

FROM SUN TO RAIN

California native Vanessa Lapala has had no problem adjusting to life at OSU

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## Forum attempts to conquer issues

► Campus community questions Barometer staff, addresses racism

By Dan Taylor  
The Daily Barometer

The protest over the publication of a controversial column in the April 9 issue of The Daily Barometer sparked wider discussion about institutional racism in the community, as well as the paper itself.

On Wednesday, concerned students and other members of the campus community held a forum in the Memorial Union Lounge to discuss several issues.

OSU Vice-Provost for Student Affairs Larry Roper mediated the event, which was organized by MUPC President Jarvez Hall. Hall led a demonstration on the steps of the MU in protest of the Barometer column on Monday.

Barometer Editor-in-Chief Niki Sullivan, Barometer Forum Editor Christina Stewart and Director of Student Media Frank Ragulsky sat in front of the crowd to answer questions throughout the event.

"I truly am sorry for letting this column get through," Stewart told the crowd in her opening statement.

The columnist, David Williams, was invited to the event but declined. Instead, he offered a writ-

ten statement which was read to the crowd at the beginning of the forum.

Many questioners wondered why Williams was fired from the paper.

One called Williams a "scapegoat" and asked what would happen to the editors who allowed the column to go to print.

Sullivan said Williams "took a very serious topic and mishandled it." She added that Williams has been unresponsive to making the column into a learning experience, which she felt was necessary for every staff member.

Another member of the audience asked how the Barometer, and its staff, has turned the issue into a learning experience.

Stewart said there would be "major policy changes" at the forum desk.

"We need a defined line," she said, referring to the question of what is suitable for print.

Many in the crowd offered comments or suggestions on how the Barometer might improve, including a mandatory "diversity program" or other requirements for Barometer staffers.

But many looked beyond the column in hopes of making the discussion about institutional racism and community building instead.

"I think it's good that we're talking about bigger issues," Roper said after the forum. "This is an incident in our life at the university that creates a

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## Buggin' Out

► OSU Bug Zoo presents "Bug Day" on the MU Quad

By Brenna Doheny  
The Daily Barometer

Around Corvallis, insects are gaining a better reputation, with a little help from the OSU BugZoo. Passers-by who braved the rainy weather in the MU Quad Wednesday were treated to an unusual sight as the student group presented their collection of insects and arachnids for "Bug Day."

"We try to educate people so that they don't think bugs are just things that need to be smashed," explained Robyn Lee, a sophomore in biology and treasurer of the club.

The BugZoo is a group of students interested in entomology who maintain a small collection of exotic bugs. In previous years, both the club and its collection were much larger, but at the conclusion of last year, the university disbanded the entomology department due to budget cuts.

When the department was terminated, so was the club. Without a department to provide support and help maintain the collection, many of the bugs had to be "adopted out" last summer, Lee explained.

The BugZoo also had to be reinstated as a student group at the beginning of fall term.

Despite these obstacles, the club members have carried on with their important outreach work, serving as ambassadors between the insect and human worlds.

Suzanne Phillips, a sophomore in biology, serves as the club's outreach coordinator. She arranges visits to schools throughout the community



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Two-year-old Riley Fee (right) is both curious and afraid when given the chance to touch a stick bug. Riley and his brother Dakota, 4, saw a variety of insects and arthropods at Bug Day, an OSU BugZoo event held Wednesday in the Quad. For more information on the student group, call 737-9038.

to allow children to interact with the bugs.

"The outreaches are always a lot of fun," she said. "I've never been on one that was a dud."

The entire BugZoo collection was present for the Bug Day festivities in the quad. To the delight of the many

children surrounding the table and the apprehension of their parents, BugZoo members removed some of the bugs from their cages and passed them around for people to handle.

The BugZoo will be doing an outreach event this Saturday at the Oregon Garden from 11 to 4p.m. Anyone

interested in joining the club or more information should contact club president Emily Walsh at walshem@onid.orst.edu.

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## Local Lt. hired to oversee county jail

► Corrections director an Oregon State graduate; plans to stay till retirement

By Shannon Salyer  
The Daily Barometer

As of March Lieutenant Gail Newman has been selected as Benton County Community Corrections Director.

"Newman was the most well-qualified candidate from a pool of corrections professionals we drew from throughout the Pacific Northwest," said Benton County Sheriff Jim Swinyard, adding that "she will serve the sheriff's office and citizens well."

The recruitment and selection process was extensive and rigorous.

Newman will direct the day-to-day operations of the Benton County Community Corrections, along with transitional housing and rural substation operations.

