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## Forests aided by spending and ELF move

► Forest bill would boost spending for thinning projects to reduce burning

By **MATTHEW DALY**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — A compromise forest bill being pushed in the Senate would sharply increase spending for tree-thinning and other projects to reduce the risk of wildfire in national forests, key senators said Wednesday.

The Senate bill, the result of bipartisan talks among 10 senators and the Bush administration, would authorize \$760 million a year for so-called hazardous fuels reduction projects — a \$340 million increase over current funding.

About half the work would be restricted to areas near homes and communities, while the

other half could occur in more remote areas of the forests where larger, more commercially valuable trees grow.

Senators from both parties said last week they had a tentative agreement on a forest-health bill, but had released few details.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who helped negotiate the agreement, called it a balanced bill that would help restore overgrown forests while protecting old-growth trees. Sens. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., Mike Crapo, R-Idaho and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., also were involved in the talks.

Wyden and other advocates said the bill streamlines the appeals process to eliminate unnecessary delays, while preserving the pub-

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► Radical environmentalists leave forests, take campaign to the suburbs

By **SETH HETTENA AND LAURA WIDES**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

SAN DIEGO — A sabotage campaign by the nation's most radical environmental group has moved from the countryside to the doorstep of the nation's biggest cities.

The Earth Liberation Front, a movement that originated in the forests of the Pacific Northwest, has claimed responsibility for a string of arsons in the suburbs of Los Angeles, Detroit, San Diego and Philadelphia in the past 12 months. No one has been charged in any of the attacks.

The attacks, which included the costliest act

of environmental sabotage in U.S. history, have targeted luxury homes and SUVs, the suburban status symbols that some environmentalists regard as despoilers of the Earth.

"Their actions used to be aimed at 'out in the country' industries," said Ron Arnold of the Bellevue, Wash.-based Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise, who has written several books criticizing the environmental movement's radical wing. "Now they're are moving from a save-the-wilderness focus to an anti-capitalist focus."

This summer, environmentalists in Southern California turned six-figure luxury homes under construction into charred sticks of wood, destroyed an unfinished 206-unit apartment complex and firebombed brand-new Hummers, the mammoth sport-utility vehicles that

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KACY KIZER | BAROMETER PHOTO EDITOR

Roadtrip Nation's green RV was in the MU quad yesterday, along with its crew members who shared their philosophy on resisting conformity and finding the open road. Students could tour the RV and view clips of the group's DVD documenting their journeys.

## SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?

By **KIMIKO GILYARD**  
BAROMETER COPY EDITOR

Roadtrip Nation, the grassroots organization that films documentaries on finding your path in life, headed out of town Wednesday night, leaving in their wake a ridiculous amount of trucker hats and a question.

"So, what do you want to do with your life?"

For the crew of Roadtrip Nation the answer is an easy one, it is to keep telling their story and

keep urging students to find that something in life that will truly make them happy.

Roadtripper Matt Montee, an old friend of the original roadtrippers, said that, "I knew that when I grew up I wanted to work with my friends."

Montee has taken time off as an orthopedic surgeon to do just that, and is having a blast.

When asked what will happen to his medical career he answered, "I'll always have it to fall back on."

As for the original members of Roadtrip Nation, Mike Marriner and Brian McCallister, they both claim Oregon State is one of their favorite campuses to visit.

"The students here are very engaging," said McCallister, "Not just on issues in the environment or society, but in general."

They hope that on their return they'll have a bio-diesel engine to ward off concerns about the effects of their gas-guzzling RV.

## DeFazio calls for matched funds for U.S., Iraq

► Representative Peter DeFazio wants \$20.3 billion

By **KATIE GILL**  
BAROMETER INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EDITOR

A request for an additional \$20.3 billion for improvements in health care, education and infrastructure in America was issued on Sept. 30 by U.S. Representatives Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) and Rahm Emanuel (D-Ill.).

DeFazio and Emanuel developed the "American Parity Amendment" in reaction to the \$87 billion Iraq War Supplemental Appropriations bill proposed by President Bush.

"According to the President, in order to create a democratic and civil society, there must be massive investment in public works and public infrastructure," said DeFazio.

President Bush is planning to make improvements in Iraq's schools, hospitals, health care system, telecommunications, water systems and sewer systems.

In order to achieve those goals, Bush is asking the American people to borrow money, with the intent of using it to move Iraq toward a more democratic and civil society, according to DeFazio.

"Unfortunately, the President doesn't seem to think it's necessary, or advisable, to borrow money to make similar investments to ensure the continuance of a democratic and

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## Students get carried away in debt

► Credit cards a danger to students in need of quick cash

By **BRENNA DOHENY**  
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

With advertisements and applications flooding mailboxes and covering campuses, more and more college students across the nation are turning to credit cards as a means to finance the costs of higher education.

All too many are discovering that the power of plastic has a darker side when they end up accruing staggering debt.

According to student loan agency

Nellie Mae, in the year 2000, 78 percent of college students had credit cards. A study conducted by State Public Interest Research Groups that year found that undergraduates with credit cards carried an average balance of \$3,071.

In 1999, 100,000 people under the age of 25 filed for bankruptcy.

The State Public Interest Research Groups accuse credit card companies of aggressive marketing. In the second quarter of 2000, credit card

companies sent a combined total of 992 million solicitations.

Much of the advertising is directed at students, because studies have shown that students remain loyal to their first credit cards throughout their adult lives.

Students are also valuable to credit card companies because their low income limits their ability to pay off their balances, leading to higher profits from interest.

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**BALANCING**  
the  
**Student Budget**



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KACY KIZER | BAROMETER PHOTO EDITOR

College students across the country are turning to credit cards to help pay for their education, resulting in large debts and even bankruptcy.

### WORLD

#### Australian policies change in order to combat warlords

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — An Australian-led force has broken the reign of gangsters and warlords terrorizing the Solomon Islands, paving the way for the small South Pacific nation to start battling corruption, its foreign minister said Wednesday.

The force — the biggest multinational troop deployment in the South Pacific since World War II — was brought in at the invitation of the Solomons' government to end lawlessness that has paralyzed and nearly bankrupted the archipelago in the aftermath of a coup in 2000.

Solomon Islands Foreign Minister Laurie Chan told the U.N. General Assembly that since the regional mission was launched in July, "security in terms of law and order has been re-established and the government's finances are beginning to stabilize."

The Australian government, which faced opposition at home for its participation in the U.S.-led war in Iraq, was in charge of the 2,300-member force.

The pro-active move was a change in regional policy for Australia, which for decades had stringently avoided any overt military action in its region, fearing it would be labeled a neocolonial power.

But Australian Prime Minister John Howard's government felt the Solomons situation posed too great a danger, and he acted at the invitation of the Solomons' government and with the blessing of all governments in the region.

Australia and New Zealand have voiced fears that impoverished Pacific nations like the Solomons could become havens for terrorists and international criminals.

A chain of 992 mountainous

islands and coral atolls, the Solomon Islands have a population of 465,000 and lie 1,400 miles northeast of Sydney.

### NATION

#### Survey shows inaccuracy in estimated cost of college

College may be cheaper than many people think, a new study says.

A study released Wednesday by the National Center for Education Statistics, which analyzes educational data for the federal government, found that families often overestimated the cost of college tuition at four-year public institutions.

It also said the failure of families to research the cost of higher education may discourage some students from attending college.

The NCES based its findings on a 1999 survey of 7,900 students and parents by the National Household Education Surveys Program, which provides statistical data on education to researchers and policy-makers.

Asked to estimate the annual tuition at a four-year public college, students and parents' answers typically ranged from \$5,400 to \$5,800. In reality, the average tuition for in-state undergraduates for one year at public institutions in 1998-99 was approximately \$3,200.

Despite steep tuition increases at public colleges and universities since 1999, families still tend to overestimate the cost of higher education, one university official said.

"It's like they take the numbers they get and double them in their mind," said Scott Wiles, a senior fees clerk at the University of Tennessee.

The survey's release coincides with an announcement by the Department of Education that it has created a Web site to help students and parents to develop college funding strategies.

The NCES report found that sixth- to 12th-grade students and their parents become more aware of higher education costs as high school graduation draws near.

Just 54 percent of parents reported looking into the price of college for their children.

### STATE

#### Warrant released for missing man suspected in murder

EUGENE (AP) — Police are now calling the death of a Eugene woman a homicide.

Linda Janine Cropp, 54, was found dead Sept. 24 inside the home she shared with her son for the past three years. Her son, 24-year-old John Paul Cropp, disappeared days before his mother's body was found and is now wanted in her death.

The California Highway Patrol found his mother's car abandoned about 50 miles north of the Mexican border in San Diego County last week. A warrant has been issued for his arrest, but investigators fear he may have fled to Mexico, said Eugene police Sgt. Scott McKee.

Linda Cropp's neighbors called police when they noticed her newspapers piling up and her car missing. Police believe she may have died as much as a week earlier.

Police considered John Cropp a missing person at first. Recent developments in the investigation — including physical evidence found at the crime scene — led them to issue the warrant for his arrest on a charge of murder, McKee said.

Two Eugene detectives are in Southern California working with local authorities there. They obtained a search warrant for the car and have begun processing evidence found inside, McKee said.

Police have not released the cause of Linda Cropp's death. They have

said that she was violently assaulted and the first officers to enter the home found a grisly crime scene, McKee said.

John Cropp is 6-feet-2-inches tall and weighs about 260 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes and was last seen with a full beard and mustache.

### UNIVERSITIES

#### University of Florida possibly linked to water contamination

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The news hasn't been good lately for the University of Florida Environmental Health & Safety Department, the office that handles disposal of campus hazardous waste.

