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## SWIMMING TO SUCCESS

OSU swimmer Mari Embertson has turned a former fear of failure into winning ways in the water

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# OSU to award \$1 million in scholarships

► Financial Aid office will distribute available funds to students in need beginning this term

By NIKI SULLIVAN  
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

University officials announced Tuesday that an additional \$1 million is now available for students through need-based financial aid.

An additional \$100,000 will fund student diversity initiatives.

The money, from the OSU Foundation, will be available to students this term, and will be rationed out over

the next four terms, according to Kate Peterson, director of the Financial Aid office.

Peterson said the Financial Aid office will use a system already in place to distribute the money to students who "had been offered and accepted everything, but still have unmet needs."

"I don't think we're going to have trouble spending the additional money," OSU President Ed Ray said.

Ray turned down a formal investiture earlier in the year, instead earmarking the \$30,000 to need-based financial aid.

This time, the money comes via the OSU Foundation from the Maurie Clark fund, a discretionary account

funded by the late Clark's estate, according to a news release from OSU.

Ray said he was notified a few weeks ago by the OSU Foundation president and was given the opportunity to decide where to allocate the money.

"The immediate reaction was to put everything we can into need-based aid," Ray said.

The \$1 million constitutes a 7 percent increase in available funding for financial aid, according to Andy Saultz, ASOSU president.

"A lot of students are desperate, so the timing of this couldn't be better," Saultz said in a press release.

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Ray: Decided where to allocate the money

## City council passes drain proposal

► City Council approves a resolution to change handling of water runoff systems

By BRIDGETT BAILEY  
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

At the Budget Planning Committee meeting held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the issue of south Corvallis' stormwater drainage system was raised.

John S. Nelson presented The Stormwater Systems Development Charge (SDC) Update, which was designed to implement changes to the systems Corvallis has had handling water runoff.

Growth in the population of Corvallis was taken into consideration when the figures were drawn up, but changes to the system were necessary anyway, according to Rob Gandara, representative of Ward 5 on the city council.

He was one of 20 members who attended the six meetings of approximately two hours each held to devise this proposal.

The city's drainage capacity for stormwater is calculated by square feet of impermeable surface in different sections of the city.

An amount of funding is allotted to maintain the existing collection and drainage systems in a fiscal period.

Stewart Wershaw, council member for Ward 6, asked if the proposed changes would apply to projects that had already been applied for, such as the high school. Nelson said they would not be affected.

The structures mentioned specifically with regard to the proposal

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## Tightening the Grips



JUSTIN RUNQUIST | THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU Recreational Sports employees Charlie Bloedon (front) and Albert Wichmann ensure all climbing holds are secure before the Dixon's new Indoor Climbing Center opens in the upcoming weeks.

## 'The Dream' touches more than just U.S.

► OSU students discuss international impact of MLK

By KATIE GILL  
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, his intentions were not to change things solely in America, but worldwide as well.

On Tuesday night, members of OSU's international student community gathered to discuss the impacts they have seen in their own countries and lives thanks to Dr. King's speech.

The forum, entitled, "International Perspectives on the Dream," consisted of an interactive discussion between the students who attended.

"When I heard [the speech], it was inspiring because it gave me hope to know that there are people out there who don't just care about themselves," said Xue Xiong, a student who is a member of an indigenous group that lives amongst the mountaintops of Laos and China.

"Every little piece has a meaning in it, it just takes time to gather them up and put them into perspective," he said.

Several students talked about their personal experiences with racism, both here at OSU as well as in their home countries.

"I've been here one year and haven't experienced any racism," graduate student Biniam Lyob said.

However, in Eritrea, where Lyob is from, there is much racism between tribes.

"We're not even dealing with it there," he said. "Different tribes are separated [due to] geography, and we're focused on the war. Dr. King said that violence is not an option, but we've never known any response except violence."

However, despite the country having seen little peace throughout its history, Lyob believes that things are changing for the better.

Fatima Fofanah, a junior from Sierra Leone, came to the U.S. in 1992.

"When I came to the states I was in high school. I didn't speak English, didn't have the right clothes to wear. People called me names like 'monkey-child.' It was my first experience with racism," she said.

Fofanah attributes her success in adapting to a new, unwelcoming culture to her parents.

"They kept telling me 'you're here for a reason, to learn and educate yourself,'" she said.

The majority of international stu-

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Dan McCarthy, a sophomore in health care administration, supports putting the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act on the November ballot.

## Campaign works on '04 ballot

► Group hopes to gather remaining 25,000 signatures

By JAKE SCRITSMIER  
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Voter Power Foundation has already collected 50,000 of the 75,630 signatures required to throw the second installment of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act on the Nov. 2004 ballot in Oregon.

A representative of the group was in the MU Quad Tuesday attempting to collect the remaining signatures for the initiative.

OMMA2 aims to expand on the original act by legalizing nonprofit

dispensaries of prescription pot that will be regulated by the Oregon Health Department.

Dan Ricca, Voter Power's representative on the OSU campus, is very confident about the bill passing in November.

"We're gonna make it," Ricca said.

He demonstrated an uncanny knack for knowing which students to approach for their signature and which to just let walk on by.

"It is easy for me to tell who to pitch the medical marijuana initiative to. It is easy to pick out the lib-

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## WORLD

### China announces opening of classified 1940s and '50s files

BEIJING (AP) — China's secretive government says it has declassified thousands of diplomatic documents from the 1940s and 1950s, a move it touts as part of the country's opening to the world.

The first cache of 10,000 items from the Foreign Ministry's diplomatic archives includes telegrams on establishing relations with Moscow after China's 1949 communist revolution, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Monday. It said most of the items come from between 1949 and 1955.