Nine full-time parole officers and several administrative employees work under Newman.

She and her parole officers supervise approximately 500 parolees, whose crimes include class A felonies, sex crimes and misdemeanors.

As the corrections director, Newman creates programs for substance abuse issues and provides mandatory treatment to high risk offenders, especially sex offenders.

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## UCLA sociology professor to lecture on ethnicity

► Dr. Rogers Brubaker will present a lecture on how ethnicity is viewed, today at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union

By Frederic Texier  
The Daily Barometer

Rogers Brubaker, a sociology professor at University of California, Los Angeles, will lecture on "Rethinking Ethnicity" today at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union, Room 206.

In his presentation, Brubaker will argue that ethnicity, race and nation should be conceptualized not as substances, entities or collective individuals, but rather thought of in terms of more practical categories, cultural idioms, institutional forms, political projects, and contingent events.

"In my lecture, I will explore some ways in which researchers and others can think and talk about ethnicity without focusing on an ethnic group," Brubaker said. "Too often, researchers, journalists, and policymakers treat ethnic

groups as "things," as tangible, enduring, internally homogeneous, externally bounded entities."

The lecture is free and open to the public.

"It may help to think about ethnicity as a way of seeing, a way of experiencing the world, a way of classifying and categorizing people, rather than as a substance or thing," Brubaker added.

Brubaker received a B.A. in social studies from Harvard University in 1979, an M.A. in social and political thought from the University of Sussex in 1980, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Columbia University in 1990.

Following an appointment as Junior Fellow in the Society of Fellows of Harvard University (1988-1991), he joined the faculty of UCLA in 1991 as Associate Professor of Sociology, and has been Professor of Sociology there since 1994.

In addition, Brubaker has written widely on social theory, international migration, nationalism, and the politics of citizenship.

His work has addressed European national-

ism in historical, comparative, and, more recently, ethnographic perspective. His book "Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany," (1992) sought to explain the sharply differing ways in which citizenship has been defined by way of immigrants in France and Germany. "Nationalism Reframed: Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe" (1996) compared contemporary East European nationalisms with those of the interwar period, both emerging after the breakup of multinational states into would-be nation-states.

Moreover, "Ethnicity Without Groups," a series of essays on ethnicity, identity, collective memory, will be soon published by the Harvard University Press.

Brubaker is currently working on an ethnographic study of ethnicity and nationalism in everyday life among minority Hungarians and majority Romanians in the ethnically mixed Transylvanian city of Cluj/Kolozsvár.



Brubaker: UCLA sociology professor

Senior editor of Theory and Society, Brubaker is also a member of editorial boards of numerous journals. He is Recurring Visiting Professor in the Nationalism Studies Program of the Central European University in Budapest (Hungary).

Brubaker has been awarded a MacArthur Fellowship (1994-99), a Presidential Young Investigator Award from the National Science Foundation (1994-99) and a Fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (1999-2000).

Brubaker's lecture is part of the Horning Lecture and Conference Series. The event is sponsored by The Thomas Hart and Mary Jones Horning Endowment in the Humanities and the OSU Department of History.

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## WORLD

### Italian hostage executed in Iraq, foreign minister says

ROME (AP) — An Italian hostage was executed by his Iraqi abductors, Foreign Minister Franco Frattini confirmed Wednesday night.

Earlier, the Arabic TV network Al-Jazeera reported the killing, saying it had received a video recording of the murder. The Italian ambassador to Qatar, where the network is based, watched the video and confirmed that the man killed was Fabrizio Quattrocchi, one of the kidnapped Italians, Frattini said.

"He saw the film," Frattini said, during a live TV talk show.

Four Italian security guards were abducted Monday. The militants' videotape was accompanied by a statement from a previously unknown group calling itself the Green Battalion, which threatened to "kill the three remaining Italian hostages one after the other, if their demands are not met," Al-Jazeera said.

The group demanded the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq, an apology from Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, and the release of religious clerics held in Iraq.

"We know our duty is to do what is possible and impossible to get them out," the minister said. "We are all only close to the young men who are there, and to the family of the young man who was killed."

Earlier Wednesday, Frattini told an Italian parliamentary commission that the government would not negotiate directly with the kidnapers and would not pay any ransom. He also said an Iranian delegation was headed to Baghdad to help in efforts to secure the release of the Italians, who were kidnapped Monday.

Berlusconi has ruled out any withdrawal of troops and Frattini told the parliamentary commission that an Italian withdrawal would be "unimaginable." Pulling out Italy's 3,000 soldiers and paramilitary police from Iraq would mean "the victory of terrorism, civil war and defeat for the Iraqi people."