Two former UF students said last week that they contracted potentially fatal illnesses from a university-run landfill that they said has been used as a dump site for chemical and radioactive waste. An environmental report released Friday linked groundwater contamination to the landfill.

But Bill Properzio, director of the department, said his office always has cooperated with inquiries from state agencies about the landfill. He said UF has been diligent in evaluating the site since 1985, and the recent environmental findings show no new information.

"I don't think we're hiding anything, because there hasn't been anything going on," Properzio told the Alligator on Tuesday.

But Gay Webster and Catherine Good Duncan said UF polluted the groundwater near a trailer they rented while attending UF in the mid-1970s. They notified the Department of Environmental Protection last week that they plan to sue UF unless the DEP takes "appropriate action."

— Tracy Swartz  
Independent Florida Alligator

### THURSDAY, OCT. 2

#### Meetings

**Campus Ambassadors**, 7:30-9pm, First Baptist. Christian Fellowship, worship and teaching. Topic: "Jesus: Someone to be feared."

**Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship**, 7pm, Arnold Dining Gold Room. Join us for worship, service, and Fellowship!

#### Events

**OSU Collegiate FFA**, 6pm, Avery Park, Thompson Shelter. Free BBQ dinner, games, transportation available.

**Alpha Xi Delta**, 7pm, MU 208, 206. Come learn more about being apart of an unhoused sorority.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 3

#### Meetings

**Food and Fermentation Science Club**, 12pm, Wiegand 107. Fall kickoff meeting. Industry tours, experimental brewing, product development, and lot of fun. Free pizza!

### SUNDAY, OCT. 5

#### Meetings

**OSU Pistol Club**, 7-9pm, Indoor shooting range. Open range at 7pm. Training and safety course at 6pm required for first time members.

#### Events

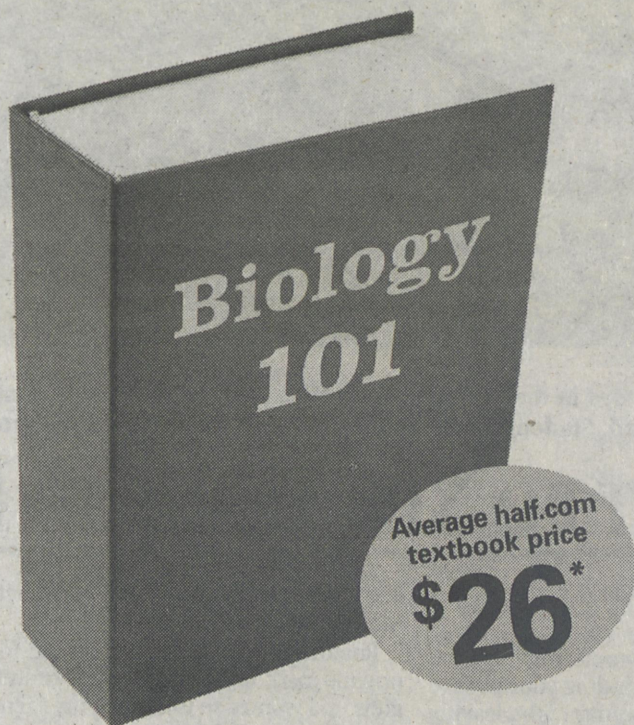
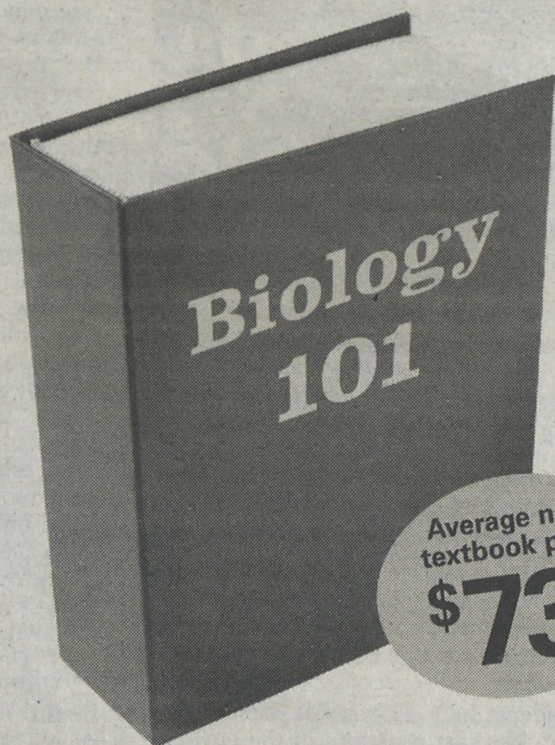
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 7pm, 435 NW 21st at Grace Lutheran Church Sanctuary. Evensong — worship especially for and by students.

### MONDAY, OCT. 6

#### Events

**Queer Resource Center**, 3-4pm, Women's Center. Join members of PFLAG — Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays — in a panel as they discuss the impact an LGBT person's coming out had on them.

**Diversity Development**, 5-7pm, Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. Open House - All Welcome.



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## Understanding priority registration

By KATIE GILL

BAROMETER INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EDITOR

Early registration is a term that many Oregon State athletes, as well as students with disabilities, are familiar with.

As part of the Americans with Disabilities Act, "the University is required to make accommodations for students with disabilities," said Barbara Balz, Oregon State Registrar.

"Early registration gives them the chance to get into classes that don't present physical barriers," she said, "and even if we weren't obligated to provide that service, we would want to."

Students who require medical and house needs, or oral and sign language interpretation represent some of the disabilities that qualify a person for early registration.

"Not getting the classes they need would hinder their ability to be successful," said Tracy Bentley-Townlin, Director of Services for Students with Disabilities.

"We try to provide them with equal access to their environment," Bentley-Townlin said.

As far as athletes are concerned Balz said, "We allow athletes this opportunity because they have such complex schedules that are based around class, practice and competition."

They are given the option of priority registration, which means that they are eligible to register at the same time as seniors.

The priority schedule for registration is rotated every term, so that over the course of four or five years, all students are given an equal opportunity.

Any student who believes that they may qualify for early registration, should contact the Registrar's office or Services for Students with Disabilities, both located in the Kerr Administration building.

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## New force fights for graduate students

► ASOUS task force focuses on graduate students' concerns

By AARON HOUGHAM  
BAROMETER FREELANCE WRITER

Beginning this fall, graduate students have a new voice in the Oregon State University student government. The newly created Graduate Student Affairs Task Force will be working to meet the needs of the large and often, according to some, underrepresented segment of the OSU population.

A task force is a component of Associated Students of OSU that works primarily with a special interest or segment of the student population advocating for issues that affect that group. The graduate student affairs task force will be the tenth task force, joining a collection of previously existing groups working closely within ASOSU.

In previous years, graduate students found representation primarily through the Graduate Student Programming Association (GSPA). The new task force was created by revamping and renaming the GSPA and relocating it under the ASOSU umbrella, with a goal of greater resource sharing and enhanced communi-

cation. The official transition into a task force began last winter and is being fully realized this fall.

"Last year, a lot of people complained that ASOSU was only for undergraduate students," said Andy Saultz, ASOSU president. "The task force is a way to change that."

The person charged with shaping this new office is GSA Task Force Director Beth Matlock.

"I was frustrated with my own experience with not knowing where to turn," Matlock said. "And this gives me the means to change some of the things I feel strongly about."

In addition, officially forming a task force "lets graduate students know that ASOSU considers them valuable and cares about their needs and concerns," Matlock said.

Matlock estimates that the task force's constituency will include close to 3,000 graduate students attending OSU.

The task force will tackle issues that specifically affect graduate students. Main concerns include child care, fair housing, the effect of the tuition plateau and making sure graduate concerns are heard.

"The biggest thing this first year is establishing lines of

communication between ASOSU and the various graduate departments," Matlock said.

In addition, the task force will be primarily responsible for the annual graduate conference held in the spring, which provides graduate students a chance to interact and present their work.

"I'd like to redo the graduate conference in the spring and bring it up to par with conferences at similar universities," Matlock said.

The task force will be teaming up with several existing organizations including the Coalition of Graduate Employees, Graduate Senate and other ASOSU task forces to work on intersecting issues.

Graduate students can contact the task force with any concerns or questions they may have. There may also be resources available to help students secure funding to attend conferences in their field of study.

For more information, contact Beth Matlock at [graduate.affairs@oregonstate.edu](mailto:graduate.affairs@oregonstate.edu), 737-3559, or in the ASOSU Office in Memorial Union East.

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## DeFazio: Helping education and Iraq is possible

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civil society here in the United States," he said.

According to DeFazio, if the money was spent in America, it would put one million people to work.

"I think it's hard for people to support things in other countries when they see the same problems happening here," said Danielle Cox, ASOSU Vice President. "The benefit of having that \$20.3 billion put into the U.S. would obviously help out a lot."

ASOSU President Andy Saultz said, "My initial reaction would be that education is underfunded, and that any increase in federal funding would be a help."

The amendment, which already has 100 co-sponsors, is endorsed by the American Federation of State, Federal and Municipal Employees.

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#2 Go to an OSU Kiosk.

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### EDITORIAL

## A lesson in math, smoke and mirrors

A study released Wednesday by the National Center for Education Statistics shows most people overestimate the cost of higher education. Apparently survey respondents in 1998-1999 estimated college tuition for a year to be between \$5,400 and \$5,800, when in reality the average in-state public university tuition was \$3,200.

We realize this survey data is from WAY back in 1999, but we fail to see how \$5,400 is an overestimation of costs.

