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Angelo Tsagarakis talks about life on and off the court in his first year at Oregon State

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Rep. Peter DeFazio (D), Oregon's fourth district house member, points out a graph illustrating the Bush Medicare policy at the Corvallis-Benton Library Monday night during his visit to Benton county.

DeFazio goes out on the town

► Oregon's fourth district U.S. Representative spent his day in meetings in Benton county

By DANNY FERNANDEZ
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Showing that the voters of Benton County do make a difference, Peter DeFazio, Oregon's fourth district U.S. representative, spent all of Monday in the county discussing congressional issues with seniors, students and other citizens of the county.

The day marked the first in a series of a 14-stop town hall meeting tour.

Included in his schedule for the day in Benton county was a discussion with the American Association of Retired Persons, a visit to an OSU political science class and a town hall meeting in the Corvallis-Benton County Library.

The purpose of the meetings is to inform the public as well as discuss with them issues that are pertinent

to U.S. Congress, as well as citizens themselves.

The state of the current government was an issue that DeFazio is passionate about.

"We have, in my opinion, the most fiscally irresponsible administration in our nation's history," he said of the current Bush administration.

"In another four years, with the current administration in place, the country is going to go bankrupt," DeFazio added.

In the political science class, the congressman discussed issues that were pertinent to those of the younger generation.

A major issue that DeFazio wanted to get across was how important it is for college-age people to vote and participate in government.

"Young people are just not involved in the political process," DeFazio said. "And this upsets me."

Other issues that were discussed | See **DEFAZIO**, page 6 |

A bright future in homegrown power

► OSU researchers are currently developing a more cost-effective method to convert vegetable oil to energy for cars and homes

By BRENNA DOHENY
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Editor's note: This is the second and final part of a series about hydrogen's potential as an alternative to petroleum automotive fuels.

Imagine a future in which vegetable oil from crops grown in your home region is the source of all the energy you need to fuel your car and power your home.

Researchers at OSU's College of Engineering are developing a revolutionary method that could make this vision a reality by converting vegetable oil to hydrogen in a specialized microprocessor that could potentially be housed directly on an automobile.

Researchers involved with the college's Microtechnology-Based Energy and Chemical Systems (MECS) initiative recently submitted a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy to develop a microprocessor to first convert vegetable oil to biodiesel, and then produce hydrogen from that biodiesel.

"President Bush is pushing hydrogen as a presidential initiative," said Richard Billo, head of the department of industrial and manufacturing engineering. Billo has played a key role in finding funding for MECS research projects.

"The Department of Energy has a particular request out for ideas on how to produce hydrogen from biomass," added Dr. Kevin Drost, director of the MECS initiative.

The MECS proposal was selected as a finalist in national competition for the grant, and awaits a final review before the award recipient will be decided. Sen. Ron Wyden has lent his support to the proposal, which should give it extra merit before the approval committee.

The guiding principle behind this research proposal is the brainchild of Dr. Goran Jovanovic, a MECS researcher in the Department of Chemical Engineering.

"Using renewable resources to produce hydrogen — that's news," said Jovanovic. "I think we are on the forefront in this country in developing that concept."

Jovanovic's inspiration came from a fundamental concept in engineering known as the integrated cycle, which incorporates several events into a larger picture, such that every individual event can be performed at its optimal level.

His ultimate idea is to integrate the agricultural production of oilseed crops, refining of the oil, production of biodiesel from the oil and its conversion to hydrogen into a cycle that can be economically sound for a region like the Willamette Valley.

"The concept is relatively simple," he summarized. "We want to convert oil to hydrogen."

The key step in his process is using biodiesel as an intermediate. Biodiesel is an alternative fuel made via a relatively simple chemical reaction between oil and alcohol. Both the oil and alcohol can be produced from crops grown right here in the Willamette Valley, a central part of Jovanovic's idea.

"The problem we're trying to deal with is that when you make biodiesel, you are trying to mix oil and water, funda-

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'Partners in Transportation' roll into Oregon State

► Northwest Transportation Conference, with workshops, presentations, hits CH2M Hill

By TOM NIGHTINGALE
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Starting today, Oregon State University will host the 2004 Northwest Transportation Conference with more than 400 transportation professionals from throughout Oregon and the Pacific Northwest expected to participate.

The conference, themed "Partners In Transportation," is co-sponsored by the Kiewit Center for Infrastructure and Transportation at OSU, and will feature workshops and presentations on many transportation related topics, including a Segway scooter demonstration that will kick-start the three-day event.

The event will be held on campus at CH2M Hill Alumni Center with transportation experts and officials addressing a wide range of issues, from how Oregon can utilize European bicycle and pedestrian orient-

ed designs to how homeland security and an aging population will impact the region's transportation.

The OSU Kiewit Center for Infrastructure and Transportation director, James Lundy, believes hosting the conference is a fantastic achievement for the University.

"OSU have done this every other year since about 1949, so we've been in the process for a long time," Lundy said. "Originally the conference started out by focusing almost exclusively on roads and streets but all modes of transportation has grown to really be the scope now."

Lundy believes the conference will help gain exposure for not only the university, but also the OSU engineering department.

"From the conference we get the chance to showcase some of the research and work we have been doing," Lundy said.

Lundy also urged students to attend the conference, as it is a chance for all to express their views on transportation at OSU

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Student organizes group to support Kerry's campaign

► Democratic frontrunner gets support from group founded by student Ben Auxier

By DAN TRAYLOR
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry will soon have a group of organized supporters at OSU.

Ben Auxier, a sophomore in political science, is in the early stages of recruiting and organizing a group of Kerry supporters on campus.

Auxier, listed on Kerry's campaign web site as a "campus coordinator," has already found some local supporters.

Auxier is planning a big push in the

next few days to gather supporters and spread the word about the new group.

"We won't stop until the election is over," he said.

Kerry, a U.S. senator from Massachusetts, has steamrolled through the early democratic primaries, losing in only two states so far.

Over the weekend Kerry picked up a sweep, earning victories in Washington state, Michigan and Maine.

"The recent triumphs of Senator Kerry has made my job that much easier," Auxier said.

Once he has a group organized, Auxier hopes to spread the word about Kerry throughout the campus and the city.

Plans are in the works to send supporters on door-to-door missions, host phone drives and set up tables in the MU Quad.

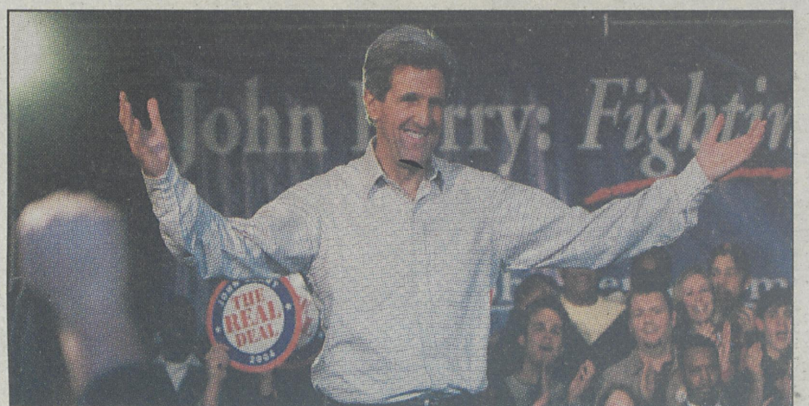
Auxier was drawn to Kerry for a number of reasons, including the senator's service in the Vietnam war and his work for civil rights.

