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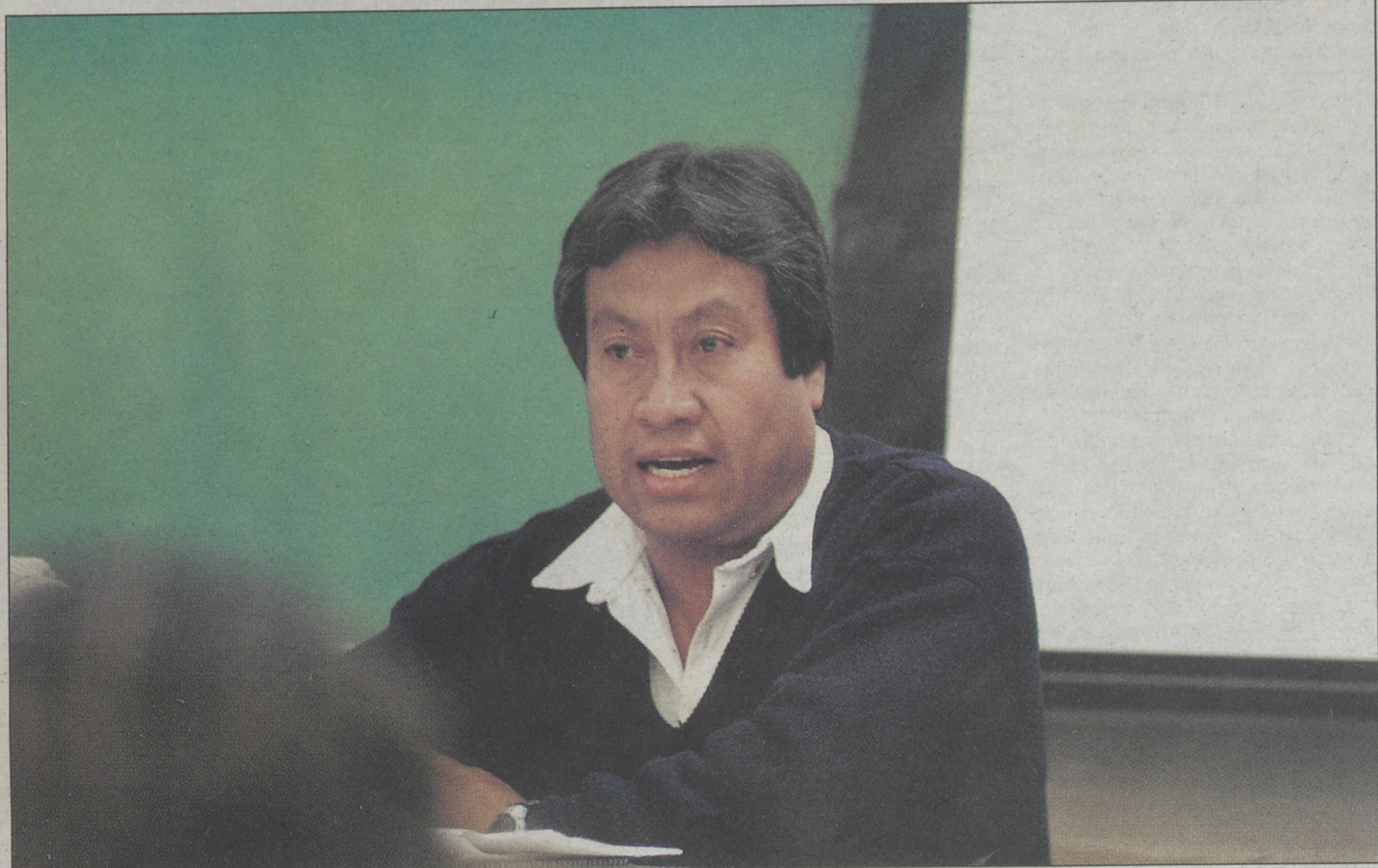
## NO PLACE LIKE HOME

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Jaime Castillo Ulloa, a member of Executive Committee of National Union of Autonomous Regional Farmworker Organizations in Mexico, spoke Monday afternoon in Milam about a crisis in the Mexican countryside, which has driven farmers to search for work in cities.

## Mexican farmworkers take on NAFTA

► Activist calls free trade harmful to South American economy, farm laborers

By KATIE GILL  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EDITOR

In January of 2003 Jaime Castillo Ulloa, a member of National Union of Autonomous Regional Farmworker Organizations (ONORCA), went on a nine day hunger strike.

He was accompanied by fellow agrarian activists; their goal was to call attention to what they called the crisis occurring throughout the Mexican countryside.

Due to a free-trade agreement under North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), between Mexico, Canada and the United States, small farmers in Mexico have been left without the resources necessary to sustain themselves

and their families, Ulloa said.

The goal of the strike was to bring national and international attention to the extreme conditions Ulloa said farm workers have been forced to endure.

Since the signing of the agreement in 1993, the indexes of poverty have increased more so than in any other time period.

"Each day, around 1,600 people take the risk of crossing the border between the U.S. and Mexico," Ulloa said.

"Mexican campesinos make between \$35 and \$40 per week. This doesn't cover even the basic costs for families, much less housing, electricity and other needs. Thirty million Mexicans live in the countryside, 20 million of those live in extreme poverty."

In order to sign the NAFTA agreement, Mexico changed 27 articles found in nine of its laws.

These included changes in foreign trade, customs regulations and the fiscal tribunal of the republic.

"The consequence of this has been a loss of control over imports. It's not known where they're coming from or who is producing them," Ulloa said.

Another negative result of the agreement is that Mexico has been forced to depend on massive imports of food products. Sixty percent of the food that they consume is imported he said.

Ulloa found it ironic that "the country that has been the most opposed to agricultural subsidies is the United States, yet subsidies given to farmers in the U.S. are 12.1 times that of subsidies given to farmers in Mexico."

"The president of Mexico laments the fact

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## Saferide back in business

► Free transport service now available to men and women

By DEBORAH ZAHLER  
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

Saferide service resumed operations on Monday, Oct. 20.

Saferide is a free transport service available to all OSU students, faculty and staff that transports men and women any night of the week. Their mission is to educate OSU students about sexual assault and provide safe transportation.

Pickups run from 6 p.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday with the last call taken at 11:45. On Friday and Saturday, pickups run from 6 p.m. to 9:55 p.m.

Last pickups are at the Valley Library under the bike rack shelter.

Transportation extends between four boundaries: Witham Hill, Philomath Boulevard, south town near 7-11 and Good Samaritan Hospital.

Saferide will journey ten minutes in any direction.

The 2002-2003 school year included rides for male passengers for the first time, as previous years offered service only to women.

Lauren Otomo, Saferide director, said, "U of O changed their service to include men and so did we. Men feel safer because they are able to use the program."

Last year there were two vans seating five passengers. The high volume of people utilizing the service prompted a third van for use this year. "Last year we had back-to-back calls for six hours. Now we have a third van," Otomo said.

"We prefer not to go to house parties or bars — that is not what the service was made for. We do not promote drinking but we are happy to pick up someone in an uncomfortable situation," Otomo said.

