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Colombian union sues Coca-Cola

► Vice-president of food workers union speaks about alleged human rights violations

By KATIE GILL
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EDITOR

A lawsuit against Coca-Cola has been filed in the U.S. Federal Courts due to the corporations association with paramilitary groups in Colombia.

"We have initiated a worldwide campaign against Coca-Cola for violating human rights," said Juan Carlos Galvis, Vice President of SINAL- TRAINAL, the Colombian national food and beverage workers union.

Galvis spoke on Monday to a group of Oregon State students and faculty about the numerous death threats and assassination attempts on his life and the lives of his colleagues by the paramilitary.

One of Galvis' co-workers was kidnapped for taking part in a protest against Coca-Cola. "He was told that if he continued to protest, he would be murdered as well as everyone else in the union," Galvis said.

"Today in Colombia, more than 65 members of the union have been threatened by the paramilitary, and nothing has been done by the Colombian authorities," he said.

It is because of this, that the union members have decided to call for a worldwide boycott of Coca-Cola products as well as file a lawsuit.

Under the Alien Tort Claims Act, any foreign union has the right to bring a lawsuit against U.S. corporations.

"Both strategies are meant to pressure and denounce what Coca-Cola is doing to workers in my country," Galvis said.

The Colombian initiated that the campaign has gained the support of many organizations at a worldwide level.

Three meetings have been held in various countries to discuss the situation, and at every assembly. According to Galvis, it was concluded that Coca-Cola was guilty of all of the charges brought against it.

The corporation has failed to
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MELANIE JAHNKE | BAROMETER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

OSU President Ed Ray and his wife, Beth (left), greet faculty, staff, and students at their official welcome ceremony in the MU Lounge Monday afternoon. Ray is the 14th president of OSU.

President Ray welcomed

► Reception allowed 14th OSU president and his wife to meet campus community, discuss goals for the future of the university

By MEGHAN HOLLIS
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

A reception was held for Oregon State University President Ed Ray and his wife, Beth, in the MU Lounge on Monday afternoon from 4-6 p.m. The event was the official welcoming for the two to OSU.

Faculty, staff, students and the Corvallis community attended and had the opportunity to meet and welcome the Rays to the campus.

The event was sponsored by the OSU Foundation Board of Governors and organized by the office of University Advancement.

Associated Students of Oregon State University President Andy Saultz spoke and welcomed the Rays to OSU.

"On behalf of all students," Saultz said, "welcome to your new home."

Saultz spoke about the issues Ray will be facing as president.

"As you have learned, there are many challenges that face OSU at this time," Saultz said. "The first is the

severity of the funding crisis."

Saultz said Ray has donated \$30,000 to the Student Contingency Fund. The fund is an emergency fund established by the university so students may receive a one-time loan to supplement the cost of their tuition.

"We appreciate your donation greatly," Saultz said.

Saultz went on to name another major issue facing OSU.

"The campus and community environment has faced recent incidences of overt bigotry and prejudice," Saultz said.

He made note that a Campus Climate Survey will be coming out in the near future. Students will be asked to comment on problems they are facing and ways they feel the campus could improve.

Ray took the podium after Saultz, for a few brief comments.

"The third item on our agenda is to meet the trust and bond OSU was given when it was established as a Land Grant school.

"We need to be partners not just with Oregonians, but with people all over the nation and world," Ray said. "We are working to make Oregon State an even more diverse community."

Ray was named president on June 5 and assumed

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OSU student recaps bone disease, Oprah

► Pre-pharmacy student was featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show due to major surgery

By DANNY FERNANDEZ
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

Monday's episode of the "Oprah Winfrey Show," called "Inside the Lives of Little People", dealt with the issue of dwarfism, and how it has affected the lives of people with this genetic condition.

Oregon State University student Tim Rodman is one of those people who appeared on Monday's episode to tell his story.

Tim was born with a rare condition called Jansen's disease, which caused his bones to twist into deformed shapes.

In October of 2000, Tim underwent a major surgery, which was meant to straighten out his leg and help him walk. He was faced with the threat of having one of his legs amputated. But after four months of recovery time, the operation was a success.

"The entire surgery was pretty nerve-racking," Rodman said. "I could have lost a leg."

Rodman had a very strong relationship with his surgeon, who passed away due to a brain tumor shortly after finding out that Rodman's surgery was successful.

"He told me that he was kept alive to finish my surgery," Rodman said, adding he thought of him more as a father or a grandfather than a surgeon.

A documentary called "Little People, Big Lives", which tells Rodman's story up to the point of the end of his surgery, is currently airing on both The Learning Channel and the Discovery Channel.

"One of Oprah's producers saw the documentary, and they wanted to know how I turned out," Rodman said.

After the show's producers contacted him, he was on his way to Chicago for the taping.

"Being on Oprah was, overall, a positive experience. Educating the public is an important thing to do," Rodman said.

He also added that another

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Alternative future with alternative fuel

► OSU student takes break from studies to promote fuel efficiency, battle disease

By BRENNA DOHENY
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

Editor's Note: This is the first of a three-part series focusing on alternative fuel sources.

Like many college students, Justin Soares spent a good deal of his classroom time gazing out the windows and daydreaming. His mind's wandering happened to be a bit more ambitious than the usual college fantasies of parties and co-eds, however, and led him to start his own alternative fuel cooperative.

The former OSU wildlife biology major was preoccupied with thoughts of his car, a gas-guzzling 1980 Volkswagen van — which averaged only seventeen miles per gallon.

"It definitely went against my values to drive it," said Soares, who continued saying he leads an environmentally-conscious lifestyle to "leave a smaller footprint on the earth."

Soares decided to find an alternative fuel for his van, and searched the internet for options.

He first considered propane, which has lower emis-

sions than gasoline, but only half the energy. When he learned about biodiesel, he said "it blew my mind at first."

He read a book about biodiesel, "From Fryer to Fuel Tank" by Joshua Tickell, and in June 2000 began experimenting with his kitchen blender to make his own fuel.

Biodiesel is a mixture of standard diesel fuel and vegetable oil that has undergone a chemical reaction with alcohol, a process called transesterification, which converts the oil to an ester form that can be used as fuel. A 1996 University of California at Davis study in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy found that biodiesel produces over 90 percent less carcinogenic exhaust emissions than regular diesel fuel.

The carbon released in biodiesel combustion is also less harmful to the environment because it remains part of the carbon cycle. In other words, the carbon burned in the fuel comes from plants and can be re-used by other plants, instead of entering the atmosphere.

"It's a closed loop," Soares said, "rather than mining

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JUSTIN RUNQUIST | BAROMETER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Justin Soares, a former OSU wildlife biology major, pumps biodiesel into a drum in a customer's garage.



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NEWSREEL

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WORLD

28 immigrants found in boat off of Italian coast, 13 dead

ROME (AP) — An Italian coast guard crew, alerted to the presence of a rickety wooden boat in waters off Sicily, found 13 bodies on board and 15 other would-be illegal immigrants, suffering from exposure and badly in need of food and water.

One woman's condition was so bad she was initially mistaken for dead by the rescuers, who said survivors told them many more people had died during the voyage. Their bodies were apparently tossed overboard.

"It's too soon to have a final toll of the victims," said Michele Niosi, commander of the port authority office in Lampedusa, a Sicilian island where rescuers brought the immigrants.

