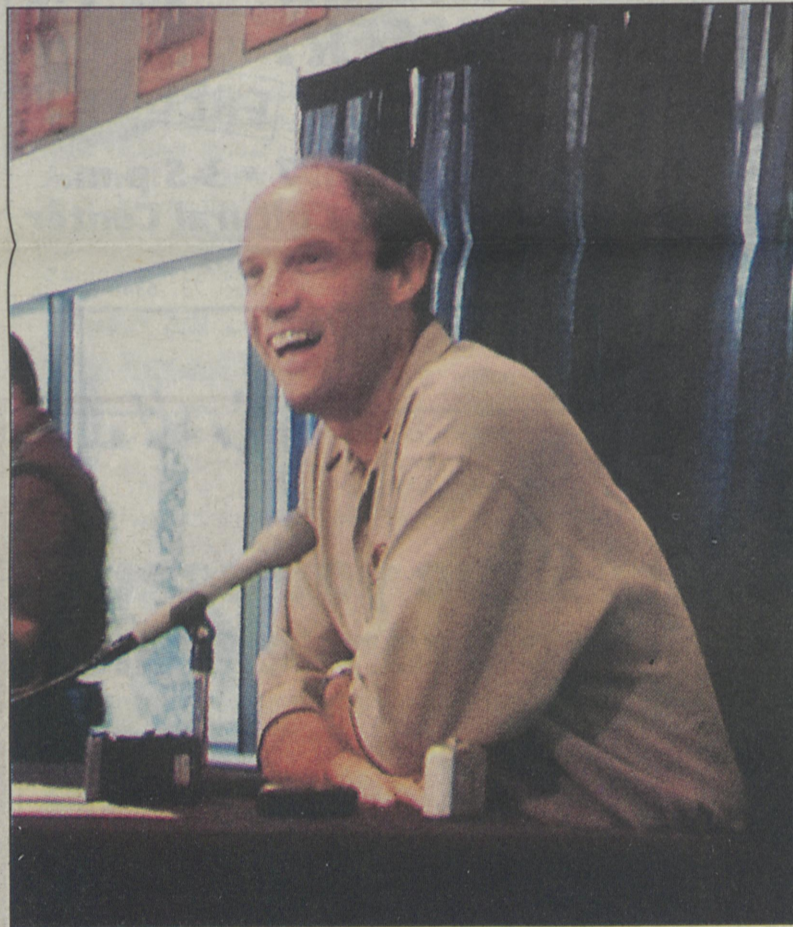
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**"We are looking for a Pac-10 title, personally I think one or two losses would be too many."**

— Oregon State tailback Steven Jackson on the upcoming 2003 football season.

## We're going camping!



Top left: Quarterback Derek Anderson works out with the team Monday afternoon on the opening day of fall camp. Top Right: Tail back Steven Jackson talks with radio personality Mike Parker during Media Day. Jackson is expected to be one of the top running backs of the Pac-10 conference. Bottom Left: Mike Riley answers questions for the media Monday afternoon before the teams first practice. Bottom Right: Junior tight end Pat Loney makes a run during the Beavers first practice in front of a crowd Monday afternoon.

### ► Oregon State's football team kicks off their 2003 season this week

By TASHA RASSULI  
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Richard Seigler sat calmly as he answered questions regarding the fresh new defense.

James Newson proudly showcased his works while wearing a T-shirt of himself while Steven Jackson enlightened the crowd of reporters promising them a prosperous season. And while all questions of the 2003 Beaver football team where being answered, nothing seemed more apparent than the second coming of the Mike Riley era beginning it's second run at Oregon State.

Oregon State's football team officially began their season with a bang Monday afternoon with the opening of fall camp. The freshman were able to take on Corvallis for the first time, while the rest of the returning squad prepared themselves for the hopes

of a second consecutive winning season.

"A lot of hard work has been put in and a lot of ground work has been laid," said senior tight end Tim Euhus. "I think we have a lot of coming together to do during fall camp and we kind of have to get the chemistry going again."

Part of building the new chemistry is the transition to the new coaching staff of Mike Riley. Riley had no problem sharing his excitement about being back for his second time around in Corvallis and being ready to take on the new challenge of producing a winning team.

"It's a great day in Beaver Nation," said Riley. "It's exciting to start fall camp. This is a major part of the season; I really feel training camp sets the tone for the entire season."