A full-time, in-state undergraduate student at OSU will pay \$1,573 this term.

That figure is slated to increase for anyone taking more than 12 credits starting next term.

That's funny. We know we're students and all and we don't, like, have a very good memory... but wasn't our tuition raised last term? And the term before?

For a 15-credit-per-term kind of student — like most of us are — this adds up to right around \$4,869 for the year.

Plan on parking? Add \$120.

Want to be in the someday-soon-to-be-top-tier engineering program? Ouch.

That will be an extra \$192 to \$430 per term, depending on whether or not you're in pro-school.

Want to take an online course to avoid crowded classes? \$500, please.

Oh, and are you up for Raising Reser on top of all that?

Too bad, it's part of your mandatory student fees already.

Books, anyone?

You could always live in the library... literally — it will save on housing.

Did you actually want to eat?

Looks as though some OSU students and their families may have underestimated the cost of higher education at a public university.

The study concludes that, when families and would-be students overestimated the cost of college at \$5,400, they were discouraged from even applying.

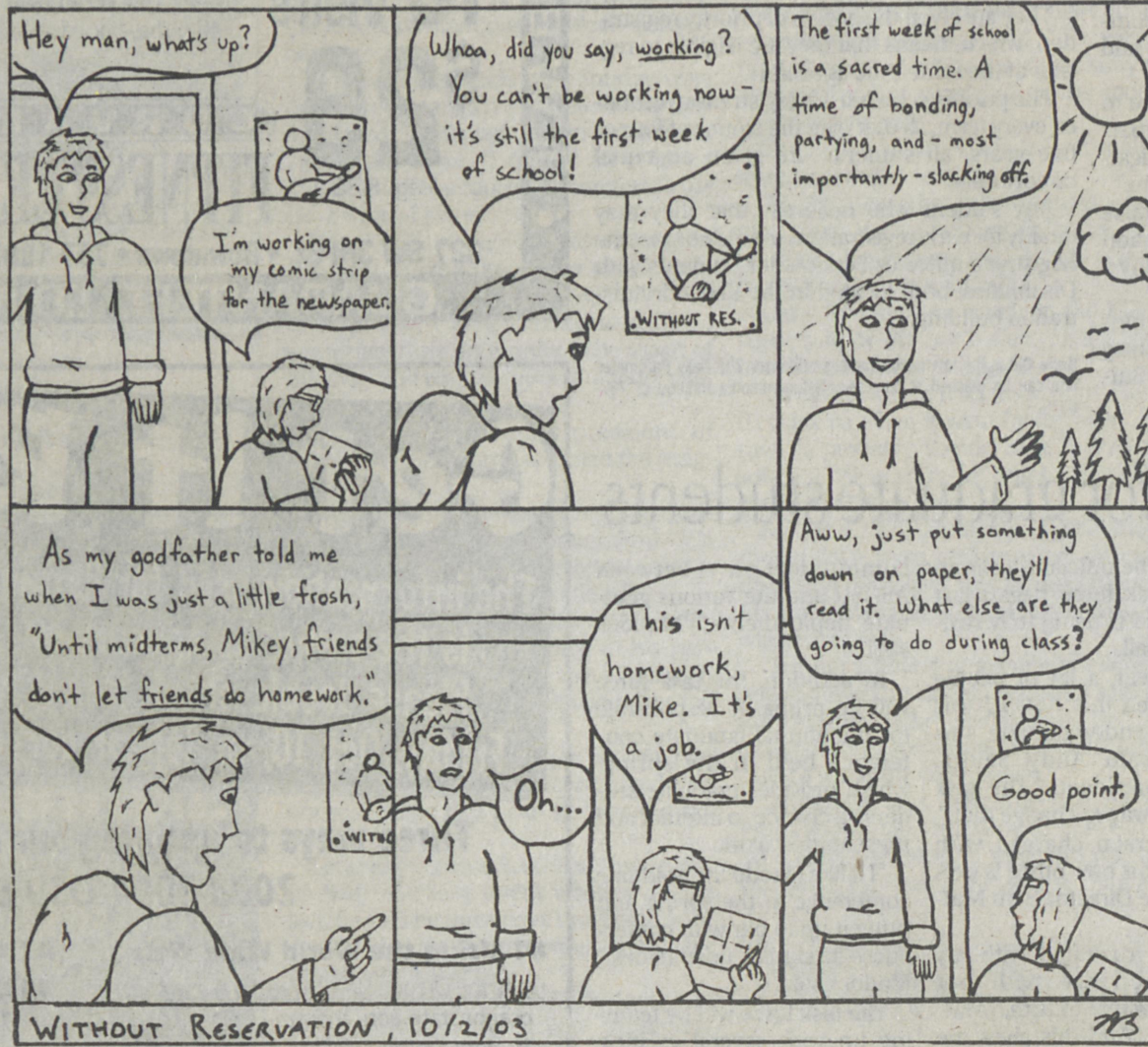
That makes sense to us.

After thinking about how much we pay and how little those who don't pay tuition seem to care about us, we can't help but feel a little discouraged.

We've thought about this from every angle and there's only one thing that just doesn't seem to fit:

Why is enrollment increasing in a place where the higher education system got an F for affordability?

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.



JIM SMITH

## Preen those tailfeathers!

Walking around on campus this week, after a summer vacation away from classes and away from all of you, I was reminded suddenly what it is that I hate most about American society — posturing.

Everywhere I turn my eyes I'm confronted by someone desperately trying to impress ... who?

Not me, I'm sure

As much as I'd love to have a community of 30,000 young people dressing and primping themselves day after day for my personal entertainment and appreciation, it's just not the case.

But that aside, day after day I walk through a vast ocean of you, all completely armored in your status symbols, posturing for prospective mates.

Pristine hats are perched atop perfectly manicured haircuts at just the right wind defying angle, while infinite cell phones and the newest and most appropriate clothes complete the image.

This middle class life is just a cheap imitation of upper class life, which is doubly sad because — here's a little secret, — rich people aren't too happy either.

Middle-classes spend their time and what little money they have on a vain pretense to wealth, thinking the rich have it great, chasing what's supposed to be the prize.

Meanwhile, the rich are just living essentially the same middle class existence, except slightly more extravagantly. Instead of a really nice Acura, it's a really nice Jaguar, or for the obscenely rich, a really nice Aston Martin. But here's the best part ... it's just a car, no matter what you spend on it. The same goes for housing, dress, food, hairstyles, consumer goods and all else.

It breaks down like this. In the majority of cases, a person spends a certain percentage of money on material things, regardless of his overall income.

So a middle class man buys the best he can afford, and with this he hopes to impress the best prospective mate to bed, pardon me, of course I meant wed.

A rich person likewise buys the best they can afford so that they can impress an equally suitable mate.

Current American life can be described as the endless search for a physically tolerable partner that can hold up his or her end of the deal monetarily.

This is the real marriage contract.

The most secure option is the one you will likely end up with, and love doesn't figure into your relationships nearly as prominently as you think it does, regardless of what your mom and your pastor may say about it.

But the perfect illustration of how bizarre and encompassing our western fascination with posturing is would have to be Botox.

I remember when I first heard it mentioned, I laughed a little because I

## The reasonings of a staunch democrat

LIZ MEYER

Hi. My name is Liz, and I'm liberal. That's right, I said it. I'm a tree-hugging, tax-and-spend, bleeding-heart liberal. And every week for the foreseeable future, you'll get to read why.

Ron Brown, the former Chairman of the Democratic Party said it best. "The common thread of Democratic history, from Thomas Jefferson to Bill Clinton, has been an abiding faith in the judgment of hardworking American families, and a commitment to helping the excluded, the disenfranchised and the poor strengthen our nation by earning themselves a piece of the American Dream."

I am proud to come from the party of Franklin Roosevelt, John Kennedy and even Bill Clinton.

Like Franklin Roosevelt, I believe the government has a responsibility to take care of its citizens. In the face of the Depression, Roosevelt created the New Deal. The government helped the average worker with programs like Social Security and a minimum wage.

At \$1 an hour, the Roosevelt administration was the first to guarantee a fair wage for the masses of workers. It created a safety net for Americans out of work, and saved a nation from disaster.

President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act in 1964, highlighting Democrats' commitment to equal rights. Since then, Democrats have fought for equal rights among minorities, women and homosexuals.

Democrats have worked hard to ensure that Americans can live their lives in any way they choose.

They fight for our right to choose, whether it be our love lives, our bodies or our destiny.

We are the party of multi-lateralism. Rather than going at it alone, Democrats have turned to the international community.

Following World War II, Democrat Harry Truman formed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and working with former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, created the United Nations.

In a world of disappearing borders, we need to reach out to our allies, rather than turn our backs on them.

Democrats are environmentalists. Although some consider this a dirty word, I like breathing clean air, and not having to worry about getting sick from the water. Thank your local tree-hugger for that. Also, thank them when you enjoy open spaces free from development.

Democrats recognize that there is not only economic and public health value to preserving the environment, there is something almost spiritual about wilderness and the solitude that simply can't be found in the midst of a city or an oil field.

It's probably obvious by now that I tend to lean to the left on the political spectrum. But just because I support what the left stands for doesn't mean I support everything they do. And it certainly doesn't mean that I don't still think there is work to be done.

The current administration is one of the greatest risks to these principles. However, criticizing a

war-time president is no longer politically chic, and Bush has been given free reign.

It is only now, with the Democratic primaries coming up, that any prominent party leader is willing to go against him. Many of the things that are being said now needed to be said months ago.

President Bush is anti-labor. Just this summer, he proposed changes to the overtime legislation that, by some estimates, could cost up to 8 million workers overtime benefits.