Fishermen spotted the wooden boat late Sunday in waters off Sicily. They alerted the Italian coast guard after tossing bottles of water and pieces of bread to those on board.

The 40-foot-long boat is believed to have set sail from northern Africa, but it was not known how long it had been at sea. At least some of the immigrants were believed to be from Somalia.

Four of the 13 men and two women who survived were in serious condition, Italian port authorities said.

"The accounts of the survivors are in fact confused, also because of their condition. When they were rescued they were extremely worn out from cold and hunger, some of them were delirious," the Italian news agency ANSA, reporting from the island, quoted Niosi as saying.

One woman lying among the bodies appeared to be dead but on closer examination rescuers found she was still breathing, news reports said. She was transferred by helicopter to a hospital in Sicily.

Lampedusa Mayor Bruno Siragusa said his island of 5,000 people was running out of coffins.

On Friday, Italy's coast guard rescued 25 would-be immigrants, also some from Somalia, from a small boat in waters off Lampedusa. Seven or eight others were believed to have perished, including at least two children whose bodies had been tossed overboard by smugglers, authorities said.

While authorities estimate thousands of immigrants manage to reach Italian shores undetected, thousands more are intercepted at sea or spotted on land and are deported unless they can prove they need political asylum or have a job waiting.

NATION

Marysville teachers continue longest strike in state history

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Telling negotiators on both sides to "grow up," a judge on Monday ordered Marysville teachers back to work by Wednesday to end the longest teachers strike in state history.

"It is time for all the adults to grow up and start looking at their obligations to these children," Snohomish County Superior Court Judge Linda C. Krese said, peeved that four days of court-ordered negotiations failed to yield a contract agreement.

School district Superintendent Linda Whitehead said, "I'm excited the teachers and students are coming back to school."

Minutes after the ruling, the head of the local teachers union said she expects teachers to defy the order, despite the threat that objectors would face \$250 in daily fines.

"I feel very firmly that we won't go back without a contract," said Elaine Hanson, president of the Marysville Education Association.

Teachers were scheduled to vote Monday evening on whether to honor the injunction.

Two weeks ago, a group of parents who formed a group called "Tired of the Strike" filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction forcing teachers to report to their classrooms. The Marysville School District joined the lawsuit a week later. Last Wednesday, Krese told the union and school district to negotiate eight hours a day for four days, but both sides said they made no progress.

Monday was the 49th day of the strike in the district north of Everett. Nearly 700 Marysville teachers took to the picket lines on Sept. 2, what was supposed to be the first day of school for 11,000 students.

On Sunday, a third-party panel Gov. Gary Locke appointed to analyze the strike called negotiations "an abysmal failure."

Bob Utter, a retired state Supreme Court justice, and Denny Heck, a former legislator, urged teachers and the school district to settle their differences quickly or submit to binding arbitration.

Teachers are asking for 7.5 percent in raises over three years, but the district says it can't afford it. Teachers also want the district to stick to a local salary schedule, which pays mid-career and highly experienced teachers more, while the district wants to switch to a state salary schedule, which pays beginning teachers more.

Beginning teachers in Marysville, about 30 miles north of Seattle, make

about \$33,000 a year. Teachers at the top of the salary scale make \$66,000 a year.

STATE

Single engine plane crashes in Seaside killing one person

SEASIDE (AP) — A small, single-engine plane crashed and burned Monday near the Seaside Municipal Airport, killing one person.

The planes pilot was apparently attempting to land for the second time when the plane crashed at about 4 p.m., according to the Federal Aviation Administration. Officials think the pilot was the only person on board.

Winds at the time were between 40 and 60 mph, said Assistant Seaside Fire Chief Boice Moore.

The crash came two days after a twin-engine plane crashed in Scappoose, killing both people on board.

On Monday, Columbia County authorities identified the victims as James Gillespie, 72, and Jessie Gillespie, 73, of the Steilacoom, Wash., area.

According to witnesses, another plane took off just as the Gillespies' Cessna was about to land on the same runway. The Cessna's pilot then decided to go back around to attempt a landing.

That's when the Cessna started to lose altitude, said Debra Eckrote, investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board.

Gunlocks to be given out to prevent accidental shootings

MEDFORD (AP) — A national shooting-sports group will distribute 9,000 free gunlocks in Jackson County this week in a move to curb accidental home shootings, especially those involving children.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is using a \$50 million federal grant for its "Project Childsafe" program. The locks will be distributed through Wednesday at local police departments and a Medford sporting-goods store.

The program hopes to put 20 million of the locks in American homes.

"If you can stop that from happening one time, it's worth the program," said overseer Chris Comisky of New York.

The cable-style locks, which would retail for \$10 to \$12 apiece, meet gun lock requirements in California, which are the most stringent in the country. Oregon has no such requirements.

The locks, which fit rifles as well as handguns, run a cable through the firing mechanism and require that the firearm is unloaded to work.

"I think conscientious gun-owners

who use sporting weapons on an infrequent basis and are concerned about safety will receive it well," Sweeny said. "If people are using firearms for personal safety and home security, I don't know what their feelings will be."

UNIVERSITIES

Police to investigate third death at NYU this term

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — Police are investigating the death of an New York University student who fell from a University Place apartment building Saturday night.

Michelle Gluckman, a 19-year-old in the General Studies Program, fell at about 10 p.m. from a sixth-story window to the enclosed courtyard on the second floor of a non-NYU apartment building at 1 University Place, police said. She was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital where she lay in critical condition until she died seven hours later.

The details surrounding the death remain unclear, but the police said Gluckman likely jumped and was not pushed.

Gluckman's death is the second at NYU in nine days and the third this semester. A College of Arts and Science freshman jumped to his death from the 10th floor of Bobst Library on Oct. 10, and a CAS junior leapt from the same floor of the library Sept. 12.

The medical examiner's office has not determined the cause of death and will be conducting an autopsy Monday.

According to police sources, the death appears to have been a suicide.

Gluckman, was visiting friends at the apartment Saturday night when she fell.

A couple living in an apartment two doors away was at home that night when they heard commotion coming from the nearby apartment.

"We heard a lot of screaming," said the husband, who declined to give his name. "We were watching the Yankee game ... so we were sort of occupied. I saw what appeared to be something hanging out of the window."

He said he assumed the girls were "horseplaying" and "didn't think more of it" until he opened his door in curiosity and saw a girl coming toward him, saying, "She fell. We tried to stop her." His wife then followed the girls, whom he described as being "in a state of shock," into the apartment where she spoke with a 911 operator, he said.

— By Kate Meyer
Washington Square News
(New York U.)

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

Meetings

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

OSU Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club, 4-6pm, S. IM Fields. Practice. All levels of experience welcome.

OSU Mountain Club, 7:30pm, MU 206. New members welcome.

OSU College Democrats, 7pm, MU 110. General meeting.

Pre-Medical Society, 6pm, STAG 106. 1st meeting of the year. Meet your officers and learn about volunteering.

Int'l Students of OSU, 6-8pm, Int'l Forum (Club Escape). General meeting open to all.

Speakers

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7:30pm, LaSells Stewart Center, C&E Auditorium. Dr. Ted Peters. "Genes, Theology, and Ethics."

Events

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Home cooked meal and conversation. Vegetarian option. Come and go as you can.

UCPS, 4-5pm, MU 206. Enhancing Your Long Distance Relationships.

