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## Wanted: OSU graduates

► LBCC will hold its 26th annual Career Fair, which will begin Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

By **AARON HOUGHAM**  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The job market is in the toilet, the bank of mom and dad is closing in a couple of months and Grandma wants to know what the plan is after graduation.

For many OSU students, these are the symptoms of the soon-to-be-a-jobless-graduate blues — eight straight weeks of midterms three times a year never looked so good.

Fortunately for OSU students, our friends down the road at Linn-Benton Community College have come to the rescue.

Linn-Benton Community College is holding its 26th annual Career Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 8.

The event will be held in the Activities Center Gym, located on the LBCC main campus. The address is 6500 S.W. Pacific Boulevard (Highway 99E) in Albany.

OSU students are encouraged to attend. The fair is free and open to the public, including interested county residents.

"Be prepared to ask questions, distribute your résumé, and complete applications," said Marci Johnston, fair coordinator.

Nearly 65 booths will be available for students to meet and greet potential company, industry and armed forces contacts.

Of those in attendance, Johnston estimated that approximately 40 employers are currently hiring.

Most of the companies seeking fresh blood are located in the Willamette Valley area, predominately in Linn and Benton counties. However, several outlying organizations from Eugene and Salem will be also be in attendance.

Johnston said students in all majors should consider attending, including students majoring in business, criminal justice, nursing or liberal arts.

In addition to the employer information booths, agencies that assist with training, employment and family services will be available to enlighten fairgoers about their existing services.

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## Pie In Your Eye



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Mike Warren, a sophomore in psychology and member of Theta Chi, gets a pie in the face from Ashley Allen, a junior in pre-nursing and member of Kappa Delta, in the MU Quad Tuesday afternoon. The pie-throwing event earned Greeks spirit points during Greek Week.

## Professor to lecture on feminist

► Dr. Robert Hudspeth will speak about Margaret Fuller, one of America's earliest preeminent women's rights advocates

By **EDWARD LEW**  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

One of America's earliest feminists will be speaking at OSU on April 8.

Well, at least through her letters.

Robert N. Hudspeth, a research professor from the University of Redlands, will interpret Margaret Fuller's dispatches from Rome to New York from 1848-50, as they specifically relate to the Italian Revolution and the 1848 U.S. presidential election.

Fuller, who was an early advocate of American feminism, was also the editor of one of America's most important early journals of literature, philosophy and politics. She moved to Europe in 1846 as a foreign correspondent to the New York Tribune.

As a journalist, she described eyewitness accounts of the Italian Revolution and reported on an event that held "extreme importance to the history of Europe and of Western democracy," according to David Robinson, a committee member that helped invite Hudspeth.

As he is the editor for the six-volume "Letters of Margaret Fuller," Hudspeth is a respected expert on 19th century American culture, literature and politics.

"We brought Hudspeth because of his outstanding scholarly reputation and accomplishments," Robinson said.

Hudspeth plans to further explain the connection between Fuller's perspectives on the Revolutions of 1848 and how they relate to her call for radical change in the United States.

"Robert Hudspeth's talk on Margaret Fuller is a nice example of the ways in which current political and cultural studies are engaging and illuminating an 'Atlantic' perspective," said Ben Mutschler, chair of the committee to bring Hud-

speth. "Here we have a major American intellectual offering dispatches amidst the turmoil of revolution abroad and a difficult election at home."

Hudspeth received his Ph.D. in English from Syracuse University.

Besides the "Letters of Margaret Fuller," he has also published "My Heart is A Large Kingdom: Selected Letters of Margaret Fuller." Hudspeth is currently composing a three volume work about the correspondence of Henry D. Thoreau.

Hudspeth's talk is part of the American Culture and Politics series at OSU, which is sponsored by the Thomas Hart and Mary Jones Horning Endowment in the Humanities.

According to Mutschler, the series began a few years ago and aims to offer OSU and community members a "chance to think about critical issues in the development of American Culture and Politics."

Past speakers have included a variety of disci-

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## OSU professor helps Afghans rebuild a nation

► OSU professor of forestry Robin Rose talks about his experience training Afghan foresters in war-torn country

By **CELIA SCHIFFMAN**  
OSU NEWS AND COMMUNICATION

Robin Rose, a forestry professor at Oregon State University, says he has never before done reforestation work in a land riddled by such devastation.

Rose recently returned from Afghanistan, where he worked on forestry and agricultural development as part of the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002. The reality of the terrors Afghans have been through, he said, is beyond the understanding of most people in America, and he wanted to help.

"I felt compelled to try to help the people of Afghanistan after seeing pictures of the ecological devastation

the country has sustained," Rose said. "The stripping of most of the trees during the Soviet Union's occupation in order to eradicate the hiding places of opposition fighters, combined with years of drought and erosion, has reduced the country to a barren wasteland.

"The land is in desperate need of reforestation," Rose said, "but you need experts to come in and train the Afghan foresters on how to grow and plant trees in a harsh environment."

Rose's extensive knowledge of reforestation issues allowed him to provide that expertise, but the working conditions are tough and the progress is often slow. "I have been all around the world, and I have never seen so much lead and expended ammunition as in the Paghman Nursery where I was working," Rose said. "You can't kick the soil without seeing shells and anti-aircraft rounds."

The Afghanistan Freedom Support Act encourages using the technical expertise of professionals at U.S. land grant universities to help Afghanistan develop a sustainable agricultural base.

As part of that program, Rose participated last year in the start of the Afghan Conservation Corps, or ACC. For two weeks he provided workshops for Afghan foresters that focused on conservation and the environment. He taught them how to plant trees and rehabilitate nurseries, and educated them about the issues of soil stabilization and conservation.

Beyond the realm of reforestation, Rose said he listens to criticism about U.S. operations in Afghanistan, and feels sadness — the sadness you can only feel if you have been to Afghanistan and experienced the relief our help can bring to a terror-



OSU NEWS & COMMUNICATION

Robin Rose, a forestry professor at Oregon State University, works with Afghan natives on forestry development.

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# NEWSREEL

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## WORLD

### Protesting women prisoners hold TV news crews hostage

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — In the midst of a national strike by prison guards, inmates in Quito's women's prison took two television news crews hostage Tuesday to press their demands for shorter sentences and better living conditions.

The standoff was one of several protests by inmates around the country in the last three days after guards in Ecuador's 34 prisons went on strike March 22 demanding \$10 million for improvements and back pay.

Inmates have been largely left on their own inside the prisons, receiving sporadic food shipments from the government and meals passed to them by police and relatives.

National Prison Director Fernando Cassis said Tuesday that the government was doing all it could to end the protests and the strike.

The TV crews from channel 4 and channel 10 reported that three reporters and three cameramen from their stations who had entered in the morning to interview the women were prevented from leaving.

Some 130 visitors — mostly friends and relatives of the inmates — have also been inside since Sunday. It remained unclear Tuesday if they were voluntarily joining the protest or if they were being held captive.

A cordon of heavily armed police surrounded the prison but authorities had no presence inside the facility. A group of congressmen entered to negotiate the release of the journalists and anyone else held captive, but after an hour they exited without success.

### Rwandan genocide survivors mark its 10th anniversary

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — For most Rwandans, the memory of genocide, rapes and murders are still fresh some 10 years after more than 500,000 people were hacked, shot and clubbed to death in the 100-day killing spree in this tiny central African country.

Today African leaders and U.S. and European officials in the capital, Kigali, will mark the 10th anniversary of the slaughter that began on April 7, 1994.

The killing began hours after a plane carrying President Juvenal Habyarimana, a member of the Hutu majority, was shot down on April 6, 1994, by still unidentified assailants.