She added, "We give people calling from parties a taxi number."

Priority is given to academic or work-related rides.

There is a limit of three passengers to each call to keep Saferide a sexual

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## Corvallis gets ready for Halloween shenanigans

► A downtown trick-or-treat will entice children while adults head out to the bars

By CHANEL WONG  
BAROMETER FREELANCE WRITER

Halloween comes but once a year and the Corvallis community has a lot to offer during this festive time.

If a haunted maze and flying ghosts sound enticing, check out the Oddfellow's Corvallis Haunted House. This "spooktacular" event will be held tomorrow at the Oddfellow's Hall at 223 S.W. Second St. in downtown Corvallis.

During the day from 1-4 p.m., admission is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. The afternoon show is much milder than the night show. The night show is from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. and is \$2 up to the age of 16 and \$3 for ages over.

The Oddfellows, an organization that provides help and support to members in the local area, is holding this event to raise money for a

private charity and programs at Inavale School.

The Corvallis Haunted House was held last year on Jackson Street and declared a big success.

Oddfellow member Scott Boyajian said that he has designed many haunted houses before, but "This one's pretty scary!"

For more information, contact the Oddfellow Association at 752-3023.

For those looking for a livelier night life on Halloween, there is plenty going on at local bars and eateries around town.

The band Basic Assumption will be playing at the Fox 'n' Firkin at 10 p.m. Cover charge is \$3, or \$2 with a costume. Fox 'n' Firkin is located on 202 S.W. First St.

Old World Deli is hosting a fundraiser to support high school arts called The Pirate's Ball and Parade.

The parade will start at 6 p.m. on Second Street and the ball will begin

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## NASA Astronaut returning to OSU

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

NASA astronaut Don Pettit will make his much-anticipated return to OSU this afternoon.

The 1978 OSU Chemical Engineering alumnus will be speaking at 3:30 p.m. today in LaSells Stewart Center.

Pettit's presentation, entitled "An Astronaut Comes Home," will include a 45-minute Power Point presentation followed by a question-and-answer session.

It will be the astronaut's first public appearance at OSU since his return to Earth last May from the International Space Station.

Skip Rochefort, an Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering, said that Pettit's speech will be geared toward a broad audience.

A large number of students ranging from grade school to high school have made their way to Corvallis from across the state to hear Pettit speak.

Rochefort says that many astronauts tend to "fluff" their public speeches, focusing on how much fun it is to live in space. But Pettit's focus will be on "the cool things you can do as a scientist."

He said that Pettit will include many of his own amateur photographs, taken while aboard the space station, into the presentation.

Pettit will be making a more informal presentation Friday morning at 9 a.m. in the MU main lounge and a much more technically-oriented talk on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the MU East International Forum.

"He (Pettit) really enjoys talking with kids because they represent the future," Rochefort said.

The professor said that Pettit is proud of his Oregon roots while praising Pettit's persistence in his dream to become an astronaut.

"If you work hard, you can reach your dreams — it's good to persist," Rochefort said.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NASA astronaut and OSU alumnus Don Pettit will speak at 3:30 p.m. today in the LaSells Stewart Center.



## WORLD

### Labor activists set themselves on fire to protest labor policy

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Violent labor demonstrations rocked South Korea on Wednesday, with workers clashing with riot police in three cities to protest lawsuits brought by employers that they claimed had driven some union leaders to suicide.

Hundreds of workers hurled stones at riot police in downtown Seoul, while national news agency Yonhap said that in the central city of Daegu, 1,200 workers clashed with police and several protesters were taken to the hospital with head injuries.

Yonhap also reported a violent street clash in the southern city of Busan, involving 2,000 workers who wielded metal pipes and threw rocks. They smashed 100 window panes in a factory.

It was the worst outburst of labor unrest in recent months, coming despite government promises of new legislation to make it more difficult for employers to sue labor unions for financial damages caused by illegal strikes.

Labor groups say such lawsuits have driven three labor leaders to commit or attempt suicide this month.

Two labor activists set themselves afire last Thursday and Sunday to protest what they called hostile labor policy, and were in critical condition. On Oct. 17, a union leader hanged himself at a shipyard. Early this year, Bae Dal-ho, a labor activist embroiled in a damages lawsuit, burned himself to death.

The unions threatened to stage nationwide strikes and campaign against government policies, including its decision to send troops to help U.S. forces bring stability to Iraq.

The government fears labor unrest will turn off foreign investors needed to help revive the stalling economy.

## NATION

### California fires destroy 2,100 homes and 620,000 acres

LAKE ARROWHEAD, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters struggled desperately Wednesday to save emptied-out resort towns in Southern California's San Bernardino Mountains as 200-foot walls of flame engulfed dead and dried-out trees.

In San Diego County, the state's largest fire claimed another victim when a firefighting crew was overcome by flames, killing one and injuring three. It marked the first firefighter death since the series of blazes began last week.

"It just swept right over them. They probably didn't have time to get out of the way," San Diego County Sheriff's Sgt. Conrad Grayson said.

The death toll later reached 20 after authorities said two people were found dead Wednesday on an Indian reservation as the result of the same fire.

In the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles, the hot, dry Santa Ana winds from the desert that had been whipping the fires into raging infernos eased Wednesday. But they gave way to stiff breezes off the ocean that pushed the flames up the canyon walls around evacuated mountain enclaves like Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear — towns that are among Southern California's most popular mountain playgrounds.

By early afternoon, homes were burning in the mountain community of CedarPines Park. The flames were expected to hit the town of Running Springs after crews weren't able to set backfires along a highway to protect the town. The fires also swept over mountain tops, forcing evacuations in parts of the high desert town of Hesperia.

"There's fire on so many fronts, it's not even manageable at this point," said Chris Cade, a fire prevention technician with the U.S. Forest Service, as he watched a pillar of smoke he estimated

at 9,000 feet rise into a hazy sky thick with ash. "I am at a loss what you can do about it."

The fires have burned more than 620,000 acres and destroyed 2,100 homes. More than 12,000 firefighters and support crew were fighting what Gov. Gray Davis said may be the worst and costliest disaster California has ever faced. He estimated the cost at \$2 billion so far.

## STATE

### Oregon National guard members deploy to Iraq

EUGENE (AP) — About 700 Oregon National Guard members stood at attention Wednesday as Gov. Ted Kulongoski bid them farewell for a year's deployment to Iraq. The unit will ship out Thursday.

"I have absolutely no doubt you will carry out your duty in Iraq with skill, determination and valor," Kulongoski told the soldiers gathered in the Lane County Fairgrounds.

"You will watch out for your fellow soldiers and you will live up to the highest standards of the Oregon National Guard," he said.

After the speeches Kulongoski, a former U.S. Marine, waded into the ranks and shook hands and talked to the soldiers for about 20 minutes.

An Army band played patriotic songs while soldiers cuddled babies and bid goodbye to spouses and family members. An honor guard stood at attention and held the Oregon and American flags.