OSU Greeks, 8-9pm, MU 211. Learn about OSU Fraternities and Sororities. Refreshments provided.

Student Involvement, 4-6pm, Center for Student Involvement (MU East 149). Open House. Learn about Leadership, Community Service, Student Organizations, and general involvement on campus. Drinks and treats.

Volunteers

United Campus Ministry, 5:30-6:30pm, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminister House. Stone Soup — a free meal for any in need. Volunteers needed.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

Meetings

Women's Affairs Task Force of ASOSU, 5pm, Women's Center. FREE dinner accompanies a discussion about issues affecting women.

Int'l Programs, 4-5pm, Snell 448. Study in KOREA!

OSU Rifle Club, 6pm, McAlexander Range. Practice - target shooting, prep for competitions.

OSU Students for Howard Dean, 6pm, MU 207. Meeting is open to all staff, students, and community.

Student Health Advisory Committee, 4-5pm, MU Boardroom. Come find out what SHAC is about.

Poultry Science Club, 6pm, WITH lounge. General meeting.

Pre-Vet Club, 7pm, WITH 217. Volunteer sign up. Bring your planner.

Pre-Law Club, 5pm, MU 209. Regular meeting discussing mock trial & trips.

Speakers

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 12pm, MU Leadership Center. Dr. Ted Peters. "Genes, Theology, and Ethics."

Events

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:15-6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Informal worship with communion.

Queer Resource Center, 6-8pm, Women's Center. Join Mina Carson in the first discussion in a series chronicling queer history.

United Campus Ministry, Noon-1pm, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminister House. This fall we will explore "Food and Faith: Justice, Joy and Daily Bread."

United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7pm, 101 NW 23rd, Westminister House. Join us for a home-cooked meal, a time of music and fellowship, and an opportunity to connect God's presence with your daily life.

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Attorneys give opening statements in depot trial

► Construction workers at Oregon army depot sue for sarin exposure

By **GILLIAN FLACCUS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PORTLAND — An attorney for dozens of construction workers who sued the U.S. Army alleging they were poisoned by sarin gas while working near a chemical stockpile said Monday that the Army was negligent in its response to a "major medical emergency."

The trial pitting the Army against the construction workers opened Monday in U.S. District Court.

The workers were building an incinerator at the Umatilla Chemical Depot near Hermiston, in northeastern Oregon, more than four years ago when they suddenly fell ill and staggered from the building gasping, coughing and vomiting. Many still suffer from symptoms they developed that day.

The incinerator will be used starting next year to destroy nearly 4,000 tons of weapons packed with sarin and VX nerve agent that are stored in 89 concrete bunkers. The bunkers, as well as sheds containing bulk mustard, are several hundred yards from the incinerator site.

The plaintiffs' attorney, James McCandlish, said during opening statements Monday that the Army was wrong to immediately rule out chemical poisoning and was negligent for relying on its civilian contractor, Raytheon, to handle the sick workers.

He also said the Army didn't react quickly enough to the medical emergency, thereby increasing the workers' chemical exposure and worsening its long-term effects.

McCandlish said the Army did not begin testing for chemical agents until three hours after the incident and then waited another 90 minutes before testing the areas where the workers fell ill. Sarin can disperse in as little as 30 minutes, he said, making it impossible to discount chemical exposure.

"They ruled out a chemical agents prior to even doing testing," McCandlish said. "No government employee went to the site and per-

formed an evaluation of signs and symptoms."

McCandlish said the Army's on-site doctor relied instead on phone reports from Raytheon employees, who said they didn't need Army assistance.

"We believe that the Army's defense is hiding its collective head in the sand like an ostrich," McCandlish said.

Government attorneys, however, said Monday that the Army didn't intervene because it immediately ruled out chemical agent, said James Brennan, attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Army employees had entered four bunkers that morning for routine checks and found no weapons leaking in any of those bunkers. That work concluded at least 35 minutes before any workers showed symptoms, Brennan said.

Army employees working in street clothes next to the stockpile didn't show any symptoms while construction workers did, he said.

"The Army, knowing what its operations were on that day, knew that this incident was a localized event at the construction site and not related to any chemical incident," Brennan said.

In addition, he said, Raytheon told Army personnel that it didn't need assistance and had ruled out sarin exposure.

The Army was under no obligation to send its doctor unless Raytheon requested help, he said. Non-chemical accidents at the incinerator site were to be handled by Raytheon as specified in pre-construction agreements, Brennan said.

Raytheon was dropped as a plaintiff after reaching an undisclosed settlement with the workers. The company now is called the Washington Demilitarization Group.

An extensive investigation by the U.S. Army, which owns the depot, and federal regulators never determined the cause of the men's symptoms. Possibilities listed by investigators included pepper spray, ammonia or fumes from the welding, grinding and other construction activity.

The first phase of the trial is to determine if the Army was negligent. A second phase, if needed, would deal with damages.

Colombian: Advocates change against Coca-Cola Co.

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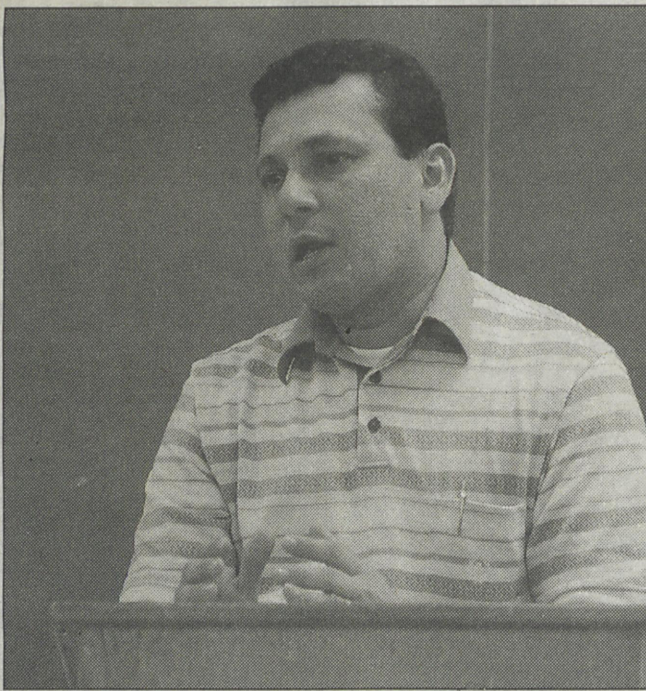
make any positive changes since the campaign was implemented, and has instead begun to lay off thousands of workers. Assassination attempts, kidnappings and murders of union workers by the paramilitary have also increased, and have forced many to flee Colombia.

The latest attempt on Galvis' life occurred on Aug. 22, and as a result, the Colombian government granted him protection in the form of two armed bodyguards and a bullet-proof car.

Galvis' goal is to inform Americans of Coca-Cola's relationship with the paramilitary, and to encourage them to stop consuming Coca-Cola products. "This is a world campaign, not just a Colombian campaign," he said. "I would like to see something done at a real level on campuses."

"It's fair trade we want," he said, "not free trade."

The event was sponsored



BEN MCCOY | BAROMETER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Juan Carlos Galvis speaks to students and faculty about a protest against Coca-Cola on Monday afternoon.

by the Faculty for Peace and Justice at Oregon State University, and was the first of several talks on human rights.