The state-controlled newspaper China Daily cast the decision as "an indication of social progress and the country expanding to the outside world."

The newly opened files include directives and speeches by then-Premier Zhou Enlai, who also was the country's foreign minister, and documents from international conferences, Xinhua said, citing Zhang Sulin, a ministry archivist.

It wasn't clear how comprehensive the files would be or whether they include material about such sensitive issues as the 1950-53 Korean War, when China fought alongside North Korea against U.S.-led United Nations troops.

The ministry is opening the files under rules requiring historical records to be declassified 30 years after they are compiled. There was no explanation why this batch of documents — some of which are more than 50 years old — were not released earlier.

Even so, the release of such a trove of documents is striking given the Communist Party and the government it controls remain highly secretive, and obtaining information from them is an

arduous task even for Chinese citizens.

Anyone who wants to see them must apply 20 days in advance, the government said. It didn't say how officials would decide what applicants would be allowed to see. A call to the ministry Tuesday morning wasn't answered.

The Foreign Ministry plans to open the records in batches as the 30-year deadlines arrive, according to the official Communist Party newspaper People's Daily.

The newspaper said "the opening of the records will help the public at home and abroad" to learn about China's diplomatic affairs and "its great achievements" since the revolution.

## NATION

### Gephardt quits presidential race, retires to private life

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dick Gephardt, the former House Democratic leader and 14-term congressman, said Tuesday he was abandoning his second bid for the presidency after a poor, fourth-place showing in the Iowa caucuses.

"I gave this campaign everything I had in me," Gephardt told a news conference. "Today my pursuit of the presidency has reached its end. I'm withdrawing as a candidate and returning to private life after a long time in the warm light of public service."

In 1988, Gephardt won Iowa in his first unsuccessful bid for the Democratic nomination. On Monday, despite a strong field organization and union endorsements, Gephardt finished fourth in Iowa, behind John Kerry, John Edwards and Howard Dean.

### IBM to add 15,000 new jobs to its worldwide work force

ARMONK, N.Y. (AP) — On the heels of strong earnings reports, IBM Corp. announced Saturday that it will add 15,000 jobs worldwide.

About 4,500 new hires will be made in the United States, primarily tied to high-growth areas such as software and services, company officials said. The remainder of the jobs will be in emerging markets such as China and India and in Europe.

The job additions were 50 percent over company projections and will increase Big Blue's work force to nearly 330,000, officials said. More than half of the company's employees are outside the United States.

Garrett Walker, director of strategic resource management for IBM, said the company is investing \$200 million in training for what it calls "hot skills" in the information technology area.

Last week, IBM offered an upbeat outlook for 2004, announcing that fourth-quarter earnings more than doubled and surpassed Wall Street expectations. In the last three months of 2003, IBM earned \$2.7 billion, or \$1.55 per share, on revenue of \$25.9 billion.

With the new hirings, IBM will have the most employees it has had since 1991, when it had 344,000 employees worldwide.

## STATE

### Eugene area's Lochmead Dairy copes with mad cow fallout

JUNCTION CITY (AP) — As soon as the mad cow scare hit, officials at the Eugene-area Lochmead Dairy swung into action, even though mad cow disease is not spread through dairy products.

Notices from Lochmead went up on dairy cases, telling consumers that the company has not introduced an outside cow to its herd in 25 years, has never fed its cows animal byproducts and has never given bovine growth hormone to its herd.

As a producer of more than 1.5 million gallons of milk and a half-million

gallons of ice cream per year and the employer of more than 450 people, Lochmead — like other dairies caught up in the mad cow fallout — has a lot at stake.

The company is the only dairy left in Oregon that still raises cows, processes the milk and sells it at its own stores.

"They have an extremely progressive attitude," said Lisbeth Goddik, a professor of food science and the Extension dairy processing specialist at Oregon State University.

Lochmead's animal-friendly practices are paying dividends by attracting health-conscious consumers, she said.

## UNIVERSITY

### Activists call for more coverage for students with HIV

BOULDER, Colo. (U-WIRE) — The University of Colorado-Boulder does not offer a sufficient health insurance plan for students with HIV, activists and student leaders say.

Bruce Smail, director of CU's GLBTQ Resource Center, told the Colorado Daily last week that the university should be obligated to offer an insurance plan that satisfies the needs of all students, including those infected with HIV.

Student health insurance offered through Wardenburg Health Center covers 50 percent of prescriptions up to the maximum \$700 for the Buff Limited plan and up to \$600 for the Buff Max plan per policy year.

Smail explained students and administrators looking into the problem are considering possible options for a policy change. The university is in the process of looking at a new prescription plan that would give students with HIV the additional coverage they need. Smail said that whatever the timeline, change is necessary.

— By Katherine Crowell  
Colorado Daily (U. Colorado)

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

**Meetings**  
**OSU Students for Howard Dean,** 7pm, MU 211. Weekly meeting. Open to students and staff.  
**OSU Rifle Club,** 6pm, McAlexander Rifle Range. Club/Team practice. Shooting matches this term.  
**United Campus Ministry,** Noon - 1pm, 101 NW 23rd St. Brown bag lunch & book discussion focusing on the book, "The Powers That Be: Theology for a New Millennium" by Walker Wink.  
**Study Abroad in the UK,** 4pm, Kidd 128. Informational meeting, available for all students in the college of science. Tea & biscuits provided.  
**Pre-Pharmacy Society,** 5:30pm, Milam 123. Discuss future events meeting. Guest speaker Ann Zweber.