His tax cuts have put our generation in debt by billions. Although the war on terrorism and the economy have contributed to the national debt, over \$500 billion in tax cuts hasn't helped.

Rather than bringing Americans out of economic trouble, Bush has pushed us deeper into that hole. President Bush told us that we have to make sacrifices. \$500 billion seems like a nice place to start.

The president's judicial nominations have been something Democrats are willing to stand up to. Since he was put into office, Bush has stacked the Senate with anti-abortion nominations for federal courts around the country.

A superficial look at the nominees may seem diverse at first. Hispanics, women and blacks look good until one finds out what they stand for.

Then, after it becomes clear that Bush's agenda extends to his judicial nominations, does the Democrats' blocking of these nominations make sense?

If President Bush cannot legislate

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# NASA grows more important and relevant as time passes by

**P**HILADELPHIA — Forty-five years ago, a star was born. NASA's founding on Oct. 1, 1958 — a direct result of the Sputnik crisis — ushered in a space race which prompted human space flight and lunar landings, momentous achievements inconceivable to the human mind just years before.

I always found it striking that until relatively recently, a map of the world consisted of known unknowns — unfilled empty spaces, like the heart of Africa — and unknown unknowns — like substantial islands yet to be uncovered.

Over time, these white spaces and tropical places were filled in, yielding our present world map. Explorers like Christopher Columbus and Ferdinand Magellan discovered new worlds and waterways, spurring colonization and catalyzing human progress itself.

Today's astronauts, the explorers of our new frontier, are driven by the same motivations and inspired by the

same forces that have propelled such expeditions for centuries. A thrill of discovery and endless curiosity are defining characteristics of human nature.

Since NASA began operations, grand endeavors have been pursued under its auspices. At the same time that exploring the universe is paving the way into our future, it aims to answer the most fundamental questions about our past. Space exploration could elucidate the origin of the universe.

Space missions are also instrumental in the search for extraterrestrial life. Is it really possible that we're alone in the universe?

NASA is engaged in fascinating stuff. For thousands of years, we've been confined to this planet. Only in the past half century have we stepped off Earth, cultivating an entirely new perspective on our place in the universe.

But in the absence of a Cold War threat, the exorbitant costs of the space program are difficult to justify in

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a strict cost/benefit analysis. Not surprisingly, funding for NASA has slipped to less than one percent of the federal budget. NASA must secure its future by presenting itself as an investment in our future.

I'm not asking the government to divert education spending to fund adventures in the sky. But maybe NASA could work at attracting more money from private sources.

Perhaps a greater effort to court citizen donors is in order. My willing contribution wouldn't make a dent, but I've never even been asked.

Even if you're not one to gaze at the night sky and wonder, there's still something in it for you: the unforeseen benefits of the space program.

Serendipitous discoveries made through astronomical exploration have led to numerous practical applications. Many companies stand a chance to make considerable gains

due to spinoffs of space technology.

Communication satellites — an outgrowth of the space program — provide an efficient way to transmit signals and messages over long distances. The satellites have revolutionized our daily lives, airing live television footage from Baghdad and facilitating the incessant ringing of cell phones during our classes.

This multi-billion dollar industry paved the way to globalization and the information revolution.

All sorts of inventions developed to serve the space program — smoke detectors, fire resistant suits, bar code scanners, water filters — have been modified to serve as everyday gadgets. Even medical imaging technology is based on methods used to send images from space.

Furthermore, developments have led to advances in our military capabilities, instrumental to national security. Satellite data collection permits accurate information on battlefield conditions, dissolving much of the fog

of war.

But ultimately, the true purpose of the space program is not to serve as a hotbed of new ideas that can be transformed and put to practical uses. It is to find out what is beyond the horizon. NASA's mission is to explore the universe and to prepare for eventual human expansion past planet Earth.

We must continue the legacy of exploration, excited about the practical applications derived, but proceeding for the sake of human progress.

Perhaps the secret of time travel or signs of intelligent life lay around the corner. Unimaginable today. As we've seen, reality has done an incredible job keeping up with our imagination.

The boundaries between us and the cosmos are daunting.

Then again, try to comprehend a New World as you gaze west, in 1492, at the edge of a flat earth.

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## Meyer: Democrat and Proud of it

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erosions of our constitutional rights, he plans to put people on the bench that can overrule those rights. What was once seen as the land of the free is quickly becoming the land of what Bush believes in.

Many Democrats supported the war in Iraq, and continue to support the war on terror. What they don't support is the go it alone, "Bring it on" attitude that this administration has portrayed.

I agree that Saddam Hussein is a bad man. But I'm not sure if that justified alienating our allies, especially allies that are helping us in a broader, worldwide war on terror.

Finally, Bush has virtually

gutted important environmental legislation such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and other enforcement mechanisms. Under the Bush administration, the EPA lied to New Yorkers about the harmful particles left in the air after Sept. 11. Bush has continued to put business before people.

Each of these is probably a column in and of itself. And you'll probably see a column on a lot of this from me. After all, most of the battle is letting people know that there is a battle going on.

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## Smith: Everyone is in search of the "perfect mate" except for Jim

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thought it was a joke. But a moment later when I found out it was real I began laughing so hard I almost passed out.

I want you all to reflect for a moment on the fact that there are, at this very moment, women in this country with such a surplus of money, time, and vanity that they throw Botox parties ... frequently.

A Botox party goes something like this: A group of obscenely wealthy socialites get together in one of their apartments, condos, mansions, whatever, and they have cocktails and dinner, with a plastic surgeon as their special guest.

They then proceed to let him inject Botulism into their faces with the stated goal of tissue paralysis. What the hell for? So

that they can look a few years younger for a little while. Why would they possibly want to look younger than they are? Because spoiled meat never sells.

They spend thousands of dollars in one night, and they do this repeatedly, to increase their chances of securing a relationship undeniably based on shallow, temporary, external factors like wealth and looks, and founded at least partially in pure deceit. They know time is short.

"Why, that's despicable," you say. Well, I agree.

But the worst part, or the funniest part, depending on how you look at things, is that we all imitate them, heart and soul with every cent we have.

What is an impressive

wardrobe, if not posturing? What is the best car your salary can afford, if not an advertisement to the opposite sex that you are indeed commercially successful and monetarily viable as a partner?

People are always telling me I'm pessimistic, "Jim, you're so angry ... I don't get it. You must be one of those depressing pessimists," they say.

But I'm not. I'm an optimist. Not in the modern American sense of the word. Not the deluded Panglossian faux optimism that chooses simply to subsist through life with a simpleton's smile, declaring everything okay after all.

I am a true optimist. I have boundless faith in humanity, limitless faith in what we can do as a race and as individuals.

So why am I pissed off? What happens to make me so angry? I am let down.

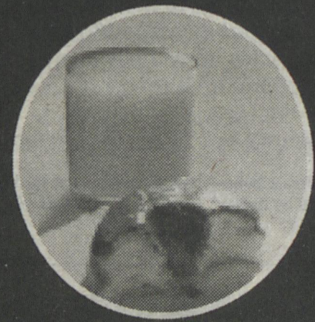
Constantly and every day of my life people let me down in whole new ways that I hadn't thought possible before.

Is this life really satisfying to any of you? A never-ending commercial pursuit of the least embarrassing mate your money and looks can secure?

Xtreme Dorritos for the kids to snack on and a shiny new Honda in your two car garage?

In that case, you're the real pessimists and you have my sympathy.

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## Eco-terrorism: At \$100 million damage, the ELF is the number one domestic terrorism priority for FBI

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Rod Coronado, a legendary figure in the underground movement who is serving as an ELF spokesman and has drawn scrutiny from the FBI, said the group is being transformed by a new generation of activists.

"When I got involved in the mid-'80s, tree-spiking" — pounding spikes into trees to prevent loggers with chainsaws from cutting them down — "was a big deal," said Coronado, 37, who played a part in sinking two whaling ships in Iceland served time in prison an arson attack at a Michigan State University animal-research lab. "What that's morphed into is a more urban environmental movement, whereby people are fighting for the last wild places in urban areas."

He said the young activists are "doing the only thing they know to do and that is strike a match and draw a whole lot of attention to their dissatisfaction with protecting

the environment."

The ELF is the FBI's No. 1 domestic terrorism priority. The organization has done more than \$100 million damage — but caused no deaths — since it split off from the radical environmental group Earth First! and surfaced in the United States five years ago.

The ELF first took aim at urban sprawl in 2000, when it burned luxury homes and condos under construction on New York's Long Island. But Phil Celestini, the agent in charge of the FBI's domestic terrorism operations unit in Washington, noted that the San Diego fires "are taking places in more densely populated areas than in the past."

On Aug. 1, a fire destroyed a five-story, 206-unit apartment complex under construction in San Diego's University City neighborhood.

The damage estimate of \$50 million made it "the single largest act of property destruction ever committed by

one of these groups in the history of the country," Celestini said. "It's sheer dumb luck and providence that someone has not been killed. You set a fire that big, there's no way of predicting what the ultimate consequences will be."

In the wake of the attacks, other San Diego developers have installed security cameras and hire guards to keep an eye on properties around the clock, said Russ Valone, of the California Building Industry Association, which has offered a \$25,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the apartment complex arson.

"Let me tell you who the other victims of this are: You and me," Valone said. "Our insurance pays a price. The more claims an insurance company put out, the more they more they have to raise their premiums. So, everybody in the city, everybody in the county, everybody in the country pays in some small way for the damage created by these maniacs."

Guidelines posted on the ELF's Web site stress the need to take "all necessary precautions against harming life." But the group's message has been mixed.