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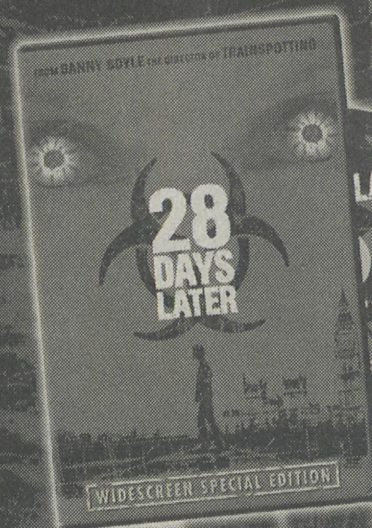
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EDITORIAL

One nation under who?

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to hear the controversial case regarding the inclusion of the phrase "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The words "under God" should be removed from the Pledge on two grounds: 1) these words were avoided in the original version, and 2) Congress chose to add the words in 1954, without giving any substantive reason.

The Pledge of Allegiance, which was written in August of 1892 by Francis Bellamy, actually replaced the Balch Pledge, which was then the prevailing flag salute. Bellamy explicitly avoided using the word "God" in his pledge because he was aware of the wording of George Balch's pledge, "We give our Heads and our Hearts to God and our Country." Being a Baptist and a Freemason, Bellamy valued the separation of church and state in American society, a belief accentuated by the exclusion of "God" in the Pledge.

What's more, in 1954, a year of immense pressure from groups like the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion to add "under God" to the Pledge, David Bellamy, Francis' son, sent a letter to Congress stating that the addendum would be against his father's wishes.

A recent article in the Taipei Times stated, "The words were inserted into the pledge in 1954 as the U.S. was locked in the Cold War with the Soviet Union and the phrase 'Godless communism' was a staple of American political life." This puerile flex of the American political muscle may have been popular in 1954, but today, it is as weak as ever. Given the fact that every American is not theistic, it's about time that political leaders reverse the unfledged decision to include the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

So this isn't about political correctness. This isn't about trying not to step on too many people's toes. This is about the purity of the original text.

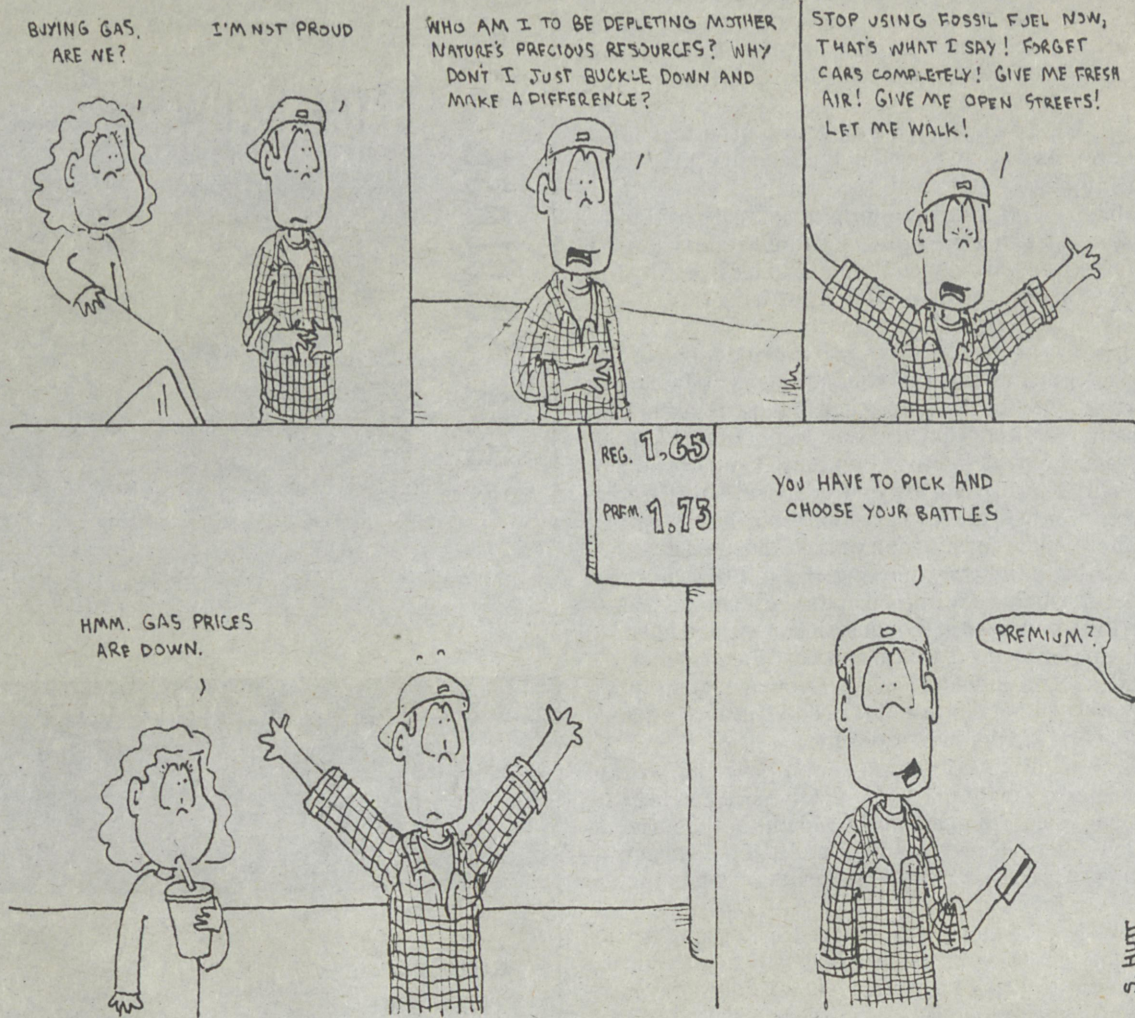
While all the pundits wax on about the pledges historical significance — and furthermore, God's historical significance in the founding of this nation — they are pushing their own double standard when one understands the true history behind the pledge.

The McCarthyist era isn't a history we particularly promote remembering with reverence.

If we want to fight for "framers' intent," go right ahead, but it clearly wasn't the author's intent of the pledge to have it promote a certain belief agenda that perhaps not all Americans share.

So if you want to say the Pledge, say it however you desire, but not with government sanction.

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The building blocks of a super-fan

Oregon State's fans suck. Our football team lacks tradition. We do not have Mississippi State's cowbells or Florida State's Tomahawk chop. We cannot tell our football team to "hook 'em," and Phil Knight is not paying for Steven Jackson billboards in downtown New York.

Scratch that. The Beavs have a long-standing tradition — losing.

A record setting 28-season losing streak will stay in the record books as long as Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak or Ted Williams' .406 batting average. Even Duke has a winning season or two. This is our past. It indeed happened.

Because of this heritage, I do not blame the students for being poor fans.

Fortunately, in the past four years, Oregon State holds the best home record in the Pac-10. Recent football teams have set nearly every school record, we had a first round draft pick last year who leads the Packers in tackling, and as every good Beaver will point out, we killed Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl.

Oregon State football is becoming nationally recognized, and yet our fans remain pitiful.

It is time we learned how to be good fans for our football team.

First and foremost, wear orange to the football game. Wear orange to away games. Do not wear black or gray; wear orange.

When Steven Jackson and Richard Siegler run out of the tunnel onto the field, I want them to see a sea of orange. I want them to know that every child, alumni and

Mike Nierengarten

drunken student is behind them 100 percent.