"His courage to fight for the American people not only in the Vietnam war but in the political arena shows that he truly cares," he said.

Auxier said that electability should be a key factor when Democrats choose a nominee to face Bush.

"In a recent USA Today poll, John Kerry was chosen as the most likely democratic candidate to beat George

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AP PHOTO

Democratic presidential hopeful U.S. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., raises his arms as supporters welcome him to Memphis, Tenn. during a rally on Feb. 9.



Morning clouds,
afternoon sun
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NEWSREEL

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

Meetings
SFP Discovery Lectures, 12-1:20, Richardson 107. "Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable logging in Tropical Africa: Are they compatible?"
OSU Democracy Matters, 5-6pm, MU 110. Effect of money in politics.
OSU Pistol Club, 7-9pm, Indoor shooting range. First timers required 1 hour early for training and safety course.
Real Life Ministries, 8:30pm, Arnold Dining Center. Bible study, all welcome.
UUCM, 6:30-8pm, Milam 119. "What's Love Got to do With It?" Discover what Unitarian Universalists say about love.
Educational Activities, 5pm, Mu Council Room. Educational Activities Budget Hearings. Open to public.
Pre-Vet, 7pm, WGN 115. Mock Vet Interviews.

Events
OSU Mountain Club, 7:30-9, MU 208. Weekly meeting and slideshow. New members welcome.
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, 211 NW 23rd. Lunch open to all. Vegetarian option.
United Campus Ministry, Noon - 1pm, 101 NW 23rd St. Brown bag lunch & "The Powers That Be: Theology for a New Millennium" by Walker Wink.
UCPS, 4-5pm, MU 207. Graduate Students and Stress. 2 of a 3 part series.
UCPS, 4-5pm, MU 211. Do Better on Exams: Learn test-taking tips.
Volunteers
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 3:30-7pm, 101 NW 23rd. Stone Soup - Volunteers needed.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

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.
Educational Activities, 5pm, Mu Council Room. Educational Activities Budget Hearings. Open to public.

Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:15pm, 211 NW 23rd. Evening Prayer - casual worship with communion.
Native American Longhouse, 6-9pm, Native American Longhouse. Free cookies/cupcakes for your Valentine.

WORLD

Iraqi recruits are not flocking to assist Osama bin Laden

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A letter seized from an al-Qaida courier shows Osama bin Laden has made little headway in recruiting Iraqis for a holy war against America, raising questions about the Bush administration's contention that Iraq is the central front in the war on terror.

The 17-page letter, cited as a key piece of intelligence that offered a rare window into foreign terrorist operations in Iraq, appealed to al-Qaida leaders to help spark a civil war between Iraq's two main Muslim sects in an effort to "tear the country apart," U.S. officials said Monday.

One senior U.S. officer, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, warned the plea could mean more "spectacular" attacks because the rebels were despairing that their devastating car bombs and the steady killing of U.S. troops were failing to shove the Americans from Iraq or spark massive discord.

The letter was believed written by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian suspected of al-Qaida links. Al-Zarqawi is the chief suspect in several recent bombings, and the Bush administration cited his presence in Iraq as evidence of Iraq's terrorist connections even before the war.

Having found no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, the administration has been shifting the reason for going to war to the fight against global terrorism and to oust Saddam Hussein.

Military and coalition officials who rarely speak about intelligence information were quick to describe the letter as proof of a terrorist role in the Iraqi resistance.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said that "there are foreign terrorists who realize the stakes are high and they seek to do everything

they can to undermine the aspirations of the Iraqi people."

"But democracy and freedom are taking root in Iraq and there's no turning back."

NATION

27 teams compete for first privately funded spaceflight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Organizers of a competition to achieve the first privately funded manned spaceflight say 27 teams have entered and they expect to award the \$10 million prize by the end of the year.

The contest calls for launching a manned craft to 62.5 miles above the Earth, which is generally considered the edge of space, twice within two weeks. The craft must be able to carry three people.

Members of the X Prize Foundation said they think that by 2006 there will be enough of a market to have teams race to space and back to win a proposed X Prize Cup.

"We're ready to go," said Diane Murphy, spokeswoman for the X Prize.

The X Foundation, a St. Louis-based group created to promote the development of private, reusable launch vehicles, is supported by donors including Dennis Tito, an American who spent \$20 million to fly in a Russian craft as the first space tourist, and Erik Lindbergh, a pilot and grandson of Charles Lindbergh.

The group's mission is to build what they believe is a \$20 billion market for private citizens to travel to space. They liken the prize to those offered early in the 20th century that helped propel the aviation industry.

"The goal is simple: to establish a new generation of aircraft that will take you and me to space," Murphy said.

The Federal Aviation Administration, which is charged with licensing commercial space launches, is working in conjunction with the X Prize to approve U.S.-based applicants. The two U.S. teams expect to get decisions by midyear, while foreign teams are subject to the regulations of their countries.

"There are opportunities for the U.S. to retake its role in the space world," said Patricia Grace Smith, associate administrator for the FAA's division of commercial space transportation. "But safety is foremost."

Officials from the Departments of Defense and Transportation as well as congressional representatives will discuss ways to facilitate privately launched space flights by the end of the year.

STATE

Men accused of dumping geese make amends

OREGON CITY (AP) — Three Oregon City men facing charges in the dumping of 49 dead geese have made donations to the Humane Society in penance for their actions.

Eddie Briggs, 32; Byron Zirkle, 28; and Adam Pedracini, 27, each faced one charge of waste of game birds and one charge of failure to provide a game bird transportation slip, could have charges against them dropped in a year.

A fourth man is scheduled to enter a plea Tuesday.

Briggs, Zirkle and Pedracini have each paid \$500 toward a \$2,500 reward that the Humane Society of the United States offered in an effort to find the suspects after the birds were discovered in November, said Kelly Peterson of the Humane Society.

"I've never seen anyone stand up like that. I was very impressed with

it," said Clackamas District Attorney Bill Stewart. "The Humane Society was shocked, too, when they showed up."

A few days later, the three men reached a deal with prosecutors. Each pleaded guilty to one charge of failure to provide a game bird transportation slip, a misdemeanor.

UNIVERSITY

Protesters keep Klan from sending message of hate

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (U-WIRE) — Protesters endured freezing temperatures in hopes of shouting down a Ku Klux Klan rally at Riverfront Park in Nashville on Sunday morning.

The KKK didn't show.

The more than 100 protesters that gathered were organized by Katuah Earth First and the Nashville Peace and Justice Center.

Katuah has led protests at other KKK rallies in Tennessee.

The rallies recently held in Tennessee have been organized by out of state Klansmen from northern Alabama, Marietta, Ga., and Arkansas according to Chris Irwin, an organizer from Katuah and law student at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

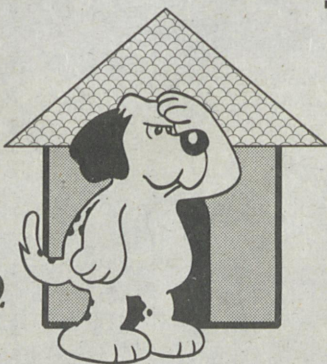
The group wants to send a message to the KKK that Tennesseans don't agree with the hate group, Irwin said.

"Not to be here is to agree with what they're saying. Silence is complicity," Irwin said.