In a communique issued after a U.S. Forest Service research center in Pennsylvania was attacked last year, the ELF said: "While innocent life will never be harmed in any action we undertake, where it is necessary, we will no longer hesitate to pick up the gun to implement justice."

The ELF operates in a series of anonymous cells and uses the Internet to communicate and broadcast its message. But it has little organization, no fees and no membership list, frustrating FBI efforts to penetrate the group.

The recent case of an Oregon college student serving time in prison for a firebombing in 2001 opened a window into the ELF.

Jacob Sherman, a student at Portland State University, said he fell

under the spell of Michael J. Scarpitti, known as Tre Arrow, a forest activist who is now the FBI's most-wanted "eco-terrorist."

According to court documents, Arrow "groomed" Sherman and slowly introduced him to radical protesting. Sherman stopped bathing, refused to wear shoes and began eating a strict vegan diet to imitate Arrow.

Sherman was no James Bond of the forest: His father called the FBI after his son drove home reeking of gasoline the night three logging company trucks were attacked. Sherman, 19 at the time, also blabbed to his girlfriend, who in turn told her father, a deputy state fire marshal, said Sherman's attorney, Andy Bates.

Authorities say Scarpitti, 29, has ties to California, Pennsylvania, Florida, Colorado, Ohio and Oregon. He is a suspect in at least one arson outside Oregon — the fire at the Forest Service research center in Pennsylvania.

## Forests: May get money

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lic's right to participate in forest decisions.

They said the bill's most important feature was the increased funding for thinning and other fuels reduction work, which involves removal of small trees and underbrush that can feed fires. The Senate bill rejects a House plan that would rely primarily on commercial sales of larger trees to fund the fire-prevention work — answering a key complaint of environmentalists.

"Our work over the last week rejects the notion that we can protect communities from catastrophic fires solely by relying on commercial sales to fund that important work," Wyden said.

Environmentalists welcomed the increase in funding but questioned why only 50 percent of the work would be limited to areas near homes and communities. That leaves millions of acres of remote forests open to logging, they said.

The groups also called language protecting old-growth forests weak.

"I think it's dangerous," said Jay Ward, conservation director of the Oregon Natural Resources Council.

The bill has no set limits on the age or diameter of trees that can be cut, he said. It also is silent on logging in roadless areas of the forest, a key concern of environmentalists.

Crapo, whose state was damaged by a number of wildfires this year, called such criticism offbase.

"The compromise here, which I think is viable, is to let forest managers make the decisions, but with a requirement that they protect the old-growth," he said.

The Senate bill also would locate a forest health research center near Prineville, Ore., in the Ochoco National Forest. The center would be in addition to a proposed Starkville, Miss., research center included in a bill approved by the House in May.

## Credit: Consumer credit counseling has both good, bad effects on credit

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College students are the only sector of the market who can receive credit cards without a credit history and without a source of income. Companies usually just increase the annual percentage rate on student cards to cover the risk.

The State PIRGs surveyed 100 credit card offers in 2000 and discovered practices that actually lead consumers into debt to benefit the company.

Credit card companies are lowering minimum payments from the former industry standard of 5 percent of the unpaid balance to as low as 2 percent.

While a lower minimum monthly payment may seem beneficial to a cardholder in the short term, it will take longer to pay off the full balance, thus leading to more interest and more profit for the company.

Credit card companies also increase profits by charging exorbitant penalty Annual Percentage Rates (APR). The PIRG study found the average penalty APR was 22.84 percent, eight points higher than the average APR for purchases.

The penalty can be incurred after one single late payment, if the payment is one day late or even just arrives later than a specified time on the due date.

Between 1995 and 1999, credit card companies' profits skyrocketed from \$7.3 billion to \$20 billion, while the average credit card debt for Americans reached \$5610 in 2000, an increase of nearly one-third since 1995.

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research group provides advice for students on how to avoid and eliminate credit card debt, both on their website, [www.ospirgstudents.org](http://www.ospirgstudents.org), and on [www.truthaboutcredit.org](http://www.truthaboutcredit.org).

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Tips include how to shop around for the best credit card offer, based on the lowest annual percentage rate instead of free T-shirts and sunglasses, as well as ways to eliminate and reduce credit card debt if you already have it.

For OSU students who have major concerns about credit card debt, the non-profit Linn-Benton Consumer Credit Counseling Service can be of assistance. CCCS offers credit counseling and can help students reduce their debts and consolidate several bills into one monthly payment.

However, no easy solution comes without drawbacks.

Consumer credit counseling shows up on a user's credit report, meaning potential creditors, employers, landlords and insurers will know about it and may see it as a sign that the credit user is poor at handling finances. This could affect the credit user's ability to get a loan, job, apartment or insurance policy.

Nevertheless, college students in a bind are better off dealing with debts than ignoring them — which can result in years of poor credit and insurmountable debt.

The first step in CCCS' program is an application that requires a student to take a good look at his finances by assessing his income, his cost of living expenses, including educational expenses and his debts.

"It's good for [students] to see what it actually costs to live," said Jan Amling, executive director of Linn-Benton CCCS. "They don't realize how expensive it ultimately begins to be to eat out and put it on a card."

Amling said that after four years of college, student loan payments cost about as much as a new car, and take about ten years to pay

off. Having several thousands of dollars in credit card debt only makes the situation worse. She urges students to seek assistance as early as possible.

"They need to come in before they are totally buried," she said.

During the free credit counseling sessions, "we don't lecture, that's not our point," Amling said. "We take them and explain options."

Such options include getting creditors to reduce interest so students can get out of debt faster, or reducing monthly payments so students can afford their bills. Some creditors will discontinue late charges, so the debtor can begin to pay off the principle faster.

After the session, students interested in further services will be charged a one-time \$25 enrollment fee. Monthly payments for all debts will be paid to CCCS, which will then send payments on to all the student's creditors. The agency keeps a percentage of the payment, at a maximum of \$35 a month. The monthly charge is usually much less than the maximum for students because their total debt is usually less than other consumers, Amling said.

Students can also seek other credit counseling and refinancing services on the web, but Amling urges them to be cautious and look for agencies that are licensed by the state government.

"The state of Oregon is very specific on fees that can be charged," she said. Non-licensed agencies may charge up to \$300 just for enrollment in their services.

For more information on the services offered by CCCS, call (541) 926-5843.

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## Shupe, "Jewel" in Concert Tomorrow

Many think former OSU student Rebecca Helmer will be the next Jewel in the near future. Her melodic voice and style along with original lyrics will certainly continue to please as she opens the First Fall Concert for Ryan Shupe and the RubberBand tomorrow night at 8pm on campus at the LaSells Stewart Center.

The RubberBand brings to OSU one of the country's best Bluegrass/Newgrass bands (voted "best Bluegrass band" 3 years running). Original lyrics and absolutely "knock your socks off" instrumentals characterize their crossover style that is a fresh blend of Rock, Rap, Country, Folk, Pop, Bluegrass, and Jazz.

After performing at the last Winter Olympics, a local newspaper review read: "Newgrass/Acoustic Pop virtuosos Ryan Shupe & the RubberBand were the real revelation of the night ... No one can touch Shupe in the pickin' department, and the RubberBand are pros without peer by local, national and even worldwide standards ... Any musician with a set of ears probably went home with their tails between their legs and dropped their instrument off at a pawn shop."

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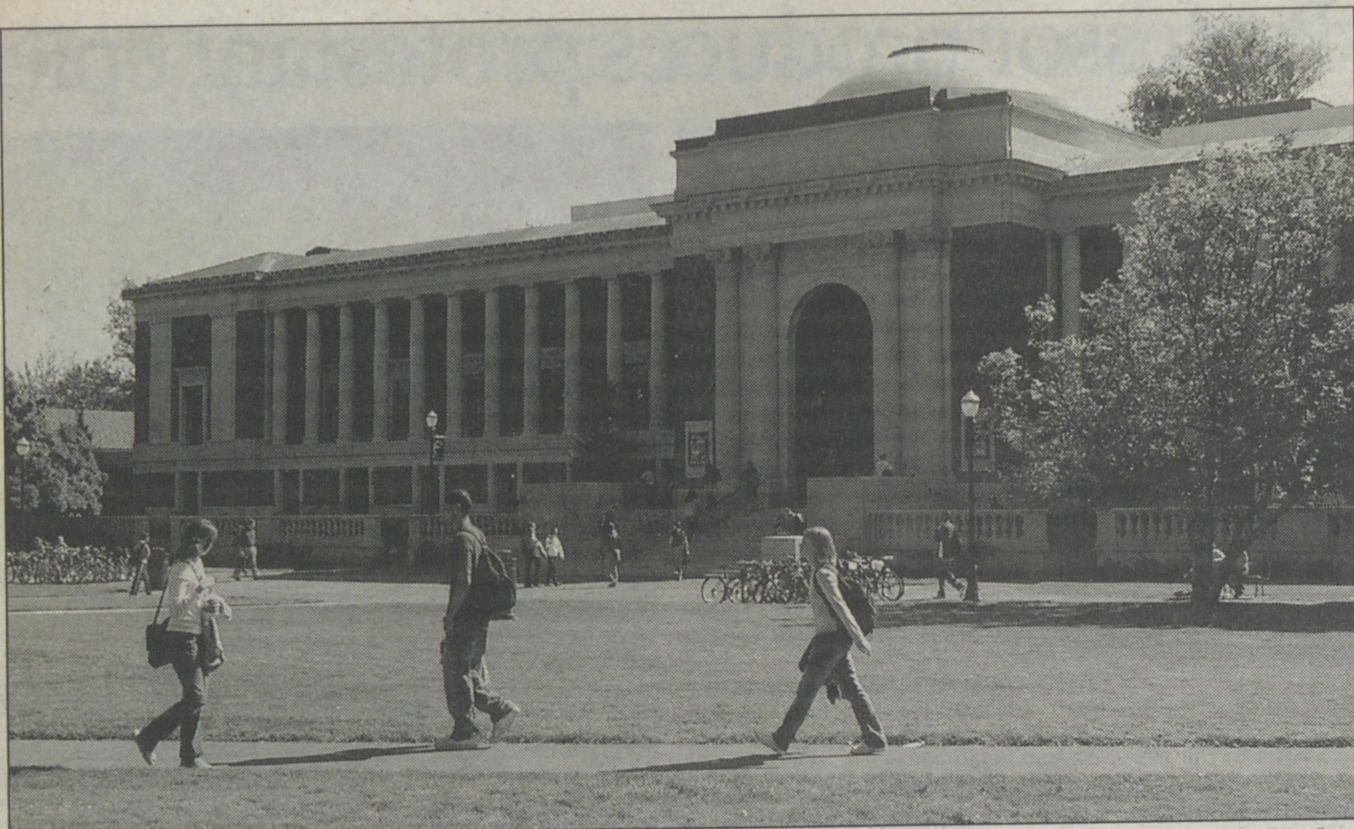
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Despite few numbers in the quad Tuesday afternoon, university officials predict close to 19,000 students enrolled at OSU this year, breaking last year's record of 18,789. Official numbers won't be released until late October.

