

LET'S DO IT
Oregon State's women's basketball team will play in its final home games of the regular season beginning tonight against Cal



Qwest's new fiber optics put through the ringer

► Recent flood proves self-healing ring works without a hitch even in harsh weather

By CHANEL WONG
FOR THE DAILY BAROMETER

During the week of Super Bowl Sunday, waters of Pudding River, south of Oregon City rose to flood level.

The rapidly increasing water forced the banks of the river to quickly erode revealing a piece of Qwest's buried fiber optic cable.

Qwest finished installing the last of its five fiber rings in the state of Oregon on Jan. 7.

The last ring to be completed was the Central Coast Loop, which links Newport, Florence, Eugene and Albany/Corvallis.

Qwest's other four loops are located in the central cascade, eastern, northwestern, and southern regions.

The newly placed self-healing fiber rings allow voice and data traffic to be instantly rerouted in the event of service interruption within 50 milliseconds, ensuring no information is lost and the connection remains intact. These fiber-optic cables use light to transmit data.

Without the help of this new-wave technology, nearly one-quarter of a million customers would have been affected by the damage the over-flowing Pudding River would have caused to the fiber optic cables.

There were about 200 9-1-1 circuits on these fibers and several Federal Aviation Administration circuits.

When Qwest technicians contacted the FAA to advise them of the situation, they had no idea anything had happened.

FAA didn't notice when the fiber

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More than 3,000 same-sex marriages have taken place in San Francisco, California, sweeping the nation with controversy. Most states, including Oregon, do not recognize same-sex marriages and unions.

Gay marriage strikes chord in Corvallis

► Students provide local opinions on San Francisco's legalization of same-sex marriage

By PETER CHEE
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Editors note: This is the second of a two part series that addresses same-sex marriages as they affect our community, state and nation.

As of Monday more than 3,000 same-sex couples have been married in San Francisco, Calif.

Although San Francisco was not the first U.S. city to legalize same-sex marriage, the impacts of its action have swept across the nation.

In Corvallis, some rejoice at the flood of change and

liberation same-sex marriage may bring. Others fear that traditional and sacred values will be swept away.

Kathy Van Wormer, a senior in botany and co-director of the Rainbow Continuum, sat in the well-kept kitchen of the Women's Center, amazed at the events unfolding in California.

"I couldn't believe (same-sex marriage) was legal," Van Wormer said.

Van Wormer, a lesbian, has long felt the prospect of marriage not to be legally possible. She has often envied the happiness and security her two sisters have found through traditional marriages.

Now that same-sex marriage is legal in San Francisco, Van Wormer feels excited and empowered that, should

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European travel creates a thirst for more

► Student takes three trips since 2001 to Western Europe for multiple reasons

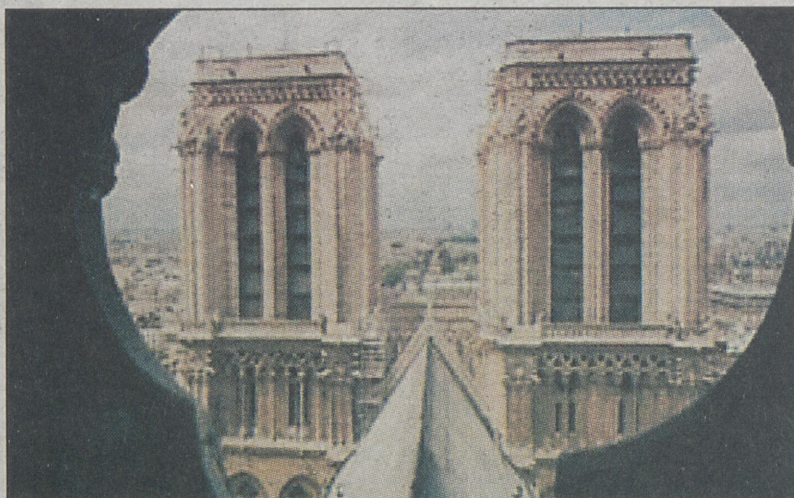
By DAN TRAYLOR
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In the summer of 2001, while riding a bus from Belgium to Spain, OSU junior Dennis Dugan and his two friends wanted to get away from day to day tourist activities and unwind on the beach.

But when the trio of recent high school graduates disembarked on the Spanish coast, Dugan found that his luggage was not on the bus.

"I didn't have any pants," Dugan, a philosophy major, said three years later, reflecting on the three trips he took across the European continent.

Luckily, Dugan had the important stuff, his passport and a camera, in a carry-on bag. He eventually spent about 100 dollars on a new wardrobe and went to Sweden with plenty of pants on hand.



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The two towers of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris are pictured from the spire.

Dugan's three trips to Europe have opened his eyes to the life beyond the Willamette Valley, and today the Lebanon native looks at the world through a wide-angled lens.

"I think it gave me a better understanding of place and perspective in general," he said. "Plus, it was two

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OSU gets a make over

► Former Oregon State logo "hexed" out by woodmark

By DD BIXBY
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A Fingerprint, a maze, a man-hole cover. It's been called all that before. But it's really just outdated, say university officials.

The former logo for OSU, called the 'Hex', was officially given the boot and an updated word-mark has taken its place.

"The older image is not unified and didn't work on web pages," said Stella Coakley, president for the OSU faculty senate.

This time the theme is a unified image — that's the goal of a university logo, Coakley said.

"We want it to be readily identifiable so it can be used across campus."

"It's bold, concise and modern," said Curt Pederson, vice president for university advancement.

Pederson presented the word-mark to the faculty senate on Feb. 5th.

OSU's new symbol was also brought to the Alumni Association, the Memorial Union, College deans, College Cabinet and OSU president Ed Ray.

"The response has been very encouraging — no one's yelled at me or thrown things — it's been very positive and supportive."

Because it's crisp and clean it's generally accepted," said Coakley.

Efforts to change the 'Hex,' which has been the OSU logo since 1989, began in 2001, Pederson said.

But budget stress and then national upheaval with the Sept.

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of thunderstorms
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NEWSREEL

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WORLD

France calls for immediate international force for Haiti

PARIS (AP) — French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin on Wednesday issued a statement calling for an "immediate" establishment of a transitional government in Haiti and an international civilian force to back it up.

De Villepin also indicated France no longer supports President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, an elected but highly unpopular president whose government is threatened by a rebellion.

"As for President Aristide, he bears heavy responsibility for the current situation," de Villepin said in a statement. "It is up to him to accept the consequences while respecting the rule of law. Everyone sees quite well that a new page must be opened in Haiti's history."

France also supports the urgent establishment of a transitional "government of national unity," headed by a designated prime minister, in accordance with a plan proposed by CARICOM, the 15-nation Caribbean Community, and the Organization of American States.

An international civilian force to back the transitional government is one element of France's proposal to broaden the plan. Paris also proposed international assistance to help Haiti organize a presidential election by establishing an election commission, lists of voter, and international observer missions to oversee the ballot.

The foreign minister said he spoke several times Tuesday and Wednesday with Secretary of State Colin Powell, other foreign diplomats and Haitian political officials. He said he was to meet Friday with representatives of the government and the opposition in Paris.

NATION

Radio chain sets new rules on indecency on radio and t.v.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest radio station chain announced new rules to limit indecency Wednesday in the latest example of the broadcast industry's efforts to address criticism of what airs on TV and radio.

Under pressure from regulators and lawmakers, some TV networks are delaying live broadcasts to delete offensive material and doing more to let parents know how they can block specific programs. The National Association of Broadcasters says it will hold a conference on indecency next month.

The rules issued by Clear Channel Communications came on the eve of the second congressional hearing this month on broadcast indecency.

Congress is considering increasing the maximum fine for indecency from \$27,500 to \$275,000, a move that the Federal Communications Commission endorsed even before the tumult over singer Janet Jackson's exposed right breast during the nationally televised Super Bowl halftime show.

"In the history of broadcast indecency, there have been these moments where it makes headlines," said Jeremy Lipschultz, a professor of communication at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. "In the short term, broadcasters become much more careful. You're going to see people playing it safe. The long-term problem is the same one we've had, which is it's very difficult in the end to precisely define what is indecent or not."

Under FCC rules and federal law, radio stations and over-the-air television channels cannot air material containing references to sexual and excretory functions between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. when children may be tuning in. The rules do not apply to cable and satellite channels and satellite radio.

STATE

Alleged sex victim sues state for \$5 million

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A 20-year-old man has filed a \$5 million lawsuit against the state, alleging his constitutional rights were violated when he was molested by his former juvenile probation officer.

The alleged victim claims Michael Lee Boyles sexually assaulted him at least 50 times while acting as a juvenile probation officer with the Oregon Youth Authority. The abuse allegedly began when the boy was about 14 years old.

The lawsuit states that Boyles' supervisors and co-workers at the Oregon Youth Authority knew or should have known about the sexual misconduct.

Oregon Youth Authority would not discuss the lawsuit filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court. Officials previously said Boyles was removed from his position working with youth and put into an administrative job as soon as the Oregon State Police started its investigation in November 2002. That investigation began, according to the agency, after foster parents reported concerns about Boyles' behavior.

Boyles, 48, was indicted Monday by a grand jury. He will be arraigned Wednesday on 14 charges, including sexual abuse, sodomy, delivery of a controlled substance to a minor and tampering with a witness, all related to the single alleged victim.

Boyles is on leave without pay and has been jailed since his arrest Feb. 15.

Randall Vogt, the lawyer who filed the civil lawsuit, said Boyles targeted a young man who was already in turmoil, having lost his father in a train accident at age 12.

"What this has done is leave him with a gender conflict issue that is

going to follow him for the rest of his life," Vogt said.

Although the young man is heterosexual, Vogt said, "when your first sexual experience is a breach of trust, it raises issues about sexual identity."

The boy had been placed under supervision of the youth authority for firearms possession and other charges.

UNIVERSITY

Protesters demonstrate against Halliburton,

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — About 30 protesters, some wearing pig masks and handing out bread loaves, gathered outside the Austin offices of Kellogg, Brown and Root on Tuesday, chanting "Halliburton shame on you" and "Cheney out of Iraq."

Protesters questioning the company's pricing practices and demanding unionization in Iraq marched into the second-floor of the office building before being escorted out of the building by police.

The local rally, organized by Union for Peace and Justice, was part of a call to protest in 20 cities in the United States and Britain.

"Our intention by targeting the office of KBR was to send a message to Halliburton, KBR's parent company, that Iraq is not for sale," said Missy Bolbecker, a protest organizer.

Defense contractor Halliburton and its subsidiary, KBR, are under investigation by the Pentagon for allegedly overcharging the government for providing meals to troops and transporting oil in Iraq.