Matt Leber, director of the Nashville Peace and Justice Center, agreed that the best thing to do is to confront the KKK when they come to town. He counted their absence at Sunday's rally a success

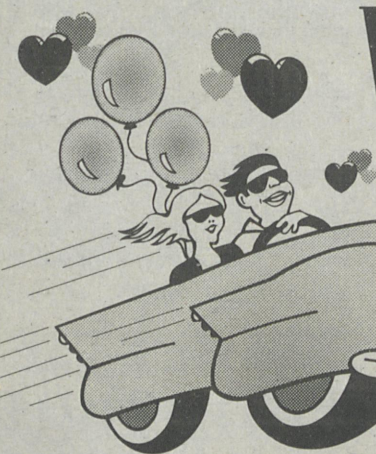
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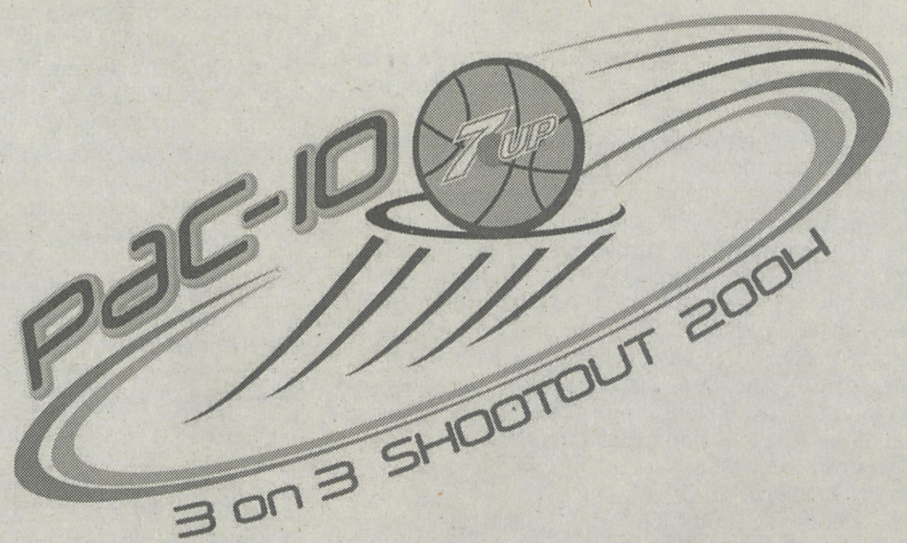
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Legislators visit Cuba

► Fidel Castro discusses increased ties to U.S. with two Idaho officials, travel ban should be lifted by next year

By LISA J. ADAMS
The Associated Press

HAVANA — President Fidel Castro signed baseballs, handed out cigars and flower bouquets and discussed increased ties with the United States in a meeting Monday with two Republican legislators who want to lift a ban on U.S. travel to Cuba.

Sen. Larry Craig and U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, both of Idaho, "are pushing very hard to lift the travel restrictions," said Craig spokesman Mike Tracy, who attended the encounter with Castro at the Palace of the Revolution. The 22 other members of the trade and cultural delegation

were also present, Tracy said.

Their meeting with Castro took place as the Bush administration announced it would freeze the bank accounts of companies controlled by the Cuban government or Cuban nationals that sell Americans illegal travel packages to the communist island.

Craig told reporters Saturday he thought the travel ban would be lifted by next year. He spoke after Idaho delegation members signed trade and cultural agreements with the Cuban government in front of Ernest Hemingway's former estate outside Havana.

"(Castro) didn't touch on the most difficult of the issues — the strained relationship with the U.S. — but he did talk about wanting to work closer with the U.S. and to have more trade with the U.S.," Tracy said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Kerry: Group will be official

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W. Bush," he said.

The Kerry campaign is not the first political experience for the 20-year-old Auxier. As a senior in high school in Sherwood, Ore., Auxier volunteered for a candidate running for state office.

"I got to meet a lot of people, learned how to go door to door, and I even got to talk a lot with Senator Packwood," he said.

Auxier, who hopes to attend law school, said his future goals are not clear. However, an internship for the Kerry campaign is not out of the question.

"I know I would learn a lot from him," he said. "Hopefully someday I will be able to get that chance."

The only other Democratic candidate with a registered group of supporters on campus is Howard Dean.

Dean, the former governor of Vermont, has yet to win a primary. Two other contenders, U.S. Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark of Arkansas, have each won in a single state. All three have vowed to stay in the race.

Auxier said he will register the Kerry group as an official student organization in the next few days.

For more information contact Auxier by e-mail at JohnKerryOSU@hotmail.com.

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Hydrogen: Futuristic energy supply not far off

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mentally, and everyone knows oil and water don't mix well," Drost said. "It takes a long time for oil and water to mix on a molecular level and make biodiesel."

Their solution is to use a special microprocessor to break the components into extremely small droplets, allowing them to contact each other more readily, speeding up the reaction process.

"We can really exploit the nature of this reaction with the advantages that micro-scale technologies can give," Jovanovic said.

"We would anticipate that the type of biodiesel reactor we are going to make would be between 10 and a 100 times smaller than the conventional biodiesel reactors people use today," Drost said.

Instead of completely converting the oil to biodiesel, a biodiesel-like end-product will go through the process of steam reforming to produce hydrogen.

OSU collaborators at the Pacific Northwest National Labs will develop the steam reformer. "We do the steam reforming in micro-channels, channels about the thickness of a human hair," said Drost. "That makes the reformer very small, and very efficient."

The end result is a process that is much more efficient and much less expensive than previous methods for converting biomass into hydrogen.

The DOE goal is to have a method for producing hydrogen for \$2.6 per kilogram in ten years. The figures in the MECS proposal show it will be possible to produce hydrogen for only \$2.1 per kilogram as soon as the technology is built.

"So we think we have the technology to meet their goals for 10 years from now today," said Drost, a cost-effectiveness

that has attracted two major industrial partners to the proposal.

"One of the really interesting features about our technology is this system to make hydrogen may end up being maybe the size of a briefcase," Drost added.

These tiny processors could be used on farms where oilseed is grown, eliminating the need for a central processing plant, and long-distance transportation of supplies to and from such a plant, for a great reduction in overall cost.

An even more radical idea is to house a processor directly on an automobile, which would eliminate the need to transport hydrogen altogether.

Drivers could fill their tanks with vegetable oil and produce hydrogen to create electricity in a fuel cell on the car. The same process could even provide electricity for homes.

This futuristic energy supply is not that far off in the future. The amount of time needed to develop the MECS technology depends on the funding the project receives. "If the only money we had was this DOE funding, we would have a functioning demo in three years," said Drost.

Jovanovic is confident about the alternative fuel revolution. "I know it will happen, because it's logical," he said. "I don't think we can survive to wait to run out of fossil fuel."

He views the last barrier as a political and economic one: reforming an energy system which is based on profit rather than sustainability.

"It's kind of a classical picture of the fight between good and evil," he said. "I think, in the end, good is always winning."

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Transportation: Bicycles

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and in Corvallis.

"Part of what they can take away is information on how they might interact with the community, and one example would be bicycles," Lundy said.

"For bike and pedestrian safety and facilities to be included in a typical community, the public has to get involved and the way that might happen is if students could take ideas away from the event and then start working with the city officials and planning divisions," Lundy said.

"This is what we want and this is important to us," Lundy said. "There are ways that students can pull things from this conference and how they can then take it out into the public and let officials know what is important and what they want."

Lundy also believes that OSU and its engineering school are playing a major role in the community.

"The College of Engineering is playing a larger and larger role in developing solutions to complex transportation issues for Oregon and beyond, so it's very appropriate that OSU is hosting this exciting event," Lundy said.