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry,** 5:15pm, 211 NW 23rd. Evening Prayer - casual worship with communion.  
**Community Service Center,** 10am-4pm, MU Ballroom. Building the Dream Community Service Fair.  
**UCPS,** 12-1, MU 206. Enhancing your long distance relationships.  
**University Honors College,** 7pm, MU 206. Presidential Forum. Open to all campus and community members. Ask President Ray your questions!  
**UCPS,** 4-5, MU 213. Fear of public speaking? This workshop is for you.  
**Int'l Programs,** 6-8pm, West Int'l House. Study abroad re-entry workshop. Meet study abroad students.  
**Beaver Yearbook,** 12:30-3:30, 4th floor of Valley Library. Free portrait session.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 22

**Meetings**  
**Student/Incidental Fees Committee,** 6-8pm, MU 213. General Meeting.  
**Campus Ambassadors,** 7:30-9pm, 1st Baptist. A night of worship and student stories of God's work in their lives.  
**College Democrats,** 7pm, MU 210. Weekly meeting.  
**Events**  
**OSU Baha'i Unity Club,** 7pm, Asian Pacific Cultural Center. Join us for prayers and study of the Baha'i Writings.  
**Beaver Yearbook,** 12:30-3:30, 4th floor of Valley Library. Free portrait session.  
**ACM,** 4pm, BEXL 112A. Programming contests: Learn how you can win money or simply sharpen your programming skills.

# What's New in Rec Sports

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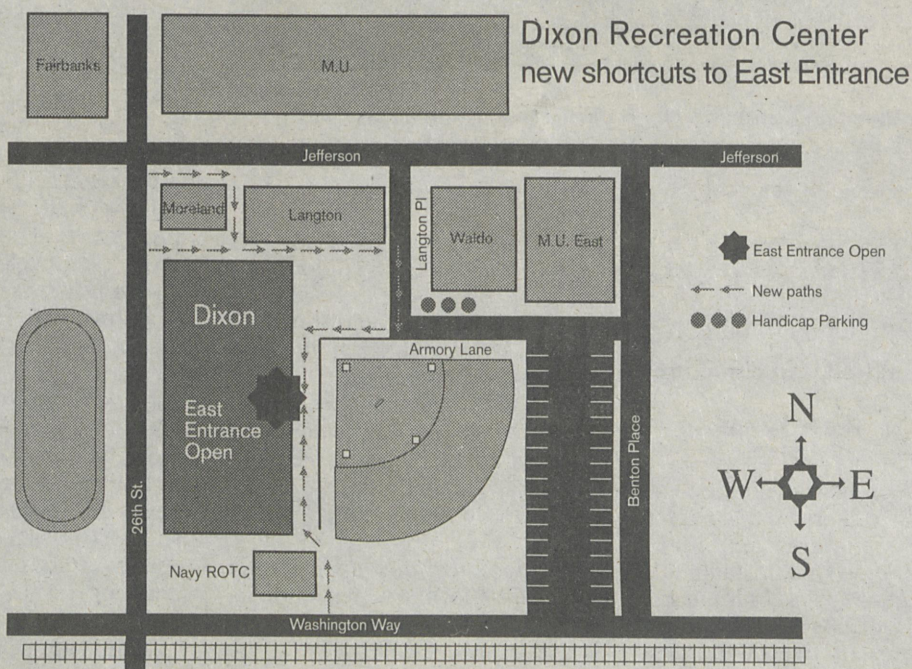
## Upcoming Events

Feb. 7 OSU Swim Meet 11a.m.

Feb. 23-27 National Recreational Sports & Fitness Week

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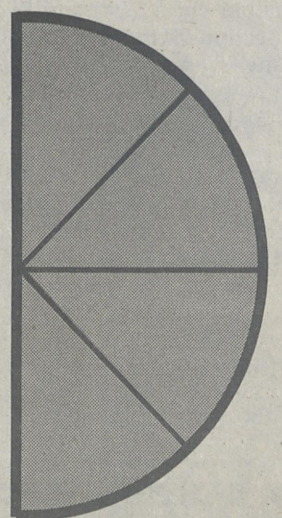
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## Aid: No estimate on how many students will benefit

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University officials had no estimate of how many students the \$1 million would help in the calendar year, but President Ray said the funding would be distributed "depending on what the demonstrated need is."

The money was made available to the Financial Aid office Tuesday, but before any money is distributed, the Financial Aid office must first identify students in need.

The office will then follow standard procedure to notify students who will receive

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Ed Ray  
OSU President

additional financial aid.

Previously, when OSU students were offered money through the contingency fund, they had to fill out additional paperwork to be considered.

However, Peterson said the office has streamlined the

procedure this time, meaning any student who already receives financial aid is eligible to receive some of the additional money.

"It's people we have on file," Peterson said. She added that students can also notify the office if they are having an "unforeseen financial difficulty," just as they could before the money was made available.

"It's a nice bit of relief," Ray said. "We could use a lot more, but it's something."

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## MLK: Students committed to being part of change

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dents at the forum maintained that they had not experienced racism while at OSU.

"I would like to say thank you to Dr. King, because where would we, as international students, be if he had not done what he did?" Lyob said.

Senior Nakia McDermott and Linda Paschke, a former student involvement employee, forum coordinators, encouraged the group to address several topics, including asking students to state

personal commitments on how they intended to further non-violent social justice.

"Violence only begets violence, forgiveness is very important," one student said.

Paschke read an excerpt from U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell that she believed encompassed the intention of MLK's speech.

"The 'I Have a Dream' speech was essentially a mirror placed in the face of the nation, and that speech said: 'Look at yourselves; look at us; look at who we are and what

we are, and let's all have this dream.' And with that speech, he convinced all of America that what we had been doing was wrong and that things had to change."