Secondly, do not go to the game solely to get on television. Go to the game to root for the Beavers. Nothing is more annoying than seeing a fan painted in half-black and half-orange yelling for the TBS cameras the entire game.

These fans show up at the game an hour early to stand in the front row. Every time a camera comes within 20 feet, they cheer uncontrollably, but when Siegler makes an interception to keep us in the game, Rich gets nothing but a golf clap out of them.

Furthermore, fan support needs to exist for more than the three hours of the game.

Fans from Texas A&M go out to their stadium at midnight and practice their cheers. Students and alumni from schools around the country tailgate for days, not hours. The University of Tennessee has numerous parking structures just for tailgating before game day.

The typical Beaver fan heads down to the parking lot of the stadium a half-an-hour before the game. The parking lot outside Reser should be full Friday night with fans breaking out the Coors Light and seven-layer dip by 9 a.m.

The athletic department does little to remedy the lack of fan support. Not only did they move the

student section to the corner of the end zone, but the administration designate assigned seating. Now students have to coordinate times to go down to the ticket office to get tickets together or simply ignore the assigned seating. I encourage the latter. I feel the students who make it to the game first should get the best seats.

I cannot count the number of times I have wanted to throw people over the railing who show up half way through the first quarter and push their way to the front to sit in their designated seats. These same people usually spend more time talking on the phone to their friends or talking about their intimate memories of No. 19. If you go to the game, watch the game. Watch it passionately.

Where are the true fans in Corvallis?

In the alumni section, we have fans that remain seated for the entire game, intent on maintaining a proper position. These fans look down on the rowdy fans jumping up and down when Jackson busts for a 30-yard run. They get upset when a little beer is spilled on them. They are too classy to cheer.

In the student section, we have fans oblivious of their school's fight song calling for a backup quarterback and throwing cheese. Why are you even coming to the game?

Despite all this criticism, I must give credit to some of our fans. To all the Beaver faithful who stuck through one and two win seasons, my hats off to you. I respect the

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Erin Simovic



Men and sports: A bad combination

Another great home game in Corvallis with Beaver flags waving proud from atop a parade of vehicles. You can practically smell the school spirit and camaraderie. The die hard fans already have their tailgating parties set up before sunrise — mmm, the smell of bratwurst at sunrise — and the stores must run out of beer by no later than mid-morning.

Yes, for Beaver football enthusiasts this is the typical routine for a home game. The same parking spot, all six flags on top of the car, 56 Beaver decal's arranged on the side of the motor home, fat and furry men painting themselves orange and streaking through the parking lot. All in all, these folks have waited for this day their whole week.

After a butt whoopin' like Saturday's game, though, I'm sure you've all mellowed a bit. Of course, one can only hope.

I had the unfortunate opportunity to watch the game with my Dad and all his little friends — he's going to love that I said that.

Anyway, when the Huskies earned their first touchdown, all I heard for the next four hours was, "It's all over. We might as well turn the game off now."

Of course that never happened, so I had to sit through this torture for the rest of the night. Apparently, they're all qualified to be head coaches too, because I had to listen to their "coaching" of the team through the television screen. Mind you, none of them have played football themselves.

Thus, I look to such events not with anticipation, but with utter dread. Don't get me wrong, I love the Beavs and even understand a small portion of the game — touchdown good, interception bad.

Really, it isn't the game itself that I hate. Well, that's not entirely true. Three and a half hours? Come on. You mean to tell me that those guys can't run around slapping and jumping on top of one another in less time than that?

No, I'd have to say that I strongly dislike sports in general. Okay, so just sports that men go psychotic over. Well, so pretty much all sports then. Except figure skating, obviously.

You see, here's the thing — it's not just football or baseball or basketball or hockey or, I think you see my point. I can deal with one or perhaps two of these seasons, but put them together and every weekend, and weeknight for that matter, is consumed by sports.

All in all, that amounts to seven nights of yelling and cussing every

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Weighing in on those two little, significant words

Do you take this man/woman to be your lawful wedded husband/wife, to have and to hold, till death do you part?

"I do": Two simple words that currently divide our nation.

Not the words themselves, but the gender of the person who says them is the issue.

I'll start by taking a stance: I'm against gay marriage.

Let me back up though, and state that I'm against marriage.

Back up even more to say I'm against state-sponsored "marriage."

So if I'm against all this, what am I for? I'm for state-endorsed civil unions or domestic partnerships of two people, regardless of their sex. These unions would serve as the legal definition that regulates the realm of a relationship.

The fundamental argument comes down to what role marriage serves in society, and what role do we want it to serve.

I see marriage used as a way for religious morals to control people. People are forced into supposed "life-long" commitments only to break them a few years down the road when they don't work out.

Marriage was functional when the people involved had lives that depended on group efforts.

Farms and stores are hard work. When this was what a family had to do, they needed to marry quickly, stay together, bear offspring and make their relationship work for them. Having a successful marriage back then seemed easy, but I'm sure they weren't. People braved through horrible situations because there were no other options.

Today is nothing like this. A single person can raise children, have a job and be successful.

America beats this "individuality" concept into our heads when, to a certain extent, we can make it by ourselves. However, we are also animals, and have relationship desires.

So we couple. In this coupling, we try to work out our differences, support each other and help each other grow. If this doesn't happen, we divorce.

This idea of marriage is different, obviously. To say we need to go back to the days of marriage for functionality is to deny reality. Humanity will most likely not return to that state. Instead, let's change

Clinton Downs



the reality of marriage.

Ask yourself, how do you see marriage? What benefits are gained through marriage?

I see a commitment to each other's well being through emotional support and financial cooperation.

These cover benefits such as love, care, insurance, loan capabilities, inheritance, partners rights, shared child-rearing responsibilities and state recognition of these rights and responsibilities.

But why should we be caught up in defining this relationship as a "marriage" or a "civil union"?

I'd love for it to be called a marriage, but unfortunately, the definition of that word still lingers with the old-time marriage ideals of man-women, life-long and so on.

You who want to call it a marriage can do so. But I don't agree to following those rules of marriage. I don't want to take that opportunity away from you, or "water down" your institution. I want to have the legal and financial opportunities that are granted to male/female couples. Unions, partnerships, marriages, whatever the state calls it is fine with me, as long as same-sex relationships are included in that.

It seems to me this is the last prominent way to discriminate against homosexuality in society, so conservatives on this issue will not give up. This is why I say if they won't allow same-sex "marriage," let's change policy without them.

This is not a stepping stone to human-sheep marriages or adult-child marriages. The LGBT community is as separate from those groups/movements just as much as the heterosexual community is. Where those groups want to go with their fight is up to them.

However, there is wide support against these groups of people, and I doubt they will try anything similar to same-sex unions in our lifetime.

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Learning to let go of regrets

LARS MAXFIELD

It was in my junior year of high school that counselors started pestering us to research colleges.

I wasn't having anything to do with it. I knew I was going to go to Oregon State. I knew this because I knew what I wanted to get out of college. I wanted to be an engineer. To do that I had to go to an engineering college and it would be nice if it was a cheap one (In-state tuition rocks). Decision made.

So I didn't bother to research, nor did I bother to go through the exhausting process of filling out college applications and sucking up on the essay sections.

I filled out all the OSU paper work in one afternoon, sent it off and didn't give it another thought until classes started. Then I realized that I had no idea what college was or why I had come.