Members of the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry will travel first to Fort Hood, Texas, for four to six months of training before deployment to Iraq. The battalion has companies in Eugene, Corvallis, Newport and Coos Bay. The men were mobilized to active duty Oct. 12 as part of the state's largest mobilization since World War II.

## UNIVERSITIES

### New wave of software helps download music legally

MEDFORD, Mass. (U-WIRE) — As it becomes more of a risk to illegally download music through programs like Kazaa and Morpheus, several companies are taking advantage of the situation by providing consumers with innovative, convenient and — perhaps most importantly — legal alternatives in order to make a profit.

Two students at MIT have taken this matter into their own hands. On Monday, graduate student Keith Winstein and junior Josh Mandel launched a campus-wide music library called Library Access to Music Project (LAMP). This system allows students and faculty to listen to any of 3,500 CDs owned by the school through the campus's cable television network for free. The quality of the system's analog signal is higher than that of FM radio, but slightly below that of CDs. According to Winstein and Mandel, this failure to exactly duplicate the CD track is what makes the system legal.

Students on other campuses, however, are turning to a new barrage of legal downloading software. BuyMusic.com beat Apple to the PC user market by launching its pay-per-download service several months ago at a price of 79 cents per song. However, the service has been plagued by reports of unreliability and a less than stellar music selection.

With the release of a Windows version of its iTunes software two weeks ago, Apple began to tap into a market containing the majority of college students, 99 cents at a time. Apple Chief Executive Steve Jobs said in a statement that one million songs were purchased from iTunes in the first five days of its Windows release.

— By Ed Kalafarski  
Tufts Daily (Tufts U.)

## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, OCT. 30

#### Meetings

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

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

**Student Action on Tobacco Coalition**, 4:30pm, MU Council Rm. First meeting.

**Student Involvement**, 5-6:30pm, 149 MU East. Organizing meeting for conference on social change and community building. All are welcome!

#### Events

**OSU Tennis Club**, Women 6-7:30pm, Men 7:30-9pm, Tennis Pavilion. All levels of play welcome!

**Peer Health Advocates**, 7pm, Westminister House, 23rd & Monroe. Breast cancer support group. Anyone affected directly or indirectly (male or female), students and community welcome.

**Multicultural Affairs Task Force of ASOSU**, 6:30pm, MU Learning Lounge. Hear the voice of OSU students and administrators regarding how affirmative action impacts you!

**Student Alumni Association**, 8pm, S. Lot of Reser. Join Coach Riley and the football team captains at the homecoming bonfire!

**Psychology Society**, 5pm, Black Cultural Center, 2325 NW Monroe. MOVIE NIGHT! Showing Young Frankenstein. The Freehold of Turris Nimborum, 7-9:30, MU 213. Medieval dance.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 31

#### Events

**VSA, APASU, ISOSU, IBP, JASA**, 8pm-12am, West Int'l Lounge. 3rd Annual Community Halloween Dance. Free!

### SUNDAY, NOV. 2

#### 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.

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

**UCPS**, 12-1pm, MU 211. Learn ways to study more efficiently and do better.

**First Christian Church**, 6pm, 602 SW Madison Ave. "The Late Show" Jazz by Easy Does It, local bands, poets, drama.

#### Volunteers

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

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#### STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

##### National Take Affirmative Action Day

Thurs, Oct. 30, 6:30-9pm  
MU Learning Lounge  
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##### Annual Halloween Dance

Fri, Oct. 31, 8 pm-midnight  
West International Hall  
Sponsored by Vietnamese Student Association and the Asian Pacific Student Union  
737-2101 FREE

#### MUSIC

##### Music à la Carte

OSU's Dr. Robert Brudvig, percussionist, performs a marimba recital.  
Thurs, Oct. 30, Noon  
MU Lounge  
737-4061 FREE

##### Halloween Havok

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Fri, Oct. 31, 10pm  
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#### HOMECOMING 2003

##### An Astronaut Comes Home

OSU Alum Donald Pettit shares his experiences in space  
Thurs, Oct. 30, 3:30pm, LaSells Stewart Center  
737-3003 FREE

##### Homecoming Bonfire

Thurs, Oct. 30, 8pm  
South of Reser Stadium  
737-2351 FREE

##### History of the Memorial Union

Exhibit in the MU Concourse  
Fri, Oct. 31 & Sat., Nov. 1, 9am-10pm  
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##### Tours on Campus

Dixon Recreation, Student Involvement, Craft Center and Student Media open for tours  
Fri, Oct. 31, 9am-5pm & Nov. 1, 9am-noon  
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##### The Business of Hollywood

Mike Rich — OSU alum, screenwriter  
Friday, Oct. 31, 10-11:30am  
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##### Pre-Game Tailgate Party

Beer garden, music, BBQ, and games. Watch the game in the MU Commons.  
Sat, Nov. 1, 10am; Game at 1pm  
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#### COMMUNITY INTEREST

##### American Gothic VIII

Chilling tales and spooky stories, food.  
Thurs, Oct. 30, 11pm, Withycombe Hall  
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##### Film: Identity (R)

Ten stranded strangers find themselves the target of a murderer  
Fri, Oct. 31, 7 & 9pm, MU Lounge  
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##### USO Show

Food, dancing, and entertainment — featuring The Salem Big Band and Cool Shoes  
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##### Facing the Nation:

**The Camera, the Lunch Counter, and the Sit-ins of the Sixties**  
Research fellow Elizabeth Abel  
Mon, Nov. 3, 4pm  
Autzen House, 811 SW Jefferson  
737-2450 FREE

##### Bound for Graduate School?

Speaker Don Asher: Strategies to gain admission to highly competitive graduate programs.  
Mon, Nov 3, 6pm, Milam Auditorium  
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## Ulloa: Wants trade in the Americas without NAFTA

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that he didn't sign a trade agreement with Japan instead of the U.S. and Canada," Ulloa said.

ONORCA has made several demands on the Mexican government due to the negative impacts of the trade agreement.

"Our first point was to demand of the government a review of NAFTA and a new long-term agricultural program," Ulloa said.

Other requests for revisions involved matters concerning food safety and the world credit financing program.

In November, a trade ministers meeting will take place in Miami. The goal is to open all of the Americas to free trade.

Ulloa and other members of ONORCA have taken on the project of educating the international community about the negative impact they believe NAFTA has had on Mexico, in hopes of deferring the proposed new trade agreement.

"It is a difficult process, but we are struggling to change things," Ulloa said.

Ulloa will be traveling throughout the Northwest for the next three weeks to bring attention to ONORCA's cause. His speech was co-sponsored by Witness for Peace and the OSU Faculty for Peace and Justice.

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## Saferide: Free service also provides rape education

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assault prevention and not transportation.

Smoking, eating and alcohol consumption are prohibited in the vans.

There are 17 people on staff that work as either drivers or dispatchers. Two people ride in each van and communicate via Nextel walkie-talkie cell phones with other vans.

"This year we had 45 applicants. Volunteers are welcome and have a better chance at getting a job here," Otomo said.

Travis Gilmour, a sophomore and Saferide driver, said, "It's a good cause. I work for Saferide because I didn't want to devote my time to something I didn't believe in. Saferide is beneficial for the

university environment."

"Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays and around midterms are our busiest times," Otomo said.

"I drive a lot of people going to work, the library and back. Most are regulars," adds Gilmour.

The service does not run on Thanksgiving weekend (Thursday through Saturday), Winter Break, the last Sunday after finals week, or Memorial Day weekend (Saturday through Monday).

Fall and winter terms follow the 6 p.m. to midnight schedule, but during spring term the service runs from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Saferide drivers will not wait more than five minutes past

scheduled pick-up time.

In addition to providing a safe haven for night transportation, Saferide also provides rape education programs to OSU students.

Saferide is apart of ASOSU educational services and is paid for through the \$5 student fees at the beginning of the year.

Visit <http://www.asosu-oregonstate.edu/saferide> for more information and links to information on women's self defense, women's safety tips and the women's safety project.

You can also send an email to [safe.ride@mu.orst.edu](mailto:safe.ride@mu.orst.edu) for more information or call 737-5000 for a safe ride.

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## Halloween: From family fun to cheap drinks, it's here

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at 8:30 p.m. at the Deli, 341 S.W. Second St. There is no cover charge, but donations are welcome.

On 300 S.W. Jefferson Avenue at the Headline Café, there will be an all-night costume party. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Regular drink specials will apply.

Ladies Night rages on at the Peacock Tavern at 125 S.W. Second St. Ladies can expect 25-cent small drink specials.

Those looking for some family fun, children and parents should check out Halloween in Downtown Corvallis put on by The Downtown Corvallis Association.

This fun-filled day of a variety of events will last from 12 to 5 p.m., including face painting at Peak Sports.

Peak Sports is located on the northeast corner of Second St. and Jackson Street.

Sibling Revelry will be hosting a costume contest from 1 to 5 p.m. and prizes will be given to the best-dressed person. It is located on the

southeast corner of Second St. and Jackson Street.

Also happening will be trick-or-treating around downtown Corvallis from 1 to 5 p.m. Children should keep an eye out for the jack-o-lantern signs in the windows of participating shops.

Parks and Recreation and The Corvallis-Benton County library are collaborating to sponsor an all-city free Halloween party for two to 10-year-olds and their adult companions.

On Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library garage, children can expect to participate in a variety of events and enjoy assorted refreshments presented to them by community volunteers. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume.

Contact the library at 766-6918 for more information on events and volunteer opportunities.

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### EDITORIAL

## Judge and jury

It's not often that while in line at the supermarket you can check out the same headlines on the newspapers as you can on the tabloids. However, when it comes to the Kobe Bryant case, the line is definitely blurred.

What happened? Who said what? And who really wants to keep hearing the same information over and over?

Facts, people! That's what it comes down to, and when in fact it does "come down to it," we really don't know a lot.

But here's one thing we do know: although you may be a die-hard Lakers fan, you don't know Kobe, or anything about his character the media doesn't want you to know.

We can also say with full confidence that you, don't know the accuser, either, or anything about her character that would entitle you to say whether she is telling the truth or not.

"Kobe wouldn't do something like that."

"She just wants money."

"He just thinks he can get away with it because he's a celebrity."

"She's the victim."

Across the board the media is doing a disservice to both Bryant and his accuser, by telling you what they think and more importantly what you should think. The facts are not only being blurred, they almost seem insignificant.

When interviewed on the day following allegations, Bryant denied having slept with the accused. On the same day, the accuser during an interview didn't say anything about having said "no." Both comments were relayed by reporters with CNN. Since these interviews, both stories have changed; Kobe had consensual sex and the accuser said "no," not once but several times.

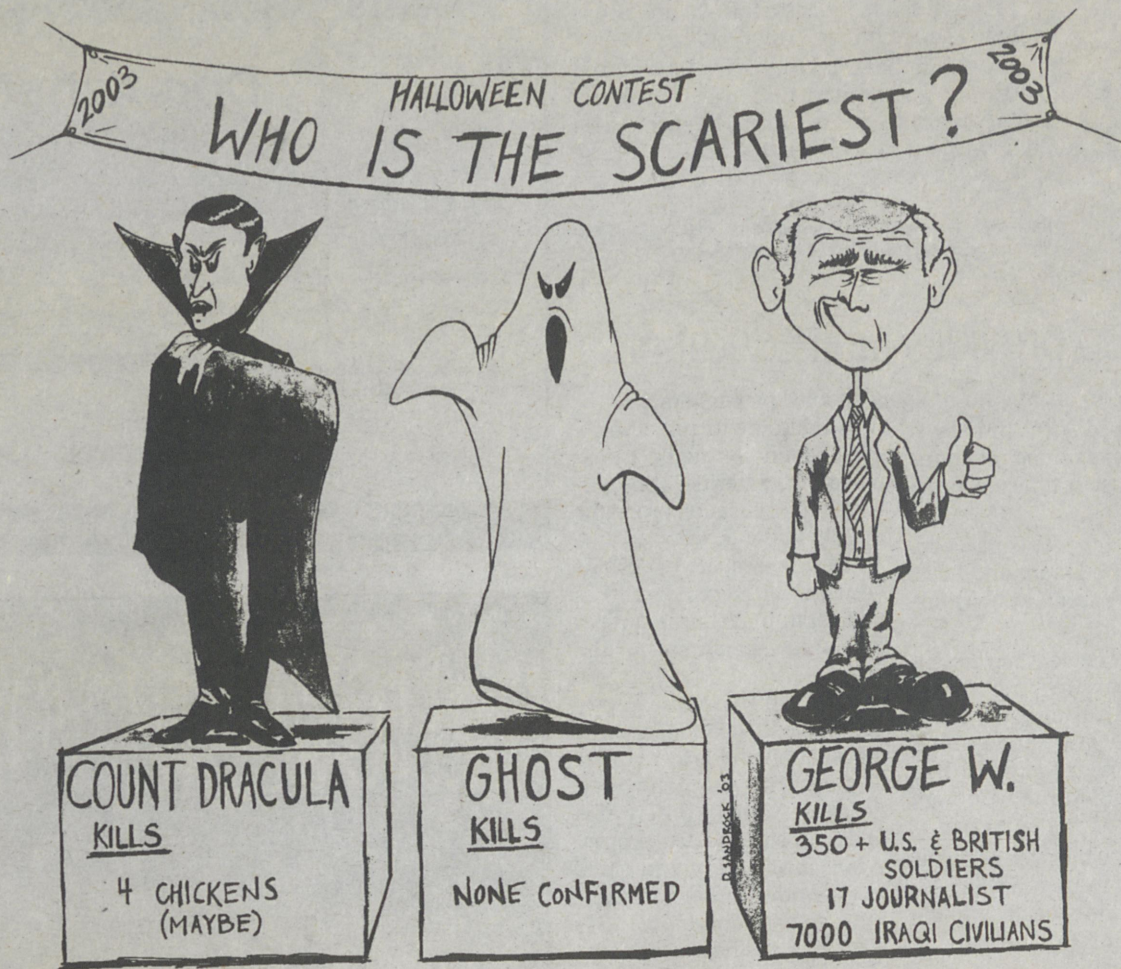
The tabloids, the newspapers, your grandma and best friend everyone will have their own opinions about this case. This is America and we all love a good scandal.