"As Oregon continues to grow, efficient transportation becomes critical," Lundy said. "We want to help this state be a leader in innovative, creative transportation solutions."

Registration for the conference begins at 9 a.m. today in the CH2M-HILL Alumni Center on campus with all welcome to attend.

"There's some excellent opportunities to gather together the transportation side of this, but (also) how transportation fits into everybody's lives — whether you're a pedestrian or a bicyclist," Lundy said.

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EDITORIAL

Digital doesn't always fly

Technology is a wonderful thing. Cell phones, personal computers, digital audio players that hold eight bagillion songs; the list of gizmos that add fun and convenience to our lives continues to grow. One of these new devices that has had a huge impact on our world is the digital camera.

We like digital cameras. Ask anybody here at The Barometer and they'll all tell you how much time the switch to digital has saved us.

Digital photography is taking over more traditional ways of capturing images on film. Last year digital cameras outsold conventional ones. Kodak announced that it will stop producing reloadable 35mm cameras in the United States and Europe.

Why the sudden abandonment of film, negatives and one-hour photo shops? Well, the advantages of digital photography are numerous. The convenience of being able to edit, enlarge and send your photos over the Internet with only a rudimentary knowledge of computers, as well as no film and no development fees, are major reasons for digital's rapid takeover.

There are those who are resisting change, however. A recent ABC news story tells the tale of Victor Reyes, a Florida man who was acquitted of murder charges in part because of the new technologies surrounding digital enhancement of photos.

Because digital photography and programs which can bring out otherwise invisible evidence contained within them is a relatively new and untested technology, defense attorneys were able to plant a seed of doubt in the minds of the jury.

While jurors stated that their decision wasn't based on the legitimacy of the photo enhancement methods used, the flood gates for attacking that system have been opened.

Because of its courtroom inadequacies, many police forces are holding off on making the switch to digital. The Santa Clara, Calif. police department, for example, bought 30 new digital cameras, but is holding off issuing them to detectives.

The fear is that, because digital images are merely bits of data, altering them through the use of programs such as Adobe Photoshop is much easier than alterations that can be accomplished in a darkroom. This isn't to say that manipulation doesn't occur in the darkroom, it is just less likely to look legitimate.

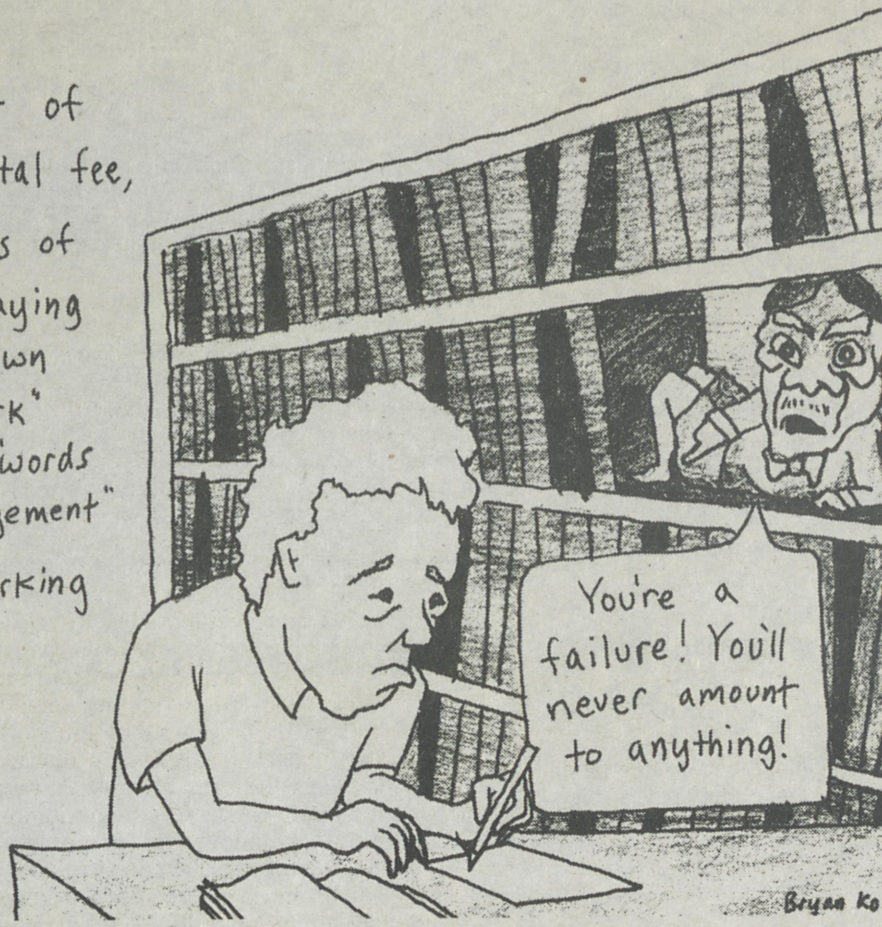
Similar to when DNA testing first came onto the scene, digital imaging must go through a grace period before it can be proven to be legitimate evidence inside the courtroom.

When your life is on the line, wouldn't you rather have a real picture making your case rather than a possibly manipulated one?

Maybe good old fashioned film might still have a place in this digital world after all.

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As part of the incidental fee, the students of OSU are paying a man known as "The Jerk" to spread "words of encouragement" to hard-working students.



Forget Vegas, Corvallis should be at center of poker movement

Despite all of our nation's current woes, pockets of our economy are still thriving.

One of these areas is Texas Hold'em Poker. Sparked by ESPN's choice to televise Binion's World Series of Poker, Hold'em has exploded onto American culture.

Texas Hold'em seems to be on nearly every channel. From the World Poker Tour to the imported Late Night Poker, the viewing public cannot get enough, unless, of course it is Celebrity Poker. Understandably, viewers do not want to see bad actors play even worse poker.

Much like what ESPN and the X-Games did for snowboarding and motocross, the World Series has done for Hold'em.

Seeing Chris MoneyMaker, an accountant from Knoxville, win \$2.5 million with only investing an initial satellite fee of \$40 enchanted audiences throughout the nation.

Around the same time, "Positively Fifth Street" by James McManus topped the non-fiction bestsellers list. The mesmerizing true story about the author's experience at the World Series had audiences captivated and wanting more.

The book simply had everything, from murder and scandal to the pitfalls of seeing your opponent's card actually come; the author carried the reader through the tournament and to the final table.

Furthermore, the author mirrored the average man. With his flaws, inexperience and concerned wife, he played against poker's tyrants and succeeded. What is to stop anyone else from following suit?

The poker movement has begun,

Mike Nierengarten



and games can be found in basements and garages across the U.S. Men and women everywhere can be seen bluffing their friends out of a pot or flopping a full-house nut.

Oregon State students are no exception.

Last week, the Department of Mathematics held a lecture entitled "Quit Work, Play Poker, Sleep 'Til Noon" to promote different aspects of mathematics.

Likely expecting no more than a handful of students to attend a lecture they were not forced to be present at, the department scheduled the talk in a classroom on the third floor of Kidder Hall.

By the time the lecture began, the classroom was overflowing, and some students were forced to leave for lack of standing room.

Steve Bleiler, a professor from Portland State University, presented his optimal bluffing theory to an overwhelming and appreciative crowd.

Fearing he was dragging on too long, Bleiler hastened his talk. Undoubtedly, he could have talked for another hour with few souls leaving the room or becoming restless.