Tutsis, who now dominate the nation's government and army, say the slaughter began April 7. They don't want the date to coincide with the shooting down of Habyarimana's plane — a date with political meaning for radical Hutus.

The killing was orchestrated by the Hutu-extremist government then in power. Government troops, Hutu militia and ordinary villagers spurred on by hate messages broadcast via radio went from village to village, butchering men, women and children. Most of the

victims were members of the Tutsi minority and politically moderate Hutus.

At least 500,000 people were known to have been killed, though some estimates range as high as 800,000.

Many survivors still don't know what happened to their loved ones. Others are just beginning to learn the gory details as killers confess to their deeds.

The killing ended in July 1994 after Tutsi-led rebels, under current President Paul Kagame, seized Kigali.

A flame will be lit in memory of the genocide victims and to inaugurate a national memorial where the remains of 250,000 people are buried in tombs and displayed in glass cases.

## NATION

### Nader calls for Bush to be impeached over Iraq war

CHICAGO (AP) — Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader called Tuesday for President Bush to be impeached for "deceiving the American people night after night after night" about U.S. involvement in Iraq.

"When you plunge our country into war on a platform of fabrications and deceptions, and you bring back thousands of American soldiers who are sick, injured or dead, and that war is unconstitutionally authorized to begin with, Mr. Bush's behavior qualifies for the high crimes and misdemeanor impeachment clause of the Constitution," the 2000 Green Party presidential nominee said to applause from about 200 students at Columbia College in Chicago.

Nader said President Clinton was impeached for "far less of an offense."

"Lying under oath is not a trivial offense, but it cannot compare with deceiving the American people night after night after night on national television, staging untruths and rejecting the advice of his advisers," he said.

Merrill Smith, a spokeswoman for Bush's re-election campaign, declined to comment.

Nader previously called for Bush's impeachment during an anti-war rally March 20 in the president's hometown of Crawford, Texas, to mark the first anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Nader, a longtime consumer advocate, was in Illinois to gather the 25,000 signatures he needs before June 21 to qualify for the state ballot. He failed Monday to qualify for Oregon's ballot, but said he would try again under another option there.

In Portland, Ore., on Monday, former Democratic presidential contender Howard Dean warned that "a vote for Ralph Nader is the same as a vote for George Bush."

### Nevada court limits parental rights in transfusion case

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Children should receive life-saving medical treatments even if their parents object, the Nevada Supreme Court decided

Tuesday in ruling against a Jehovah's Witness couple who refused a blood transfusion for their premature son.

After Jason and Rebecca Soto refused the transfusion for the infant in 2001, a Las Vegas hospital performed it anyway. Afterward, a Clark County district judge named the hospital as a temporary guardian to ensure such medical care would continue.

The Sotos then appealed to the Supreme Court, which held Tuesday that the parents' interest in the care of their child "is not absolute."

"The state also has an interest in the welfare of children and may limit parental authority, even permanently depriving parents of their children," the justices wrote.

Since the infant was unable to make decisions for himself, "the state's interest is heightened," the court said.

The baby, a twin, suffered from anemia because his brother received more blood flow before birth. Stillborn and weighing just 2 pounds, 11 ounces, he was revived at birth but remained critically ill.

The twins, now nearly 3 years old, are fine, and no longer under hospital guardianship.

The Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses filed a friend-of-the-court brief that said it has no objections to conventional medicine, but follows verses in the Bible it says forbid transfusions.

## STATE

### Inmates released due to overcrowding in Deschutes County

BEND (AP) — A dozen inmates have been released early in the past week from the Deschutes County jail, because of overcrowding at the 227-bed facility.

Among the inmates released were five men, the first time men have been released from the county jail since it was built in 1994. Those released from jail faced charges including possession of a controlled substance, driving under the influence of intoxicants, trespassing and assault.

Under the sheriff's office's "matrix" system, every person booked into the jail is evaluated against a two-page checklist of criteria and then assigned a number. The lower the number an inmate is assigned, the more likely it becomes that he or she will be released due to overcrowding.

If an inmate is released due to overcrowding, his or her sentence is complete. Inmates don't return to jail when there is room.

### Baker City auctions off city property on eBay

BAKER CITY (AP) — Baker City is selling a pair of retired police cars on eBay, the popular Internet auction site, but so far, bids have barely topped the minimum price of \$500.

As of Tuesday morning, three people had bid on the city's 1999 Ford Crown Victoria car, and two had submitted

bids for a 1994 Chevrolet Caprice. Bids for the Crown Victoria stopped at \$562. The Caprice drew a top bid of \$510.

The Crown Victoria has only 132,000 miles to the Chevrolet's 155,000, and boasts some souvenirs of its police car past: a broken windshield and a broken driver's side door window.

But officials did peel the Baker City Police decals off the side of the car.

City officials decided to use eBay because peddling excess city property on the Internet site is simpler and less expensive than scheduling a local auction, said Tom Fisk of the city's public works department. It could also bring in higher profits.

The city spent about \$225 to set up the eBay auction, Fisk said.

Also for sale are several old city parking meters and the metal box that Baker City police once used to collect traffic fees.

## UNIVERSITY

### D.C.-area students converge in support of gay marriage

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (U-WIRE) — About 150 people rallied Saturday afternoon for gay marriage rights in Washington to the tune of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and the words of Rep. Marilyn Musgrave's (R-Colo.) — a staunch opponent of gay marriage — being ripped to pieces.

Speakers read quotes from Musgrave, the chief author of a Constitutional Amendment bill banning gay marriage, ripped them up and deposited them into "the trash can of bigotry."

"Anyone that would [promote] hatred is trash," said Graham Murphy, a speaker and event organizer. "We're gonna rip up whatever they say and call it what it is — trash."

The rally, sponsored by a network of Washington-area university students dedicated to fighting for gay rights called the Student Equal Rights Campaign, brought about 60 new people into the organization's listserv.

It took place at D.C.'s Washington Circle near the Foggy Bottom Metro stop.

There are 300,000 gay men and women and 20,000 same-sex couple households in Washington, Virginia and Maryland, according to www.dcgayexpo.com, a pro-gay rights Web site.

In addition to students from the University of Maryland, students from other Washington-area colleges and universities attended the rally, including George Washington, Howard, American, George Mason and Georgetown Universities, said Murphy, who is SERC's direct action coordinator and a George Washington student.

SERC plans to go directly to Rep. Musgrave's office in about two weeks to demand an audience.

"Our philosophy is that you're with us all the way, or you're not with us at all," he said. "I guess we're a little bit militant."

— By Jeremy Hsieh  
The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

#### Meetings

**Pre-Law Club**, 6:30pm, MU 212. First meeting of the term. Discussing law seminar and other schedule events.

#### Speakers

**Queer Resource Center**, 1-2pm, Black Cultural Center. Nathan Boltseridge will present research on the nature vs. nurture controversy and sexual orientation.

#### Events

**MU Craft Center**, 10am-2pm, MU Quad. Pottery and other craft demonstrations along with samples and information.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 5:15-6pm, 211 NW 23rd. Evening prayer - casual worship with communion.

**United Campus Ministry**, 5:30-7:30pm, 101 NW 23rd. Student gathering - home-cooked meal and a time of music & fellowship.

**United Campus Ministry**, noon, 101 NW 23rd St. Exploring eight portraits of Jesus from the book "American Jesus" by Stephen Prothero.

**Office of Int'l Ed**, 6-8pm, West Int'l House Lounge. Re-entry Program: meet other students who have studied or worked abroad.