At the end of the session, common agreement was that many changes surrounding racism and stereotypes need to occur worldwide, and the students committed to being a part of that change.

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## Budget: SDC drafted to build upon existing systems

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were single-family dwellings, defined as homes designed for a family of three, which are increasing in number due to the population increase and are a significant source of stormwater runoff.

Resolution 2.08, the proposed SDC, was drafted to build upon existing systems, and passed unanimously.

Scott Zimbruck, council member for Ward 7, expressed his approval for how the resolution was presented and believes the outcome will be good for the city.

In the public hearing before the council

meeting, unmarked crosswalks in the Wilson Elementary school zone were discussed.

A mother and daughter requested that the crosswalk at Grant and 12th St. be painted to encourage drivers to be more attentive to children attempting to cross.

The two Corvallis citizens made comments that although the speed limit in the designated school areas in 25 miles per hour, drivers frequently go over that.

This request was turned down by the council members.

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## Ballot: Representative confident about bill's passage

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erals and conservatives on this campus," he said.

Ricca is wary of speaking to the press because of a few bad experiences in his past. He is the top producer of signatures in the state of Oregon for initiatives related to medical marijuana and other Voter Power Foundation-supported initiatives.

"The media gets on me quite a bit because of this," he said.

Ricca has worked with the Voter Power Foundation since 1998, and worked on his first initiative campaign in 1996.

OSU students can expect a brief pitch and less than two minutes worth of paper work if they are interested in signing the OMMA2 initiative.

"I check if people seem qualified and if they are registered voters. This ensures accuracy

and that the campaign is represented in a positive manner," Ricca said.

The Voter Power Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Oregon that provides the public with pamphlets and "The Marijuana Report," a newspaper dealing with medical advances, politics and testimonials related to medical marijuana and its supporters throughout North America.

Students interested in learning more about the potential ballot measure or signing the initiative should visit Dan Ricca in the MU Quad from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Friday of this week.

"I am very happy with the amount of signatures I have collected on the OSU campus. I hope that many more potential voters come to the Quad to show their support throughout the week," Ricca said.

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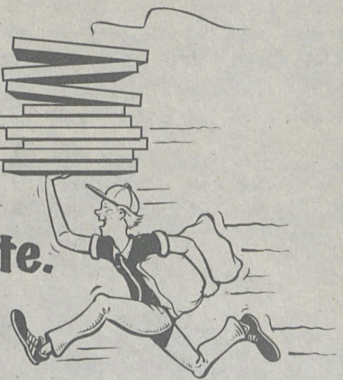
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### EDITORIAL

## Yeas & Nays

**Y**ea to fraternities and sororities. There — you happy now? No? Damn!

**Nay** to us for making fun of Greeks so much. We don't mean to, it's just that we want matching T-shirts, and we can't have them. Ooh, let's make 'em blue with beer-inspired logos!

**Yea** to Greeks. Not the campus groups, mind you, but the nationality of people as a whole. Bow down to almighty Zeus, mere mortals!

**Nay** to non-Greeks. Not all other nationalities, mind you, but those who call themselves "GDIs." What does that stand for? How about "Greek-Dodging Imbeciles?" or perhaps, "Gaming Dorm Inhabitants?" Okay, that's enough, no more making fun ... we love the Greeks and the geeks all the same.

**Yea** to John Kerry for winning the Iowa caucus. Haha — "caucus."

**Nay** to Dick Gephardt announcing that he will pull out of the race after being beaten in aforementioned caucus. Look, everyone hates a caucus beating, but did you really have to pull out, Dick?

**Yea** to New Hampshire for being the next primary. *New Hampshire?* What happened to *Old Hampshire?* And what the hell is a Hampshire? In fact, *where* the hell is New Hampshire?

**Nay** to Iowa. Are we honestly letting Tom Arnold's home state have this much political clout?

**Yea** to Howard Dean finishing third in Iowa, then busting off a screaming tirade of a concession speech. *San Dimas High School football rules!!!*

**Nay** to Dick Cheney for being cryogenically thawed in time for the State of the Union Address. Way to be, Dick.

**Yea** to Dubya's speech, which began, "This year, after much deliberation, I proclaim the State of the Union as ... Texas! Don't mess with it!"

**Nay** to clapping every (applause) 13 damn seconds (applause). It really kind of (applause) gets annoying.

**Yea** to Super Bowl-bound QB Tom Brady, who was invited to the State of the Union address by the First Lady. Hey, if the Prez can give his buddy's company billion-dollar contracts, why can't the First Lady get some?

**Nay** to the Super Bowl. Carolina vs. New England? The battle of the vague East coast regions ... let's hope for some good commercials.

**Yea** to the "Surreal World" on the WB. If you haven't seen it, then you have no earthly idea of just how much of a badass Erik "Ponch" Estrada really is. Trust us. We're talking DeCarolis cool — but with a tupee.

**Nay** to Microsoft for going after a 17-year-old Canadian kid named Mike Rowe for having a Web site called [www.mikerowesoft.com](http://www.mikerowesoft.com). Just because the kid wants to show nude pictures of his flaccid self online, that's no reason to get all bent out of shape. Gaaaates!!!!

**Yea** to Greeks. There you go. Again.

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MUCH LIKE PHIL MICKELSON, THE DEMOCRATS ARE MOST ENTERTAINING WHEN THEY SELF-DESTRUCT.

## It's your thing: Do what you wanna do

**Dear Dr. Sex:**

Is it immoral to have sexual interaction with someone who is in love with me and doing it for emotional reasons, but I'm doing it purely for sexual satisfaction?

*Signed, Simply Sex*

**Dear Simply Sex:**

It really isn't my place to decide if something is moral or immoral. You have to decide for yourself if you are comfortable with your behavior.