However, don't pretend to know more than you do. Just because you sat close enough at a Lakers game to smell Kobe's sweat doesn't mean you're the missing link.

And just because you've been to Colorado a few times and have found the people there to be particularly honest doesn't entitle you to the positions of both judge and jury.

But Larry King maybe, just maybe, might have found the person to make or break this case; a girl Kobe dated three years ago and for only two months. Next week there may even be an interview with one of his crushes from the fourth grade.

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## Memo to Rumsfeld: told you so

It seems almost too easy. And I hate to be the one to rub it in — but I told you so.

Last week, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld admitted in an internal memo that the conflict in Iraq is going to be a "long, hard slog." This isn't really news to anyone that has noticed daily casualties in Iraq. It's not even surprising when you realize that the U.S.'s attempt to raise money from other countries is going nowhere fast.

What is a shock, though, is that the Bush administration is finally acknowledging the fact that things aren't going exactly as planned.

Even before the war started, the White House tried to paint it in the best light possible. And even before the war started, the White House didn't seem to care if the light was real or not.

Author Jerome K. Jerome once advised, "It is always best policy to speak the truth, unless, of course, you are an exceptionally good liar."

Apparently, Bush either missed this tidbit of wisdom, or truly thought he was a good liar. Either way, it's now clear the Bush administration wasn't completely honest in the months leading up to the invasion of Iraq.

We were told that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction, that he had the capability to wreak havoc on the United States. There were "tons of toxins," the Iraqis were mass producing anthrax, and they had to be stopped.

Although there was some intelligence in saying that Saddam wanted WMD's, Bush was very careful to weed out words like "maybe," "perhaps," and "possible" whenever talking to the American people.

So, Bush would describe a possibility in almost absolute terms, and



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most Americans believed him. After all, he's the president. Why would the president lie?

We now know that Bush was simply wrong about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. According to the Washington Post this week, American inspectors have determined that Saddam had no nuclear weapons or programs. His biological and chemical weapons programs were small, if they existed at all, and posed little, if any, threat to the U.S.

The Bush administration's main justification for war has been shown to be simply false. But although this may have been one of the biggest deceptions, it was certainly not the only one.

Bush told us that Saddam Hussein was connected with Osama bin Laden, that this was an extension of the war on terror. Since the war, Bush has officially said there is no connection. Yet, for a while, it was impossible to hear a speech about terrorism without both names coming up. We had to invade Iraq to prevent another September 11.

There is a reason a majority of Americans still believe Saddam had something to do with the attacks.

Never mind that not a single Iraqi was actually involved in the attacks, or that one of al Qaeda's goals was to overthrow Saddam's "secular state." They both hated freedom, thus, an attack on Saddam would certainly hurt bin Laden.

Finally — and this is where the "I told you so" comes in — let's talk about post-war planning. Perhaps the biggest lie of all was that we did-

n't need any. The Iraqis would welcome us with open arms, and everyone would live happily ever after.

We were told this would be a quick war; we'd be in and out. That's partly true, the major combat only lasted a few months. But CNN reports that since Bush declared major combat operations over, more than 213 American soldiers have died, 113 of them in hostile action. Clearly, there is still fighting going on over there.

The White House is trying to spin this. They tell us this was never about weapons of mass destruction, it was about Iraqi freedom. We were never actually looking for weapons, National Security advisor Condoleezza Rice told us this summer, just evidence of programs.

Funny, I remember being told that Saddam had the capability to hit U.S. interests in the Middle East. I never knew stockpiles of paper were such a threat.

We were told this wasn't going to be another Vietnam, that there was a clear exit strategy. But if that's the case, why is the military extending tours abroad, and why can't the Pentagon tell soldiers when they can go home?

We were told this would be a simple war. Maybe that's the problem.

"The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and simple," said Oscars Wilde.

The only thing pure and simple coming out of this administration seems to be Rumsfeld's memo. Although it was never meant for the public eye, it tells us what many are already starting to suspect — we're in for a long, hard slog after all.

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Jim Smith



## Slashing prices and dignity — double the fun

Wal-Mart was accused last week of using cheap, illegal immigrant labor. I'm shocked.

What would a multibillion dollar corporation want with rock bottom labor prices? Oh yeah, that way they can continue to inflate the already overwhelming private fortune that the Walton family has amassed since 1962.

Let me introduce you to the Waltons, the most horrifying people in existence. This family is worth more than \$100 billion. They are the richest family in the world. Let me emphasize — the single richest family in the entire world.

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These five people, aged 54 to 84, currently employ roughly a million people. What might be the average wage of their employees, you wonder? Somewhere near \$7.50 an hour.

Just to give you an idea of the absolutely staggering amount of money these people have, they could afford to pay each of their million employees a hundred thousand dollars, and still have 2.5 billion left over to play with.

But they don't. They pay them so poorly in fact, that many of them are on food stamps just to subsist. The situation is so appalling that managers are distributing information to new employees on how to enroll in government food stamp programs.

A paying job should not have to be supplemented with assistance just to avoid starvation. I shouldn't be surprised though. It's impossible to become the richest family in the world by any means other than extreme greed and callousness.

Wal-Mart has been making a lot of news lately. There are more than 40 lawsuits pending against it over the issue of forcing employees to work long hours off the clock.

In the first suit to go to trial, a Portland jury found Wal-Mart guilty. More than 400 employees from 18 Oregon stores testified that they were pressured by their managers to clock out and then continue working once they reached 40 hours. I guess the multibillionaires felt they couldn't afford to pay their wage slaves time-and-a-half, as is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Now, as if this wasn't enough, they have been implicated in using contractors who employed illegal immi-