## OSU enrollment could set records

► More honor and dual-enrolled students means higher turnout

By MARK FLOYD  
OSU NEWS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Classes started Monday and school officials predict about 19,000 students are enrolled. If so, that would be an all-time OSU record, breaking last year's mark of 18,789.

But it is still too early to claim a new record, said Bob Bontrager, assistant provost for enrollment management. Official numbers won't be released by the Oregon University System until the end of the fourth week of classes in late October.

"It looks like will have somewhere between 18,700 and 19,100 students," Bontrager said. "If we reach the middle or upper part of that range, it will be a record."

Bontrager said OSU expects about 3,000 new freshmen, matching the total from last year and temporarily easing campus concerns about the affect of recent system-wide tuition increases on this new

class of first-year students. Those concerns haven't gone away, Bontrager added.

"There is a lot of uncertainty about the future," he pointed out. "Right now, we are exploring opportunities to enhance scholarship funds directed toward students who are really on the margin financially. We'd like to maintain the university's tradition of access for qualified students."

Bontrager said some of the university's enrollment strength is tied to a dual-enrollment partnership program with five community colleges: Linn-Benton CC, Portland CC, Columbia Gorge CC, Tillamook Bay CC and Southwestern Oregon CC. A sixth partnership, with Chemeketa Community College, will be online by winter term.

More than 1,200 students are participating in the dual enrollment program, increasing the probability of future matric-

ulation to OSU.

This fall, about 975 transfer students will enroll at OSU — mostly from community colleges.

The University Honors College is also showing growth and will enroll 146 students this year — an increase of about 17 percent over last fall's total of 125 students.

That growth is by design, said Joe Hendricks, dean of the college.

"One of the university's goals is to increase the capacity of the program," Hendricks said. "Because it enhances our ability to keep Oregon's best and brightest students in the state. At the same time we are growing, however, we are increasing the quality of our students."

"This year, about 90 percent of our students will come to OSU having graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class," Hendricks added.

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# Professor produces protestant epic

► German instructor taught, flew half-way across world for movie

By ERIN CLARK  
BAROMETER FREELANCE WRITER

German professor by day and major motion movie producer by night. Just releasing one of his very own creations, Oregon State University's German professor Christian Stehr is not only a teacher, but a very successful producer of major motion pictures.

Stehr's most recent movie, which just came out in the theaters last weekend, was titled "Luther" and hit 400 movie screens nationwide.

This indulging feature covers 25 years in the life of Martin Luther and stars Joseph Fiennes of "Shakespeare in Love," as protagonist Luther. The film also stars Alfred Molina of "Frida."

Stehr hopes viewers will truly be able to capture the world of Luther. The movie consumed four years of Stehr's life while he worked on this masterpiece.

Tammy Goesch, Stehr's wife of 23 years, has worked alongside him in the movie business. The two were together while working on "Luther."

They traveled many thousands of miles to Bavaria to synchronize with the production of this compelling drama. Stehr was right there in the Bavarian fields, in the middle of the action, watching as his creation came to life.

"Don't wait to see the movie," Stehr says. There are 1000 theaters waiting for the film and the more that people wait to see "Luther," the greater

chance they have of missing out on this spectacular movie.

Now Stehr has returned to the classrooms for another year, as he has been teaching German to OSU students for the past 28 years. He has also taught literature and culture.

The native German came to Oregon in 1969 and found himself helpless in the unexpected journey that was unfolding before him.

Thirty-three years ago, he had almost lost his leg after being in a traumatic horse-riding accident, which destined his stay in Oregon. He had come to University of Oregon as a teaching instructor but the accident cut his first year as a teacher out of the picture.

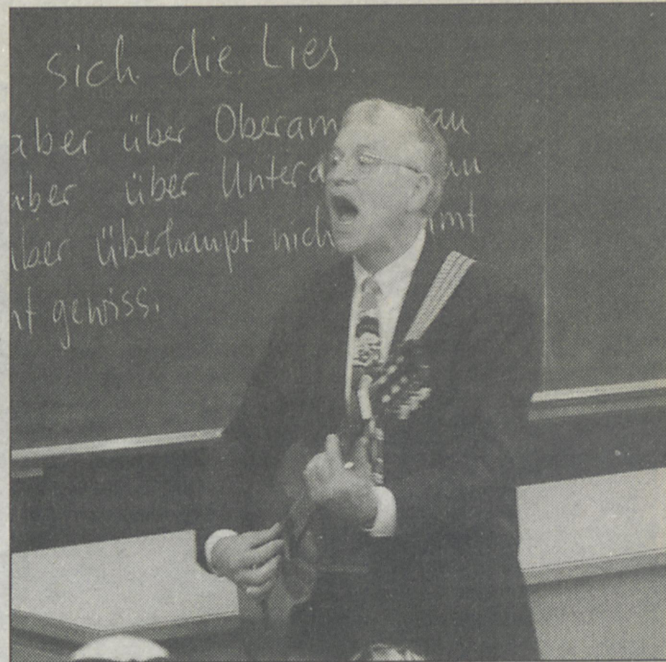
"Someone said to me, 'Why not stay in Oregon a second year?' And so I did, and it became harder and harder to leave Oregon."

Stehr didn't join the German program at OSU until 1975, not long after that he entered the film world that lead him further and further.

The teacher wrote and hosted a German language instructional program called "Guten Tag." The program was filmed at Gill Coliseum. He eventually helped translate German television shows to English. Some of the shows included the oceanographic series, "The Restless Sea."

The hard work Stehr put into these productions paid off greatly as he was asked to become a producer for a made-for-television movie called "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace."

This film debut was his landmark for more movies in the future. "Bonhoeffer" cap-



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German Professor Christian Stehr, seen here playing guitar during a lecture is also a successful movie producer.

tured the biography of a Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer who defied the Nazis in World War II and, as a result, Adolf Hitler personally ordered the minister executed.

This movie took six years to produce, but once it was completed it became one of the most compelling stories of World War II. Stehr believed that it was important for everyone to know this man's story.

It is not every day people read about a local teacher leading a double life producing movies. Stehr has had his hands quite full but is there room for more? He certainly hopes there is.

"It all starts with an idea and finding something interesting would make a compelling

movie," Stehr said.

Placed in his hands is a copy of the novel, "Villard: The Life and Times of the American Titan." Stehr believes this true story of a rail-road titan is something that Americans can relate to, and he hopes that someday this story will hit the big screens. But there is so much involved with putting a movie together that right now, Stehr is just looking for inspiration.

In summing up his past 18 years in the movie industry, Stehr reminisces that, "It just looks like yesterday. When you find something you love to do, time doesn't seem an issue."

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## 4-H program not just for children anymore

► Collegiate 4-H focuses mainly on community service projects

By MEGHAN HOLLIS  
BAROMETER FREELANCE WRITER

The first meeting for the collegiate 4-H chapter at Oregon State University wasn't animal mania, like most people would assume it to be.

The lighthearted and fun meeting was held Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the basement of Ballard Extension, where all meetings throughout the year will be held.

The OSU chapter was re-established in 1999 by Jim Rutledge, the state 4-H Program leader.

"In spite of the club being new, members' enthusiasm and eagerness contributed to the 2000 National New Club of the Year Award being given by the National Collegiate 4-H Association," according to the chapter's website.

"Collegiate 4-H is open to anybody," said Amy Khan, the Collegiate 4-H advisor. "Anybody in Linn-Benton County or any student of OSU student is welcome."

Collegiate 4-H is different than Youth 4-H programs. Although most members have an agricultural background, they do not show animals and they do not exclude those who are not quite as animal savvy.

"Collegiate 4-H is a service based group," said Kahn, "Whereas regular 4-H is a project based group."

The OSU chapter participates in several community service projects. This year the club will be involved in pumpkin carving for the Children's Farm Home, making Valentines for the VA Veterans Hospital patients and giving tours to members of Coos County 4-H.

"Our primary focus is on community service, leadership and fellowship development," said Rutledge.

The group will also conduct the Rake n' Run, where students will rake fallen leaves for people, free of charge.