Suddenly it came crashing down on me that I was just following the path of least resistance and had subtly been lead here by the people around me. My parents, my counselors, my friends, TV, all of them just assumed that I was college bound.

Tuesday night of my first finals week I stared at the ceiling wondering what the hell I was doing. Going to class, doing homework, passing tests — these are all things I understand and do well, but the longer I've been here the more times I find myself wondering — did I make the right choice? Am I going to use the notes, the books, the knowledge that I'm spending time and money on? Or

am I just wasting my life?

Three years I've been here now and at least two more left to go. I look at the person I've become in those three years and I wonder if it was worth it. Or better off if I had decided to wait tables in New York or if I had joined the Marines? Would I be a more productive member of society? Would I be a more valued friend, employee, spouse?

There are so many paths to take in this life, so many things to do, but only one life to do them in. It's impossible to avoid regrets for paths not taken.

Yet hindsight can be a vicious loop of "what if's" floating up and popping like soap bubbles.

But during the time I spend fantasizing about what could have been, what really is continues to march on. Regardless of my other options, I chose to come to Oregon State University. For my time and my money they will give me a degree in mechanical engineering. I will then go on and get a job, work 40 hours a week, pay off loans (In-state's cheap, but not free) and life will go on.

Still, I'm left feeling that if I had just paid a little more attention my junior year I'd be a lot happier. Not to my counselors and my parents, and especially not TV. No, I really regret not paying more attention to myself.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Brad Canfield column

Ridiculous statements

Yesterday I was walking on campus, and I counted 1,543,876 leaves on the ground. I know it doesn't seem like a big deal to most of you, but when you completely over analyze the situation you will begin to see the serious health risk posed to everyone who is allergic to leaves!

I know that this makes me seem stupid and naive. However, it is only slightly more stupid and naive than Brad Canfield in his column about smoking (Oct. 20, 2003).

Canfield attacks all smokers saying "The relatively small number of smokers on campus

compared with the enormous number of cigarette butts can only mean one thing: Almost all of them are contributing to the mess..."

There are over 18,000 students enrolled in OSU this term, and if 20 percent (the national average according to Canfield) of them smoke that's about 3,600 smokers walking around on campus on any given day.

If every smoker only smoked two cigarettes a day on campus, in a week there would be 50,400 butts to be accounted for. Yet Canfield still has the gall to say that all smokers should be punished and forced to smoke in designated areas because he saw a few cigarette butts on the ground.

Should we have a designated candy bar eating zone because someone found a wrapper on the ground? Of course not, and the fact that Brad Canfield can sit back and call smokers "deliberately stupid" for choosing to exercise their right to have a cigarette is appalling to me.

I sincerely apologize for the people that discard their butts on the ground, and ask that everyone just fricken deals with it!

In closing I hope that everyone realizes, especially Mr. Canfield, that focusing on smokers as scapegoats for the problems that we face today is utter discrimination.

CHRIS DAVIS,

Junior in exploratory studies

Nierengarten: We need spirit

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fans that stayed to the last play of Saturday's loss to Washington. I even appreciate the streaker. He gave Beaver fans something to cheer about and rally behind at the start of the third quarter.

As our school embarks on Raising Reser, let us grow as fans. When a wailing University of Washington team pummels our Beavers, do not ream Derek Anderson or Mike Riley.

Rather, grab a group of friends, drive up to Pullman and watch our Beavers dismantle Washington State's hopes for a Rose Bowl berth.

Also check out Steven Jackson on "ESPNEWS" at 11 a.m. for the Heisman spotlight show. He may no longer be a candidate, but he definitely deserves our support. That is what fans are for.

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Simovic: Sports here, sports there, can't a girl catch a cartoon anywhere?

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week — time that could be better spent watching the graceful Brian Boitano soar through the air in a stunning triple Lutz-triple Axel combination.

I don't know why this trend hasn't caught on.

Let's see, basketball runs from November to July, baseball picks up from April to October and football rounds out the season from September to January. And that's only to name a few.

Mind you I've left off hockey, soccer, wrestling, animal events and worst of all, golf. I apologize to all the golfers, but watching golf has to be one of the most boring things you can do.

So, here it is in a nutshell:

Announcer in a whisper: "Here we are at beautiful Pebble Beach watching Tiger

Woods line up for his first drive. I spoke with Tiger before tee-off and he hopes to hit the ball onto the green.

"His first swing has put him within yards of the hole, and I can tell you that Tiger is really aiming to sink this next putt."

Get the ball in the hole using the least amount of shots? Ya think.

But I digress.

As I sat watching TV on Saturday morning hoping to catch some cartoons, whilst enjoying my good-for-me breakfast, do you think I was able to find any cartoons? No! However, there was an endless supply of Nascar racing and fishing, not to mention pre-game shows. Even the news was focused on sports highlights.

Can't a girl get a break?

This is what I think, and we all know my opinion is so important. Without spectator sports, hypertension in males would be a

much smaller problem. Think about it, fewer chili dogs and beer, less stress, fewer gambling addictions...the benefits are endless.

Without those stupid sports clogging up network television, we could all concentrate more on current events and educational programming. And best of all, the only television programs that ding-a-lings like Frank Gifford and Marv Albert would be on is "COPS."

Thus, our exploration into the world without sports would leave us with healthier men, and more importantly, additional time and channels in which to air soap operas and Lifetime television-for-women.

And, of course, figure skating.

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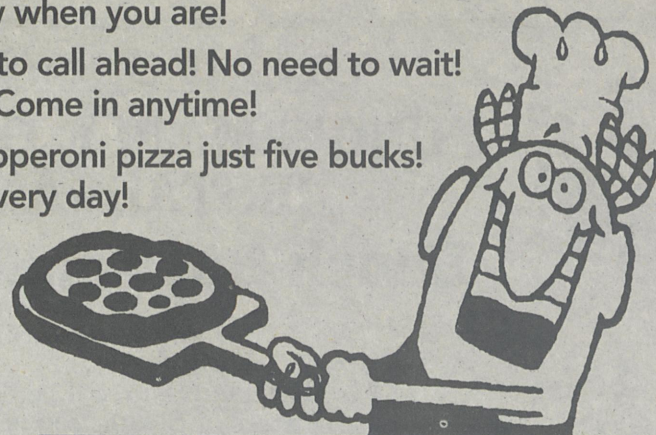
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It's official — Bryant must stand trial

► Judge ruled enough evidence to stand trial

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EAGLE, Colo. — Kobe Bryant must stand trial on a charge of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old resort worker, a judge ruled Monday, clearing the way for a celebrity trial the likes of which hasn't been seen since O.J. Simpson.

Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett said prosecutors presented enough evidence Bryant might have committed the crime June 30. The Los Angeles Lakers guard could face a life sentence if convicted.

His next appearance, in district court, is set for Nov. 10.

Bryant has said the sex was consensual. His attorneys suggested the woman's injuries came during sex with other men in the days before her encounter with Bryant at a posh resort in nearby Edwards.

The defense can appeal Gannett's ruling, but such appeals are rare, legal experts said.

Bryant practiced with the Los Angeles Lakers at their El Segundo, Calif., facility on Monday and it wrapped up about two hours before the judge issued his ruling.

Bryant was asked then about the decision that would be coming out of the Colorado courtroom.