**Greek Life**, 11:30am-3pm, MU Quad. Greek Week Dunk Tank. Come dunk your favorite president.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

#### Speakers

**History Dept/Horning Endowment**, 4pm, MU 206. American culture and politics lecture titled, "At Home Abroad: Margaret Fuller's Politics."

#### Events

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 7:30pm, 211 NW 23rd. Maundy Thursday worship service including holy communion.

**MU Craft Center**, 10am-2pm, MU Student Lounge. Information booth. See samples of crafts you can learn.

**Greek Life**, 11am-3pm, MU Quad. Greek Week Bouncy Boxing.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 9

#### Events

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 7:30pm, 2615 NW Arnold Way. Good Friday worship service with scripture and eucharist.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 11

#### Meetings

**OSU Pistol Club**, 7-9pm, Indoor shooting range. Open range starts at 7. All first time members are required at 6pm for training and safety course.

#### Events

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6pm, 435 NW 21st. University Evensong - Worship service for students.

### MONDAY, APRIL 12

#### Meetings

**Wrench**, 4-6:30pm, MU 206. Tired of racism? Sexism? War? Environmental degradation? Class exploitation? Join us to find just alternatives.

**OSU Circle K**, 6pm, MU Boardroom. A community service club open to all OSU students. Find out how you can serve your campus & community this term.

#### Speakers

**History, Physics, Math, Horning Endowment**, 4pm, Weniger 153. Lecture entitled "Einstein as a Cultural Icon and His Role in the Relativity Revolution."

**Dept of Public Health**, College of H&HS, Benton County Health Dept, 10am-noon, LaSells. "What Works in Public Health." Lectures: David P. Hopkins, MPH and Jane Moore, RD.

#### Events

**Career Services**, 4pm, 8 Kerr Admin. Orientation to Beaver Recruiting (on-campus interviewing). Prepare for job or graduate school search.

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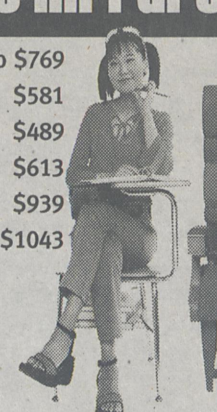
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## Oregon suffers another blow in Iraq

► The latest fatality from Oregon joined the Army to get an education

By RUKMINI CALLIMACHI  
The Associated Press

PORTLAND — Every chance he got, 23-year-old Philip Rogers sketched — especially the Japanese animation character, Robotech, who fights an alien race in a popular TV series.

According to his family, the Gresham resident loved to draw — not fight — and he joined the Army with the hope of getting a college education.

Rogers, a specialist in the Army, was killed in Iraq Sunday, when a roadside bomb blew up the five-ton food delivery truck he was driving to Mosul, said his brother, Mark Rogers.

"He didn't plan to stay in the Army. He wanted to become an artist or a cook. He just wanted to start off somewhere," said Mark Rogers, also of Gresham.

Philip Rogers became the 15th soldier from Oregon or with ties to the state to die in Iraq since hostilities began.

The Army has always been a back door to a college education for America's lower middle class. The tuition benefit for active duty soldiers and veterans in the Army is a maximum of \$985 per month for up to 36 months. It can be applied to virtually any type of academic program — from welding to acting school.

"That was the reason he joined the military," said Rex Rogers, Philip's father. "I wasn't crazy about the idea because I spent 14 months in Vietnam. He didn't know what war

was — he learned it the hard way."

When he returned from Vietnam in 1969, Rex Rogers used his own benefits through the GI Bill to receive his welding certification. He wanted his three children to have a better chance than he had — and so he stressed education, transplanting the family from Arcadia, Calif., to Gresham, where he believed the schools would offer them better instruction.

His son joined the Army after graduating from Gresham High School in 1999 — then reenlisted three years later. First, he wanted to pay off his car, said his father, and then it would be time for college.

At Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Wash., he worked first as a cook, then was transferred to the Army's First Stryker Brigade. Rogers was deployed to Iraq in November, and initially he was the unit's cook.

"He set up their entire dining facility — he was running the whole joint," Mark Rogers said. "They wanted to keep him there. But he thought it wasn't fair to the other guys. He volunteered to go back on the missions again."

At home in Gresham, waiting for a military representative to show up to tell him how his son's body will be brought back from Iraq, Rex Rogers remembers the first drawing his son made at age four while sitting on the porch of their house in California.

"He drew the house across the street from us in exact detail — the big picture window. He even drew the painting that was hanging on their wall," Rex Rogers said.

"He could have made it. Now it's all over," he said.

## Flooding devastates Mexican border town

► Flood evacuees return to Mexican city ruins as search for dead goes on

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ  
The Associated Press

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico — People who were driven from riverside neighborhoods by deadly flooding returned to water-logged homes in this northern Mexican city to salvage their belongings Tuesday.

City officials raised the death toll to 34. Many residents began burying the dead, and large trucks started clearing the streets of debris.

At least a dozen people remained missing in Piedras Negras, a town of 200,000 in Coahuila state, 150 miles southwest of San Antonio, Texas.

About 200 people were evacuated from homes early Tuesday by flooding on the northern outskirts of Piedras Negras, following Sunday's devastating flash floods on the city's south side.

Catarino Martinez, 63, found a single wall where his house once stood. Martinez was not sure if his home would be rebuilt. The flood carried away the blacksmithing tools that were his livelihood.

"It has left me in the

street," Martinez said. "I can't work. It took everything."

Soldiers, ordered in by President Vicente Fox, looked for survivors Tuesday and began clearing away cars and toppled light poles.

On Monday, Fox visited a temporary shelter in Piedras Negras and declared a state of emergency. Many neighborhoods remained without electricity, gas service and potable water.

Ana Maria Rios, 42, a housewife and mother of three, said she preferred not to see her home in shambles but returned anyway Tuesday after hearing rumors of looting.

Rios' husband and nephew carried a bed frame and living-room set into their front yard to dry, as her 7-year old son searched for a missing pet dog, rabbit and cat. He found only the cat.

Across town, heavy downpours had caused the Soldado Creek to rise on Tuesday morning, flooding homes on the northern outskirts.

Coahuila Gov. Enrique Martinez called the flooding some of the worst in the history of the U.S.-Mexico border region, describing the extent of the destruction as "enormous."

The skies opened Sunday night, unleashing heavy

rains and swelling water levels by 25 feet in the Escondido River, which flows into the Rio Grande.

As the rain intensified, the Escondido River poured over its banks, unleashing a wall of water that engulfed dozens of houses. By midnight, the flooding had spread to several nearby enclaves, forcing dozens of residents to scramble on top of roofs or climb trees and light poles. There they waited for hours for emergency crews.

Although the sun emerged Tuesday, forecasters still warned that more rain was possible.

## Fair: Careers

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A nontraditional careers exhibit will also be presented to offer information to men and women interested in vocations traditionally pursued exclusively by one gender.

For more information and a list of participating employers, visit the LBCC Career Fair Web site at [www.linnbenton.edu/careerfair](http://www.linnbenton.edu/careerfair).

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## Professor: Much has changed since the Taliban's fall

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stricken people.

"Our Army and Marines are up against something that is unreal to fathom," Rose said.

Many Americans tend to compare what they hear happening in Afghanistan to the freedom and safety that we know in America. Until recently, under the rule of al-Qaida and the Taliban, that did not exist in Afghanistan.

"Now there are no more Friday meetings at the Kabul soccer field in which women are beheaded, no more public floggings leaving people useless for life," Rose said. "There's still fear, it's still a combat zone, but now at least the food is plentiful and a woman can disagree with her husband without being beaten."