If he had followed his bluffing lecture with his talk on reading opponent's hands, the audience would have remained firmly planted in their seats with frantic note-taking the sole distraction.

Inspired by the large turnout and in constant search of more players, two Oregon State students decided

to try and connect Hold'em players in the Corvallis area.

Patrick Rains and Eric Sultzter set up an e-mail account for Hold'em players to contact if they are interested in joining a game.

"Basically we want to set up a list-serve so that (poker) players in Corvallis can notify each other when they are playing," stated Rains.

Rains and Sultzter can be reached at corvallisoldem@hotmail.com.

Interested players simply need to send an e-mail to the above address, and then they will be contacted when games are going on in the area.

Sultzter's enthusiasm for the game is understandable. Although poker is not really a sport and poker players are far from athletes, the adrenaline rush of other sports is still there. Combining gambling and competition creates a thrill unmatched by other games.

With America's insatiable appetite for video games, Hold'em is a refreshing alternative to allow individuals to connect.

While many video games isolate players to a lounge chair or couch, poker forces them to interact. Although this interaction may only entail stone-faced lying, at least face-to-face communication occurs.

The poker movement may surge on for years to come or meet an abrupt end, but while it's hot, pick up some chips and join in on the action.

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How to transfer out of a trans-fatty world

The world officially ended with the advent of microwave bacon — or at least a world where taste and wholesome goodness reigned supreme. Thank you, Jimmy Dean.

I thought cheese-in-a-can, peanut butter singles and boxed casseroles that include the freeze-dried meat were as bad as the food industry could get. Obviously, I was wrong.

Well, I won't make that mistake again — never underestimate the insatiable appetites of a lazy Americans.

Advertisements for new food inventions are everywhere — food that is easy, fast and convenient, not to mention fake, processed, unhealthy and just plain unnatural.

Mmmm ... meat with an infinite shelf life ... aaaghhh.

However, I suppose with this whole Atkin's craze, as long as there aren't any carbs, these food items could be considered part of a healthy diet. Who knew squeeze cheese could ever be included in that category? Eat that, Weight Watchers.

The fast food craze, as we know it today, is supposed to make our lives easier, more enjoyable and help to free up more time so we can spend it doing something besides cooking.

I guess, then, you could say that McDonald's is partially responsible for the liberation of women from the kitchen.

Of course, we Americans have simply used the extra time as an excuse to work more, so really it all evens out in the end.

Aside from the feminist nod, the trend has begun to go downhill in a hurry. From super-size to combo meals, we not only desire grease-laden, artery-clogging fast food, we demand larger portions and lower prices as well.

It really shouldn't be legal to sell a double cheeseburger, extra large fries and a mega-ounce beverage for \$1.49. Besides the fact that this meal would fulfill a person's weekly recommended value of calories, saturated fat and cholesterol, it ought to raise at least a little concern as to the quality of the meal. I highly doubt that burger is grade-A meat.

Sure, not everyone can afford gourmet dining, but if we are what we eat, maybe we should be a little more particular. You know, like the two corn-dogs for \$0.59 deal at the mini mart.

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Sexual liberals need to make a choice

America's obsession with sex reached a new level last Friday when the New York Post ran a story detailing the reaction of the S&M fetish shop from which Janet Jackson purchased her Super Bowl outfit.

Apparently the management was worried her half-time exhibition would give their products a reputation for shoddy quality.

Such trivial banality seems to have precluded any meaningful discussion on three far more serious cases. For, while Americans can't seem to get enough of sex and scandal (especially when the two are mixed), we would generally prefer to avoid having to do any profound thinking on the subject. For that matter, we tend to avoid any thought on it at all, if possible. Titillation and reason rarely seem to mix.

This is unfortunate, for it is past time for us to have a serious national conversation on sexual mores and laws.

While the recent Massachusetts Supreme Court's edict demanding that homosexual couples be granted full rights to marriage has provoked the usual sound-bites, it has incited far less national interest than the Super Bowl's brief flash. This is unsurprising, as our nation has accepted the basic premise of the gay rights movement for some time.

This principle bears a superficial resemblance to philosopher John Stuart Mill's conviction that, "the only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilized community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, either physical or moral, is not a sufficient warrant."

But there is a key difference between this and the



Nathaneal Blake

views prevalent since the sexual revolution. Mill argued that government must allow some evils lest it become tyrannical; the modern perception is that such things are not evils at all.

Consider the common rationales for homosexual marriage, which generally bear a great resemblance to, "They aren't hurting anyone else; what can be wrong with acts between consenting adults? Gay couples should have the same rights as any others."

Let us see how this principle, lauded as a model of enlightened thought, applies to two other cases.

The first of these is the prosecution of the sexual peccadilloes of the man whose sister's exposure bumped him off the front page — Michael Jackson.

What, precisely, has he (allegedly, at this pretrial juncture) done which has so outraged society? By the logic of the idea that the only wrong is harm to another, his desires, however repulsive we may personally find them, are not wrong, for desire alone harms no one.

Is the main problem that he has allegedly physically harmed the boy? It doesn't seem to be. Is it that he has inflicted psychological trauma? Perhaps, but many things can induce such trauma, and they don't receive as much disapprobation as this.

Suppose instead he had insulted the boy and shoved him around a bit. Would this have been less evil? What if the kid had welcomed the sexual attentions of the self-styled King of Pop? What harm would then have been done? Suppose the boy had

been experimenting with homosexuality with another 12-year-old. Would we see such outrage at that?

If we are guided by the harm principle, what would be wrong with an 8-year-old girl performing oral sex upon a middle-aged man, provided that the act was consensual?

The obvious retort would be that there is a difference between such acts among adults and between such acts involving children and adults. But the 18-year-old line is merely an arbitrary barrier, which has no place under the harm principle.

Also, those who have been promoting the harm theory are the same who argue that children should be allowed and encouraged to explore their sexuality. What part of these two ideological suppositions prohibits kids from experimenting with their elders?

The human conscience screams that sexual acts between children and adults are vile, but this presumes a moral standard which the sexually liberal have rejected.

Faced with this dilemma, they might sputter out an accusation to the effect that we are seeking to impose our moral values on society. They are absolutely correct in this.

Criminal law is the imposition of morality upon society, a collective declaration that some actions are so despicable that they will be punished if committed.

Most of us would assume that sex between children and adults, even if welcomed and devoid of apparent harm, should be among these acts. This standard, not the principles of harm and consent, is the basis for our collective anger at what Jackson has allegedly done.

Let us examine the logic of consent and harm as the basis for law and morality in another case. This incident hails from Germany, where Armin Meiwes has recently been sentenced to eight years in prison for killing and eating Burnd Brandes, a man who volunteered for that fate.

This case is lacking the age considerations of the previous, but it does raise another question. Clearly, harm was done to Brandes, but it was requested and welcomed. Before Meiwes killed him, they jointly removed, sautéed and ate Brandes's genitalia. Brandes then again gave his consent to be killed, and Meiwes dispatched and consumed him.

There is no doubt this was a consensual act between adults. Indeed, given that it fulfilled the sexual fantasies of both men, we might even consider it a loving act.

How can they who argue that the infliction of unwanted harm to another being is the only grounds for moral and legal disapprobation condemn Meiwes without violating the logic of the positions they have put forward? The reasoning they have used to advance homosexuality also serves to exculpate Meiwes.