"What courtroom?" he said.

At Bryant's first appearance in state district court he will be advised of his rights, of the charge and of the possible penalties. He could enter a plea during that hearing.

Unless Bryant waives his right to a speedy trial, the trial would be scheduled within six months of his plea.

After Monday's practice, Bryant was asked how much anxiety he was feeling.

"Basketball, zero anxiety. Other stuff, a little anxiety," he said. "But now I just pretty much, you know, give it up. I've pretty much I done all I can.

Now I'll let God carry me the rest of the way. I feel comfortable with that."

Prosecutors in Colorado almost always succeed in persuading a judge to order a trial after a preliminary hearing because the standard of proof required is relatively low. Allegations are usually enough to advance the case to a higher court for trial, where the standard of proof is much higher.

Gannett said that although prosecutors presented "a minimal amount of evidence," what they did show suggested "submission and force." The evidence included photographs of the woman's injuries, as well as blood on her underwear and on Bryant's T-shirt.

District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said he was "pleased" by the decision, "although we had confidence all along in the case."

Bryant's attorneys did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment. John Clune, the lawyer representing Bryant's accuser, declined comment.

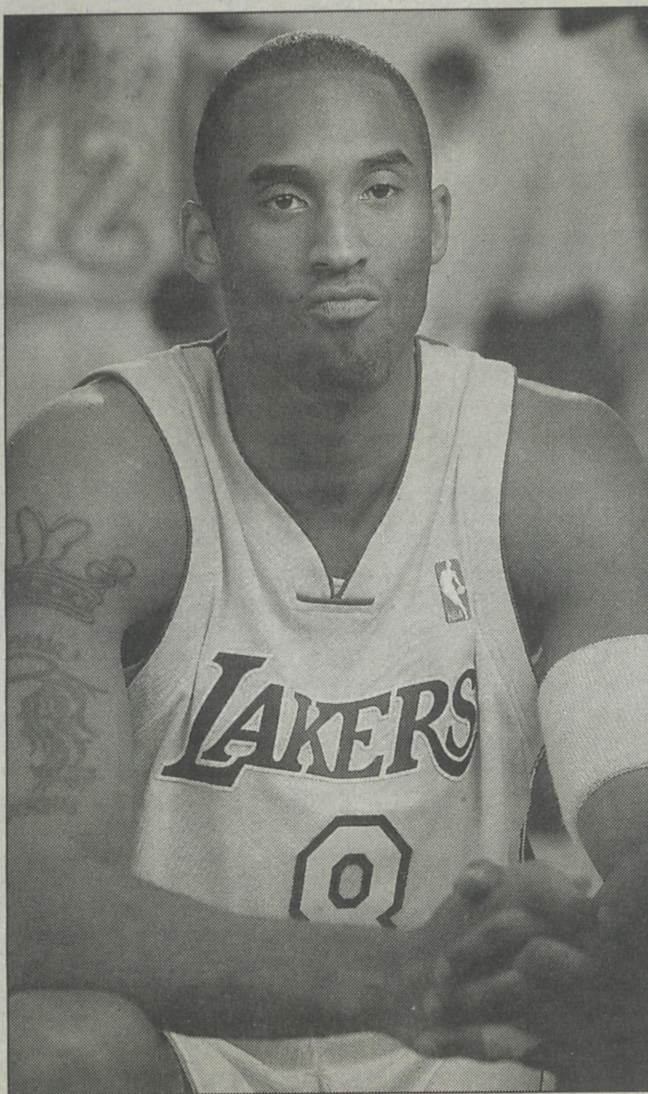
Bryant's preliminary hearing lasted nearly two days and included graphic testimony about an encounter prosecutors say turned violent after flirting by both Bryant and his accuser.

Sheriff's Detective Doug Winters testified the woman went to Bryant's room at the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera shortly after checking him and his two bodyguards in to the resort.

The two chatted and began kissing. But a few minutes later, Bryant grabbed the woman by the throat, bent her over a chair and raped her, asking her several times not to tell anybody, Winters testified.

She told Bryant "no" at least twice, and he stopped only after she pulled his hand off her neck, Winters said.

The woman was left with vaginal tears consistent with assault and her blood was found on Bryant's shirt, Winters said.



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Kobe Bryant now stands trial for sexual assault of a 19-year-old woman. His next court appearance is for Nov. 10.

But he acknowledged under cross-examination by defense attorney Pamela Mackey that the woman had sex with another man shortly before her encounter with Bryant. She also didn't tell Winters initially that she had said "no."

The defense argued that semen and pubic hair found in the woman's underwear that weren't from Bryant prove he is innocent of rape — an argument ridiculed by prosecutor Greg Crittenden. He said the evidence of rape was "uncontradicted."

At trial, any discussion of the woman's sexual history could be limited by Colorado's rape

shield law, unless Bryant's attorneys successfully argue the evidence fits into one of the few exceptions.

Prosecutors, however, must convince a jury that a woman flattered by Bryant's attention had no intention of having sex with him as they kissed. Winters acknowledged she told him she expected Bryant to "put a move" on her when she accepted the invitation to his room.

Hurlbert has said he held back some evidence, knowing a preliminary hearing requires a judge to look at the evidence in a way that is most favorable to prosecutors.

Mathews: Is it too much to ask that my team goes to the World Series?

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base with a guy on second. You are sure it is going to drop and give your team back the lead.

It doesn't.

Up strolls Aaron Boone to the plate in the 11th inning. You sense something bad will happen and you turn to your friend.

"If Aaron Boone goes deep here and they show his bleeping brother in the booth with a smile on his face, I may shoot myself."

He does.

Your friend puts his hand on your shoulder and a bottle of Captain Morgan's by your chair.

He curses Bret Boone even though he is a Mariners fan.

You can't call your dad because he won't want to talk about it. Your mom calls you to make sure you are alright.

Your sister, who watched almost every game at her sorority despite pleas to change the channel, calls you from a party to make sure you haven't broken anything. She tells you of the numerous expletives that came out of people's mouths from each room of the frat house and the calls of "Go Marlins."

Your little sister couldn't even watch because she loves Pedro and can't bear to see him be beaten.

More people call you the day after the check on you. You feel better.

Then you see an ad on Fox for the World Series. You think of the David Ortiz home run off David Wells, who you despise, that should have been the clincher. You think of the joy that you would have felt if your team had ended Roger Clemens' career. You still blame his fat ass for not being in shape when he pitched for your team. You

should have ended his career, advanced to the World Series and ended the curse.

But you didn't.

You begin to wonder what all this "you" stuff is about. You aren't part of the team. You don't know Manny Ramirez. You've never met Tim Wakefield. You begin to wonder why you even care if a group of people you have never met wins or loses.

You claim you will stop watching baseball the day the Red Sox win a World Series. That is all you want, but again you will have to wait. You imagine what it will be like when your team finally wins and this thought alone sustains you. It gets you through the winter and allows you to be optimistic during Spring Training.

The cycle begins again.

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► The senior was named to the Team of the Week, while the team ranks nationally

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Oregon State senior men's soccer player Alan Gordon has been named to the College Soccer News National Team of the Week, it was announced Monday.

Gordon, a forward, spearheaded No. 17 OSU's attack in a 3-1 win over No. 8 Washington in Corvallis on Sunday with two goals in the first half.