What is really at issue here is whether or not you are being honest and up front with your partner. Clearly the two of you have differing motivations and/or are getting different results from this relationship.

That is okay as long as both parties are informed. What would not be okay was if your partner thought you were interacting sexually for emotional reasons.

However, if you are being up front, I see no problem with it. We all make choices in our lives and if your partner chooses to stay with you knowing you don't feel the same way, then that is their choice.

If they find such a situation unsatisfactory, they should remove themselves from the relationship. If they don't, the moral of the story, in many ways, is "you made your bed, now lay in it."

**Dear Sr. Sex:**

How do I know when it is right to have sex?

*Signed, Debating*

Kathy Greaves

ASK DOCTOR SEX

stands and "friends with benefits" arrangements.

Deciding where you fall in or around these three different perspectives is a start. Keep in mind though that this has to be your decision.

Say, for example, that you knew that all your friends were "doing it." That doesn't mean you should jump on the bandwagon.

Equally, the situation could be that your religious upbringing tells you to wait until marriage.

**"... others believe that sex is simply sex — an act of physical gratification and if you enjoy a person's company, then one thing you can do with them is have sex."**

That doesn't mean that you should blindly adopt that position.

You should do what you want to do, what feels best for you and what enables you to look in the mirror the next day and be

proud of the person you are, the things you have done and the choices you have made.

The only person who needs to be okay with it is you.

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Sanjai Tripathi



## Will we buy his pitch again?

**A**s of this writing, an advance outline of the President's State of the Union speech has been issued. By the time you read this, you may have already seen it, if you were interested enough to watch.

Unlike most things politicians say, this particular speech can actually be informative. For example, in the 2002 speech the president outlined his "Axis of Evil" ideology that has since led us to war.

Of course, not everything that is said in the State of the Union speech can be believed, from any president. For one thing, they will ignore topics that are inconvenient, like weapons of mass destruction. They will outline grand-sounding plans that they will never follow through on, like the \$15 billion initiative to fight AIDS last year. And, they will generally spin and twist everything in that special way that our leaders always do.

For that reason, it is best for us at home to come up with our own list of problems and priorities in advance, and then score the President on how well his list matches ours and how innovative yet realistic his solutions seem to be.

The premiere issue is, of course, Iraq. The President will break from tradition by starting with this topic and ending with domestic initiatives. Everyone has his or her own perspective on this, and he or she will usually defend that position vigorously.

It is important, however, for us to be realistic about the situation in Iraq. We've become extremely partisan and polarized in our thinking, and that state of mind will prevent us from seeing things clearly. To understand the world, we have to see the good and the bad that have resulted and will result from this war.

That is what I would like to see from the President; just the slightest admission that it hasn't been exactly like he said it would. The arrogance and triumphant tone may play well with Bush's core constituency, but it doesn't serve to inform us of what is really happening.

We've had over 500 dead and 3,000 wounded American soldiers. The number of Iraqis killed is unknown but estimated to be somewhere between 10,000 and 20,000. In the history of wars, those are actually low numbers, but that is still a lot of bodies.

Iraq is rid of Saddam Hussein. There is a chance that a just and respectable government can be built in his place, but it will be difficult.

In fact, the joint American and Iraqi governing authority has just asked the United Nations to help supervise regional elections next June. The President will address this issue in his speech.

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## James Lester letter

## Common knowledge

In response to Mr. James Lester letter (Jan. 16, 2004):

I wasn't aware that I needed to cite sources for you, Mr. Lester. What I wrote was common knowledge.

I didn't quote any figures or statistics, and I didn't make any outrageous or unbelievable claims. I simply wrote what a great number of people (including the Bush administration) have agreed upon as fact.

For example, has the U.N. found any weapons of mass destruction? That would be no.

Was Saddam Hussein connected to 9/11 and the Taliban? That would also be a no (Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense, White House — happy now?).

My assertions are based on a rather obvious source: the president himself.

He doesn't stand up in front of cameras and rail about the Hamas or Asnar al Islam, now does he? No, he has made his intentions perfectly clear to the American people.

For eight years, Iraq and America got along tolerably. Then, all of the sudden, Saddam's leverage is too much to handle? Give me a small break ...

I think you also missed a big part of that letter. Bush spent a day or two in Iraq. Our troops have spent months, even a couple of YEARS, there.

Some men and women will never come home, and families had empty spaces at their table over the holidays. What's it like to stare at an empty chair, wondering whether you will ever see them again?

Two last, quick observations:

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A) We invaded Iraq LONG before March 2003 (just because there was a semi-official declaration doesn't mean that the bullets and bombs weren't flying beforehand).

B) If you like my quotation marks, you should see what I can do with a semi-colon ... utterly fabulous.

DANIELLE ROBERTSON,  
Sophomore in English

## Mike Nierengarten column

## All you did was criticize

Mike Nierengarten, you said yourself "people criticize others because of their own self-doubts or fears," and just what did the majority of your article contain? Criticism.

Maybe you should try and be a positive role model for the Greek community instead of adding to this feud you always whine about.

Ripping on people who are against the Greek system, for whatever reason, is not going to get you anywhere and will only add to the conflict. I've met a lot of cool guys from fraternities and I've met a lot of jackasses.

I know that the Greek community does not determine who a person is, but instead they determine what the Greek community is.

I realize you can't judge the Greek system as a whole based on one bad personality, but it's a shame that you are representing the Greek community because if your words were all that I knew of frat guys, I would hate you all too.

You come across as very arrogant and full of yourself, is that the image you want to portray for all your "brothas?"

Maybe you should quit stressing over what others think of you and focus on

using your column to positively reflect on Greek life.