Riley does have a lot to be excited about. Despite the loss of several key defensive members from last season, the Beavers bring back an impressive array of ball stoppers including the likes of seniors Dwan Edwards and Seigler.

Offensively, Oregon State is as good as it could ever be. Junior quarterback Derek Anderson will be back ready to snap for the Beavers.

"Derek Anderson will be a major part of our success," said Riley. "The first thing everybody will be looking at from Derek is the natural improvement he will make from his first year as a starter to his second year."

"The one thing people forget is he had among the most productive years any Oregon State quarterback has ever had," said Riley.

Tailback Jackson makes a return back for his third season as the Beavers leading rusher promising to be bigger and better than last season, and from the looks of it, Jackson has already given himself a run for his own money. In 2002 Jackson broke the Beavers' school record for rushing with 1,690 and is ready to put the rumors to rest that he might not be able to surpass his own record.

"I want to prove everybody wrong," said Jackson. "I think a lot of

people think we are going to be mediocre and that last year was a fluke because nobody knew who I was. That is just making me more determined."

Despite the discussion of Jackson and the Beavers success for 2003 a certain talk is not being ignored: Jackson and his run as a Heisman Trophy candidate.

"I think we need some new hardware around here," said Jackson. "Terry Baker was the last one and I'm not expecting the school to make a big push, but I'm expecting my teammates and I'm expecting the Pac-10."

With 22 days until the first game against Sacramento State, the Beavers will use the next few weeks to answer all the questions regarding their team.

"I'm excited about this team," said Riley. "I'm not a predictor, but I feel good about this team and I'm anxious to see where we can go".

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## West coast dominates

When the Los Angeles Lakers signed Gary Payton and Karl Malone, experts everywhere predicted a winning season and a cake walk to the NBA title. What these people failed to account for was that the rest of the Western Conference was about to get significantly better.

The Lakers have since signed the well traveled Horace Grant, but a

Chris Mathews



flurry of acquisitions has put the San Antonio Spurs back in championship discussions. After losing out on the Jason Kidd sweepstakes, the Spurs signed Radoslav Nesterovic, a legitimate center to replace David Robinson and someone who will benefit from Tim Duncan's double teams.

San Antonio then acquired the talented sharp shooter Hedo Turkoglu, who may lead the league in 3-pointers made, while also picking up the versatile Ron Mercer in the Turkoglu trade, along with Mr. Playoffs himself Robert Horry.

Then we have the Minnesota Timberwolves, who despite another first round loss, have reason to be optimistic. They acquired the gritty veteran Sam Cassell and former superstar Latrell Sprewell in a trade. Cassell will provide a true shot maker to add to Troy Hudon and Wally Szczerbiak. Sprewell will flourish in a situation where he does not have to be the go-to guy. During the summer, Minnesota also signed the perpetually disappointing Michael Olowokand who, with a little guidance from team leader Kevin Garnett and the benefit of not playing for the Clippers, could come around.

So who are the losers?

It is hard to consider the Phoenix Suns a loser in all of this, but the youthful Suns have found themselves further behind the West's top teams. Unless they can mature in a hurry, look for a first round exit.

Then there are our Portland Trail Blazers. Embarrassment to the state of Oregon, league whipping boy and perpetual loser in free agency acquisitions. After the Bob Whitsitt era of foolishly stockpiling talent, the Blazers have responded with an indecisive search for a new general manager and a complete lack of acquisitions proving once again that Pau Allen has no idea how to run a sports team.

How can the Blazers justify another season with Bonzi Wells and Rasheed Wallace? Perhaps they are banking on a big performance from Wallace in a contract year, but when was the last time Sheed ever did something that was expected of him?

By the way, they lost Scottie Pippen and Antonio Daniels, who though unimpressive last year on the court, were at least likeable.

Portland is not the only free agency loser so far. The Dallas Mavericks have done nothing. Dallas needs a legitimate post defender. In fact, they need a defender period. So unless they learn how to clone Dirk Nowitzki, they better make a few deals.

Want a quick analysis of the East?

Kidd will be back in New Jersey loosing his third straight title. Antoine Walker will shoot the Celtics out of the playoffs in the second round again, Detroit will still struggle to score and Allen Iverson's supporting cast will once again be mediocre.

I want to like the Eastern conference. I want the NBA finals to mean something, but once again it's all about the West.

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