According to Rose, the land is still one of violent conflict and the armed forces face extreme risks. Most of the Afghan public is supportive of the military presence and welcomes the order that it brings to the country.

"The Afghans can't get enough of what we can bring to them; they are just thrilled to have us there," Rose said. "When you are physically there, and you see the people's reactions, they are thanking God that someone is finally helping them."

The success of the program Rose worked with is evident not only in the projected budget increase for the next year for the ACC, but in the reaction Rose saw in the people.

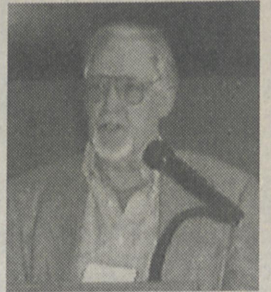
"The Afghan people I met there were super to work with, very pleasant and hungry for knowledge," Rose said. "It's truly wonderful to see them coming back together as a people after everything they've been through."

Rose was especially affected by the vast strides made in women's rights in the Middle East. One particularly poignant moment that remains with him is when he saw a woman raise up the front of her burqa to reveal a huge smile underneath.

"We can't even conceive of what that means to her," Rose said. "That would've been a death offense for her under the Taliban. Not being afraid seems so simple, yet we take it for granted in America."

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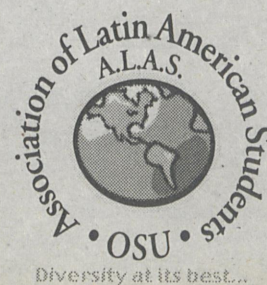
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### EDITORIAL

## Yeas & Nays

**Y**ea to ASOSU and MUPC elections! Remember, kids, despite what that guy outside Bombs Away told you, Ralph Nader has no chance to be ASOSU president. So don't waste your vote!

**Nay** to the elections. Boo! Democracy sucks!

**Yea** to Alpha Phi loving Sigma Pi. OK — we get it — you love them. But did you have to chalk up the whole MU? Where is the Sweater Club supposed to advertise?

**Nay** to city busses now being plastered with advertisements. What do they think they are? A college newspaper?

**Yea** to TBS, which will air watered-down episodes of "Sex and the City" in June. Or as TBS will retitle it, "Making Whoopie and the City."

**Nay** to researchers at Children's Hospital in Seattle, who say that children under the age of two should not watch TV. Oh, and don't let them drive tractors, either. Unless it's a John Deere.

**Yea** to J.Lo's mom, who won a \$2.4 million jackpot in Atlantic City. Wow, with all of that money, she can buy a velour jumpsuit with something other than "J.Lo's Mom" embroidered on it.

**Nay** to "The Apprentice." It's good to see something finally work out for "the Trumpster." Man, he sure was on hard times.

**Yea** to the phrase, "You're fired." Sorry, we had to. Omarosa!!!

**Nay** to April for being Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness Month. Remember, April booty means May cooties.

**Yea** to that last one. Of course, there is certainly nothing funny about itching, burning genitals. Oh wait, yes there is — we don't have them. Or do we?

**Nay** to "Home on the Range" possibly being Disney's last hand-drawn cartoon. Damn, we were hoping that would be their last movie. Period. EISNER!!!

**Yea** to Turkmenistan's president, who has told his people to shun traditional false gold teeth in favor of white ones. Shoot, it looks like Master P will have to move elsewhere.

**Nay** to Sam Walls, a 64-year-old man running for the Texas House of Representatives, who is staying in the race despite the circulation of pictures of him wearing women's clothing. Don't worry, Sammy, pictures of Hilary Clinton in women's clothing didn't hurt her campaign chances.

**Yea** to the Beaver athlete and Greek auction. But forget them — we have \$150 bucks on Bob DeCarolis.

**Nay** to Easter. A diabetic's worst nightmare.

**Yea** to Easter. Finally, Lent is over and we can once again do what we gave up — being funny.

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Nathanael Blake



## Manufacturing a jobs crisis

**T**he American economy roared last week, and in response the Democrats writhe in anguish.

For the past three years, they have been haranguing Bush over the economy with increasing desperation. Their problem is that their weapons have been turning on them.

Recession? GDP boomed last year. The stock market? Riding high once again. Everything from wages to personal wealth to home ownership is at all-time highs, while inflation is all but nonexistent.

**"Sending [the jobs] to China means that Americans get cheaper products and the Chinese get jobs which, while low on the American scale, are a step up from where they were."**

This swelling tide of prosperity has befuddled the Democrats. Few things warm the little capitalist cockles of conservative hearts like the sight of Paul Krugman, the Princeton economics professor turned liberal pundit, sputtering to explain the economic surge of the past year.

The irony is that while Democrats have never subscribed to supply-side tax cutting, they could have also predicted this from the theories of John Maynard Keynes, their guiding economic light since FDR and the New Deal.

Democrats have yet to grasp the idea that cutting taxes might be beneficial for the economy, and they laid into the president and his tax cuts with the cheerful malevolence one would expect.

Their problem is that while they've long rejected the classical ideas of economists Adam Smith, Ludwig von Mises and Milton Friedman, they have recently neglected the principles of Keynes as well.

After all, the opportunity to hammer a Republican president for deficit spending was just too good to pass up. Admittedly, John Kerry has proposed over \$2 trillion in new spending, but hypocrisy doesn't seem to bother them so long as they can lambaste Bush.

Unfortunately, massive deficit spending is exactly what Keynes prescribed for an ailing economy. Thus, just as was predicted by both classical (supply-side) economics and its Keynesian rival, the economy rocketed up last year.

One weapon remained in the Democrat's economics arsenal, however: job losses and the "jobless recovery."

Now, job losses are a regular and necessary part of a growing economy. About 10 percent of all American jobs

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## Bush, Kerry and I agree: higher gas taxes

**Y**ou may notice the wonderful abundance of campaign ads that are on TV now. Not every state gets to see these wonderful, informative spots every few minutes — we are fortunate enough to live in a "swing" state.

In the strange 18th century world of electoral politics, some voters are more important than others. In the primaries, where each party selects its respective nominee, New Hampshire and Iowa have about 90 percent of the importance, because they're first. Oregon doesn't matter, because we're last. Have we even had our primary yet?

But the general election is a different story. Most states have either more Republicans or more Democrats, and this pretty much determines to whom their votes will go.

Our state, on the other hand, is pretty evenly divided this year. That makes us a "swing" state. All of a sudden, our vote is important.

That is why we get so many commercials to sway our little election-determining minds.

As part of campaign finance reform, the ads from the candidates this year include the candidate saying his name and approving his message.

It is supposed to engender accountability. If the candidate personally endorses an ad, he is less likely to use false statements or



Sanjai Tripathi

negative attacks. Or, so the idea goes.

At first, it might have worked. The campaigns initially used ads that were neither misleading nor attacking. They were, however, a little bland.

Such as when President Bush tells us, "I'm optimistic about America because I believe in the people of America," with the tag at the bottom of the screen reading "steady leadership in times of change."

It's nice to know the president of the United States believes that the nation's citizens actually exist.

Ultimately though, the approval disclaimer was bound to fail. Ours is a society that is exposed to frequent pharmaceutical ads which tell us how "side effects may include, but are not limited to, dry mouth, headaches, dizziness, constipation and nausea," and we're not afraid. We hardly even take note when commercials for erectile-dys-

function medication Cialis tell us that "if erection persists for more than four hours, seek medical attention."