## NATION

### Wisconsin student charged with faking her abduction

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A college student accused of faking her own kidnapping last month was charged Wednesday with lying to police in what they suggested was a desperate attempt to get her boyfriend's attention.

Audrey Seiler, a 20-year-old sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, was charged with two misdemeanor counts of obstructing officers. Each charge carries up to nine months in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Seiler disappeared from her off-campus apartment March 27 without her coat or purse. She was discovered curled in a fetal position in a marsh four days later, and told police that a man had abducted her at knifepoint.

But police concluded Seiler made up the story after obtaining a store videotape that showed her buying the knife, duct tape, rope and cold medicine she claimed her abductor used to restrain her. Seiler confessed after she was confronted with the tape, according to authorities.

"I set up everything. I'm just so messed up. I'm sorry," they quoted her as saying. But she later recanted the statement, insisting she had been abducted.

Hundreds of people from Madison and Seiler's hometown searched for her after she disappeared, and her claim about an armed man touched

off a major manhunt that authorities said cost the police about \$96,000.

## STATE

### Williams man fights chicken-theft charge; vows lawsuits

WILLIAMS (AP) — A man arrested for stealing a chicken from a local supermarket is vowing to fight back.

Nicholas Gombos of Williams is scheduled to appear in the Josephine County Court case next month on misdemeanor charges of third-degree theft and interfering with an officer.

"They picked the wrong people to do this to," said Gombos' wife, Kathy Dean. "They've done way too much damage to us, and even if they dropped it and said they were sorry that would not be enough at this point."

She said she intends to sue every agency involved in the arrest and prosecution of her husband.

Gombos was jailed March 24 after Josephine County sheriff's deputies arrived at his home in the middle of the night to retrieve "Speckles," a chicken known to customers of Ray's Food Place, a local grocery store.

Gombos, roused out of bed, refused to give the bird to deputies, asking instead to see "proof of ownership," his wife said.

He was arrested and taken to the county jail in Grants Pass, where he was held for six hours.

Dozens of shoppers at Ray's Food Place wondered where the chicken went during the five days she was with Gombos, who took Speckles from the store, believing she was not being cared for properly.

Someone at Ray's alerted authorities to the apparent theft, but after deputies returned the chicken, the store asked prosecutors to dismiss the charges against Gombos.

## UNIVERSITY

### Experts predict West Nile virus will increase in Utah

PROVO, Utah (U-WIRE) — Experts across Utah expect to see increased cases of West Nile virus this summer, and advise residents to take precautions to protect themselves.

"With West Nile virus, it's impossible to predict exactly how many cases we'll see this year," said Michelle Korth, an epidemiologist for the Utah Department of Health. "We're hoping for the best, but at the same time preparing for the worst."

Korth said the West Nile virus first appeared in Utah last summer, and national trends indicate the virus is usually much more active the second year it is present. Korth said Utahns might see the same scenario that occurred in Colorado last year.

In 2002, Colorado officials reported 14 cases of West Nile virus. In 2003, that number exploded to 3,000 cases and 61 deaths.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics, Utah officials reported one nonfatal human case of the virus last summer, but also found the disease in mosquitoes, horses and birds across the state.

In an effort to reduce the chance of West Nile virus cases increasing this summer, officials from the Utah Department of Health have listed on their Web site precautions for Utah residents to take. One precaution is to remove standing water from property, which will help reduce the number of places for mosquitoes to breed. Other precautions listed include wearing long sleeves, clearing yards of tall grass and debris, using bug spray and repairing holes in window and door screens.

—By Lacey McMurry  
The Daily Universe (B.Y.U.)

## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 15

#### Meetings

OSU Bahai Unity Club, 7pm, Asian Pacific Cultural Center. All are welcome to come learn about our club!

#### Speakers

Horning Lecture Series, 4pm, MU 206. Rogers Brubaker to give Horning Lecture, "Rethinking Ethnicity."

#### Events

Pi Beta Phi, 5:30pm, 2685 NW Taylor. Spring Recruitment - Pizza Night.  
ASOSU/MUPC Elections, 9am-5pm, MU Concourse, Valley Library, West Dining Center. Primary elections for MUPC President, Undergrad Senate for the College of ENGR and the College of Science.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 17

#### Events

University Christian Ministry, 12pm, University Christian Center. Day trip for int'l students to Silver Creek Falls. Dinner will be provided. Info: 753-4310.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 18

#### 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 19

#### 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.

Rainbow Continuum, 7pm, Women's Center. Weekly social meeting.