"These scandals are putting into spotlight questionable corporate practices," Bolbecker said. "The very least Congress can do is create a commission to investigate the company and penalize corruption."

—By Bryan Ho
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

Meetings
Student/Incidental Fees Committee, 6-8pm, MU 213. Open Hearing.
College Democrats, 7pm, MU 212. Weekly meeting.
Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, 7pm, Arnold Gold Room. A time of worship, service, and fellowship.
25+ Students of OSU, 11am-1pm, 25+ commuter lounge, MU 203. Meeting & Open Brunch. All interested older-than-average-OSU-students are welcome.

Educational Activities Committee, 5-7pm, MU Council Room. Ed Act 2004-2005 Open Hearing. Open to the public.

Speakers
Queer Resource Center, 2-3pm, Women's Center. Dr. Donna Champagne will be presenting information on HIV transmission and ways to prevent the spread of HIV within the LGBT community.

OSU Psychology Society, 5:30, MORE 130. Brian Bulemore will be speaking on wilderness therapy as well as job opportunities and internships.

Events
OSU Baha'i Unity Club, 7pm, Asian Pacific Cultural Center. Join us for prayers and study of the Baha'i Writings.
SPEDA, 11am-1pm, MU Quad. "No Diet Day." Food give away. Learn about resources available on campus.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28
Speakers
OSU MU Craft Center, 1-3pm, MU Joyce Goudy Powell Journey Room. Tom Rohr, a professional potter, will present slides and speak about his technique, philosophy, and art.

Events
Friends of People's Park, 10am-4pm, Women's Center. Join in this high paced planning process to design the people's park. Includes lunch, pick up tickets at SI Desk.

SUNDAY, FEB. 29
Meetings
OSU Pistol Club, 7-9pm, Indoor shooting range. All first time members are required 1 hour early for training and safety course.

Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7pm, 435 NW Kings. University Evensong - worship & liturgies especially for students. Refreshments following.

WHAT'S UP

ON CAMPUS

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THIS WEEK'S FEATURED EVENT:
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737-9161, FREE

Country Western Dance
Fri, Feb 27 • 7-11:30 pm • MU Ballroom
737-2101, \$

OSU Ballroom Dance
Latin, ballroom, swing and other dancing
Sat, Feb 28 • 7-11:30 pm • MU Ballroom
737-5929, \$

Lost in Europe
European Students Association gives guests a guided tour with food and fun
Sun, Feb 29 • 5-7:45 pm • International Forum, Snell Hall
737-2101, \$

MUSIC

Music à la Carte Presents:
The Free Range Chix
Thu, Feb 26 • noon • Memorial Union Lounge
737-4061, FREE

Concert
OSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble & OSU Concert Band
Sun, Feb 29 • 6 pm • Ashbrook Independent School, 4045 SW Research Way
737-4061, \$

Handel's The Messiah
OSU Combined Choirs directed by Steven Zielke, and the Corvallis-OSU Symphony Orchestra
Thu, Mar 4 • 7:30 pm • LaSells Stewart Center
737-4061, \$

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Parents Night Out
KidSpirit offers arts and crafts, dinner and more
Sat, Feb 28 • 6-10 pm • Langton Hall
737-KIDS (737-5437), \$20

Gearing Up for Gardening Series
Backyard Berries — Guest lecturer Chad Finn.
Sponsored by OSU Master Gardeners
Tue, Mar 2 • 12:10-1 pm • Corvallis Public Library
737-8927, FREE

OSUsed Day Store
Purchase surplus office equipment
Wed, Mar 3 • 10 am-3 pm • Property Services Building (644 S.W. 13th)
737-3102, Free Admission

SPORTS

Women's Basketball
OSU vs. California — Retro Night
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Gymnastics
OSU vs. Stanford
Fri, Feb 27 • 7 pm

Women's Basketball
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Same-sex: Some hope other states follow San Fran.

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she decide to marry a partner in the future, she can.

"When you get married in my family, you get a Kitchen Aid Mixer as a wedding gift. Now I can get a Kitchen Aid Mixer," Van Wormer said. "This makes it easier for my family. So now I can follow similar paths as my sisters."

Van Wormer is often hurt that many individuals do not take homosexual relationships seriously. She hopes that with legal recognition, these couples may gain more respect and credibility from society.

"Homosexuals were not taken seriously, now they are and it means a lot," she said.

Van Wormer defined marriage as, "any union that gives social status and financial benefits as husband and wife or in this case, partners."

"How could someone value one couple's love above another's?" Van Wormer asked.

"It's frustrating to be with someone for a long time and not have that love validated by others."

She hopes that legal recognition of same-sex marriages by the government will validate the relationships in the eyes of many. Van Wormer commented on the hundreds of same-sex couples waiting in line in freezing rain outside the San Francisco courthouse last week in order to purchase marriage licenses.

"What does it say about people who are doing this? It shows how much they love each other," Van Wormer said.

She also said that same-sex marriage isn't just about social recognition, it's about critical basic rights that should be extended to all couples.

Under current laws in most states, same-sex marriages and unions are not recognized. Van Wormer explained that if someone were dying in the hospital, his or her partner would be denied visitation rights because he or she isn't considered family due to the lack of recognition of their union.

Life insurance coverage and inheritance is also a problem. Van Wormer explained that all

belongings of the deceased go to the immediate family, even if they haven't spoken in years. The partner is left with nothing. She also explained that although it is possible to get proper paper work in order, the process is tedious and difficult. A marriage license would condense the "stacks" of legal paperwork down to a single sheet of paper.

Van Wormer said that being homosexual is not a choice by any means and feels that if the same-sex marriages in San Francisco hold, then other cities and states will follow suit.

"People don't choose to be like this," she said.

"This is something we need to happen, the strongest thing we have are our voices," Van Wormer said.

Robin Ryan, coordinator of student organizational events, also had praise for the legal same-sex marriages in San Francisco.

"I'm very excited about what's happening for LGBT (lesbian, bi-sexual, gay, trans) rights," Ryan said.

He added, that in time, "it comes down to what is right. And [same-sex marriage] is right."

"Love is very real, and it won't be changed by paper or social opinions," said Andi Charlton, the external coordinator for the Rainbow Continuum. "It should be valued in the same way."

Luke Sugie, a student in chemical engineering, feels that the same-sex marriage up-holdings in Massachusetts and San Francisco will put pressure on other states.

Ryan, Charlton and Sugie all said they feel lucky that current Oregon law recognizes same-sex marriages and unions obtained in other states.

Charlton emphasized the good that would come about from same-sex marriages for homosexual couples.

"It takes away nothing from heterosexual people, yet it gives so much to us," Charlton said.

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Europe: Dugan still plans to travel around the world

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months of vacation in Europe at age 18 with no parents, and not much can beat that."

The first trip, right after high school graduation in 2001, took Dugan and his friends to seven European countries.

The group made plans to visit exchange students from their high school days, and they also wanted to get out and see something — or anything — other than the mid-valley.

"It was a good idea, but only because we survived," Dugan said. "We had a lot of help from people who lived over there."

Naturally, language is a barrier all across Europe. But Dugan said that the fastest path to successful communication is effort.

One day in an Espresso Bar in France, Dugan and his friends saw an American couple badgering the waiter in English. The waiter gave no reaction, hinting that he did not speak English and therefore could offer no help.

But moments before the exchange, the waiter had spoken English to Dugan, just after Dugan attempted to speak French to the waiter.

"If you try to speak the language you get a lot of respect," Dugan said.

Dugan's second European trip stands in stark contrast with the first. Instead of curious exploring with high school friends, Dugan found himself attending a funeral.

His girlfriend's father had passed away, and Dugan went along with her family to attend a memorial service in Leicester, England.

Passing through airport security, Dugan and his girlfriend's family received a poignant reminder that they were traveling in a post Sept. 11 world.

"They wanted us to open the urn," he said.

Dugan returned to England over this past winter break, once again along side his girlfriend. This time, the plan was simply to visit relatives in England and a friend in Lyon, France.

"Lyon has about 150,000 students and more than half a dozen universities, so there's always something interesting to do," Dugan said.

Back with his girlfriend's family in England, Dugan found himself surrounded by an army of aunts and grandparents.

"It was like having eight mothers," he said. "I never went hungry."

With at least one more year of college to go, Dugan spends his time with friends and in two student groups.

The first, Democracy Matters, seeks to educate students about the influence of money in politics. The second, Wrench, is a community activist group.

As of now, Dugan has no definite career plans. In fact, the entire concept is one of the least important items on his agenda.

However, he does plan to continue traveling the world.

"I think I've played out Western Europe. It's time to move East or South," he said.

After three trips to Europe, Dugan feels that he's learned a lot about traveling safely and having fun in an unfamiliar environment.

For new travelers, Dugan said that planning ahead is the key to success.

"Train stations all look alike, he said." And you never know when your supply of pants might run dry."

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Make-over: No plans made to change all OSU logos

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11 attacks made the university prioritize and they figured there wasn't much of a need to change the logo at that time, Pederson said.

In 2003, several other designs for the new logo were posted on a Web site for people to vote on.

"The initial reaction was resoundingly — 'worse than what we had,'" said Coakley.

With the new symbol for OSU comes the question redecorating.

Coakley said the university will replace and put up signs as needed, but no plans have been made so far to instigate a campus-wide re-signing effort.

"We've talked about how nice it would be to find non-general funds, like a grant or donation, to change some obvious signage around campus," said Pederson.

But they're not holding their breath.

"If there's an inexpensive way to change

the sign, that's great," Pederson said.

Both Pederson and Coakley said the university has been supportive of not wasting.

"There's no push to dump old stuff," Coakley said.

However, others around campus aren't so optimistic of this so-called low-cost endeavor.

"The idea that a logo is a cheap thing to change is wrong," said Muneera Spence, assistant professor of graphic design who was also a member of the consultative team that reviewed the different possibilities for the new logo.

"There are many opinions. Some people are going to hate it, some will like it," Pederson said.

Tina Chovanec, director of university publications, an integral person to the redesigning effort, was unavailable for comment.

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EDITORIAL

Breathing easier?

On Monday, the New Mexico House of Representatives approved legislation to mandate ignition locks on all cars in the state. The purpose of the locks would require drivers to blow into a breathalyzer each time they went to start their car — regardless of having had a DUI or not.

This interlock bill, although with good intentions, is a ridiculous (not to mention expensive) idea.

According to The Washington Times, New Mexico holds one of the nation's highest drunk driving fatality rates. Apparently driving under the influence is not taken seriously in the state — many people think of it more like a speeding ticket than a serious offense, which is the real problem.