In this context, it is little wonder that the candidates have realized that nobody really holds them accountable for the content of their ads.

That has left them free to make blatantly misleading statements. A good and simply stated accounting of some of these, from both candidates, is provided at factcheck.org. Check it out.

One example is the recent Bush ads that seem to claim Kerry has a plan to raise gas taxes 50 cents in his first 100 days in office, if elected.

In fact, Kerry doesn't have and has never had a plan to do this. The ad's claim is based on an interview Kerry gave in 1994 where he said he would support such a tax increase at that time to alleviate the deficit. There's a big difference.

The Bush ad is clearly designed to play to people's exaggerated apprehension about high gas prices.

On Pacific Boulevard in Albany, there is an ARCO station next to a

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**"On Pacific Boulevard in Albany, Ore., there is an ARCO station next to a Chevron. The ARCO is invariably about seven cents cheaper and always busy."**

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## Blake: Democrats are out of weapons

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are lost each year. The other side of this, of course, is job creation, which occurs at approximately the same rate.

So when it's said that 2 million jobs have been lost since Bush took office, it means very little in terms of percentage, both in total jobs and in job turnover.

This constant churning of the market has generated slightly fewer jobs in the last three years than it has eliminated in that time. The Democrats have wielded this excessively for the last year for the obvious reason — it's all they have against Bush economically.

So what's the culprit for this alleged economic crisis? The Democratic Party's rhetoric is railing against outsourcing again. Back in the 80s they warned against the Japanese "stealing" American jobs; now they're doing the same for the Chinese and Indians. Apparently, old xenophobic habits die hard.

But their dire cavalcade of hysterical hyperbole ran into a brighter reality last week, with the news that last month the economy created over 300,000 more jobs than it eliminated. If this trend continues, the Democrats won't stand a chance in November. They've been trying very hard to either ignore or downplay it.

John Kerry continued to drone about jobs being shipped overseas at the behest of "Benedict Arnold" corporations and CEOs. Now, the invocation of the most notorious traitor in American history is a serious matter.

What exactly are these wretched companies guilty of? Good business sense, for one. All the economists mentioned about supporting free trade, and, given their extensive differences in other areas, this is no small thing.

Saturday, Kerry bemoaned the fact that, "Just a couple of days ago, the company that makes the little red Radio Flyer wagons decided to start building them in China, eliminating the jobs of people who've worked for years at the plant in Chicago and letting another piece of America vanish."

So? Given the construction of those

wagons, I imagine that those jobs were (comparatively) unsafe, unpleasant and unskilled. Sending them to China means that Americans get cheaper products and the Chinese get jobs which, while low on the American scale, are a step up from where they were.

Of course, the liberal rebuttal to this is to profess concern for the workers who have lost their jobs. There is no doubt that they are temporarily worse off.

But, in the long term, everyone benefits from free trade. Tour a business in India that is handling tech support calls for American companies and you'll see HP computers, Microsoft software and Coca-Cola soft drinks.

If we were to cut off the outsourcing to the call center in the name of saving American jobs, we would eliminate the new American jobs being created to meet the increased demand for HP computers and Microsoft Windows.

The elimination or relocation of inefficient jobs is rarely pretty, but it is required for civilization. There was a time when Western Civilization didn't trade. It's called the Dark Ages — a centuries-long nightmare during which something like 90 percent of the population spent their short, miserable lives grubbing about in the dirt.

There was plenty of work then; everyone had to spend the day doing backbreaking labor just to survive. Despite the abundance of work opportunities during those years, I'd rather not try that economic system again.

The unanimity of economists on free trade aside, there's another reason to suspect that the Democrats aren't being honest in their criticism of Bush.

John Kerry's wife owns millions in stock in the Heinz Company. Fifty-seven of its 72 factories and 72 percent of its workers are offshore.

Now, if Kerry really believed that outsourcing businesses are filthy quislings, then regime change begins at home.

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## Do you have to be so negative?

**B**OWLING GREEN, Ohio — One would think by reading the opinion section of any newspaper that the world was full of negativities, injustices and debates!

When searching for an ideal topic for my next looming deadline, I realized that negativity is a pattern into which people can fall, including me. Instead of wondering what topic I should write about, I thought instead, "What am I indignant about right now?"

Well, there are plenty of things that I am indignant about.

I'm indignant about the leftist propaganda that masquerades as the media when it comes to any issue of social importance, while the conservative positions are the "conservative positions."

I'm indignant that many people see four more years with President George W. Bush equivalent to four more years in economic misery and torment, ignoring the tax cuts which had enormously helped the economy by invigorating summer spending, and remain fixated on the unemployment rate.

I'm indignant that commercials insist on marketing thin, perfect bodies for every new fashion or department store advertisement right before the impending fast food commercial. "Double Quarter Pounder!" "Big Mac is back!" "Five for Five!"

I'm indignant about many things, and such is life.

It is quite likely that some are indignant when reading my own humble opinions. The college-aged

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generation seeks for something to be indignant and passionate about, just like it did when the draft came up for the Vietnam War.

Is this what the world is made up of? Do we live in a world solely governed by unfairness, injustice and indignation?

Let me answer this semi-profound question with a resounding "Absolutely not!"

Sure, there's a lot of bad in this world and I'm sorry to say that this is reflected in our society.

However, all is not lost. There is also decency and integrity in the good ol' U. S. of A, which I'm thankful to say, is also reflected in society.

Here's an example: "Extreme Makeover Home Edition." Most people agree that reality television shows in general are tasteless and blasé, highlighting the nasty and manipulative qualities in people for ratings.

"Extreme Makeover Home Edition" provides a middle- to lower-class family with a wonderful, fun-filled vacation for a week while they rip their inadequate house down to the bolts and build them a new and improved home, including the latest fashions and inventive architecture which would make any millionaire or celebrity sit up and take notice.

The last show I saw reduced me to blubbering tears, because of the reaction of a little girl who had lived with her parents, siblings and grandparents in a humble, cramped house. It had been damaged in a flood, along

with every other house in their poor, inner-city neighborhood.

She came back to a gorgeous house beyond her wildest dreams and a much aided neighborhood, from improvements to their school building to the once rundown basketball court across the street.

And yet, of all the surreal, awe-inspiring decor and distinctiveness of her new fairy-tale princess fantasy room, this little girl, probably around five years old, picked up a Barbie doll, ran to her mother and timidly asked if she could buy it for her for Christmas.

This reality show is altruistic and humane, based on true quality and caring. What does this say about reality? Only good.

I suppose hard-core cynics could look at the reality show and wave off the humane base of it because it isn't selfless. It's a television show, and it is seeking ratings and high paychecks.

After all, look at some opinions of the movie "The Passion of the Christ" as "another exploitative Christian attempt at making money." If people can honestly believe that, it only goes to show how deeply pessimism is embraced by certain people.

I believe there is something to be said for positive outlooks. This reality show is going out of its way to make people's lives better. That is a society in which I'm proud to live.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mike Nierengarten column

#### Mindless driv

The weekly writings from columnist Mike Nierengarten are the most worthless, meaningless pieces of flaming trash I have ever seen grace the face of your op-ed. The intelligence and style of these opinions lack the quality necessary to be printed in a junior high newsletter. I hate them with every ounce of my

body. Please save us the anguish for one week by not printing his column ... just once.

I will not give the author any credit by saying that I am "shocked" or "offended," but I am simply amazed and appalled at how bad the Nierengarten columns truly are. I am honestly a worse person every time I accidentally read this mindless driv.