"We are a really open club," said Sara Boatman, president of the OSU chapter. "If you have an interest or suggestion, talk to someone about your ideas and we will try and put something together."

The major event this year, however, will

be the annual National Collegiate 4-H Conference held in Portland in Feb., which the OSU chapter is hosting.

"The National Conference is a unique experience," said Rutledge. "It would be a beneficial and fun experience for anyone interested."

OSU student James Miller, intern for the chapter, is in charge of the monumental project of organizing this conference.

"There is a ton to do. That's the bottom line," Miller said. "Its good to see excited people who want to help out."

One OSU student during the meeting said she was excited about this group because "I want to actually do something. I've been in clubs in the past where it was more about a title than actually doing anything."

"This club is largely for new students to make a network of friends and supporters," Rutledge said.

The next Collegiate 4-H meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6:00 p.m.

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# Limbaugh resigns over comments about McNabb

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh resigned from ESPN on Wednesday night, three days after saying Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb is overrated because the media wanted to see a black quarterback succeed.

"My comments this past Sunday were directed at the media and were not racially motivated," Limbaugh said in a statement Wednesday night. "I offered an opinion. This opinion has caused discomfort to the crew, which I regret.

"I love 'NFL Sunday Countdown' and do not want to be a distraction to the great work done by all who work on it.

"Therefore, I have decided to resign. I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the show and wish all the best to those who make it happen."

George Bodenheimer, president of ESPN and ABC Sports, accepted the resignation.

"We regret the circumstances surrounding this," he said in a statement. "We believe that he took the appropriate action to resolve this matter expeditiously."

McNabb had said earlier Wednesday that he didn't mind criticism of his performance. He was upset that Limbaugh made his race an issue and said it was too late for an apology.

"It's somewhat shocking to hear that on national TV from him," McNabb said. "It's not something that I can sit here and say won't bother me."

Limbaugh insisted earlier Wednesday he had "no racist intent whatsoever." In fact, he said he must have been right; otherwise, the comments would not have sparked such outrage.

Before McNabb led the Eagles to a 23-13 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday, Limbaugh said on ESPN's pregame show that he didn't think McNabb was as good as perceived from the start.

"I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well," Limbaugh said on "Sunday NFL Countdown."

"There is a little hope invested in McNabb, and he got a lot of credit for the per-

formance of this team that he didn't deserve. The defense carried this team," he said.

Limbaugh did not back down during his syndicated radio talk show Wednesday.

"All this has become the tempest that it is because I must have been right about something," Limbaugh said. "If I wasn't right, there wouldn't be this cacophony of outrage that has sprung up in the sports writer community."

The NFL disclaimed any responsibility from Limbaugh's remarks.

"ESPN knew what it was getting when they hired Rush Limbaugh," league vice president Joe Browne said. "ESPN selects its on-air talent, not the NFL."

Chris Berman, who anchors the ESPN show, said he did not believe Limbaugh's tone or intent was malicious.

"As cut and dry as it seems in print, I didn't think so when it went by my ears," he said. "I probably should have looked to soften it. We're sorry we upset a guy who got off to a rough start."

McNabb said someone on the show should have taken on Limbaugh. Among the other panelists are former players Michael Irvin and Tom Jackson, both of whom are black.

"I'm not pointing at anyone but someone should have said it," McNabb said of the panelists, who also include former quarterback Steve Young. "I wouldn't have cared if it was the cameraman."

Limbaugh was scheduled to be in Philadelphia on Thursday to speak at a broadcast convention. McNabb said he wouldn't be welcome at the Eagles'

practice. "I really don't want to see him," McNabb said. "You can say you're sorry all you want, it doesn't matter. It's been said."

The NAACP also condemned Limbaugh's remarks, calling them "bigoted and ignorant," and called for the network to fire Limbaugh or at least provide an opposing point of view on the show.

"It is appalling that ESPN has to go to this extent to try to increase viewership," NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said in a statement.

McNabb, who was runner-up for the league MVP award in 2000 and has led the Eagles to two straight NFC championship games, said he has no quarrel with Limbaugh's comment on his ability.

"I know I played badly the first two games," he said.

McNabb got off to the worst start of his career this season and was the NFL's lowest-rated starting quarterback after losses to Tampa Bay and New England. Still, the Eagles are 36-22 in games he has started, including 4-3 in the playoffs.

Limbaugh on Wednesday reiterated that he doesn't think McNabb is a bad player, just that he isn't as good as some media members think he is.

"This is such a mountain out of a molehill," he said. "There's no racism here, there's no racist intent whatsoever."

Limbaugh helped increase the ratings for "Sunday NFL Countdown." ESPN spokesman Dave Nagle said ratings are up 10 percent overall. Sunday's show drew its biggest audience in the regular season since 1996.

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## OSU football player suspended

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

Brandon Lockheart, backup junior offensive tackle for the Oregon State Beavers, was suspended Wednesday by head coach Mike Riley for violation of team rules. The decision was announced Wednesday.

Lockheart started the first three games

of the season at left tackle before losing his starting job to senior Brian Kilkenny. Redshirt freshman Adam Koets moves up to No. 2 at left tackle on the OSU depth chart for this week's game at California.

Lockheart, who is from Los Angeles, came to Oregon State from Santa Monica College in 2002.

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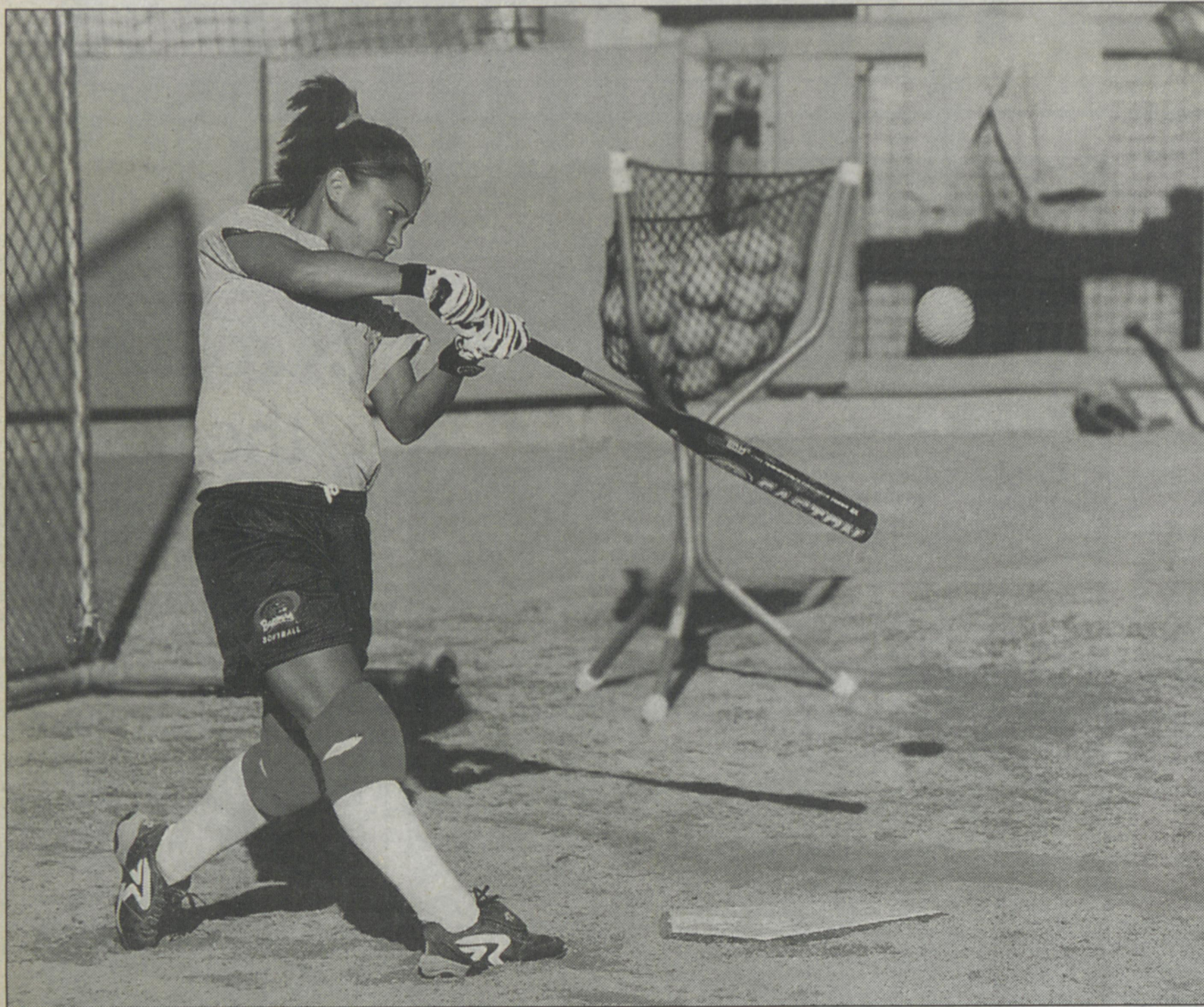
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An Oregon State softball player practices Wednesday afternoon at OSU's softball complex. The Beavers will host a Fall tournament this weekend that will feature community colleges from California, Washington and Western Oregon University.

## Gjurgevich: No matter what the situation is, race shouldn't be an issue

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Maybe the preseason expectations were too much, or maybe Tampa Bay and New England were better matched up to beat the Eagles.

If I were a football expert, that's where I would look first.

But not Rush Limbaugh. You see, for Rush, the solution to McNabb's mishaps were simple — he was never really good anyway and the only reason he is still in there is because he's the NFL's version of the token black guy!

Genius right?