We can't help but think that much of the problem New Mexico is attempting to fix with a \$1,000 piece of equipment is rooted in the pathetic slap-on-the-wrist penalties given to drunk drivers. In most states you have to get caught four times before it even becomes a felony.

Safety experts argue that these devices will improve safety on the roads, at the same time other experts argue that delaying access to a person's vehicle may create just as much of a hazard. When faced with the possibility of a carjacking, robbery or rape attempt, victims could lose crucial seconds required to make a safe getaway.

Not to mention the safety issues that would be posed if the state enforced "rolling tests." These tests would require the driver to blow into the device while driving. Aren't there enough problems being caused by people trying to drive and talk on their cell phone?

All too often we've seen the swerving and anti-lock brakes of these types. Let's not take more of their attention away from the road.

Plus anyone who knows kids knows how much they love to play new games, and the possibility of this scene is far to realistic, "Hey son, wanna go for a ride with daddy ... just blow into this here breathalyzer."

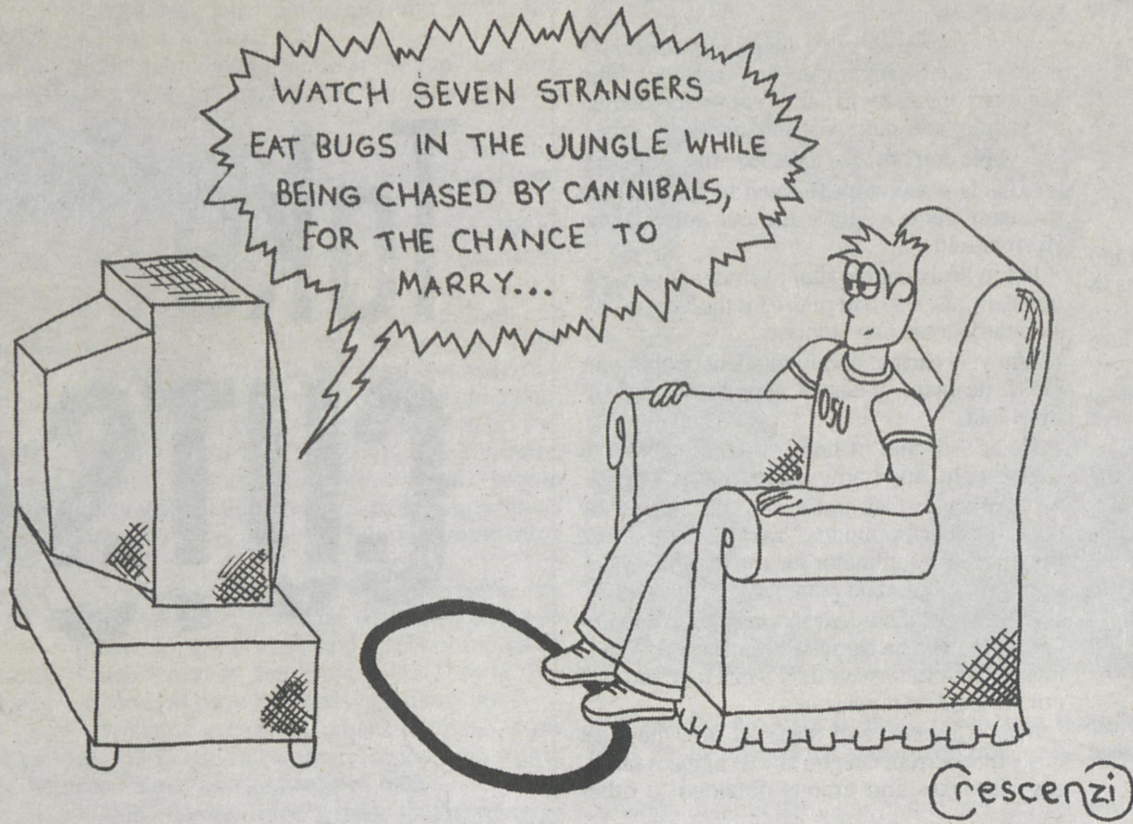
And unfortunately, the test won't detect drugs. So although the roads may be free of drunk drivers, there are still others to worry about.

Ultimately we have to ask if this mandate is actually going to prevent drunks from driving.

What is to stop a drunk from buying his car out of the state? It stands to reason that, while downing that case of beer and contemplating another, drunks will spend a lot of time working on ways to get around these devices, while Joe Sober citizen will simply shrug and, undeservingly, put up with it.

Good intentions, yes. We feel New Mexico's pain, but treating everyone like a presumed criminal is not the right way to go about it.

Editorials serve as a platform for Barometer editors to offer commentary and opinions on current events, both national and local, grand in scale and diminutive. Opinions here are a reflection of the Editorial Board's majority.



AND THE WINNER FOR 'MOST INTELLECTUALLY DEVOID' PROGRAMMING IS...

With a little change here, a little change there, big changes will occur everywhere

Only a few things truly frighten me. Spiders, mice, carnies and a planet brought to the edge of anarchy as countries develop a nuclear threat to defend and secure dwindling food, water and energy supplies.

And while a broom, some Raid, and avoiding the fair take care of most of my fears, according to the Pentagon, in a leaked report published in the British newspaper The Observer, there's not much we can do to stop the last one.

That's because the anarchy that the Pentagon warns us of isn't caused by a crazed dictator or terrorist ringleader — it's caused by global climate change. That's right. As global warming disrupts climates worldwide, resources will be limited. The Pentagon predicts that climate change will create droughts and floods, resulting in famine, death and destruction.

It's ironic the organization that created this report also created one of the biggest statements against stopping global warming: the Hummer.

Now before all of you military supporters fire off e-mails about how the military needs HumVees, and how dare I suggest that the military prioritize my "greenie agenda" before national security (although I think this report would agree that I have a pretty good case), hear me out. The military might have a perfectly legitimate reason to use HumVees, but you don't need one to drive to Starbucks.

But as much as I'd like to just

Elizabeth Meyer



rant about how ugly and stupid Hummers are for the rest of this column, I think that they're indicative of a bigger problem in our society. We seem either unwilling or unable to make every day sacrifices to stop something that could destroy our world.

You might think that I'm being dramatic. But the report itself states that "disruption and conflict will be endemic features of life ... Once again, warfare would define human life." To be honest, I don't know how to exaggerate that.

Stopping the trend now is a lot easier than life if you don't. These things may seem simple, and I'm sure you've heard them before, but looking around campus, it seems you all could afford to hear them again.

The easiest thing to do is just be aware of your actions. Recycle your pop cans. Seriously, the recycle bins are right next to the trash cans. Two extra steps aren't going to make you late for class.

And recycle all of the paper that you use. This saves trees, which absorb carbon dioxide, a major component of global warming, and it also saves energy because

you don't have to convert the wood into mulch.

Another useful way to save energy is to simply turn your lights out. It sounds simple, but apparently people often need reminding. If you hate paying your electricity bill, try reducing it by turning off your lights and turning down the heat.

Finally, save energy with your car. As much as I wish we could all run out and buy a new, energy-efficient car, we are in college, and I can't even afford a new pair of running shoes. But there are a few things that can be done with the car you've got.

Keep your car well maintained. Whenever you can, walk. It's healthier and better for the earth. And when you do go to buy a new car, check the fuel efficiency. The Earth and your gas card will thank you.

All of these may seem like small changes. And they are. But imagine if everyone in the U.S. did them. After all, according to the U.S. census, we have 5 percent of the world population but emit 42 percent of the world's carbon dioxide.

Personal adjustments in our lives are just the first step. We must make this a national priority. As the Pentagon report states, the

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Jim Smith



The politics of crime

The time-honored practice of politics is supposed to be the cure-all for our collective woes, if only we let it do its work. If we give it time, and keep from tampering with it, then good people will get elected and fix our problems, right?

They tell us over and over that violence is not the answer. Crime doesn't pay and all that. They spit that swill at us until most of us buy it. They say that the way to affect change is to use the power inherent in the political system.

We all have one vote, so cast your vote and make a difference! What a fantastic idea. Too bad it's a load of crap.

Felons in 13 states are completely barred from voting, and others are prevented from voting while on probation or parole.

And since we know that crime is symptomatic of poverty, and that poverty has a rather nasty tendency to follow race lines, what does that tell us about our cherished political process?

It smacks of institutional prejudice, by class and by race, and whether this is done consciously or not doesn't matter.

It says, very bluntly ... "if you're poor, and dare to have any ambition whatsoever, if you refuse to wait generations for change, then screw you. Screw you hard and fast until you die."

"You don't want to work a crap job forever? Screw you, ingrate. You don't want to see urban communities continue to stagnate and choke on poverty? Screw you. You want to make a statement and tell the power structure that built the stinkhole you were born into that you have a voice and you are a human being? Screw you. You dared to sell some weed, or even (God forbid) some crack? To hell with you, degenerate."

Criminals have always formed the backbone of society. I know that's not a popular view to have, and I'm going to get a lot of feeble-minded hate mail over it, but it's the truth.

When the majority of a society's subjects are either deluded, distracted or broken enough not to notice or care that they're being exploited, lied to, sacrificed, killed, bought and sold, and otherwise abused by the very people charged with their protection, it has always been the criminals who

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Instant runoff voting would be an instant success

Ralph Nader's recent entrance into the presidential sweepstakes offers political pundits and concerned citizens a brand new subject to bicker about.

The main question bouncing around in the media is this: Will Nader's candidacy give the 2004 election to George W. Bush?

Democrats, still recovering from their ever-so-close defeat in 2000, fear that Nader will steal votes from the Democratic nominee. They often proclaim that a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush.

But why should we ask voters to go to the polls armed with a voting strategy instead of a voting decision?

Well, we shouldn't.

The answer is voting reform. We can say goodbye to our plurality system which shuns third parties. Democrats can stop blaming Nader for Bush's decisions, and the Nader-haters will finally be forced to shut-up.

The solution is Instant Runoff Voting. How does it work? Let's start at the beginning.

The IRV ballot is simple. Voters look over the list of candidates and rank them first, second, third and so on.

After the ballots are collected, a count determines if any candidate has a majority of the first place votes. If somebody does, they win.

But wait, there's more.

When no candidate has a majority of the first place votes, the candidate with the fewest first

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place votes is, sadly, eliminated. But those who supported the first loser aren't done participating.

Remember, they made a second choice. In a new count, the instant runoff, their second choice is distributed.

It goes on until two candidates are left and one of them has a majority.

No more worrying about throwing your vote away. No more splitting the vote between two similar candidates. No more of our ridiculous two-party system that shuns new ideas.

Instead, voters can, incredibly, vote for the candidate they like the best. And second best. And third best. It's that amazing!