To answer this week's column,

though, it is presently obvious why females can not find happiness with Nierengarten. His desperation at the bars at last call (most notably Clodfelter's) makes it very clear ... Nierengarten will more than likely never witness the pleasure of a woman's happiness ... paid for or not.

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## Tripathi: A gas tax could go a long way toward reducing the deficit for future generations of Americans

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Chevron. The ARCO is invariably about seven cents cheaper and always busy.

Sometimes it has cars lined up into the street, waiting up for 20 minutes to save less than two dollars on a tank of gas, while the Chevron is virtually empty. Do people realize they are waiting in line for less than minimum wage?

I don't know why people are so weird about gas prices. One reason may be that unlike other goods, oil prices fluctuate very rapidly. They seem to almost double in a matter of months sometimes.

Also, Americans seem to feel like they don't have a choice in the matter of how much oil they consume.

Despite the fact that we are free to car-pool, use public transit, walk, bike, plan our errands in series, drive slower or simply buy a more efficient car, we seem to believe that we are at the mercy of gas prices.

John Kerry's campaign, not to be outdone in the false assertion category, issued a statement on March 30 that included the accusation: "Bush gas-tax hike costs Americans \$24 billion." This explicitly states that President Bush has sponsored or signed a gas tax increase.

In fact, he has done no such thing. They got the \$24 billion number from a rough estimate of the recent increase in pump prices, which the president does not control.

Both the candidates are lying. But

what if it was true?

I think a gas tax is a good idea. We could call it a war tax. Every other major war in American history has included taxes to pay for it.

Today we just run a huge deficit. Like a drunken college student at a bar with a credit card, we neither know nor care how it will eventually get paid.

But unlike a college student, the federal government of the United States can't just go bankrupt and start over. Such an event would be an economic catastrophe without modern precedent.

That means that some day someone will have to pay back all the excess trillions we are spending now.

A gas tax could go a long way

toward reducing the liability we pass on to future generations.

Then there are the national security implications. Some say that our oil money is directly funding terrorists who attack us. While I believe this association is much more indirect, it is still relevant.

Our economic security, however, would be directly enhanced. With lower oil consumption and higher prices we do two things: reduce our reliance on foreign oil from sometimes hostile places, and reduce our economy's sensitivity to price fluctuations in general. Those things would combine to make it much tougher for OPEC to threaten our financial well being.

In addition, the tax would generally

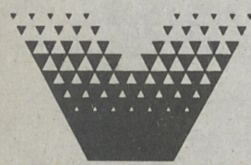
cut fossil fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions. Imagine how much more helpful the other industrial nations of the world would be in fighting the war on terror if they saw us champion the Kyoto Protocol.

Not to mention, lower greenhouse gas emissions mean less global warming.

According to the dueling campaigns, both candidates support gas taxes. It just goes to show, you can't believe what you see on TV.

You can, however, trust what you read from me. Because I'm Sanjai Tripathi, and I approved this column.

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# Four-legged heros receive recognition for service

► Two North Carolina dogs nominated as 'top dogs' for service

By MICHAEL FELBERBAUM  
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — In an 11-year career that put his paw on the streets of Lexington each workday, a German shepherd police dog named Too was credited with saving lives of three of his fellow officers.

Now, months after his retirement from active duty, Too still has something to bark about — a chance to be voted top dog of the Pedigree Paws to Recognize program.

The national program, sponsored by the Pedigree dog food brand and intended to honor service dogs, has tapped two North Carolina hounds among its six canine-didates to represent the United States in an international competition.

Too and Fluffy, another German shepherd who worked with U.S. Army Special Forces in Iraq, are both up for the nationwide honor, which could include a trip to a Washington, D.C., competition.

For Too, who worked under Cpl. Glenn Wyatt of the Lexington Police Department, recognition for bravery is nothing new. The four-legged hero is the only two-time recipient of the North American Police Work Dog Association's Medal of Valor.

Wyatt was surprised by Too's latest recognition, since his former partner has been drawing a puppy pension since December. But Wyatt said the nomination serves as the "final validation of a great police dog career."

"He put his life on the line, but he was just doing what he was trained to do," Wyatt said. "He does it because he loves to."

Fluffy is an adopted Amer-

ican. Army Sgt. 1st Class Russell Joyce came across the dog while stationed in northern Iraq in early 2003. The scruffy, rail-thin creature became a sidekick to Joyce's Special Forces unit, who fed and cared for Fluffy, then trained him to help as a military dog.

"They (the Special Forces unit) took a dog that was living in Iraq and been abused and beaten and brought him back to health," said Ron Aiello, president of the U.S. War Dogs Association, which nominated him for the Pedigree program.

Fluffy quickly became an important part of the unit. But when Joyce had to come home, Fluffy wasn't initially allowed to come with him.

After about a month, Fluffy was reunited with Joyce and given recognition as an honorary working military dog with honorary war dog status. Fluffy has since been brought onto base at Fort Bragg and has begun further training.

The other four nominees are: Trouble, a customs and border protection dog who works at Miami International Airport; Barley, a guide dog from Anaheim, Calif.; Kilo's Black Molli, a search and rescue dog from Saint Tammany Parish, La.; and Gentle Ben, a pet-assisted therapy dog from Vancouver, Wash.

Alice Nathanson, a spokeswoman for Pedigree, said the program was created to help "draw attention to the wonderful contributions that professionally trained dogs make in our society."

In partnership with Wal-Mart, trading cards with the six nominees were made to help encourage people to vote and see what kind of work the dogs have accomplished.

People can vote for their favorite dog online until Sept. 6.

## Feminist: Final talk of series nears

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plines such as English, history and political science.

Tomorrow's free and open to the public lecture will begin at 4 p.m. in Memorial Union room 206.

The final talk of the series, on May 6, will bring Peter Mancall, who will be speaking on the construction of race in the early modern Atlantic.

"People should attend so they can know more about the history of American and European politics, and their interconnections," Robinson said. "We cannot act intelligently in the present if we do not understand the past."

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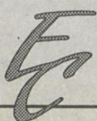
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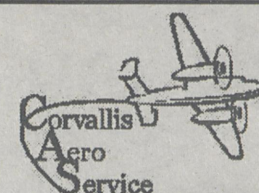
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# Woods facing high standard at Masters

► With eight majors to his name, Woods once again is the favorite in this year's Masters

By DOUG FERGUSON  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One green jacket and Tiger Woods already was being compared to Jack Nicklaus.

Four straight majors, and the comparisons climbed even higher — to himself.

The lofty standard facing the No. 1 player in golf was never more clear than when Woods arrived at Augusta National. He is the betting favorite to win the Masters for the fourth time, and yet there is a feeling this major has never been so ripe with contenders.

He has won eight majors — none of his peers have more than three — but Woods is facing sharp scrutiny because he has gone the last six majors without winning.

"It's different for me versus any other player," Woods said Tuesday. "Some other player has a bad week, misses the cut, it's no big deal, he slips through the radar. Whereas, if I shoot one bad round, it's a little different."

But this is no surprise.

"It's the only thing I've ever known since I've been out here," Woods said. "I was compared to Nicklaus when I first came out here, and now I'm being compared to what I did in 2000, 1999 and 2001."

It was during that time that Woods made history just about every time he played. He won nine times and \$9 million in 2000, the centerpiece of a stretch when he won five out of six majors.

Expectations have taken on a new meaning.

"The people out there, spectators, if they don't see Tiger in the top five making a charge on Sunday afternoon, there's something wrong with him," Ernie Els said.

But even Woods concedes that his swing is not the same as it was in 2000, and there are inconsistencies in his game that he is trying to solve.

One week he drove the ball to all corners of the golf course and was spared by good iron play.