So my advice to you is, instead of throwing yourself a pity party this weekend and adding to this Greek/non-Greek war, do yourself a favor, take a percaset with that beer and get over it!

ANNIE JOHNSON,  
Junior in housing/interior design

## Bush space initiative

## Helium-3 very important

I was dismayed by reading comments against the proposed Bush space initiative.

I could tell you about all the technology that resulted from Apollo, like the computer I wrote this letter on.

I could talk about how climatology and geology got spun on their heads by interplanetary probes.

I could even talk about the economic help to the country and that the money is relatively small compared to the social programs we fund, let alone the whole budget.

Instead, I want to discuss Helium-3. It is an isotope of Helium that is extremely valuable. The price is about \$50,000 a gram, even more than plutonium.

It is only found on Earth inside nuclear reactors. It is used in phosphoric dyes and Fusion experiments. There is a great need for Helium-3 if we are to ever establish a truly clean power system.

Solar relies on heavy metals that pollute ground water. Wind and Hydro are often harsh on wildlife and of limited potential. Only with Fusion can we sustain ourselves, and that needs space.

CHRISTOPHER FEY,  
Junior in engineering physics

## Tripathi: We, as consumers of government, should be paying attention

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Some in the international community are wary of this proposal from the administration that called France and Germany "Old Europe" and the United Nations irrelevant. They suspect that this is a mere ploy to give the Iraqis only nominal authority during the American election year, so he can claim that we are getting "out of Iraq."

Realistically, it looks like American soldiers will be there a long time and local guerillas will continue to attack and kill them. American taxpayers will also continue to pay for it.

Personally, I believe the war could have been worth it and justified. In many cases, it is worthwhile to risk American lives and spend money just to help other countries' people, because they are our brothers and sisters.

But, I think that in this case we were led by the great "weapons of mass destruction" lie. He won't mention it in the speech, but that reason for war is undeniable. We all remember Iraq, al-Qaeda, terrorism, WMD, repeat. That is what they were saying and that's why we went to war.

The idea of bringing freedom to Iraqis is a noble one, but it is a lie to claim that cause ex post facto. An honorable person would address these issues clearly and honestly, not just with rhetoric and doubletalk. Let's see what the President does.

The other prime-time issue is the econ-

omy. We have generally high unemployment rates nationwide, but economic indicators suggest that we are due for more hiring soon.

The state of the economy isn't really under the President's control. Democrats will tell you all the bad things are Bush's fault, and he will tell you all the good things are his work, but both are plain lies.

The main thing the government can really do to affect the climate is to run a deficit. By spending more than they take in, in the amount of \$500 billion this year, the government can in fact stimulate the economy.

This increases every working American's share of the public debt by over \$3,000. It is up to you to decide if it is worth it.

There will be a new initiative to fund job "retraining" programs to help people find new jobs. This can be a very effective way of helping both the unemployed and the economy, if done correctly.

For example, we have a shortage of nurses in this country, but there aren't nearly enough slots in nursing schools for eligible candidates. By funding schools that teach what employers need, the government can really help put people to work.

However, many Democrats will line up to point out that this same president cut these same programs previously, so he shouldn't get too much credit for restoring them.

Along the same vein, there are supposed to be some ideas to reduce the cost of health care. This is too complex to describe here, but the only things likely to work would be limits on malpractice awards, price controls on pharmaceuticals and targeted public funding to reduce overhead and profit motive.

What we will probably get are privatization initiatives that just keep things unaffordable for the poor and some nambypamby tax incentives that won't do any good, either. We'll see.

There will also probably be an array of the conservative social programs, like money to support marriages or faith-based initiatives.

These programs stir debate and energize the political base, but have little real impact other than allowing the President to claim "family values" as a platform. There may be some surprises, like laws to prevent gay marriages, money for Mars or other insanity.

In any case, we should pay attention. We're all consumers of government. The President, like all presidents, is a salesman, and the State of the Union is his big pitch. It's time for us to listen and decide if we want to buy it again.

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## Football looks toward spring

► The team will begin spring training on April 1, and will conclude in May

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

The quest for the fifth bowl game in six years begins Thurs., Apr. 1 as the Oregon State University football team opens spring practice, Beaver head coach Mike Riley announced.

The 15-practice schedule will conclude Sat., May 1 with the annual spring game.

All practices are open to the public, with weekday workouts beginning at 3:30 p.m. (subject to change).

The only weekend practice scheduled at this time is Sat., Apr. 3, in addition to the spring game. Practices are held at Prothro Field, the Truax Indoor Center or Reser Stadium.

Scrimmage dates and times will be announced at a later date.

Oregon State expects to return 12 starters

from the 2003 Las Vegas Bowl champion club.

Leading the cast of returnees on offense is the school's single season passing yardage record-holder Derek Anderson, flanker Mike Hass (1,013 yards) and postseason linemen honorees Doug Nienhuis, Matt Brock and Kanan Sanchez.

The returning roster on defense is led by Pac-10 Freshman of the Year cornerback Brandon Browner, and 2003 honorable mention all-conference players free safety Mitch Meeuwse, defensive end Bill Swancutt and cornerback Aric Williams.

The defense also returns tackle Ben Siegert, a Sporting News Pac-10 Conference All-Freshman team selection, and linebackers Trent Bray and Jonathan Pollard.

The Beavers open regular season play on Saturday, Sept. 4, against the Temple Owls at Reser Stadium. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m.

## Softball tagged to finish last in Pac-10 poll

► Defending champion UCLA tops coaches' poll

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

Oregon State University's softball team was picked to finish in eighth place in the Pacific-10 Conference for the 2004 season, as was announced Tuesday in a poll taken from the Pac-10 softball coaches.