Had IRV been in place for the 2000 presidential election, Al Gore might be in the White House right now. But just because the system would have worked for Gore in 2000, do not assume that it's a partisan ploy to put Democrats in the White House.

IRV is, dare I say, nonpartisan. Third party

candidates come from all over the political map, and both mainstream parties could potentially see "their" votes siphoned into the land of long-shot candidates. But not in the land of IRV.

While we're visiting IRV land, let's take a look at how the reform would change politics in general.

Voter turnout would increase because more voters have a say (and their say goes beyond their first choice). Therefore, they have more motivation to participate. More issues would be debated because candidates would be forced to campaign for second place votes.

Overall, campaigns focused on a wide range of ideas would reign supreme.

Sure it sounds like a fantasy, but it's possible. And you don't have to take my word for it.

The Center for Voting and Democracy, a non-profit organization pushing for voting reform in the U.S., explains that IRV is already working all over the world.

"Literally hundreds of jurisdictions, organizations and corporations use IRV to elect leaders," says their Web site, www.fairvote.org.

Ireland, for example, elects its president with

IRV. Australia's House of Reps is IRV elected. Utah Republicans use the method to choose their congressional nominees. There are more.

Universities, from Harvard to Portland's Reed College, have implemented IRV for campus elections. Perhaps OSU could come on board next.

San Francisco, meanwhile, will begin using the system to elect city officials, from the mayor on down, with IRV. Twenty states have IRV legislation pending and national politicians, from John McCain to Howard Dean, have thrown their support behind the voting system.

There's a good reason that IRV has so much support and momentum. It ensures a majority victory.

It removes the infamous "spoiler-effect." It brings more candidates and issues into the political playing field. It's fair, balanced and simple for the voter.

Remember how Nader was supposed to hand Bush another term in the White House?

Me neither.

Ralph Nader isn't the issue, but the way we vote is. Instead of blaming third parties for giving power to one of the main parties, find out how you can join the IRV revolution.

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issue of climate change "should be elevated beyond a scientific debate to a U.S. national security concern."

Our government needs to address this through stricter emissions standards and international agreements. But we can't wait for Bush to get permission from Haliburton, we need to act now, in our everyday lives.

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Smith: Send me hate mail, but I'll still say criminals are the backbone of our society

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shake things up and instigate change.

This is because we have an interesting little paradox of a problem with regards to progressive change and crime.

We are, on the one hand, encouraged by the people we claim to admire most to participate in acts of crime. People like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and our founding fathers actively encouraged criminal acts.

Furthermore, they actively engaged in criminal acts.

Dr. King noted most eloquently that "one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws," and Woodrow Wilson once said that "The history of liberty is the history of resistance. The history of liberty is a history of the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it."

We are encouraged by our own Constitution to overthrow the government if and when it ceases to operate to the benefit of the people.

But we are also branded criminals and traitors if we dare to attempt it. This is after all, treason. And in a post Sept. 11 color-coded state of perpetual fear, it's terrorism.

That's the real issue right there. Crime is a matter of perspective. Anyone winning a revolution, finding themselves in a position to write history, will ensure that they are preserved for posterity as the righteous underdogs who managed to topple the evil empire.

But anyone crushed and mangled in a direct assault on the king's holy castle will be vilified as a splinter cell, some sort of rogue agent that in no way embodies the feelings of the majority. These people are terrorists for God's sake, and isn't that frightening?

If you remove a person's ability to contribute to change by way of politics, then you are in effect telling him that his voice doesn't matter. You remove all options and encourage him to engage in criminal acts.

Policies such as these are harmful, and

will in the long run cause more crime and serve to increase the ever-widening chasm between the influential rich and the discouraged poor.

There is a real danger here because discouragement can only go so far before giving way to resentment, anger, hatred and retaliation.

The biggest problem is the cyclical nature of the thing. If the most disenfranchised segment of society is barred from voting, then the ones most in favor of progressive policy change, and most likely to vote for reform candidates are also barred.

But law abiding middle and upper-class folk limping through their lives from mortgage to mortgage get to cast their status quo votes, and the whole show roles on and on.

I say we need criminals. We need more people who are willing to lash out and give the corporate law machine a kick in the teeth.

These people should be given two votes. These are people like the San Fran-

cisco couples who got in line to get married and the judges performing the ceremonies.

These are people like the ones openly running cannabis dispensaries in Oakland despite the fact that it may not be legal, and they run the risk every day of Ashcroft's loyal squad of rabid thugs kicking in their doors in full S.W.A.T. gear.

These are people willing to say damn the law, the law is wrong and I choose to ignore it. They are fulfilling their moral obligation, and more of us need to follow suit.

We need to embrace that attitude rather than try to exclude it from politics. Any effort to keep good, honest criminals out of the political process will yield a system weaker and more anemic than it needs to be.

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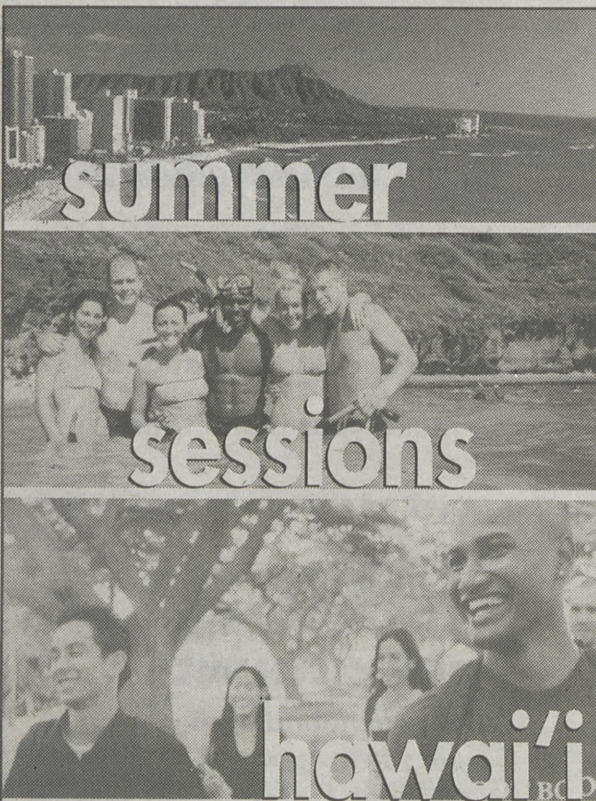
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Hopefully it won't be always Coca-Cola

Click-snap. Aaahhh, the refreshing taste of Pepsi.

Just not on this campus.

That's right; this campus is exclusively a Coca-Cola campus. All the vending machines, stores and the food court at the end of the Memorial Union, sell Coke and only Coke products. Sure, you can get V-8 or water, but that's about it.

When I first noticed this, I got real curious. Turns out, Coca-Cola has an exclusive contract with OSU that's worth approximately \$2.3 million over 12 years, all of it, as far as I can tell, in the form of cash to help renovate McNary Dining Hall, West Dining Hall and the Memorial Union food court, with \$1 million going to the OSU Athletic Department.

This is not uncommon; plenty of high schools and colleges around the nation have been locked into marketing this and only this tasty yet wholly nutrition-free product.

What's starting to get attention is what students at various schools are doing about it. Students at places as diverse as Georgetown, University of Montana and Berkeley are all protesting their school's involvement with Coke.

Why, you might ask? Isn't Coke a wonderful and delicious (albeit tooth-destroying) drink? Well, maybe. The students aren't protesting the quality of the soft drink; as it turns out they are protesting what's going on at Coke bottling plants in places like Colombia.

Before I continue, a disclaimer or two:

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First, I used to drink a fair amount of Coke. Needless to say, I don't anymore. Second, the bottling plants I am referring to, to the best of my knowledge, are not owned by Coca-Cola. Rather, they are contracted out to local people.

So, as I was about to say, the reason that students nationwide are protesting their school's involvement with Coke is simple: In Colombia, paramilitary thugs are torturing and assassinating union leaders and workers — and their families — who work at Coke bottling plants. In the last 15 years, eight union leaders have been killed at four different Colombian bottling plants.

Also, in India, Coke-contracted bottling plants have refused to cut down on their use of water, despite the fact they use so much that most of the local agriculture has dried up — causing people to starve to death.

At this point, some people might note that Coke does not own any of these bottling plants, and that Coke is merely contracting with Colombian and Indian businesses.

One might also argue that because Coke doesn't own any of these plants, they are not responsible for what goes on there. That's simply not true.

Coca-Cola has a moral obligation to insure that the conditions under which their product is produced are humane. Not only that, but Coke has an internal Code of Conduct that, if followed, would not allow

things like, for example, the assassination of workers to go on.

So what can we here at OSU do? Plenty. As I mentioned above, at many schools students are already taking action against Coke, and one resource they have is the Web site Killer Coke, at www.killercoke.org.

The site offers a comprehensive list of Coke's crime, resources for student activism, and for those particularly militant individuals, the names and occupations of Coke's board members.

Another such site is www.cokewatch.org. The anti-Coke movement, as part of the larger movement working for global economic and social justice, is growing rapidly. At the 2003 World Social Forum in Brazil, for the first time all the disparate parts of the anti-Coke movement joined together.

In the future, expect to see a more concerted and powerful campaign against human rights violations by Coke and other corporations that contract out with those who violate human rights.

Here at OSU there is already something planned. On March 1, in Room 208 of the Memorial Union at 5 p.m., there will be an informational meeting sponsored by the student and community activist group Wrench (of which I am a member) about Coke's practices in Colombia.

I encourage anyone who is concerned that people are dying to bottle the official campus soda to attend.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mackeson/Sturzinger letter

You are hypocritical

In response to the letter to the editor on Feb. 25, 2004.

Mr. Tyler Mackeson and Mr. Matt Sturzinger, assuming that you are attempting to make your argument from the standpoint of Christian believers, you came off as hypocrites.

For in following this Webster's definition of a Christian, and what you have claimed your belief to be. An open public attack on Vivek Sharma, and the claiming of others to be "stupid" for having different beliefs is utterly immoral and un-Christian.

Further, I would like to respond to some of the claims you laid forth. First, while it is true that we are told to turn the other cheek when slapped, we as males are also told to gouge out our own eye if we look at a woman sinfully.

Second, the searching of the Bible for morality or immorality will in fact yield no results when reading the original texts. The word morality was actually an addition to the Bible to make it simpler to read and to fill in for specific untranslatable words.

Third, in looking at history, we would most definitely not have many of the common electronics we use in our daily lives without atheists/agnostics. They have contributed more to modern society than you realize, or wish to accept for that matter.

Finally, in making an argument of faith. Saying that you don't have blind faith because your beliefs are based on scripture, is the same as building a house on sand.