The next week he found the fairways, but could never get it close to the hole.

He hits the ball great on the practice range. There are moments of doubt on the first tee.

"It's not easy to trust your

swing if your mechanics are not quite sound," Woods said. "That's one of the things that I've been trying to work on, trying to get my fundamentals of my golf swing more sound so I can go out there and don't have to think anything except for the shot I want to hit."

That has led to questions about the state of his game, his split with swing coach Butch Harmon and the pursuit of Nicklaus' 18 majors that no longer looks as easy as it did two years ago.

Augusta National should be a good place to find some answers.

No one has ever played the Masters on a course this long and this firm. While the fast fairways should negate some of the length, the greens will accept only the best shots.

It doesn't necessarily favor the longest hitters or the sharpest short games, but simply the best players.

"A guy that feels good about his game this week, he's got a good chance to win," Els said. "It's pretty open."

Woods already noticed some severe differences.

He could reach the par-5 second hole with a good drive and a 3-wood the last few years. During a practice round

Monday, he got there with a 6-iron.

What really got his attention was the precision required this week.

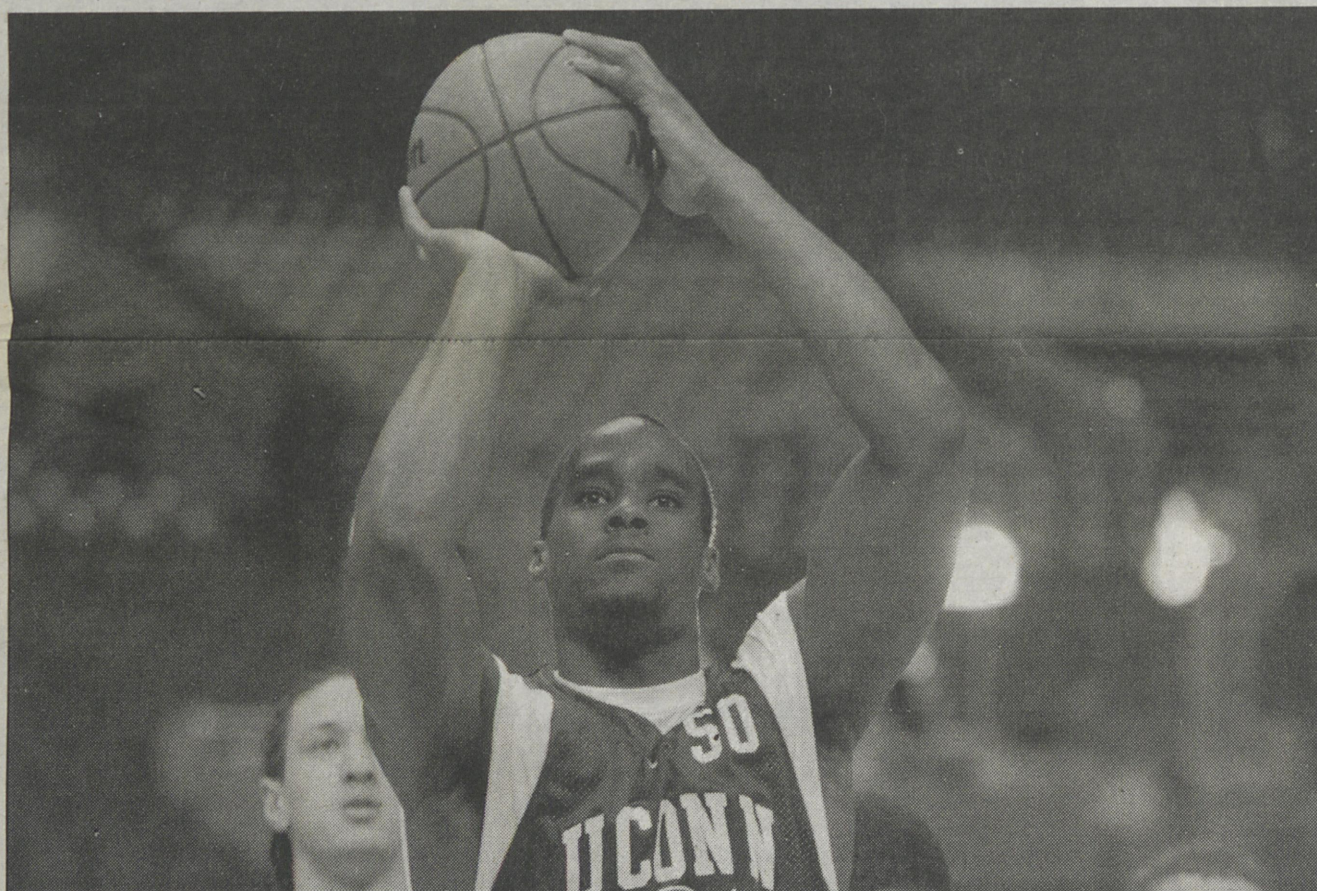
"If you don't hit the proper shot this week, you're really going to pay the price," Woods said. "The landing areas are that much smaller now. It's going to become more apparent who is really hitting the ball as the week goes on, because you can't get away with having a bad ball-striking day."

Then again, Woods can't get away with a bad day at anything.

Going for his fifth consecutive victory in the Bay Hill Invitational, he shot over par the final three rounds and tied for 46th, his worst result on the PGA Tour in five years.

In his final tournament before the Masters, Woods opened with a 75 at The Players Championship and was in danger of missing the cut. He extended his record streak to 120, but was never a factor on Sunday.

Never mind that he won earlier this year at the Match Play Championship, or that his last two events were the only times he has finished out of the top 10 this year.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UConn basketball star Emeka Okafor has not only set an example for college athletes on the court, but off. Okafor, who is a top draft pick come June, will graduate from UConn in three years, with a 3.8 GPA and a degree in finance.

## Litke: The college basketball world was ready for a player like Okafor

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more to do with luck than basketball prowess. At the end of his four years at Bellaire High in Houston, Emeka was still a better student than athlete.

His top college choices were academic powerhouses like Stanford, Vanderbilt and Rice, but none of them had a scholarship to offer. Like a lot of coaches, Bob Knight thought enough of Okafor's potential to make a side trip to Houston the day after he got the Texas Tech job. Calhoun saw the same qualities and started recruiting the kid hard, but their first meeting didn't go smoothly.

The coach's heavy New England accent was tough for Okafor to decipher, and he had trouble following the fast-talking Irishman's pitch. Calhoun, meanwhile, was puzzled by a game the father and son played while he sat in their living room.

"It took me a couple of minutes to figure out," Calhoun said. "They were competing in a game where they're naming streets, from all over the world, I think, and then spelling them, rapid-fire. His father is just like him."

"Competitive," teammate Rashad Anderson said, finishing the thought. "Other than me, Emeka is the most competitive guy I've ever known. The one

thing I do better than him is shoot 3-pointers and we've spent hours after practice going back and forth until he wins at least one.

"I've met his dad, too," Anderson added, "and I'm pretty sure that's where he got most of it."

Whatever the source, the rest of the college basketball world never quite found a way to cope. Okafor began drawing attention in the middle of last season, becoming faster and stronger as the games marched on, and by tournament time, he was arguably the most dominant force in the sport.

But his progress this season wasn't an unbroken line. Like UConn, he began the season saddled with expectations and then was hampered by back problems. With Okafor struggling, the Huskies lost to Georgia Tech in the Preseason NIT, and by the end of January, despite stringing together a 17-3 mark, he and his team were labeled disappointing. Then they closed it out with a 14-1 run.