These are the questions which must be discussed. The sexual liberals have a choice. They can either acknowledge that there is some standard beyond consent and seek to define that guide, or they can argue that Armin Meiwes should be freed and allowed to seek out other partners.

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Simovic: How can we escape fat?

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Think about it.

While I cannot deny that we, as a collective American society, are victims to our own laziness, this phenomenon is not fueled solely by our fat-loving taste buds. Sure, those whose diets consist entirely of Whoppers, despite its well-known artery-clogging reputation, are fully to blame for their own cardiovascular fate. Just like those who tan without sunscreen or began smoking cigarettes after the realization that they were hazardous.

Not smart.

Although we have become such food-savvy consumers, having unmasked the fast food demon and all, the food industry has found a way to fool us once again.

Now, fast food is being processed, preserved, canned, boxed and sold from our grocery store shelves. Since we are beginning to realize that fast food is, indeed, bad for us, the food industry is cleverly disguising the same unhealthy fare as family-friendly meals for people on-the-go.

Hence the boxed casseroles complete with meat. I suppose frozen dinners are just as unhealthy, but there is something about boxed, unrefrigerated meat that seems unnatural. Maybe it's just me.

But don't take my word for it, pick up just about any pre-packaged food and examine the label for yourself. Pretty much any food that isn't fresh is filled with cardiovascular-disease causing trans-fatty acids.

Even the so-called health foods that claim to be low-fat or low-cholesterol are either laden with sugar, which will eventually be

metabolized to fat, or partially hydrogenated oils.

What are those? Well, for the average consumer, they are nothing more than a tactic to offer quick, convenient meals that don't appear terribly unhealthy on a label.

In actuality, they are former, healthier unsaturated fats, which are liquid at room temperature, processed so that they become solid. The result is a food preserver that is more damaging to the cardiovascular system than any other type of fat.

So basically, pretty much all of the food we eat, no matter how healthy it claims to be, probably contains the most dangerous type of fat we can consume.

Even the most conscientious consumer would find it challenging to avoid such ingredients, not to mention the unwitting average shopper.

Unfortunately, fat makes food taste better. It's a simple fact. And since the word "fat" has picked up a bad rap over the past few years, the food industry has had to scramble to fulfill our desire for good tasting, easy to prepare foods that are low in fat and cholesterol.

However, their answer has proved to be nothing more than undercover fast food on steroids.

So, while we know that Cheeze Whiz is probably not the healthiest choice, who knew that granola bars could be just as dangerous? I guess next we'll find out that Spam isn't a healthy meat alternative.

I hope that I, for one, won't live to see the day.

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Defazio: A progressive income tax needed

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in the classroom included the need for tax reform in Oregon.

"We need a more progressive income tax, and a much more progressive corporate income tax," he said.

"In Oregon, corporations paid about 25 percent of taxes in 1970," he said. "And now they pay about 9%."

Defazio also brought up the current \$500 billion federal deficit and the devaluation of the dollar.

"The [value of the] U.S. dollar is dropping like a rock, and the Bush administration is encouraging it to do so," Defazio said.

At the town hall meeting, where those in attendance consisted of mostly senior citizens, Defazio began with a discussion on the new Medicare bill enacted by the Bush administration, which he considers to be "deeply flawed."

"This highly complex, \$400 billion bill will not make prescription drugs

affordable for Oregon's seniors," Defazio said.

"Instead, this complicated legislation is full of uncertain co-payments, confusing deductibles, optional premiums, vouchers and generous subsidies to private insurance and pharmaceutical companies."

He also added that the current Medicare bill guarantees that Americans will continue to pay the highest drug prices in the world.

A question-and-answer period followed, and Defazio discussed issues such as the PATRIOT Act, which he voted against, the situation in Israel and the importance of getting people to vote.

"Only about 18-19% of eligible voters actually vote," Defazio said.

For information on upcoming events, visit Defazio's Web site at <http://www.house.gov/defazio/>.

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Rebels continue violent coup d'etat in Haiti

► Uprising spreads to 11 towns in Haiti; 5,000 poorly armed police nearly powerless

By IAN JAMES
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ST. MARC, Haiti— An armed uprising spread to nearly a dozen towns in western and northern Haiti on Monday, the strongest challenge yet to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. At least 41 people have been killed in what the government says is an attempted coup.

After sporadic gunbattles, police regained control of the important port city of St. Marc, 45 miles west of Port-au-Prince. At least two men were shot and another was allegedly shot and killed by Aristide supporters. His body was left at the side of the road.

In the first visit by a senior gov-

ernment official to any of the 11 affected towns, Prime Minister Yvon Neptune inspected the charred remains of the St. Marc police station Monday.

Neptune called on Haitians to help restore calm.

"The national police force alone cannot re-establish order," Neptune told The Associated Press. He told state television on Sunday that "the violence is tied to a coup d'etat."

The uprising, which began last week in the city of Gonaives, signals a dangerous turning point in Haiti's longtime political crisis. A similar revolt in 1985 also began in Gonaives and led to the ouster a year later of dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier and the end of a 29-year family dictatorship.

"We are in a situation of armed popular insurrection," said opposition politician Himler Rebu, who

led a failed coup against Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril in 1989. He said Monday he had no part in the current uprising.

Tension has mounted since Aristide's party won flawed legislative elections in 2000 and international donors blocked millions of dollars in aid. Misery has also deepened with most of the nation's 8 million people living without jobs and on less than \$1 a day despite election promises from Aristide, a former priest who had vowed to bring dignity to the poor.

With no army and fewer than 5,000 poorly armed police, the government is ill-equipped to halt the revolt. Police stations have been a major target because they symbolize Aristide's authority and officers are accused of siding with government supporters in a wave of protests that began in mid-September.

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Pitt's Fitzgerald says he's going pro

► Four days after being declared eligible, Panthers' star will enter April's NFL draft

By CHARLES SHEEHAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Larry Fitzgerald finally made the decision everyone expected: to enter the NFL draft.

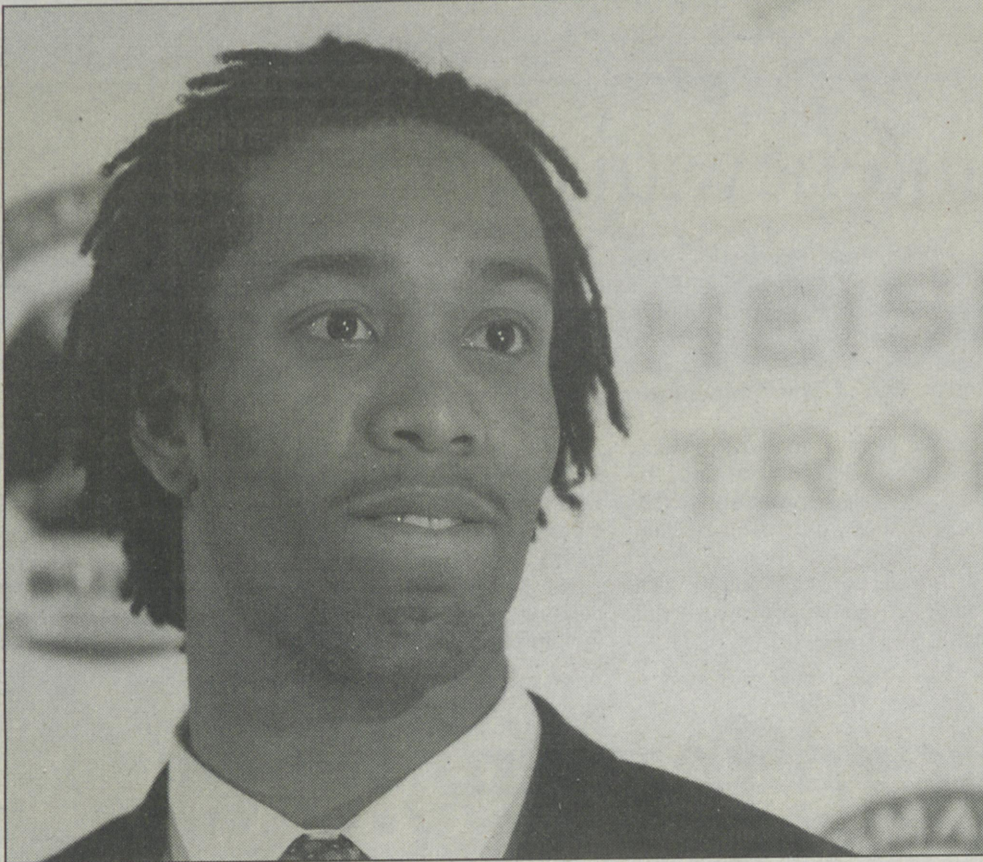
The Heisman Trophy runner-up said Monday that he would forego his collegiate career at Pittsburgh to turn professional. His announcement came four days after he was declared eligible for the draft.