For if I take away your Bible, and your memories of it, what will you reference to believe in? Will you start worshipping Harry Houdini or David Blane?

So believe what you want to believe, but please, stop believing blindly and writing in the paper about it.

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On Christianity and homosexuality

Do you speak Greek?

Seeing as the recent abundance of letters dealing with Christian ideology surfaced, mostly, due to a debate over the religious implications of homosexuality, I submit the following information.

Even when English translations of the Bible specifically use the word "homosexual" or "homosexuality," it most often reflects a philosophical and theological bias on the part of the translator, and the sponsoring organization that publishes that translation.

Because he is frequently the victim of such biased translation, Paul is often unfairly maligned. You see, Paul had all the necessary linguistic tools to be precise about his meaning; he knew the Greek words in common usage that

would convey it unambiguously.

The Greek words Paul uses in 1 Cor. 6:9 (and 1 Timothy 1:10) are "malakos" and "arsenokoitai." The King James translation of nearly 400 years ago (1611) — addressed to men, and not much concerned with women except as property and in keeping them in their rightful place — rendered these "effeminate" and "abusers of themselves with mankind."

The Revised Standard Version (1952) combined the two words into one translation, "homosexuals," a terminology and concept that did not even exist in English or any European language until the mid-19th century. The New RSV (1989) translated them separately again, as "male prostitutes" and "sodomites."

When other Greek speakers and writers use "malakos" or similar words, they are never unambiguous references to sex between males.

There were plenty of other words in ancient Greek language — "erastes," "eromenos," "paedika," "paederastes" and others — which Paul would have had at his command.

If Paul intended unequivocally to condemn all manner of sex between males, it is extremely puzzling that he didn't use words that his Greek-speaking audience would find familiar and unambiguous.

In other words, don't quote the bible unless you speak Greek. Thank you.

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Eating Disorder Awareness Week

Not a celebration

I was hospitalized at 95 pounds in 1991. I had more than an eating disorder, I was suicidal, but then the line between the two is very vague, eh?

God is not what brought me back though — a desire to have health is what brought me back. It is too bad that "Eating Disorder Awareness Week" is centered on diets and eating or not eating, instead of "health and healing."

It is not just important that we eat, but that we eat foods that are rich in nutrition so our bodies are not craving, craving, craving all the time.

To just eat a lot of pizza to celebrate that you don't have an eating disorder, is an eating disorder! Weight issues, fat or thin, have to do with many things, but being unhealthy is bad for both fat and thin people.

Most foods are corporatized, salted, sugared, processed, promoted with advertising, capitalized on and crammed down teens throats with a swig of Coca-Cola to wash it all down.

We need to move our attention toward how food has become corporatized and our connection with nature through food has been destroyed, and with it our health.

This further connects the human body into institutions that capitalize on poor health such as hospitals, prescription

medicine, assisted living, medical research.

That we continue to overlook health and the bodies natural ability to heal says just how much the human body has become a commodity separated from nature.

Studies and extensive research has turned up that babies can have anorexia — therefore illustrating it is not merely a social disease.

Anorexia has been proven to exist in the individual prior to birth and has also to do with individual perception and high sensitivity to others.

To use eating disorders as a way to celebrate and overlook America's bad eating habits is destructive.

J.K.C.

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9-11 Family Steering Committee

Questions need answers

I was greatly perturbed the other day when I checked out the Web site of the 9-11 Family Steering Committee (FSC) to the 9-11 commission.

Not only does their list of unanswered questions remain intact, but the members of the FSC are getting frustrated with the White House refusing to share important documents with the commission and the commission's own lack of aggressiveness in pursuing those documents.

As you may or may not know, the 9-11 commission was formed, not by the concern of the president, who opposed the investigation at first, but by the insistence of the families of the victims, who (obviously) have questions and (obviously) deserve to have answers.

So the fact that the FSC is voicing frustration with the commission and with the president should be important to all of us, if indeed, we are concerned about what happened on 9-11 and want to ensure that such a tragedy is never repeated.

If you include yourself in that group of people who care about what happened on 9-11 then you owe it to yourself to at least visit the Family Steering Committee website at www.911independentcommission.org.

Read about their frustration with the White House and the Commission itself, read through the list of unanswered questions and resolve to continue to support the families of the victims of 9-11 by insisting on a thorough and complete investigation, with full cooperation by President Bush.

The president called for standards and accountability in our education system, he also called for more transparency in the business world, yet, he doesn't seem to want those things in his own administration.

It is up to the citizenry to make the president live up to his own words.

TIM NAM,

Graduate student in AREC

WORLD

Americans still don't get it when it comes to health, survey shows

► A three-year study shows health behaviors of adults

By HARRY R. WEBER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Americans still don't seem to get the message. The latest government figures offer more proof that many people are leading unhealthy lifestyles.

The majority of U.S. adults are overweight, nearly one in five are daily smokers, and one in five consumed at least five alcoholic drinks in a day at least once in a year, according to government's national health survey.

"It's almost as if the elements are

conspiring against us to lead unhealthy lifestyles," said Dr. Dan Blumenthal, chairman of community health and preventive medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine.

"We are faced with a constant barrage of advertising on television about fast food. We live in a world where we are encouraged to drive more and walk less and spend more time in front of our televisions."

The data, for the years 1999-2001, examines the health behavior of 96,000 adults, 18 years old and over, and is broken down among gender, race, education and income. It is contained in a report released Wednesday by the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and the National Center for Health Statistics outside Washington.

The study found that Asian adults are more likely than other race groups to have healthy behavior in terms of alcohol use, smoking and body weight. Black adults have higher rates of leisure-time physical inactivity and obesity than white adults.

Black men are more likely than white men to be smokers, but among women the reverse is true, the study says.

The study data says adults with higher levels of education and income generally have more favorable health behavior.

The levels in each category have remained about the same since the numbers for earlier years were released. The study started in 1997.

The latest data found that obesity rates are about the same for men and women, with men slightly more likely than women to be smokers, and men more likely than women to be physically active in their leisure time.

Thirty-nine percent of adults don't engage in any physical activity during their leisure time, the data indicated.

"This trend has been happening in the past decade and it looks like this still continues," said Frank Hu, an associate professor of nutrition and epidemiology at the Harvard

School of Public Health. "It strikes me that physical inactivity and obesity continue to be the most important public health challenges in this country."

Among the positives in the report, the data showed that about one in four Americans abstain from drinking, more than 40 percent of smokers attempted to quit in the past year and 40 percent of Americans are in a healthy weight range.

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, chairman of the Medical College of Georgia's family medicine department, said what worries him is that the numbers could actually be much higher. He noted that the data was self-reported by the participants.

US can't afford baby-boomer social security

► Federal chairman urges cuts or else out-of-control program could raise interest rates

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, stepping into the politically charged debate over Social Security, said Wednesday the country can't afford the retirement benefits promised to baby boomers and urged Congress to trim them.

He said that unless Congress acts, soaring budget deficits from out-of-control entitlement programs could lead to a "very debilitating" rise in interest rates in coming years.

Democratic presidential candidates denounced his proposals, and President Bush and other Republicans sought to distance themselves from the Republican Greenspan.

The central bank chairman also repeated his view that Bush's tax cuts should be made permanent to bolster economic growth. He said the estimated \$1 trillion cost should be paid for, preferably, with spending cuts so the deficit would not be worsened.

As for specifics on trimming Social Security, Greenspan told the House Budget Committee that one possibility would be to switch to an alternative measure of inflation for annual cost-of-living adjustments. Instead of relying on the Consumer Price Index, he suggested switching to a new chain-weighted CPI that gives lower inflation readings and thus would mean smaller payment increases.

Greenspan, who turns 78 next week, also suggested tying the retirement age for full benefits to longer lifespans with the age continuing to rise. The 65-year age for retiring at full benefits started increasing last year and now stands at 65 years and four months. It will increase to 67 over the next two decades and then stop rising.

Greenspan said his comments simply voiced views he has held since he chaired a blue-ribbon commission two

decades ago. But the remarks set off a political storm.

Democratic front-runner Sen. John Kerry said the way to address the deficit was to roll back tax cuts for the wealthy and "the wrong way to cut the deficit is to cut Social Security benefits. If I'm president, we're simply not going to do it."

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., called it "an outrage" for Greenspan to call for cuts in Social Security while at the same time endorsing making Bush's tax cuts permanent. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, went even further and called for Greenspan to resign as Fed chairman, saying his comments were "a disgrace."

Bush said Social Security benefits "should not be changed for people at or near retirement."

Underscoring the view that Congress is not about to touch Greenspan's suggestions, especially in an election year, Rep. Clay Shaw, the Republican chairman of the Ways and Means subcommittee in charge of Social Security, said Greenspan was wrong to call for benefit cuts. "My message to seniors and those nearing retirement: You will receive nothing less than 100 percent of what you've been promised. Your benefits are safe and secure," Shaw said.

William D. Novelli, head of AARP, which represents retiree's, said Greenspan's proposals to trim benefits for future retiree's "would be unfair to boomers and younger workers, pulling the rug out from under their retirement security."

But the Alliance for Worker Retirement Security, a coalition of 40 employer groups, praised Greenspan for sounding the alarm. "Social Security's pending crisis can no longer be pushed off to future generations," said Derrick Max, the group's executive director.

In his testimony before the Budget Committee, Greenspan said the current deficit situation, with projected record red ink of \$521 billion this year, will worsen dramatically once the 77 million members of the baby boom generation start becoming eligible for Social Security benefits in just four years.

He said projections show the country will go from having just over three workers supporting each retiree to 2.25 workers for every retiree by 2025.

"This dramatic demographic change is certain to place enormous demands on our nation's resources — demands we will almost surely be unable to meet unless action is taken," Greenspan said. "For a variety of reasons, that action is better taken as soon as possible."

He said taking action now would mean that people still working would have time to adjust their retirement savings plans to deal with smaller Social Security benefits.

Greenspan said at some point the country needed to face the fact that the government has promised more in entitlement benefits than it can afford to pay. He said the problem was even worse for Medicare because it was impossible to estimate what types of costly medical advances will be available in coming years.

He did not mention that Congress late last year, at Bush's urging, adopted a new prescription drug benefit as part of a Medicare overhaul now estimated to cost \$540 billion over the next decade.

"I am just basically saying that we are overcommitted at this stage," Greenspan said in response to committee questions. "It is important that we tell people who are about to retire what it is they will have." He warned that the government should not "promise more than we are able to deliver."

While the country is currently enjoying the lowest interest rates in more than four decades, Greenspan warned that financial markets will begin pushing long-term rates higher if investors do not see progress in dealing with the projected huge deficits that will occur once baby boomers begin retiring.