"Sorry to say this, I don't think (McNabb's) been that good from the get-go," Limbaugh said. "I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well.

"There is a little hope invested in McNabb, and he got a lot of credit for the performance of this team that he didn't deserve."

Oh, so I get it. McNabb, who has never been a good quarterback, has simply gotten a free pass all of these years because the media wants to see a black quarterback succeed so badly.

Yes, that's right kids, dust off that race card, it's time to pull it out and wave it high.

Now, I am never one to criticize. I say stupid things all the time, and I will be the first to admit that I don't know every-

thing there is to know. But if there is one thing I do know, it's that race is most definitely not an issue here, and it is ignorant to say otherwise.

If the media, the NFL, whoever, wanted a black quarterback to succeed so badly, why isn't Akili Smith on the cover of Sports Illustrated?

Why did Kordell Stewart get run out of Pittsburgh? Why don't we celebrate the career of Randall Cunningham or Warren Moon every chance we get?

Last time I checked, all of those cats were black.

What Rush doesn't understand, basically, is football. It's not like the world of politics — there are no secret agendas or conspiracies against the other party.

It simple.

You practice and if you are good enough, you play on Sunday. If you excel on Sundays you get the star treatment and once you start sucking it up, you get replaced with someone who can do the job better than you.

You think an NFL coach is out there to do favors for guys, or to win football games? And since when has the sports media been easy on any superstar athlete, white or black?

Try never — then add a few years.

Nothing irks me more than when someone has to pull the race card — especially an old, white guy — in the year 2003.

I'm not saying that racism is dead. I am saying that drudging up non-issues and making completely ignorant, hurtful statements because your warped mind wants to pull the "shock-jock" routine is what's keeping racism alive and kicking.

Sure, there has been a rise in the number of black quarterbacks in the league, from say, 20 years ago. From Michael Vick to Byron Leftwich to Donovan McNabb to Quincy Carter.

But it's absolutely ridiculous to say that these guys are taking the snaps because the media, the NFL, or whatever left wing group Rush has nightmares about, put them there and has kept them there.

They are all exceptional athletes, just like David Carr, Chad Pennington and Tom Brady or all those other white guys.

NFL players like McNabb earn and keep their jobs through hard work, dedication, performance and skill in the game of football, not the color of their skin.

Once Rush realizes that simple fact about football, then maybe, just maybe, he can offer some more commentary on the sport.

Otherwise, he should stay on political talk radio — a place where my sports loving time will never be wasted.

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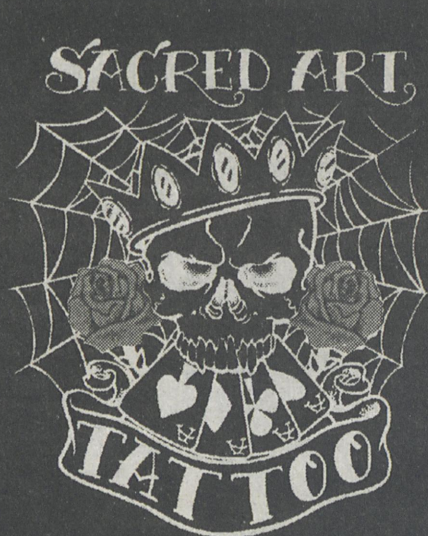
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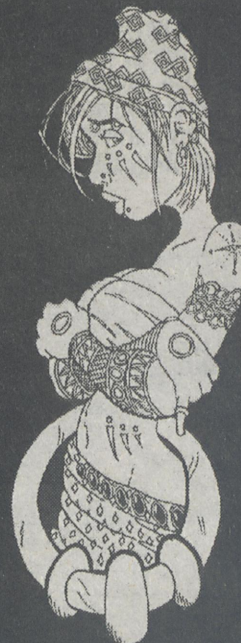
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## Raising Reser — Halfway there

► The stadium expansion plan has raised over \$16 million this year alone

By TASHA RASSULI  
BAROMETER SPORTS EDITOR

Over one year ago, athletic director Bob De Carolis announced that the University was planning to expand Reser Stadium. What that expansion entailed was adding 8,000 new seats, sky boxes and club-level areas, beginning in the 2005 season.

The total cost for the expansion — \$28 million.

Since the one year mark has passed, De Carolis announced Wednesday that the stadium expansion project has raised \$16 million.

That's a little over the halfway point.

De Carolis also announced new programs designed for a multi-year savings and he also announced a referral incentive challenge.

"We are obviously excited about surpassing the halfway mark of the campaign and we have the loyalty and dedication of Beaver believers to thank for that," De Carolis said. "These two new programs should make the upscale setting in Reser much more attractive to current and potential members of Beaver Nation."

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- **30% Seat Donations:** To receive priority seating in the new stadium, those who wish to reserve the best seats must reserve the seats now and can do that by paying a reservation price.
- **45% Gifts and donations:** Anyone, from former Alumni to Beaver fans can donate money toward the new stadium and currently that has been the largest source.

requirements for reserving club level seating and field level covered sections are reduced from \$450- \$850 per seat, just as long as the donor pledges for three years.

"Many fans have already signed up for these preferred locations and are being contacted about the significant savings options now available to them," De Carolis said. "They'll find they

might upgrade their 2005 Reser seats at donor levels that will now be the same or less than they currently invest in the Beavers."

De Carolis refers to the club level seats as, "the ultimate tailgate experience." The club level will feature more than 3,000 padded, theater-style seats. Fans will also have access to an upper deck view that provides a private viewing angle. Members will also have access to entertainment, dining, adult beverage services, games and big screen projection to watch all other football games airing around the nation.

The second program is a contest allowing fans to win prizes that include seats on every team charter during the 2004 football season. Titled as, "Beaver Nation Challenge" this contest has fans earning points toward prizes if they refer fellow friends to sign up towards the stadium expansion.

"Friends of the program now have incentive to think of the friends they want to have share the great social aspect of collegiate football," De Carolis said. "If you know of other individuals, families or company contacts who could benefit from the fall Saturday experience we plan to provide with the new stadium, you could win some very special opportunities with the Beavers."

Both programs will end on Feb. 4 next year.

For more information on the Raising Reser expansion, see [www.osubeavers.com](http://www.osubeavers.com).

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### Crossing the line

When you want to talk philosophy, you probably wouldn't head for the engineering building.

Then again, if you wanted to discuss the intricacies of "rigid body dynamics," you likely wouldn't make an appointment with a philosophy professor.

Point being, that going to someone who knows what they are talking about will probably help you in the long run, as opposed to someone who is well versed in another subject.

After all, not everyone can be a renaissance man.

This is why, before the NFL season even started, I found it odd that ESPN, cable's supposed sports authority, would hire Rush Limbaugh to talk football with the likes of Chris Berman, Michael Irvin, Steve Young and Tom Jackson.

I remembered some years ago that the political radio show host had auditioned for Monday Night Football during their "let's-bring-in-a-gimmick" era, but lost the job to Dennis Miller.

Sure, Miller talked over 95% of football fan's heads and was canned when ABC realized that people tuned in Monday nights for football, and not comedy.

But, hey, at least we didn't have to listen to Rush trying to talk about the nickel defense.

Well, instead of realizing that they had side-stepped a landmine, ESPN — who is owned by the same evil conglomerate as ABC — decided to go ahead and hire Rush Limbaugh to give commentary on NFL football this season.

It was only a matter of time, I figured, before he would say something stupidly controversial and the country would once again be talking about old Rush and his big, fat, ultra-conservative mouth.

Like Ken Griffey getting injured, or a Blazer getting busted with the hippie lettuce, it seemed like a sure bet. Too bad Vegas wasn't taking odds — I would've cleaned up.

During Sunday NFL Countdown, before the Philadelphia Eagles-Buffalo Bills game last weekend, Limbaugh made some comments about Eagle's superstar quarterback Donovan McNabb that didn't exactly sit well with anyone.

McNabb, before that game, wasn't exactly ballin' this season. The Eagles were 0-2, despite large preseason hopes for an NFC title run.

Being the quarterback, much of the focus for the teams struggles were laid on McNabb, who didn't play quite like an MVP candidate against Tampa Bay or New England.

Now, I am all for having a fresh take on a situation like McNabb's.

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## PAC-10 STANDINGS

### Volleyball Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
California	4	0	12	0
Stanford	4	0	10	2
USC	3	0	12	0
UCLA	2	1	10	2
Washington	2	2	11	2
Washington State	2	2	5	8
Arizona State	1	2	6	6
Arizona	0	3	6	7
Oregon State	0	4	10	6
Oregon	0	4	3	9

### Football Standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Oregon State	1	0	4	1
Washington State	1	0	4	1
Washington	1	0	3	1
California	1	0	3	3
Oregon	1	1	4	1
UCLA	0	0	2	2
USC	0	1	3	1
Stanford	0	1	2	2
Arizona State	0	1	2	2
Arizona	0	1	1	4

### Men's Soccer Standings

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Washington	0	0	0	6	0	1
UCLA	0	0	0	6	1	0
Oregon State	0	0	0	6	3	0
California	0	0	0	4	4	1
Fresno State	0	0	0	3	5	0
Stanford	0	0	0	2	5	1

### Women's Soccer Standings

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Arizona State	0	0	0	6	1	1
UCLA	0	0	0	5	1	2
California	0	0	0	4	1	3
Washington	0	0	0	5	2	2
Stanford	0	0	0	5	3	1
Oregon	0	0	0	5	4	0
USC	0	0	0	4	3	3
Arizona	0	0	0	4	4	1
Oregon State	0	0	0	3	5	1
Washington State	0	0	0	3	6	0