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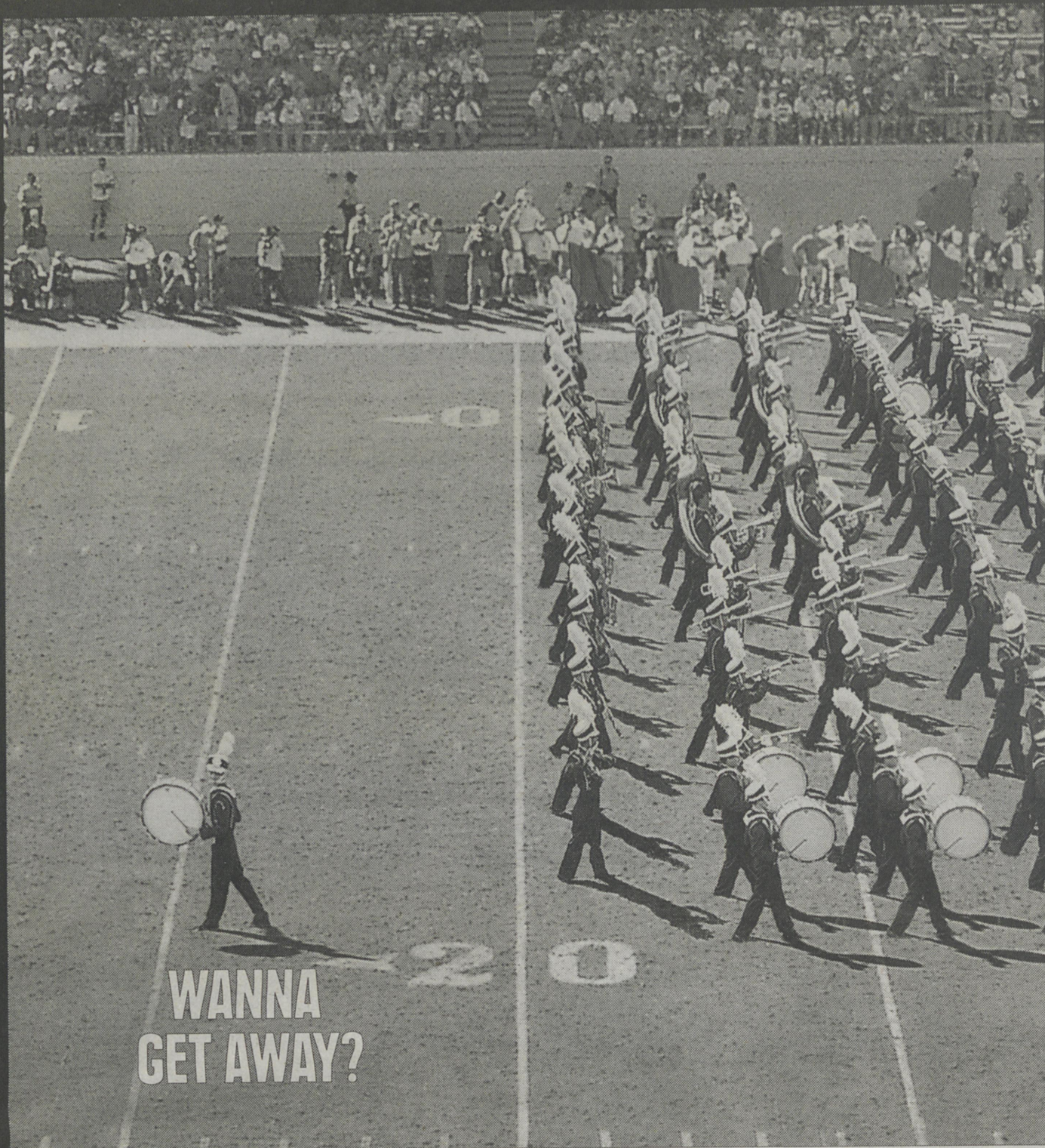
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## Smith: Break out the guillotines

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grants to avoid paying even the federally mandated minimum wage.

When I heard this I immediately began to wonder when these people are going to be punished. After all, if a Wal-Mart cashier making \$8.50 an hour is caught on camera taking money from the till, he is arrested and put through the criminal justice system.

So why haven't these people been arrested? They've committed millions of dollars worth of time theft. They've employed illegal immigrants at wages below the federal minimum, negatively impacting the entire country. What more does it take?

I know damn well that it would take a lot less than that to get me thrown in jail for a very long time. If I stole as little as \$100,000 from each of the Walton clan, I would have a half million dollars. But that half million is less than one-ten thousandth of one percent of the Walton's collective fortune. They would never miss it. In all likelihood, they'd never even

notice. But you can bet your ass they'd exhaust millions in legal fees if necessary to get me imprisoned.

So who's going to punish them? Nobody. No one at all. Wal-Mart has been found guilty, so by proxy they have been as well on an abstract level. But no one is ever going to personally punish 84-year old Helen R. Walton, fifth richest person in the U.S., for the same reason that no one at the top ever gets punished. Greed runs the world.

And this isn't to say that we're all greedy creatures. I don't for a moment think that's the case. But the bulk of us are far too forgiving and apathetic.

We let the one percent of people who truly are greedy, filthy bastards get away with anything, partly because we're scared of them and partly because we don't want the hassle. Oh yeah, and they can pay any number of people any sum of money.

The Bush administration isn't going to be of any assistance at all. It has been instrumental in creating tax cuts that benefit primarily the richest of the rich, embodied by the Forbes 400, who are collectively worth a trillion dollars.

Part of me thinks it's a worthless, hopeless battle to fight — that there's never going to be any sort of positive change. But then the other half of me realizes that the French had it right about the elite, and that if we let them go far enough, their greed will finally do them in and catalyze a vicious backlash by itself. Then we can break the guillotines out of storage and make some real progress.

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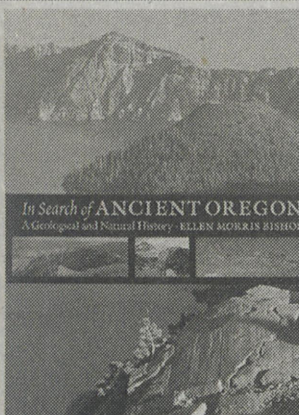
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# Congress looks into the legality of BCS

► National Bowl Championship Series may face changes in future

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The Bowl Championship Series shuts out too many schools in its goal of crowning a college football champion and needs to be repaired, senators told representatives of the bowl system Wednesday.

Created in 1998 by the six most powerful college conferences, the BCS guarantees that the champions of those conferences will play in one of the four most lucrative post season bowl games, leaving only two at-large berths.

Former BYU coach LaVell Edwards said the BCS system also makes it harder for teams outside the alliance to recruit, since there is little chance the players will ever be able to compete for a national championship.

Division I-A football is the only college

sport not to have a playoff system.

BYU, which won the national championship in 1984, is the only team other than Notre Dame outside the six BCS conferences to have won a national championship since 1945.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a BYU graduate, said the current system raises enough questions of fairness that it is in college football's best interest to fix it instead of forcing Congress to intervene.

NCAA President Myles Brand said he is open to a system that would be more inclusive, but does not believe there is a need for radical changes or adoption of a playoff system.

Harvey Perlman, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, said the current system is the fairest way to determine a national champion and provides adequate opportunity for schools outside the BCS to play their way into contention.

A team that finishes in the top 12 of the BCS standings is eligible for considera-

tion, and a team in the top six automatically gets a spot.

And Keith Tribble, chairman of the Football Bowl Association and chief executive officer of the Orange Bowl Committee, said the bowl games are attracting more fans, benefiting their host communities and generating more money than ever, paying out \$800 million in the last five years.

Tulane President Scott Cowen disagrees. In 1998, the Green Wave went through the season undefeated, but were shut out of the top-tier games. A year later, the same thing happened to Marshall.

The projected revenue for the four 2004 BCS games is \$118 million, but only about \$6 million will go to the non-BCS schools unless one of them qualifies for a major bowl game.

Cowen's group is scheduled to meet with the presidents of the conferences in the BCS system on Nov. 16 to discuss potential changes to the BCS.

## Gjurgevich: Deciding whether to be a LeBron lover, or his first hater

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likely never live up to all the hype that buzzes around him like the elderly buzz around nickel slots.