As he has in the past, Greenspan called on Congress to reinstate rules that require any future tax cuts or spending increases to be paid for either by spending cuts in other areas or increases in other taxes. Bush has called for the rules to cover only spending increases, not tax cuts.

Bradbury announces second term bid

► So far the incumbent secretary of state has no opponent in the Democratic or Republican party

By CHARLES E. BEGGS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM — Secretary of State Bill Bradbury officially announced his candidacy Wednesday for re-election to a second full term.

"I'm very proud of the work we've done in the last five years in the areas of audits, election reform and streamlining business registry," Bradbury said in a telephone interview from Prineville.

Bradbury, a Democrat, will seek renomination in the May 18 primary election and so far has drawn no opponent in either party.

Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey, a Republican, has hinted that he might run for the post, but has made no announcement.

Bradbury was appointed to the state's second-highest office in 1999 to fill a vacancy and was elected to his first four-year term in 2000.

He also planned formal re-election announcements Friday in Eugene, Bend, Pendleton and Portland.

The secretary of state is the state's chief elections officer and auditor of state agencies and also oversees business registrations and other activities of the Corporations Division.

The secretary of state also is first in line of succession to the governor's office if the governor dies, resigns or becomes unable to perform the duties of his office.

Bradbury defeated then House Speaker Lynn Snodgrass, a Republican, in winning his first term four years ago and unsuccessfully challenged Republican U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith in 2002.

Bradbury served for 14 years in the Legislature, including a term as Senate President from 1993-95.

He then left the Legislature to head a nonprofit salmon run recovery program until his appointment by Gov. John Kitzhaber to replace Democrat Phil Keisling, who resigned as secretary of state to take a job in private business.

Bradbury said he regards as among his accomplishments making Oregon among the first states to do away with all punch-card ballots and staying on track to meet a 2006 target date for having a statewide, centralized voter registration system established.

Another new program in the works, he said, is to provide a one-stop process online for new businesses to enter information that's required by several state agencies, including the Revenue, Employment and Consumer and Business Affairs departments.

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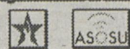
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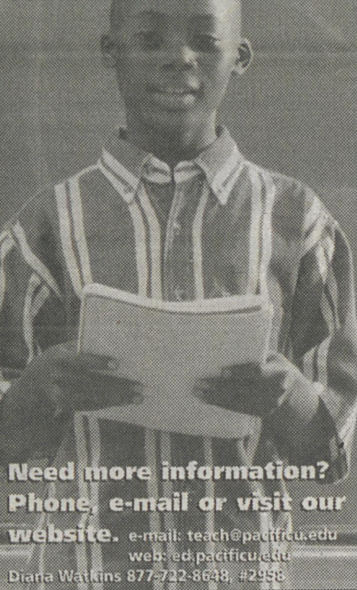
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Israeli troops raid Ramallah banks

► Israel claims raids are part of the fight against terrorist funding

By RAVI NESSMAN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israeli forces burst into Palestinian banks on Wednesday, corralled employees, covered security cameras and seized at least \$6.7 million in an unprecedented raid. Israel said Iran, Syria and Lebanese guerrillas sent the funds to Palestinian militants.

Palestinian officials said the raid violated banking agreements and could trigger a run on the banks. "It's like the mafia," Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said of the operation. "I think it should be dealt with in a very serious way."

"The Occupation's Armed Robbery" was the huge red headline in Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, a newspaper close to the Palestinian Authority, for its Thursday edition. An Israeli official called the operation "legal confiscation."

Israel said the raid was part of the global fight against terror funding.

"This money is the fuel for Palestinian terror, and I am convinced we have to dry up the paths for this fuel," Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said.

The United States criticized Israel for the bank raid. "We would prefer to see Israeli coordination with the Palestinian financial authorities in order to stem the flow of funds to terrorist groups," States Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The Palestinian banking system has remained relatively stable despite more than three years of Israeli-Palestinian violence that has decimated the Palestinian economy.

Israel said the system has been hijacked to finance Palestinian militant groups — Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades — that have killed more than 900 Israelis in bombings and shootings.

Much of the funding comes from Iran, Syria and Lebanese Hezbollah guerrillas, Israeli security sources said Wednesday.

Israel said it took \$6.7 million to \$8.9

million from the vaults of the three bank branches, and the money would be spent on humanitarian aid to Palestinians.

The raid began Tuesday night, when Israel arrested computer experts from two banks. Wednesday morning, troops in jeeps, trucks and armored personnel carriers sealed off downtown Ramallah as security forces, with the experts in tow, strode into the Cairo Amman Bank and two branches of the Arab Bank, Palestinian officials said.

Troops covered the banks' cameras with sacks or disabled them, and herded the employees together before eventually releasing them, witnesses said. Customers were allowed to leave after identification checks.

The Israelis sifted through several hundred bank accounts — some linked to Hamas and Islamic Jihad, Israeli sources said.

The money taken corresponded to the amounts found in the targeted accounts, sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

During the raids, dozens of Palestinians in the streets threw stones at soldiers, who responded with tear gas, metal-core rubber bullets and live rounds, hospital officials said. Forty-two people were wounded, doctors said.

The raids marked the largest search yet for money transfers to militant groups and the first time forces hauled cash out of Palestinian banks. Last year, troops raided a bank in a West Bank suburb of Jerusalem, and the Palestinian Authority briefly froze the bank accounts of Palestinian charities in the Gaza Strip to check for possible links to Hamas.

Palestinian Finance Minister Salam Fayad said the raids broke a banking agreement between the Palestinians, Israel and the United States. "Such measures will for sure hurt, to a large extent, the Palestinian economy and its institutions," Fayad said.

A security source said Israel was not trying to harm the banks, and those whose money was confiscated, can appeal to the army. The raids were aimed

instead at deterring militant groups from using the banking system, the source said.

However, Gil Feiler, a senior researcher at Tel Aviv's BESA Center for Strategic Studies, said little of the foreign money sent to militants is funneled through banks. "People are coming with \$100,000 in their luggage," he said.

The raids came a day after Palestinian security officials confirmed the Iranian-backed Hezbollah helped fund the last two Jerusalem bus bombings — on Jan. 29 and Sunday — in which 18 Israelis and a foreign worker were killed.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, an armed group with ties to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for both attacks, though security officials said all three groups were involved.

A senior Al Aqsa member said the group originally was funded largely by Fatah, but has been getting more of its money from Hezbollah. Last year, then-Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas paid some Al Aqsa militants not to carry out attacks, but some cells rejected the deal and turned to Hezbollah for funding, the militant said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Lebanese group had transferred payments of \$50,000 to a militant leader in the West Bank city of Nablus every two or three months for distribution to different cells, though the payments have decreased in recent months, according to the militant.

One cell in the Balata refugee camp gets at least \$1,000 a month for ammunition and cellular telephone calling cards, the militant said. When the group plans to carry out an attack, Hezbollah gives it \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Former Justice Minister Yossi Beilin told Israel's Channel One television he doubted the government could prove the money it seized was earmarked for militant groups.

Yuval Steinitz, a lawmaker from the ruling Likud Party, said that did not matter. "We are in a war against the Palestinians" and the Palestinian Authority, it is not about proof," he said.

Foreigners flee Haiti as rebel leader indicates he'll hold off attacking capital

► Leader waiting for peace-keepers

By MICHAEL NORTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Foreigners fled Haiti amid looting in parts of the capital Wednesday, but the rebel leader said the insurgents want to "give a chance to peace" and indicated his troops would hold off attacking the capital.

Pressure mounted for an international intervention and for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to step down.

A U.N. Security Council meeting on Haiti was scheduled for Thursday. President Bush said the United States is encouraging the international community to provide a strong "security presence," and France said a peace force should be established immediately for deployment once a political agreement is reached.

Foreigners tried to flee the country and isolated looting erupted in the capital. Aristide supporters set dozens of barricades that blocked roads throughout Port-au-Prince, though there was no sign of the rebels.

The rebels have overrun half of Haiti including its second-largest city, Cap-Haitien, where their leader, Guy Philippe, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that they were taking a wait-and-see approach to proposals to

send international peace-keepers.

"If they do not attack the Haitian people, we won't attack them," he said. "If they come to help us to remove Mr. Aristide, they will be welcome."

Philippe estimated his rebel force had grown from a couple of hundred to 5,000 with new recruits and more ex-soldiers joining the 3-week-old popular uprising to oust Aristide, and said they were ready to fight.

Asked when they planned to move on Port-au-Prince, he said: "We're ready. We just want to give a chance to peace," indicating they would hold off. "We're ready to talk to anyone. The only one the country doesn't want is Mr. Aristide."

As the rebels plotted their moves, leaders of Haiti's political opposition rejected an international peace plan that diplomats had billed as a last chance for peace, and asked the international community to help ensure a "timely and orderly" departure of Aristide.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin urged the "immediate" establishment of an international civilian force.

"This international force would be responsible for guaranteeing the return to public order and supporting the international community's action on the ground," Villepin said. "It would come to the support of a govern-

ment of national unity."

Jamaica's U.N. ambassador, Stafford O. Neil, said at the United Nations it might be possible to dispatch a small "interposition force" to keep the rebels and Aristide supporters apart.

One U.N. diplomat noted the rebels can come to Port-au-Prince only by two roads, so placing such a force would be relatively easy and would buy time for a political solution.

De Villepin said he was to meet Friday in Paris with representatives of the government and the opposition. Opposition leader Mischa Gaillard, however, said it was unclear when they would be able to leave Haiti because of the political chaos.

The roadblocks across Port-au-Prince were intended to stop the rebels who began the uprising Feb. 5, but militants at the barricades also used guns and stones to stop cars and steal handbags, luggage and cell phones. Police did not intervene.

Looters struck two warehouses in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday, stealing \$200,000 worth of medical equipment and food from one and \$300,000 worth of tropical wood from the other.

Overnight, a small fire broke out in a car dealership. A suburban bar was set ablaze, and two nearby shops were vandalized.

American Airlines delayed three of its five daily flights to

the United States because crew and passengers were having problems getting through the roadblocks. Air Jamaica canceled its flights to Haiti.

Guy Lockrey, an auto worker from Flint, Mich., abandoned his car at a barricade and headed to the airport on foot with his suitcase when police picked him up.

"We didn't feel any tension until we got close to the capital," said Lockrey, who had been helping to build a church in west-central Haiti.

U.S. Marines, who arrived Monday, were to escort a convoy of U.N. personnel. The United Nations ordered all nonessential staff and family to leave.

Britain and Australia have urged their citizens to leave, following similar warnings from the United States, France and Mexico. There are about 30,000 foreigners in Haiti, 20,000 of them Americans.