Fitzgerald, who will turn 21 in August, is projected to go early in the draft. Though the receiver played just two seasons with the Panthers, that was enough time for him to break several school and NCAA records.

"The main reason people come to college is to better your chances of making a living, and I think that my two years that I've had here, I've given myself a good opportunity to make a good living ... for myself and to support my family," Fitzgerald said.

He petitioned the NFL to allow him to enter the draft despite two seasons of play. Fitzgerald left the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, Minn., midway through his senior year in 2001 and transferred to Valley Forge (Pa.) Military Academy to boost his grades for college.

The NFL cleared the way for Fitzgerald to enter the



KATHY WILLENS | THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heisman Trophy finalist Larry Fitzgerald, a wide receiver from Pittsburgh, talks to the media Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003. Fitzgerald will enter the NFL draft and not return to Pittsburgh for his junior year. He is expected to be among the first picks in the draft.

April draft because he is three years past his senior year of high school.

"I'm very confident in my ability," he said. "I know there's going to be skeptics and there's going to be people out there criticizing this and criticizing that, but all-in-all I know I can play the game of football."

The 20-year-old Fitzgerald was dominating last season. He finished a close second to

Oklahoma quarterback Jason White in voting for the Heisman Trophy, nearly becoming the first sophomore to win the award.

Fitzgerald finished 128 votes behind White in the race for the Heisman. He did win the Biletnikoff Trophy, awarded to college football's top receiver, last season and the Walter Camp Award as the nation's best player.

Fitzgerald told Pittsburgh coach Walt Harris that he was going pro Thursday, when the NFL ruled him eligible.

"We have been blessed to be around such a special person and outstanding athlete in Larry Fitzgerald," Harris said. "Not only was he an unbelievable receiver, but he also set a great example of how players should respect the game."

Blazers dish Wallace to Hawks

► Blazers deal former All-Star in late Monday night trade

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Portland Trail Blazers traded volatile forward Rasheed Wallace and reserve Wesley Person to the Atlanta Hawks late Monday night for Shareef Abdur-Rahim and two other players.

In Wallace, Atlanta gets an often-troubled player who's averaging 17 points a game. He drew the ire of NBA commissioner David Stern earlier this season when he told The Oregonian newspaper that the league's white establishment is exploiting young black athletes to enrich itself.

Wallace later issued an apology.

Last season, he was suspended by the league for seven games for threatening an official on the loading dock at the Rose Garden Arena after a game. It

was the longest suspension ever handed down that did not involve physical contact or substance abuse.

In the 2000-01 season, he set the NBA record with 41 technical fouls.

The announcement of the trade came about 90 minutes after the Hawks beat the Dallas Mavericks 102-96. Abdur-Rahim had 27 points and 10 rebounds in the victory, and is averaging about 20 points this season.

He goes to the Trail Blazers with center Theo Ratliff and little-used point guard Dan Dickau, a first-round pick of the Sacramento Kings in 2002, who was traded to the Hawks on draft day.

The contracts for Wallace and Person end after this season, clearing up salary cap room for the Hawks. They are right at the luxury tax threshold.

Person, a guard, averages about six points a game.

Tsagarakis: Enjoys OSU

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Tsagarakis said. "I've improved a lot in terms of my skill level."

"I really love it here," he said. "There's a great atmosphere on the team."

When the Beavers' second string guard has leisure time, he contemplates how to become a more successful person in life.

When asked about his life goals, Tsagarakis quickly replied, "I want to make sure the people I love are happy first, and then I want to be the best I can be at basketball and as a person."

With such a genuinely humble attitude, people gravitate towards this gifted young man.

His presence on the basketball team is greatly appreciated by the players, coaches, and fans.

Oregon State fans should beware, look out for Tsagarakis in the next few years.

His colors will show through him.

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Mathews: Don't kid yourself; morality and sports don't go together

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morality.

Just please don't let it be a sports commissioner.

And how about college football? When fans claim they want a playoff system, some conference commissioner always says something about football players missing class time.

Now I don't want to chastise those student athletes that go to class, but I have been going to this university for a while and taking a broad range of classes and I don't see too much of the football team until it's time to take a midterm.

So why do they really not want a college playoff system?

They claim that it is because they want to preserve the traditional bowl system and bowl rivalries. I claim it's because they are too stupid to figure out how much money they can make on a playoff system.

Don't kid yourself.

If they found a way to make money off this system while at the same time preserving

money for their respective conferences, these guys would do it and they really wouldn't care a whole lot about how much class time their "scholar athletes" were missing.

As for the NFL, they claim that MTV won't ever be hired to do a halftime show again.

Maybe Tagliabue should have had one of his underlings or lackeys actually watch MTV first.

They probably would have found things more offensive to their white, upper class sensibility than Janet's boob.

So let's all get back to being

good little capitalists and stay away from this ever popular fake moral outrage.

We can all see your tyranny quite clearly so you might as well stop pretending.

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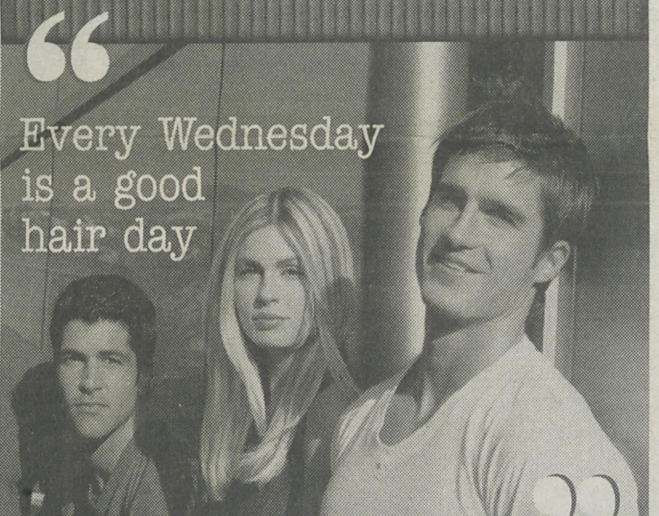
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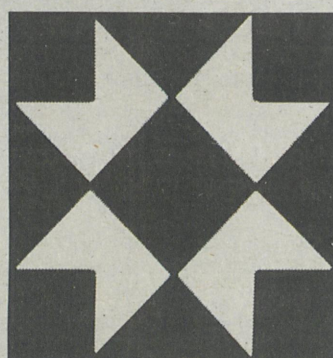
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— OSU guard Shannon Howell
on the Beavers' 75-61 win over Oregon Saturday night

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Love signs letter of intent with Oregon State

► Junior transfer from City College of San Francisco joins the Beavers this fall

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

Marcel Love, a wide receiver from City College of San Francisco, has signed a national letter of intent to play football at Oregon State University, Beaver head coach Mike Riley announced Monday.