#### Speakers

OSU Women's Center, 1-2pm, Women's Center. Local Woman's History. Learn about the origins of the children forum home.

#### Events

Pi Beta Phi, 5:30pm, 2685 NW Taylor. Spring Recruitment - Bring a Friend Dinner.



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## Forum: Emotions ran high, OSU looks to future

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different kind of leadership opportunity for me and for others in relation to diversity."

OSU President Ed Ray also attended the forum, calling the column incident a "teachable moment."

"We've got issues here in the community. We've got to get to a much better place in terms of how we treat each other," Ray said.

Hall, who is up for re-election as MUPC president, said the forum was designed to "open up a dialogue and get people to understand some of the issues facing this campus."

"(Many of the problems) are institutionalized things handed

down to other generations and other students," Hall said. "At some point we're going to have to stop that."

Hall said he hopes for a continued discussion rather than letting the issue fade away.

"Diversity is a reality. Diversity is here. This is a global community," he said.

Emotions often ran high at the event, and questioners were passionate as they articulated their points.

"I'd like to ask that you listen in a generous way," Roper said before the forum began. "It's important that we not leave here in a worse condition than when we started."

Roper himself said his first

reaction after reading the column was emotional.

"I reacted to it initially as an African American," he said, adding that he knew he had to look past emotion in order to take a leading role on the issue.

Hall said the discussion on this and other issues will continue at the Black Cultural Center at 7 p.m. on Tuesday April 20.

"(The column) really shined a light on everything so people could really understand how far we have to go," he said. "We're not at Dr. King's dream point. We're not at the mountain top."

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## Director: Newman enthusiastic about task ahead

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"We send out notifications to the community about sex offenders, and we put them on the sheriff's Web site as well," said Newman. "Our job is to be the eyes and ears of the court."

Newman graduated from OSU with a bachelor's of science degree in psychology with a human services certificate over 20 years ago.

She holds an advanced parole and probation certification and supervisory certification from the department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Monmouth.

Newman said she had never considered working in law enforcement until a guest speaker from Benton County visited her sociology class in 1983.

Newman volunteered for the Benton County Sheriff's office, and became a full-time parole and probation officer in July of 1984.

She became a sergeant in 1992 and was recently promoted to parole lieutenant after serving as the acting-in-charge lieutenant for several months.

Her background also includes work crew and community service coordinator.

Newman said that it takes a significant amount of time to learn any job, no matter what it is.

She plans to stay in this position for five or six more years, before retiring.

"I am lucky to do this and happy to be here, I enjoy being able to work with enthusiastic and competent staff, and to be a productive member of society."

Newman encourages OSU students to consider a practicum or internship with the Sheriff or Parole and Corrections offices, after all, that's how she got her start.

If students are interested in an internship, she encourages them to contact Jenna Morrison, the practicum coordinator at 541-766-6228

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## CORRECTION

Trained underage people are sent to buy liquor *without* false a identification for the partnered sting operations conducted by the Corvallis Police Department and Oregon Liquor Control Commission partnership.

The wrong information appeared in Monday's edition of The Daily Barometer.

The Daily Barometer staff regrets any misunderstandings or inconveniences caused by this error.



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Tue, Apr 20, 7:30 pm • LaSells Stewart Center

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Wed, Apr 21, 7:30 pm  
First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe

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### EDITORIAL

## Leave the arts alone

Since the advent of photography the role of the traditional artist has changed. No longer are painters and sculptors required to record the world around them. Photographs do it instantly and flawlessly.

Faced with a new role in society, oftentimes artists create their pieces as a means of communication, to inform, to stimulate critical thinking and yes, even to shock.

However, much art that is considered shocking today, has been around for centuries without receiving so much as a whimper of controversy.

So why is it that so much of art is suddenly distasteful? Back in 2002, Attorney General John Ashcroft made headlines by having two statues in front of the U.S. Justice Department obscured by draperies during its frequent press conferences.

Both statues are of semi-nude human forms — "Spirit of Justice," a female form holding scales, wearing a toga with one breast exposed, and "Majesty of Law," a male form with a cloth strategically placed around the waist.

The problem that Ashcroft had was with the large numbers of photos taken of himself with a semi-nude woman in the background.

Just this week, a similar act of censorship took place in Tennessee. The G & L Garden Center in Hartsville, Tenn., had on display a series of statues of nude female forms. After receiving a complaint about the statues on display, the center covered each statue with a sarong and a bikini top made from a red cloth.