The national selection marked the third time in his career that Gordon has been picked for a national team of the week; he was tabbed for College Soccer News and Soccer America teams last

year in his first season as a Beaver after transferring from Yavapai Junior College in Arizona.

Gordon is currently third on OSU's career scoring charts with 59 points in less than two full seasons. He leads OSU with 25 points (11 goals, 3 assists) this year.

Gordon has now scored five goals in the last two meetings with the Huskies, including three in a 6-3 win at home in 2002.

He joins Peter Billmeyer as the second consecutive OSU selectee to a College Soccer News Team of the Week this year; Billmeyer, a senior goalkeeper, was picked last week after shutting out Stanford and California on the road.

The team also jumped into the national polls this week. OSU is ranked 17th in this week's

National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll, marking the first time ever that the Beavers have been ranked nationally by the NSCAA.

OSU (10-4-0 overall, 4-1-0 Pacific-10) knocked off then — No. 7 (NSCAA) Washington 3-1 on Sunday and dropped the Huskies from the poll.

The Beavers jumped up from seventh to third in the Far West Region poll.

UCLA, at No. 1, is the only other Pac-10 school among the NSCAA top 25 — Washington received votes this week.

OSU broke into the Soccer America ranking last week at No. 17 — this week's ranking have not yet been released.

College Soccer News rated OSU 25th in its poll this week.

Intramurals

It is time to get into the heart of the tournaments that intramurals has to offer.

This Friday is the racquetball singles tournament. Have your entries into the Intramural Office, Langton Hall 129, by this Wednesday at 5 p.m. Saturday is the singles tennis tournament, entries due by Thursday at 5 p.m. Both leagues offer men's and women's, beginner and advanced divisions.

There is something for everyone! Bowling Leagues start tonight.

It's time to put the past behind us

► The only thing now on the football team's mind, is WSU

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Imagine you are cooking your favorite meal.

You've been anticipating eating this meal since you bought the ingredients at the store a week earlier.

You haven't eaten all day and you are as hungry as you've ever been.

Finally, it's done and as you carry your plate to the dinner table you trip and drop everything on the floor.

This is what the Oregon State football team's loss to Washington, Saturday night, felt like.

"Washington came out and they were more fired up," OSU tailback Steven Jackson said. "There is no excuse. We were playing at home. There is no reason why we should lose at home."

Jackson was held to a season low 49 yards rushing by a Husky team who had lost their two previous games in embarrassing fashion.

But there is rarely an easy game in Pac-10 play.

"I thought they were the best defensive front that we've seen athletically and they played like it tonight," OSU coach Mike Riley said. "I have to give them credit they played well they made plays."

Dwelling on what went wrong in the game, like the 15 penalties for 141 yards or OSU's four turnovers, will undoubtedly be what most people focus on in the days leading up to the team's trip to Pullman to take on Washington State.

The bottom line is that the Beavers (5-2 overall, 2-1 Pac-10) will have to forget about Saturday's loss and move on to studying the Cougars.

"We have to go in there and steal that (game), (Washington State) won tonight, so we have to take them off that high," OSU linebacker Richard Seigler said. "They are going to be ready for us, so we have to go up there prepared and battle."

Seigler had a team high nine unassisted tackles and an interception which he returned 30 yards. He also set a school record for defensive points in a career during the loss. The senior had 61 points against Washington giving him 1,191 for his career, breaking the



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Oregon State cornerback Eric Williams tries to put a stop to Washington's Charles Frederick during Saturday's 38-17 loss against the Huskies. The Beavers will try to bounce back this weekend against No. 6 Washington State.

previous record of 1,167 set by defensive end Inoke Breckterfield from 1995-98.

Just like if you had dropped your favorite meal and were to stand over the mess brooding about how disappointed you felt, nothing would get fixed.

If OSU were to ponder what went wrong against the Huskies, they would let the rest of their season pass by.

Instead they're going to get back in the kitchen and start cooking again.

"This (loss) doesn't do anything to my confidence. I'm too mentally tough for that," Jackson said. "I'm going to come out harder. This is a minor setback and it's really going to test me and my O-line."

OSU has already proved that they can bounce back following a loss when they ripped off four straight victories following the loss

to Fresno State.

"I think when we had somewhat of a meltdown before, I thought we responded very well," Riley said. "I think this team will respond and come back and it will be a very tough game up there."

They will just have to prove that, come Saturday.

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Chris Mathews

Forever suffering

It is not hard to be a Yankees fan. They show up in September with the opportunity for yet another World Series title.

When it comes to being a Red Sox or Cubs fan, you suffer at every point, from opening day to the day when the season inevitably ends in heartbreak.

This was especially true this year.

Though I am only directly familiar with the pain associated with being a Red Sox fan, it was made very clear to me just how much Cubs fan suffer as well.

Any team that can let fan interference lead to eight runs in one inning deserves our sympathy. Anyone who can see an 80-year-old woman in a Cubs hat cry and not want to cry themselves, must be made of stone. Put yourself in the shoes of a Red Sox fan like myself.

Your bullpen was awful all of the regular season. You never score runs for Pedro. You live and die by the home run.

Then, the playoffs start and your bullpen inexplicably wakes up. You still can't score any runs for Pedro Martinez, but you keep winning. Your gritty group of veterans comes together to force a Game 7 against the Yankees.

Instead of the old adage about the Red Sox "25 guys, 25 cabs," this team likes each other.

They hug after home runs. They support each other. For the first time in ten years, you have as much talent as your most hated rival.

It is the eighth inning of Game 7. Pedro has gotten run support. He has a three run lead. Derek Jeter flies one to right, so Trot Nixon will be there to get it. He misplays the ball. Bernie Williams makes you sweat with his RBI single. A tired Pedro has continued to throw high fastballs on 0-2 counts, but not high enough. For once, you wouldn't be angry if Grady Little went to the bullpen.

He doesn't.

By the time Hideki Matsui gets on with a double and Jorge Posada loops a prayer into center, you are lying on your floor. Your friends, who have been taking bets to see if you have broken anything, call you but to their surprise you don't even have enough energy to be angry.

You are tired from an entire year of blown leads, missed offensive opportunities and just plain bad luck.

You know the game is as good as over, but Todd Walker will not let you die yet.

Two great defensive plays keep the game going into extra innings. Then, Walker floats one toward second

Crew places sixth in season opener

► Beavers miss the top five by just over five seconds in first race

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The Oregon State women's crew opened the fall season Sunday finishing sixth at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, Mass. This was the Beavers' first time at this event as the varsity four made their debut in impressive fashion with a time of 18 minutes, 27.98 seconds.

"It's really early for us and it's a good start,"

said OSU coach Charlie Owen of the V4 group that competed.

"This group is a small representation of our team, but it shows we can compete."

Top team honors went to London Training Center with a final time of 17:27.356, well ahead of second-place Vesper Boat Club by more than 13 seconds.

The Beavers narrowly missed the top five by just over seven seconds, trailing closely behind Virginia in the nearly three-mile race.

OSU rows next at the Portland LOOP Regatta Oct. 25.

Benny Beaver tryouts

The University will soon be adding another name to the roster of men and women who have played the most important role of Benny Beaver.

The Athletic Department is looking for energetic OSU students to be mascots for

the 2003-2004 school year.

Applications are available in Gill Coliseum Room 100. The deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 5 p.m..

Tryouts will be held Nov. 6 from 7-9 p.m. If you have any questions call 737-4638.