For him to truly exceed expectations, LeBron would have to do the following: Win the rookie of the year, be the leading vote-getter at the All-Star game, win the MVP at the All-Star game, lead the Cavs to the playoffs and in fulfillment of the scriptures, rise gloriously from the dead.

Not to say that none of this is possible, but it sure is a lot for an 18-year-old kid to handle.

Then again, on-court issues may be the least of LeBron's worries.

The legions of hangers-on, or "gravy trainers," as we like to call them, are going to be on LeBron like a fat man on a buffet.

Then there's the hoochie mamas waiting outside the arena and in his hotel room,

ready to pull the old, "oops, I forgot to take my birth control for the last week, now gimme some child support" move that Evander Holyfield has fallen for oh-so-many times.

Then, there's the media.

ESPN, the worldwide leader in sports, is now the worldwide leader in LeBron.

All day leading up to his opening night debut, the network dissected every move LeBron made, before he even had a chance to show his moves on the court.

They talked about the hype — is it too much? Will it effect him? Isn't it ironic that we are talking about this while at the same time perpetuating it?

They talked about the new shoes, the new commercial, the new face of the NBA.

And maybe that's what we need right now.

Michael Jordan is gone (for now) and the man who was supposed to bear the torch, Kobe "the defendant" Bryant is making more news for his

courtroom problems and squabbling with teammates than he is breaking ankles on the court.

Other than that, who else are we supposed to talk about?

Tim Duncan? Too boring. Jason Kidd? Nah, his kid's dome is too big. Yao Ming? Too tall. Carmelo Anthony? Nah, those corn rows are just too nappy.

It has to be LeBron.

Though just a boy, he is now the man. Sure, he's only played in one game, and he's playing in one of the smaller markets in the league, but LeBron is the type of cat that will defy all of the rules.

Can you remember the last time ESPN gave an opening night game so much publicity?

They were literally showing highlights from LeBron's pre-season in order to nab as many viewers as possible. And here's a little prediction — despite the game being at 10:30 p.m. on the East Coast, LeBron's debut will pull in

more viewers than the season finales of "Playmakers" and "Cold Pizza" combined, times two.

Now that's drama.

America just can't get enough of this guy, and you know what? Neither can I.

I want a LeBron jersey, a LeBron bobble head and I can't wait for LeBron: The Movie, and LeBron: The Album.

Hell, now that he is out of high school and can sport those tattoos, I may have to make a trek on down to Holey Cow to pay a little tribute to my new favorite NBA player.

Or maybe I'll be the first LeBron-hater.

Yeah, that's the ticket, I will be the first to commence the LeBron backlash. As quickly as they all built him up, I will tear him down.

Right after I go to Foot Locker to get his new shoes.


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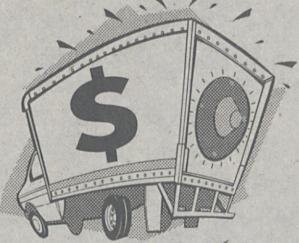

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## Finding a new home away from home

► Rhoades uses goals to achieve success both on the court and in the classroom

By JUSTIN WISE  
BAROMETER SPORTS WRITER

Goals are the basis for every athlete at Oregon State.

Whether it be for national or Pac-10 recognition, goals are critical to improvement and success.

Whatever it may be, reaching your goals depends how hard you work for yourself, your team and OSU.

A few years ago, Oregon State coach Nancy Somera and crew went to a small town in Colorado and found the state's 2000 3A player of the year.

"Somera is known for finding talent up and on the west coast," OSU hitter Karah Rhoades said. "She was surprised to find someone in Burlington." The Beavers found just what they were looking for at Burlington High School in Rhoades.

Burlington, a small town in the southeast corner of Colorado, boasts a population that fluctuates around 3,500 people.

"I have always been driven by my own goals to play Division I volleyball and I just fell in love with Oregon State," Rhoades said. "The team and coaching staff made me feel comfortable right away and let me know that I could make an impact on the program."

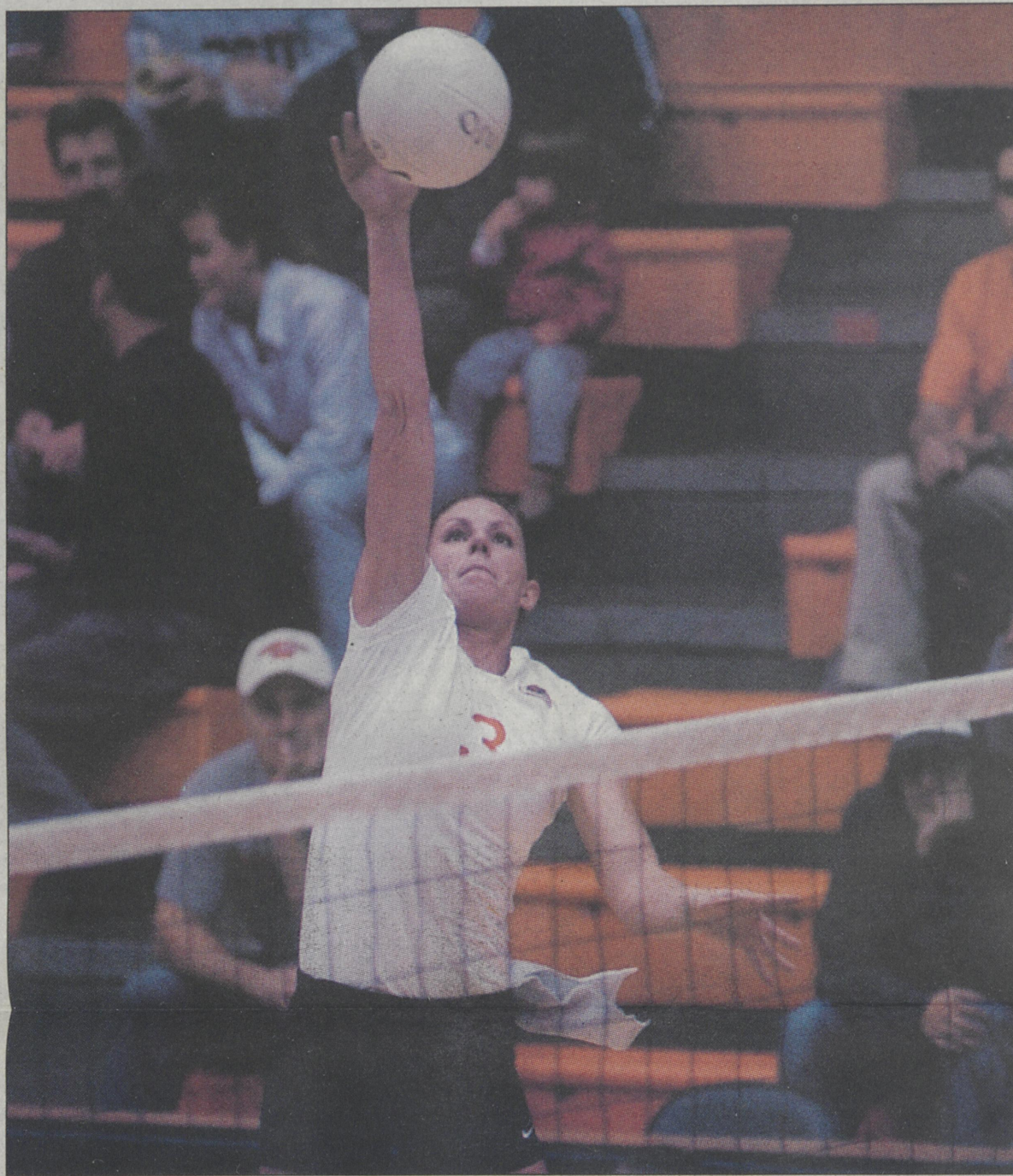
Rhoades is majoring in merchandise management with an emphasis on interior design.