Love, a 6-1, 188-pound junior transfer, will enroll at OSU this fall and report for camp in August.

He will have a redshirt year available.

As the starting slot receiver for CCSF in 2003,

Love caught 44 passes for 691 yards (15.7-yard average) and eight touchdowns while helping the Rams to the Junior College National Championship with a perfect 12-0 record.

Over the final three games of the year, Love hauled in 17 passes, four of which were touchdowns.

"Love can make the tough grab above his body or below it," CCSF coach George Rush said. "He does a lot of things very well — primarily, he's got great hands, great quickness, and he's an excellent blocker."

"Marcel's best overall quality is his physical ability," Rush said. "If there is one word that describes his talent, it's 'versatility.'"

Love was an All-Nor Cal League selection as a sophomore and was voted CCSF co-Offensive MVP.

As a freshman in 2002, Love made 38 catches for 540 yards (14.2-yard average) and six touchdowns, giving him 82 catches for his junior college career.

Love, who started 23 straight games for the Rams, has been timed at 4.45 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

Love's signing brings the number of commitments in OSU's 2004 recruiting class to 27.

The Beavers kick off the 2004 season against defending co-national champion LSU on Sept. 4 in Baton Rouge, La.

Chris Mathews



A super halftime show

So, have we all recovered from "Nipplegate 2004?" The trauma has left some deep emotional scars that one day may heal, but who can be sure?

We almost saw a nipple on television.

The first sign of the Apocalypse.

I love the people who are pretending to be offended. You are watching the Super Bowl, a celebration of one of the most brutal and violent sports in American culture.

You say that your kids were watching with you and shouldn't have seen the infamous "wardrobe malfunction."

But controlled violence you are okay with?

Football is what it is. Take it or leave it.

So forgive me for not being offended by Janet Jackson and for being truly offended by the reaction of NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

You can pretend that the Super Bowl is a family show if you want, and that it offended you, but do it with a little less of the fake moral outrage.

Now the FCC has a job to do.

There are certain words you can't say on network TV and certain things that are not allowed to be shown.

Hand out your fine and we can all move on. But please, let us move on.

More than likely, the "wardrobe malfunction" was a publicity stunt by Janet — Ms. Jackson if you're nasty.

So I guess it's Ms. Jackson.

The fact that Janet Jackson did this for publicity is not what bothers me. That is the only reason celebrities seem to do anything.

What really bothers me is the way that the commissioners of major sports, college and professional, pretend that they are the keepers of morality for the entire nation.

David Stern of the NBA claims to want to raise the minimum age requirement for NBA prospects. You always hear him say something about how he is looking out for young kids who need time to mature and get an education.

I'm not sure when Stern decided that he should be the voice of morality for the country, but I am more concerned with the fact that whenever he says something like this, it makes the front page.

When politics are completely devoid of men and women with moral vision, or full or religious zealots who claim they have some magical morality blueprint, I suppose we need to look elsewhere for

| See **MATHEWS**, page 7 |

If only there were four-pointers

► Hailing from France, OSU's most shocking shooter embraces Corvallis and more

By **DANA OWENS**
FOR THE DAILY BAROMETER

There is a new meaning to red, white and blue this men's basketball season.

Three-point specialist Angelo Tsagarakis has been able to make a name for himself on the Beavers basketball team.

Born and raised in France in a town northwest of Paris, Tsagarakis (pronounced SOCK-ah-ROCK-us) inherited his passion for basketball from his two brothers he played against growing up.

The 6-foot-2-inch shooting guard fell in love with basketball at a very early age.

Tsagarakis was enticed by the competition the game brought. "I'm a very competitive person and basketball enables me to grow and enjoy myself to the fullest," Tsagarakis said.

The freshman guard currently lives in Halsell and has adapted well to campus life. He embraces his status as an international student athlete.

Majoring in international business, Tsagarakis has no trouble since he is fluent in English as well as three other languages; French, Spanish and Greek.

"I'm half Greek," Tsagarakis said. "That's where I get my last name."

Washington, California and Utah were just a few of the universities that tried to recruit Tsagarakis.

He decided to attend Oregon State because of the coaching staff and a desire to help bring back the winning ways to Corvallis.

At age 19, Tsagarakis feels that his freshman season is beneficial to him in that he is learning what it means to be a Beaver.

"It's a great learning experience,"

| See **TSAGARAKIS**, page 7 |



JUSTIN RUNQUIST | THE DAILY BAROMETER

In his first year at Oregon State, Angelo Tsagarakis has become one of the Beavers most fearless players, as the guard has become known for his shooting skills.

Beaver softball cruises past Saint Mary's 8-0

► OSU drops the Paradise Classic tournament championship to Tennessee

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

Oregon State coach Kirk Walker earned his 300th career victory as the Beavers softball team recorded a perfect game in an 8-0 victory against Saint Mary's College in the semi-final contest of Sunday's Paradise Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Beavers dropped a 2-0 decision to University of Tennessee in the championship game.

Senior pitcher Monica Hoffman threw two innings against the Gaels, while freshman pitcher Ta'Tyana McElroy improved to 3-0 on the season by throwing the final three innings, as OSU topped SMC in a run-ruled contest that lasted just five innings.

Saint Mary's failed to have a batter reach base in the game, as Hoffman and McElroy combined for six strikeouts.

The Beavers used a five-run first inning, highlighted by a two-RBI double to right-center field by Ingrid Lochelt, to grab the early lead.

OSU added two more runs in the fourth and scored the game-winner in the fifth inning when Sarah Tommasini crossed the plate on a wild pitch.

Lochelt finished the afternoon with a 2-for-2 clip from the plate, belting a double in both appearances, while Adrienne Alo and Kelly Petersen each went 2-for-3.

OSU failed to get things going offensively against Tennessee in the tournament's championship game. The Beavers out-hit the Lady Volunteers 6-4, but left five runners stranded on base.

Freshman left fielder Mia Longfellow led Oregon State with a perfect 3-for-3 performance in the game.

Tennessee freshman hurler Monica Abbott tallied 15 strikeouts in the game, while Hoffman (5-

2) fanned seven in the loss.

Timely hitting proved to be the deciding factor in the game, as UT took advantage of a pair of hits in both the fourth and sixth innings to get on the scoreboard.

Tennessee scored what proved to be the game-winner with an RBI single up the middle in the fourth inning and added an insurance run in the sixth inning when Lauren Mattox belted an RBI double.

Oregon State (9-3) placed five players on the Paradise Classic All-Tournament Team and sophomore outfielder Adrienne Alo was named the Most Outstanding Player.

Alo led the tournament field with a .500 batting average (11-for-22), scored five runs and belted two home runs.

The Beavers return to action on Friday when they travel to Las Vegas, Nev. to face the University of Utah at 1 p.m. in the opening game of the UNLV Tournament.

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