Canada and the Dominican Republic sent small teams of troops to protect their embassies. Canadian Maj. Mike Audette said the Canadians would join soldiers sent Tuesday to prepare for the possible evacuation of more than 1,000 Canadians.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints evacuated the last of its 56 non-Haitian missionaries. "We're hoping to come back when there's peace," said Joel Tougas, a church elder from Deep Cove, Canada.

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Mike Williams leaving USC to enter NFL draft

► Trojans star receiver first player to enter draft after Maurice Clarett ruling

By JOHN NADEL
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mike Williams is passing up a possible shot at the Heisman Trophy for the NFL.

The USC receiver became the first sophomore to opt for the NFL draft since the Maurice Clarett court ruling when he announced his decision Wednesday.

Williams, a 6-foot-5, 230-pounder, leaves with two years of eligibility remaining for the defending national champion Trojans.

"It was a very, very, very difficult decision," Williams said on a conference call from his home in Tampa, Fla. "This is my opportunity. A lot of great opportunities don't come along in life to do great things."

"A lifelong goal of mine is to play in the NFL. I've always had the dream of playing the game at the highest level. My love for the university alone was enough to stay."

Instead, Williams is expected to be selected high in the first round of April's draft rather than competing for the Heisman Trophy as a top player for the Trojans.

"He'll be a high pick. There's no question about it," said Gil Brandt, the NFL's chief scouting consultant.

Williams, an All-American who turned 20 last month, said after USC beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl that he planned to stay in school.

Then came the Clarett ruling.

Clarett was suspended last season after starting at Ohio State as a freshman. He went to court to challenge an NFL rule preventing players less than three years out of high school from

entering the draft, and a federal judge ruled in his favor.

Williams is one of several standout wideouts available in the upcoming draft, along with Pittsburgh's Larry Fitzgerald and Texas' Roy Williams.

He figured to be alone at the top next year, and said that played into his decision in an unorthodox way.

"This is a receiver-loaded draft," Williams said. "That's where the competition's at. I want to be where the competition is."

Williams said the cons probably outweighed the pros regarding the decision. But ultimately the pros held more weight.

"Most of the cons were financial ones, let's put it that way," he said. "Money wasn't the motive or the drive. If that was the case, I'd stay in school four years to maximize my potential."

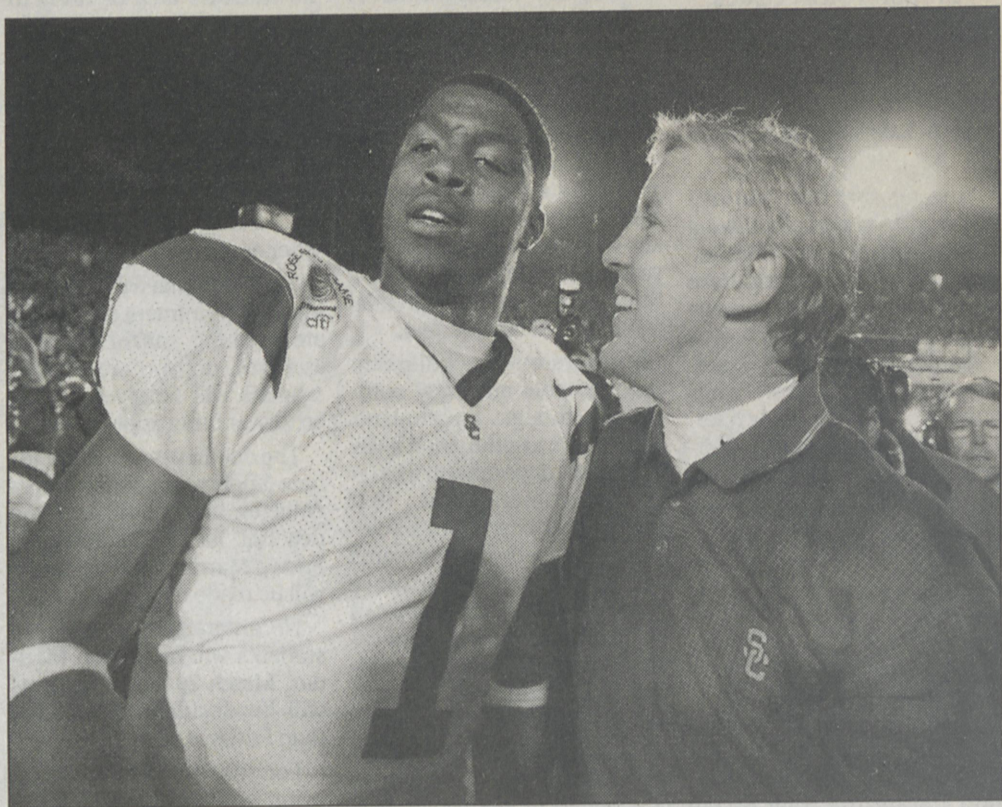
"The possibility of winning the Heisman Trophy, the possibility of winning an undisputed national championship — I was really close to staying for all those reasons. At the same time, I have reasons of my own. The opportunity came about."

Williams finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting last season when he caught 95 passes for 1,314 yards and a school-record 16 touchdowns as the Trojans (12-1) won The Associated Press national championship.

Williams caught 81 passes for 1,265 yards and 13 TDs from Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer as a freshman in 2002.

"Mike has made his decision that he wants to go to the NFL," USC coach Pete Carroll said in a statement. "We're disappointed to see him go. ... Mike had a terrific two years for us and we're anxious to watch him in the NFL."

Williams said he had not thought about



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USC coach Pete Carroll, right, celebrates with Trojan wide receiver Mike Williams after their 28-14 Rose Bowl victory. Williams will enter the 2004 NFL draft.

coming out until getting a phone call from a lifelong friend early last week asking why it was not under consideration.

"That just got the ball rolling," Williams said.

"I'm going to take my opportunity to go through a door that was opened by someone

else."

The Trojans still should be loaded next season because the 2003 team featured so many underclassmen. Quarterback Matt Leinart will be a junior, and most of the deep corps of running backs will be sophomores.

Ravens' Jamal Lewis indicted on federal drug charges

► Runningback expected to turn himself in to authorities

By ELLIOTT MCLAUGHLIN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis, who had the second-highest rushing total in NFL history last season, was indicted Wednesday on federal drug charges.

The Atlanta native is accused of trying to help a childhood friend buy cocaine in the summer of 2000 — just before he signed a six-year, \$35.3 million contract with the Ravens. No drugs were ever purchased, according to the indictment.

The running back's attorney, Ed Garland, said his client was innocent and would turn himself in today.

"Mr. Lewis wants everybody to

know that he did nothing wrong," Garland said. "He was not part of any drug deal and any contention that he was is false."

Lewis is charged with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute five kilograms of cocaine and using a cell phone in the commission of the first count, according to U.S. Attorney William S. Duffey.

The indictment came out of a drug investigation that has led to 30 convictions and helped dismantle a cocaine-trafficking ring in the city, Duffey said. He refused to say whether Lewis was tied to that drug ring.

In an affidavit, FBI special agent Hoyt Mahaley said that an informant contacted Lewis on his cell phone on June 23, 2000, to discuss selling cocaine to Lewis' friend. The conversation was recorded, accord-

ing to the agent.

"The cooperating source told Lewis that he/she was willing to sell the narcotics to Lewis' associates for a price that Lewis can tax," meaning the price could be marked up for a profit, Mahaley said in the affidavit.

"Lewis responded 'Yeah,'" the agent said.

After the call, Lewis and the friend, Angelo Jackson, met with the informant at an Atlanta restaurant, the affidavit said. There, Lewis and Jackson asked the informant how much cocaine the informant was capable of distributing, the affidavit said.

Jackson and the informant met again on July 12, 2000, at a gas station in suburban Atlanta, the affidavit said. During the meeting, they discussed drugs, but no purchase was made.

Lewis wasn't at the gas station. His

attorney, however, said Lewis was at the restaurant, but not for the reason alleged in the indictment.

Jackson was also indicted and arrested. He faces the same counts and a third for attempt to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine.

Ravens spokesman Chad Steele said the indictment came as a surprise to the team. "We had no clue," he said, adding that Lewis was in Florida.

In a statement, the team said, "We believe in due process, and Jamal will have his day in court. There are two sides to every story. From what we know of the charges, these seem out of character for the Jamal we know."

Ravens defensive end Anthony Weaver said, "I was surprised, but I don't know about the facts. I know Jamal's character, and to me, he's always been a straightforward guy. I

just hope he finds the right people to help him get through this."

Lewis was the fifth pick overall in the 2000 draft.

Last year, he became the fifth player in NFL history to rush for more than 2,000 yards. His 2,066 yards, along with Eric Decker's 1,000 yards, set a new record for the final game. He was the AP's Offensive Player of the Year.

In November 2001, he was suspended for four games after violating the NFL's substance and alcohol abuse policy. The league did not disclose the details of the violation in keeping with its policy.

Lewis is the second Baltimore Raven to face serious charges in Atlanta. In 2000, star linebacker Ray Lewis — no relation to Jamal — was charged with murder along with two other men following a fight.

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Men's Basketball: OSU leads series

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The Beavers did not rebound Stanford in the loss, the first team up until that point to accomplish the feat against the Cardinal.

Five Stanford players are averaging more than 10 points per game, led by All-America candidate Josh Childress' 14.6.

The junior swingman is one of college basketball's most versatile players as he also leads his team in rebounding while being the second most accurate Cardinal from beyond the arc.

Free throws have always played a major part in the Cardinal's success this season. Three Cardinal players are shooting 80 percent or better at the charity stripe. Chris Hernandez leads the way, who is first in the conference going 84 for 92 this season at the free throw line.

Overall the Beavers lead the all-time series 65-50, but have dropped nine in a row to the Cardinal.

Stanford has already defeat-

ed four nationally ranked teams, 13 wins over teams with winning records.

Mike Montgomery is in his 18th year as Stanford's head coach. He has taken the Cardinal to nine straight trips to the NCAA Tournament.

Oregon State is currently tied for eighth place in the conference with Washington State, the final spot earning a place in the Pac-10 Tournament in March.

The Beavers have lost five straight when it comes to playing the nation's No.1 team.

The last time Oregon State defeated a top-ranked team was back on Feb. 15 1974, when the Beavers snapped UCLA's 50-game Pacific-8 win streak. The last time Oregon State won back-to-back games against ranked teams was in 1976 when they defeated then-No.18 USC and then-No.3 UCLA.

Game time is 7:00 p.m. at Stanford and will not be televised.

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Women's Basketball: Against Cal

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Coaches polls.