"Volleyball is helping me prepare for a career after college, the competitiveness helps me everyday after practice to hit the books and keep on track," Rhoades said. "The demand for success and hard work when playing against the top teams in the country is helping me prepare for my job field and my career goals."

When not studying, Rhoades enjoys hanging out with her friends, watching movies and visiting her pet lamb back in Burlington.

"I am just a basic farm girl who came from a ranching family. We are a very tight-knit, supportive community," Rhoades said. "Thirteen relatives live within immediate driving distance, so family has always been a very important part of my growing up."

"I want to use my goal-driven mentality to bring energy, fire and leadership to this team in hopes of a post-season berth, this season and



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Sophomore Karah Rhoades makes a kill during a Beaver volleyball match. Rhoades came to Oregon State from Colorado looking for a place and a program that made her feel at home.

my remainder of time I have left with the Beavers," Rhoades said.

And she is doing her part.

After red-shirting her freshman season, Rhoades stepped in to the starting lineup in mid-season and earned honorable mention on the All-Freshman Pac-10 team.

She also finished the season fourth on the team with 204 kills.

Midway through the Beavers' 2003 Pac-10 campaign Rhoades is currently third on the team with 199 kills and an average of 2.55 per

game.

Oregon State is off to a 12-11 overall record and looking to improve upon their 2-9 Pac-10 record.

After college Rhoades hopes to earn a job with an interior design company designing sets and backdrops for catalogs such as J. Crew or Pier One Imports. "I also want a happy and healthy family that is as supportive as my family is now," Rhoades said.

With her good fortune achieving prior goals, there should be no prob-

lem in achieving the next.

The Beavers travel down to Eugene for the second installment of the Civil War today.

OSU swept the Ducks 3-0 in their previous meeting and Oregon State is looking to keep Oregon winless in the Pac-10.

Game time is set for 7 p.m. at Mac Court.

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## Men's rowing

The nationally-ranked Oregon State men's rowing team will hold tryouts each day next week, Nov. 3-7, at 4 p.m. at the OSU crew docks on the Willamette River.

Any male that is a current OSU undergraduate student is invited to try out. Please note that the average height of the men in the varsity boat exceeds 6-foot-2.

The crew docks are located on the East shore of the Willamette River near Trysting Tree Golf Club, just across the Van Buren Street Bridge off of Highway 34.

There is no prior rowing experience required; approximately 90 percent of the men's team, which finished ninth at last year's Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championships, had no rowing experience before joining the program.

Former OSU rowers have earned seats in United States National Team or Olympic Team boats 20 times, the most recent of which is 2001 graduate Joey Hansen, who is a three-time member of the national team eight.

For more information, contact assistant coach Steve Todd at 737-7485.



Brian Gjurjevich

## Second coming

Madonna. Cher. And for you futbol fans out there — Ronaldo.

All good enough at their respective trade (though I'm stretching it for ol' Cher) to be worthy of single-name-recognition status.

Pele. Barry. Dion. Saddam. America loves (or hates) these characters because they are easy to identify and even easier to go on and on about with reckless abandon.

Well, welcome to the one-namers club, LeBron, here's your membership card and complimentary fridge magnet.

Okay, so it may be that Mr. James is the only LeBron worth talking about out there at the moment — though Lord knows a whole slew of newborns in Cleveland will soon bear that name.

Like it or not, King James has officially arrived on the world scene, new Nike shoes and all.

I have never seen so much hype for one guy in my life, with the possible exception of Jesus.

Then again, Jesus could walk on water while turning it into wine — not a bad little party trick.

However, if LeBron can fill the stands in Cleveland while diverting the media's attention away from Kobe's scandal — we may just have ourselves a new messiah to hit the Quad and yell in bullhorns about.

But let's not get carried away here, people.

The kid is only a teenager. A millionaire, granted, but a teenager nonetheless.

While I would love to skip college and make millions in my first paying gig, I will instead slave through my four (five) years only to make peanuts the rest of my days.

LeBron's got it a little easier, but at the same time, he has it a lot harder.

No matter what this guy does, no matter how well he performs, he will

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## Farmer kicked off of Arizona football team

► The senior running back was dismissed from the team four days before their game versus Oregon State

By CHARLES RENNING  
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Arizona interim head coach Mike Hankwitz announced Oct. 28 that senior running back Clarence Farmer was "dismissed from the team and will not return" due to a violation of team rules.

Farmer showed up late to last night's practice and Hankwitz told him to leave.

Hankwitz said Farmer just walked away after being told he was no longer on the squad.

"As far as I'm concerned, he sealed his own fate," Hankwitz said.

Farmer was held out of the first quarter of Saturday's 42-14 loss at California due to an unspecified violation of team rules.

Farmer's dismissal is something that has been building over at least the last couple weeks, Hankwitz said.

Hankwitz said he had met with Farmer numerous times, but would not comment any further as to Farmer's situation, other than to say he is no longer on the team.

For a team that has been hit with so much con-

trovery the last two seasons, Farmer's dismissal seemed to be just another bump in the road for the Wildcats.

"Something like this doesn't happen very often," junior center Keoki Fraser said. "(As a team), we are pretty close and we've been through a lot. We're not going to be disrupted by this. If he was a problem with the team and Coach needed to dismiss him, I'm sure it was for a good reason."

Some players said they were somewhat surprised by what happened and that nothing seemed too different with Farmer and the team lately.

"(Last week), he seemed like the regular Clarence to me," Fraser said. "At practice, he was doing everything he usually does and he didn't seem like he wanted to quit."

"I could say it is a disruption, but (sophomore running back) Mike (Bell) is playing well and we just have to keep going," freshman quarterback Kris Heavner said.

With the dismissal of Farmer, most of the running load will fall squarely on Bell's shoulders.

Bell rushed for a career-high 182 yards on 18 carries last week at Cal. In the Wildcats' last two contests, Bell has rushed for a total of 276 yards on just 27 carries — an average of just over 10 yards per run.

"Mike Bell deserves a lot more carries," Hankwitz said. "I'm very pleased with his performance. We



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Senior Clarence Farmer was dismissed from Arizona's football team Tuesday.

feel good about having him (as the number one running back)."

"He's going to have to step up and he can do it," Heavner said.

"Mike has been running good, and we need to just keep going with that," Fraser said.

Sophomore Gainus Scott was the Wildcats' number two tailback at practice yesterday, but Hankwitz said the team will continue to look at all options in the backfield.