The Beavers received 12 points in the voting, while defending national champion UCLA was picked to finish first with 48 points and six first place votes.

Oregon State made its fifth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Regional Tournament during 2003, gaining a berth in the Regional champi-

### Softball 2004 Pac-10 coaches' poll

Team	Points
1. UCLA (6)	48
2. Arizona (2)	44
3. California	36
4. Washington	30
5. Stanford	22
6. Arizona State	19
7. Oregon	13
8. Oregon State	12

onship game for the first time since 2000.

All eight Pac-10 schools reached the NCAA Tournament field in 2003 and for the second straight season, four squads advanced to the Women's College World Series.

For the third consecutive

year (10th time overall), two Pac-10 teams squared off in the National Championship game, with UCLA taking the title.

Pac-10 teams finished 1-2-3 in the final 2003 USA Today/NFCA poll and seven squads were ranked in the top-25.

The 2004 softball season will get underway on Saturday, Jan. 24 with preseason tournament action.

The Beavers, who return nine letter-winners from last season's team, including All-Pac-10 honorees Monica Hoffman, Kelly Petersen and Adrienne Alo, open the 2004 campaign at the UC Santa Barbara Tournament set for Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

## Mathews: Beaver fans are tired of coaching carousel

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when Beaver fans realize that we aren't going to the NCAA tournament, barring some sort of miracle in the Pac-10.

To me, Oregon State's goals this year are quite clear.

Win back the fans (Done).

Have a winning season.

Make the Pac-10 tournament.

Get used to playing together for next year when some serious damage can be done.

The loss still hurts, but a split in Arizona will most likely pacify Beaver fans, setting up an important home stand.

The loss will be forgotten.

Though no Beaver fan could have been truly happy after such a loss, I think there was a glimmer of hope in the back of everyone's mind.

For the first time in a long time, OSU fans truly cared about the outcome of a basketball game.

This is a testament to both the players and coaches who were written off by most people,

even many Beaver fans, before the season started.

Though some may question Jay John's decision to not pressure the ball, there are now very few people who do not believe he is the guy that will bring back Beaver hoops.

If he leaves, we are back to square one.

Get him a contract extension. Give him the key to the city. Drive a boat-load of pudding up to his door and tell him there is more where that came from.

Just get him to stay.

Beaver fans are tired of the coaching carousel. They want stability and for once, the team finally seems to have it.

Saturday proved that Gill Coliseum is once again a fun place to watch a game, and as long as Jay John sticks around, it could be a fun place to go for years to come.

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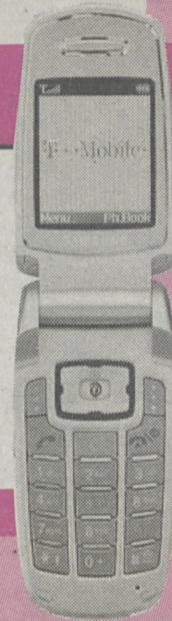


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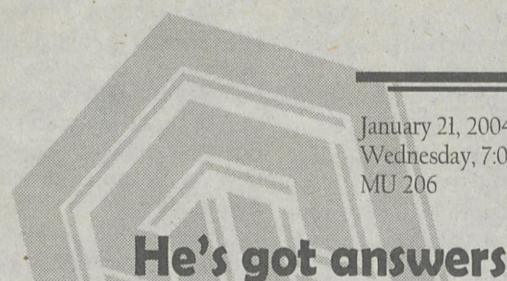
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**"I hate overtime. We should have won the game in regulation."**

— OSU men's basketball coach Jay John  
On the Beavers 103-99 overtime loss to Washington Saturday

## DeWitz joins basketball team

► Iowa transfer will be eligible to play for Beavers beginning next January

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

Nick DeWitz has transferred to Oregon State University and will compete in men's basketball, Beaver head coach Jay John announced Tuesday.

DeWitz is not on scholarship at this point and is considered a walk-on.

DeWitz, a 6-8, 215-pound forward, is eligible to practice and take part in all other team related activities, but is not eligible to play in games due to NCAA transfer regulations.

DeWitz spent fall term at the University of Iowa where he played in eight games, averaging 5.1 points, 3.5 rebounds and 15.8 minutes.

He averaged 10.4 points and 4.4 rebounds during Iowa's five-game tour of Australia last summer.

The Chandler, Ariz., native will be eligible to

compete in games at Oregon State at the conclusion of fall term, Dec. 11.

DeWitz played for OSU assistant coach Jeff Reinert at Utah Valley State, then a junior college, for the 2001-2002 season. He averaged 9.3 points and 4.7 rebounds, and also added 36 three-point field goals, 50 assists, 34 blocked shots and 26 steals.

He did not play in 2002-2003, but did earn his associate's degree from Mesa Community College in Arizona

"We're excited about Nick joining our program," John said. "Nick has great vision, he is a good passer, he possesses three-point range and he will bolster our team. He is a valuable addition



DeWitz: Averaged 5.1 points for Iowa

to our program."

DeWitz will have approximately 11/2 seasons of eligibility at OSU, including two complete conference schedules.

DeWitz attended Dobson High School in Mesa, Ariz., where he earned all-state honors. He averaged 17 points and five rebounds in leading the team to the state semi-finals as a senior.

"This is an unusual situation in having a student-athlete join our program in the middle of the season," John explained. "But, with the relationship that I have had with Nick ever since I was at Arizona and then his experience with Coach Reinert in junior college, I'm confident this will work out for both Nick and Oregon State University."