In their last meeting on Dec. 27, in her first game as a Beaver, junior guard Shannon Howell scored a game high 32 points in their 88-65 loss to the Cardinal in Palo Alto.

Leilani Estavan had seven points and two assists to become the first player in Oregon State history with 500 assists and 900 points.

Currently, Cardinal All-American Nicole Powell leads the Pac-10 in scoring and rebounding, averaging a double-double with 20.3 and 11.2 rebounds, to go along with three assists per game.

Powell did not play when Oregon State faced Stanford earlier this season.

As a team, The Cardinal have eight players averaging six or more points per game and are currently the best free throw shooting team in the conference with .809 clip from the charity stripe.

Stanford leads the all-time series with OSU 31-6 and holds a six game winning streak over the Beavers.

Saturday's game versus Stanford will be broadcast live on Fox Sports Net at 3 p.m. All fans in attendance will receive free breadsticks from Domino's on Monroe if the Beavers win. All students can pick up a redeemable breadsticks ticket at the Beaver Dam table in the front lobby at the game on Saturday.

The regular season finale will also feature "Senior Night" where all four women's basketball seniors will be honored.

Tip off in tonight's game against California is set for 7 p.m.

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Gjurjevich: Maybe you've heard of "sandbagging"

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stand back in awe at what incredible motivation skills this man must have.

What knowledge for the game and shared confidence he has both in himself and from his players.

Lawrence Frank for President!

Or, we can be jerks about it, and say, "Wait, something's not right here."

I know, I know. The Nets aren't cheating — the only cheating the NBA allows is on draft day.

Rather, I think what the Nets have pulled off is a little something we golfers like to call "sandbagging."

No, it has nothing to do with floods or rising water levels of any kind.

In golf, "sandbagging" is loosely defined as playing crappy on purpose in order to inflate your handicap and win tournaments that are decided by a "net" score — or the score you actually shoot minus the inflated strokes you "sandbagged on."

Confused? Good.

Now, what the Nets did was a little bit different.

Having gone to the NBA Finals for the past two seasons — only to lose — they probably figured some slight adjustments had to be made to the team in order to get them over the hump (besides moving to the Western Conference where all the good teams are).

Being a good owner, Rod Thorn didn't want to fire head coach Byron Scott.

After all, since he's been there, the team has been winning ball games and conference titles — something they had a tough time doing before.

But, at the same time, they don't want to shake up your roster too much because his core group of ballers — Jason Kidd, Kenyon Martin, Richard Jefferson — are too good to just let go.

Well, the Nets ownership did what most would do — they sat back and let nature take its course.

And it did.

Three months into the season, the team was only two games over .500 and playing very un-Nets like.

The long strenuous relationship between

Kidd and Scott was no secret and neither was Kidd's lackluster play for the first 42 games of the season, in which he led the two-time-defending Eastern conference champs to a measly 22-20 record.

In Scott's last six games as Nets head coach, the team went 1-5, while Kidd averaged just 12.8 points and nine assists, shooting just 31.5 percent from the field and averaging over four turnovers a game.

If it was just another guy on the team, it would be one thing.

But when it's your point guard who's sandbagging it up and down the floor, you're in a whole world of hurt. And Byron Scott was out of a job.

Ah, but suddenly, when no-name Lawrence Frank took over the helm, Kidd suddenly found his game, going off for nearly a triple-double a night during the first four games after Scott was fired.

And when Kidd is playing back up to snuff, so is the rest of his team, evidence in the fact Jefferson and Martin's numbers have risen along with their point guard's sudden ability to get them the ball without turning it over first.

Now the Nets are looking like a top team out east, if not the NBA, and should easily contend for the Eastern Conference crown for the third consecutive season.

Shame is that the credit will fall on the shoulders of young Lawrence Frank, for being the breath of fresh air that the team needed to bring them to the next level.

Even though it was an outright mutiny that likely caused the Nets coaching carousel to turn to "the boy wonder."

In reality though, the secret to New Jersey's success is in the winning attitude that Scott brought to the franchise, oh yeah, and in the fact that their players are actually trying hard again.

The only question that remains now is when will Lawrence Frank fall out of Kidd's favor and be the next victim of the New Jersey Sandbaggers?

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OSU ready for No.1 Stanford

► The Beavers will be at the nation's top ranked team for what could be another upset

By ERIC POWELL
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Although it would be going out on a limb for Oregon State fans to predict a win over top-ranked Stanford tonight, the same could have also been said if someone had predicted a victory over Arizona last Saturday.

Regardless to the public opinion of their perceived chances against the nation's No.1 team, the Beavers (11-13, 5-9 Pacific-10) will travel to Maples Pavilion tonight to go up against the Pac-10 regular season champions.

The Beavers have already won three games this month, making it the most wins in the month of February since the 1992 season.

Stanford (23-0, 14-0) clinched the conference title last weekend. Its 76-67 win over USC on Feb. 19 clinched at least a tie for the title,

Men's basketball

Saturday: OSU (11-13) at Stanford (23-0)
When: 7 p.m., Maples Pavilion
Air: Live over KEJO (1240 AM) radio,
No television

and then a 73-60 victory over UCLA on Feb. 12 gave the Cardinal full possession of the conference trophy.

It is the Cardinal's fourth conference victory in six years.

Right now Stanford is one of the two remaining undefeated Division One schools along with Saint Joseph's. The Cardinal's 23-game winning streak is the longest in the Pac-10 since the Beavers won 26 straight during the 1980-81 season.

In their first meeting this season with the Beavers, in Corvallis, the Cardinal used their size advantage to alter many OSU shot attempts, and ended the game with a school record 13 team blocks en route to their 62-48 win.

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WENDY VOLLMER | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sophomore guard Chris Stephens has been averaging 15 points per game for the Beavers this season. OSU is at No. 1 Stanford tonight.

Beavers begin final home stand

► Oregon State is looking for a season sweep against the Golden Bears

By RAYMOND WICKS
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With the Pacific-10 tournament just around the corner, the Oregon State women's basketball team concludes their regular season when they play host to California and No. 10 Stanford beginning tonight.

Tied with Washington for sixth place in the conference, the Beavers are back to .500 in conference play at 8-8, after losing two straight at the Arizona schools last week.

On the other hand, Cal snapped an 11-game losing streak when they rallied back to beat USC last weekend in Berkeley. OSU looks to sweep the season series with Cal (10-15, 3-13 Pac-10), after edging out the Bears by three points back on Dec. 29th, 70-67.

During that game, senior forward Hollye Chapman recorded her ninth career double-double, pulling down 11 rebounds and scoring a team high 18 points.

Three other Beavers scored in double figures, as they helped put a halt to a seven game Pac-10 road losing streak.

Senior guard Nihan Anaz leads the Golden Bears in scoring averaging 14.9 points per game, while junior Leigh Gregory adds 11.2 points and 4.8 rebounds.

California is 0-8 when scoring less than 60 points in a game, but holds a 4-0 record when scoring 70 or more points.



WENDY VOLLMER | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Jessica Jones and the rest of Oregon State's women's basketball team will play its final two home games of the season beginning tonight when the Beavers host California. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

The Beavers lead the all-time series with California 27-19. Oregon State has won eight of the last 12 meetings, including two in a row at Gill Coliseum.

After tonight's game against Cal, the Beavers will be looking forward to knocking off a top 10 team when the Stanford Cardinal come rolling into town.

Stanford sits atop the conference with a 20-5, 13-3 Pac-10 record, and boasts a No. 10 national ranking in both the Associated Press and | See WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, page 11 |



Brian Gjurjevich

Let's be Frank

The sports world surprises us all of the time.

In fact, the unexpected happens with such regularity, that it is almost expected from time to time.

Ah, but now and again, there are instances when we are so shocked, so awed, that we say to ourselves, "no way, that just can't be right."

Only to find out later that we were, in fact, correct.

Remember "12-year-old" Danny Almonte mowing down the real pre-teens in the Little League World Series a few years back?

That drop-off-the-table curve ball from a 45-foot mound at first garnered national attention, and then, of course, suspicion.

And when Almonte turned out to be of driving age, the world was once again safe for Little Leaguers, and we all shrugged our shoulders and thought, "Yeah, I knew it all along."

Or how about when home runs started flying out of the ball parks like, whoa! a few years before that?

Yep, it was steroids, starting with Jose Canseco and his 40/40 year, and ending with Barry Bonds and his 73 home runs.

You didn't think the balls were wound that tight did you?

Hell, the 1980 U.S. Hockey team probably even cheated their asses off. There's no way they could have beaten those Russians straight-up.

Well kids, add another chapter to the "Too Good to be True Sports Almanac."

Lawrence Frank, the 33-year old head coach of the NBA's New Jersey Nets hardly looks like your typical NBA head coach. In fact, if he wasn't wearing a suit, you would think he was either the towel boy or sweat mop guy.

But, his Archie-like appearance withstanding, Frank has been the definition of effective for his team.

Since taking over the position from Byron Scott, the Nets have won 14 straight and now sit atop the Atlantic Division and in second place out East.

Pretty impressive, especially for a guy with no NBA head coaching experience, and even less playing experience outside of his local YMCA.

His 13 straight wins is a major sports record for success out of the gate, and his star is rising as quickly as his team through the standings.

He was even asked by the New York Stock Exchange to ring the opening bell this morning in an effort to jump-start the economy.

It's a feel good story — an unbelievable one at that — and we should all

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TV LISTINGS

Basketball

College men
Arizona @ Oregon (t)
FSN, 12 p.m.
Marquette @ South Florida
ESPN2, 4 p.m.
Washington @ Arizona
FSN, 5:30 p.m.
Valparaiso @ Duke
ESPN2, 6 p.m.
Oregon @ California
FSN, 7:30 p.m.
San Diego @ Gonzaga
ESPN2, 8 p.m.

NBA

San Antonio @ Dallas
TNT, 5 p.m.
Sacramento @ L.A. Lakers
TNT, 7:30 p.m.

Hockey

St. Louis @ Colorado
ESPN, 5 p.m.

MEN'S PAC-10 BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	Conference	Overall
Stanford	14-0	23-0
Arizona	9-5	17-7
Washington	8-6	13-10
Oregon	7-7	12-9
California	7-7	11-12
UCLA	7-8	11-12
USC	6-9	11-13
Oregon State	5-9	11-13
Washington State	5-9	11-13
Arizona State	4-11	10-14

WOMEN'S PAC-10 BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	Conference	Overall
Stanford	13-3	20-5
Arizona	12-4	20-7
Arizona State	11-5	17-8
USC	11-6	14-11
UCLA	10-7	15-11
Oregon State	8-8	14-11
Washington	8-8	15-10
Oregon	4-12	12-14
California	3-13	10-15
Washington State	1-15	5-20