"It was kind of stressful at points, but we just stayed with it and prevailed," Okafor said.

Georgia Tech center Luke Schenscher knew only too well how that felt.

"He's a great player. We knew that coming in," Schenscher said after battling

Okafor in the post all night. "We tried a few things defensively, but he had his way with us."

Okafor has been doing that with just about everybody he's come in contact with since childhood. Those he couldn't overpower, he simply charmed.

"We always knew he'd be good at something, but who would have dreamed it would be basketball?" his father said. "I remember when he was in the ninth grade at some tournament or other, and afterward, he was signing autographs for all these kids who weren't much younger than him."

Then the elder Okafor looked back at the court, trying to find his son in the middle of the chaos.

"Athletics were not very important growing up back home. We let Emeka continue on with it, because it made him happy. But who," he said, with a sweep of his arm, "could imagine it would lead to this?"

With that, Pius Okafor rubbed his chin, took in the scene before him again and flashed a grin that seemed to say, "Only in America."

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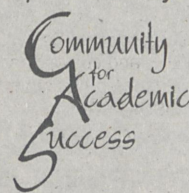
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## Tickets go on sale for OSU's spring football game

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Tickets for the annual Oregon State University spring football game will go on sale Monday, April 5. The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Reser Stadium.

Advance tickets may be purchased in person at the Gill Coliseum ticket office or at the OSU Fan Shop, located in the Bank of America Building at 2nd and Alder streets. Phone orders are unavailable for this contest.

Tickets are \$3 in advance or \$5 on game day. All proceeds benefit OSU's Valley Library and the OSU Marching Band.

### Football

**Who:** Oregon State's spring football game

**When:** 1 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at Reser Stadium

**What:** Tickets are \$3 in advance or \$5 on game day. Students with valid ID are free.

OSU students with proper identification and children under the age of 12 will be admitted free.

Oregon State will open its regular season on Aug. 29 in Baton Rouge, La., against Louisiana State.

The Beavers have 45 lettermen that are expected to return to the program for the 2004 season,

including 12 starters.

Returning starters include quarterback Derek Anderson, center Matt Brock, offensive tackles Doug Neinhuis and Kanan Sanchez, split end Mike Hass, defensive tackle Ben Siegert, linebackers Trent Bray and Jonathan Pollard, cornerbacks Brandon Browner and Aric Williams, free safety Mitch Meeuwsen and defensive end Bill Swancutt.

The following individuals are not expected to participate in spring drills due to injuries — Meeuwsen, senior linebacker Seth Lacey, senior tight end Pat Loney, Siegert and junior offensive tackle Jake Pratt.

## INTRAMURALS

Manager's meeting for softball and soccer today at 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. in MU 206.

Officials are needed for both sports.

Softball Clinics, Langton Hall 124:

Tuesday, April 13, from 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday April 14, 8-10 p.m.

Soccer Clinics, Langton Hall 124:

Tuesday April 13, 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday April 14, 8-10 p.m.

Thursday April 15, 5-7 p.m.

JIM LITKE

## The perfect example

The parents knew little about basketball, and cared even less.

Pius Okafor took his 8-year-old son, Emeka, to his first rec league game in Bartlesville, Okla., mostly because other kids played too. Besides, he thought the fast-growing boy needed to burn some energy.

Although Pius struggled to follow the action at times, by the third game even he sensed his son had a gift. But he didn't leave war-ravaged Nigeria behind and work night and day in his new homeland just to raise a basketball player. Pius and his wife, Celestina, had much grander plans.

"I made him understand academics went first," she said. "He would go to school, come home, take a nap, go play and study again. ... We had rules."

Thirteen years later, Emeka Okafor is the best player in college basketball, an academic All-American and after Monday night, a national champion to boot. He will graduate from Connecticut with a 3.8 grade-point average and a degree in finance in just three years. Then he will take his brains and brawn to the NBA and become an instant millionaire.

"I don't think it's hit me yet," Okafor said. "When's practice tomorrow?"

As confetti swirled and the celebration of UConn's title continued on every side of him, coach Jim Calhoun looked back to where Okafor stood in a gaggle of his teammates, waiting for his chance to cut down a strand of the net.

"He's an advertisement," Calhoun said, "for why every kid should go to college."

The story of how Okafor wound up at a powerhouse like UConn has

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BAROMETER STAFF PHOTOS

From left to right: Lindsay Nelson, Jacoby Ellsbury, Stacy Mescher and Angelo Tsagarakis are just a few of the Oregon State athletes that will be up for bidding tonight during "On the Block," a date auction sponsored by the SAAC. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics.

# Going once, going twice!

► Members of OSU athletics and the Greek system join together to hold a date auction to benefit Special Olympics

By MELODY STOCKWELL  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Tonight, if you're lucky, you could go home with a date — an Oregon State athlete or a member of the Greek system.

Your odds are best if you attend "On the Block," a date auction sponsored by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Featured are 10 student athletes — five males and five females — and five fraternity members and five sorority members.

"The first year we did this we had a good cause. There was a guy on the soccer team with cancer," said Sean Deacon, a senior member of the golf team. "So we raised about \$4,000. Then, last year, we raised money for the memorial for the same soccer player and for the soccer player Joe Zaher, who died in a car accident.

### SAAC Date Auction

**Tonight:** 10 Student athletes and 10 Greek members will be featured as possible dates to be bid on.

**When:** 6:30 p.m., Milam Auditorium

**What:** Proceeds for this year's date auction will go to the Special Olympics. Winning bidders will participate on a group date to see the Blazers play San Antonio next week.

"This year, thank God, there were no tragedies, so we're raising money for the Special Olympics," Deacon said. "I'm thinking it's going to be a huge turnout because most athletes show up with their friends and now you have this whole huge portion of Oregon State that's going to be involved in it."

This year's featured female athletes are volleyball's Abby Windell and Brittany Cahoon, soccer's Stacey Mescher, softball's Ta'Tyana McElroy and gymnastics' Lindsay Nelson.

On the men's side are football's Sabby Piscitelli, baseball's Jacoby Ellsbury, basketball's Angelo Tsagarakis, crew's Ryan Schanno and soccer's Brian Farber.

Joining the athletes this year are members from Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Sigma Kappa, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma and Alpha Gamma Rho.

Also featured to perform tonight is the band Opie.

"The band is really good, at least that is what I'm hearing," Deacon said. "So there will be a band and a DJ and lots of entertainment. The elite dance team is also performing."

If you have the winning bid, you and your date will be part of a group date to the Blazers game on April 12 against San Antonio.

Transportation will be provided and a \$3 voucher for food will be included.

"On the Block" begins at 6:30 p.m. tonight in Milam Auditorium.

Attendees are asked to bring a can of food to be collected at the door to help with the canned food drive for the Linn-Benton Food Share, which OSU athletic teams have been supporting throughout the year.

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Arizona	4-2	15-12-1
USC	2-1	15-15
Oregon State	3-3	18-9
California	4-5	17-19
Arizona State	3-6	22-9
Washington State	1-2	19-8
UCLA	1-2	15-13

## PAC-10 SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	Conference	Overall
Arizona	2-0	38-1
Washington	2-0	26-7
Oregon	3-1	29-9
Stanford	2-1	29-8
California	1-2	33-5
Oregon State	1-3	32-11
UCLA	0-2	27-3
Arizona State	0-2	30-16

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Nashville @ Detroit

ESPN, 4 p.m.

Dallas @ Colorado

ESPN2, 7 p.m.

### Soccer

UEFA Champions

League quarterfinal

ESPN2, 10:30 a.m.