The Beavers return to action this Thursday at the University of Arizona. The game will be televised live by Fox Sports Net Northwest, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



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Mari Embertson, a junior on the Beavers swim team, has stepped up to be an impact swimmer for this year's squad. Embertson is expected to go to this year's NCAA championships, along with senior teammate Birte Steven.

## Embertson brings fun-loving personality to water

► Junior Mari Embertson hopes for a trip to the NAAs at the end of this season

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Sunshine with a smile on her face is a simple way to describe Mari Embertson.

Along with senior All-American Birte Steven, Embertson, a junior, will most likely be standing on a block at the NCAA Championships in March.

However, her path to the NAAs wasn't so easy.

"Holy crap!" was Embertson's first reaction when she finished her 400-yard individual medley at her first Pac-10 Championship as a freshman.

She dropped seven seconds from her best time and became the third Beaver swimmer to be a Pac-10 finalist as a freshman.

Before Embertson, Paula deSzoeko — formerly Paula Finlay — and Steven were Pac-10 finalists in their first year.

Given the competitiveness of the conference championship, being a finalist is on a level comparable to going to the NAAs.

After Embertson's first college season, the road ahead seemed easy, but she struggled to meet her goal of qualifying for the NAAs last year.

"After last season, seeing that I gave everything I had, I didn't want to try because I didn't want to fail again," Embertson said.

This was the fear of failure she needed to

overcome to be successful.

Former OSU head coach and current head coach of the University of Miami, Mariusz Podkoscielny, helped her come to terms with her fear of failure.

Her attitude has changed since last spring, and she now goes all the way to reach her goals.

With her fun-loving personality, Embertson is the person who can make anyone laugh.

She is full of energy that brings a positive atmosphere to her team members.

Embertson has ritualized catching a cup of tea on the pool deck in her bathing suit while mentally preparing to train hard at practice.

"Mari is alive," teammate Christina Kinney said. "She is a type of person who can make you smile and laugh no matter what situation."

But with Embertson's bright personality comes a serious side. In her third year at Oregon State, Embertson has used her veteran standing to excel in another role on the team.

"Mari is a leader who likes to lead by examples," OSU coach Larry Liebowitz said. "She is very caring, even about coaches."

Embertson has influenced her teammates in areas other than the pool.

"My roommate is very down to earth and dedicated," teammate Kristin Huston said. "She knows what it takes to be successful."

Added teammate Lynsey Foree: "I've never seen someone just believe so strongly in themselves and have the best race of their life," she said.

What Embertson does well is have faith. She believes the people she has met at Oregon State have made a great impact on her life. Most

importantly, they have influenced who she is today.

"It is weird to think that things could be different if I didn't come to OSU," Embertson said. "Mariusz was the first coach who placed confidence in me, and Larry continued to build my confidence and raised the bar."

With the Pac-10s being held in February, Embertson is excited to experience another conference championship meet.

"I definitely want to make finals again," she said. "It's really inspiring to be in the Pac-10 finals and stand next to Katelin Sandeno (the Olympic medalist)."

After Pac-10s, Embertson will head to the NAAs, which she will be participating in for the first time.

"To her, being in the national level competition is brand new, so she has unique expectations," Liebowitz said. "Steps she is taking are new, so it's fun to see somebody do that at the national level."

Unlike most successful people, Embertson's individual success is blurry. She cares more about her team's success than anything else.

"I want people to smash my record and for this program to succeed," Embertson said. "I don't go through life to store up treasures on earth. I just want to make full use of the gifts and opportunities I've been blessed with."

Her great memories will probably be the time she spends with her teammates, not the wins she has recorded or the records she has set.

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## Disaster without devastation

As Oregon State fans left Gill Coliseum Saturday afternoon, they experienced something that hasn't occurred in quite some time — a genuine sense of disappointment.

There have been other frustrating losses over the past couple seasons, but this was different.

This time people support the team, respect the all-out effort, and have grown to love the intensity of Jay John's young team.

This time, we all cared again.

Future stars emerged on Saturday.

Any doubts about whether Angelo Tsagarakis could really hit those deep shots he enjoys so much were clearly answered. As Tsagarakis begins to add more two-point attempts to his repertoire, the open deep shots will be easier to come by.

Some question his shot selection, and rightfully so, but tell me the last shooter that has generated this kind of excitement on a Beaver team.

Please don't say Joe See.

The solid play of Chris Stephens and his ability to hit clutch free throws have proven that his recent scoring streak is no fluke and that he will be a major contributor to future Beaver success.

Any David Lucas doubters out there still?

There certainly shouldn't be.

A couple years ago, some people probably questioned whether Lucas was good enough to even make Oregon State's team.

It has become clear very quickly that any team in the Pac-10 would love to have a player with such solid fundamentals.

The stellar play of J.S. Nash was also a bright spot.

There is really no line in the stat box that Nash is not capable of filling up in a hurry. He has proven himself to be a leader, both emotionally and with the defensive example that he sets.

The bottom line is that too many people played well on Saturday for Oregon State to have lost.

In retrospect, letting Washington roll the ball up the court at the end of regulation may have been the defining mistake, though turnovers, quick shots and poor help defense down the stretch put the Beavers in a position to lose a game that they were in control of for much of the second half.

This loss is made less devastating

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## TV LISTINGS

### Basketball

#### NBA

New York @ Houston  
ESPN, 6 p.m.

#### College men

Cincinnati @ Louisville  
ESPN, 4 p.m.  
Michigan @ Wisconsin  
CNW, 6 p.m.  
Duke @ Maryland  
ESPN, 6 p.m.

#### College women

Oregon State @ Washington (t)  
FSN, Noon

#### Golf

Bob Hope Chrysler Classic  
USA, 4 p.m.

#### Tennis

Australian Open  
ESPN, 11 a.m.