All we want to know is when did the human form become so repulsive? If Michelangelo's famous statue "David," which is a larger-than-life representation of a fully nude male, can be considered one of the greatest works of art in known history, then why should Lady Justice or any other nude statue be considered unfit for our viewing?

A highly recognizable symbol of our justice system is hardly pornography, and it doesn't seem like lawn ornaments should be thought of in that light either. These things have never been considered a problem in the past, and there is no reason for them to be so now.

Art is a very powerful and moving thing. Can it be shocking? Yes, but a statue is hardly going to corrupt the moral fiber of our society.

So next time you see a piece of art that raises your eyebrows, try understanding the artist's intentions and the meaning behind the piece before calling for its censure, removal or destruction.

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.

Bikes, skateboards and scooters were fine for getting around campus, but Kari preferred using "The Naked Mole-Rat of Terror."



## Seeing the truth through pictures

I've always been a big fan of free speech. After all, it's what makes this column, this paper, possible. I can be critical of our government, administration or anything else I want. But walking through the quad this week, I had my belief in free speech challenged.

First, I was greeted with "Warning: Genocide Pictures Ahead." To be honest, I thought it was a joke. Then I saw the pictures. In an anti-abortion protest the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) had posted pictures of the Holocaust and other genocides such as Rwanda and Cambodia as well as abortions.

Regardless of how you feel about abortion, this display is incredibly inappropriate. To be honest, I wasn't sure I wanted to write this column in the first place, because by recognizing this group, I feel like I'm giving them more legitimacy than they deserve.

But they do raise issues, not only of abortion, but of what is appropriate on a college campus, and those issues do need to be addressed.

The Genocide Awareness Project's Web site justifies these horrific photos by stating that these events happened, we can't cover them up. Yet, just because something happened, does that make it appropriate to display in a highly public area?

How would you feel if huge posters of child pornography filled the quad?

It happens. It's a problem in our society. Yet would putting it all over campus really solve anything? How would the GAP feel if we filled the quad with pictures of botched, back alley abortions?

Most students pass through the quad to get to class or to go into the MU. As a result, these pictures are almost impossible to avoid. OSU students are visually assaulted, whether they want to engage in this discussion or just go to Java.

Oddly enough, many of the pictures that anti-abortion protesters

use don't even engage in the conversation they want.

According to "Articles of Faith: A Frontline History of the Abortion Wars," by Cynthia Gorney, many of the aborted fetus pictures use natural miscarriages and stillbirths, stage photos using stolen body parts, late term abortions, which are extremely rare and currently illegal. Some were even taken before abortion was legal and are pictures of back alley, botched abortions.

GAP has never been culturally sensitive. According to the Vancouver Sun, which published a series of

**"... GAP has brought its display to several American universities over the last few years, often appearing during the Jewish holidays such as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur."**

The display found in the quad doesn't convey a message, it conveys conflict. Pictures of genocide do nothing but polarize. Pro-choice students get angry while anti-abortion students are validated.

One thing that I think both sides can agree on is that an abortion is a last resort. So why don't we all quit yelling and start working toward a world in which abortion is no longer necessary.

In many parts of the world, women have little, if any control over their sex lives. A man may have condoms, but the woman has no choice but to hope her

partner uses a condom.

The United States blocks funding to any organization that provides abortions, regardless of the other programs the organization offers. There isn't money for basic care or birth control. U.S. money can't even be used for education, the number one type of birth control.

Even here in the United States high schoolers and college students don't have access to proper education. A school can only get federal funding for sex-ed if they teach abstinence-only education.

Students are not taught basic protection, such as options like condoms, the pill, the patch and more. CNN reported last year that while abstinence-only programs made girls wait longer, they were less likely to use condoms once they did start.

Politicians need to recognize that people have sex. If you truly want to end abortion, create a world in which the choice can be made before the pregnancy happens. Help women once they get pregnant. Don't look down on unwed mothers. Get insurance companies to cover birth control. After all, they cover Viagra.

Abortion is a horrible thing. Does that mean I want to see it on my way to class? No.

Does that mean I want to be called a Nazi for being pro-choice? Absolutely not.

But does that mean that I'll work with you to create a world where protests and counter-protests aren't necessary? Absolutely.

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Jim Smith



## Proud to be labeled

After a morning class on Monday, I headed toward the commons to get some lunch and was accosted by an activist who seemed fairly ablaze with the fire of righteous indignation.

She was jogging back and forth, stuffing fliers into people's hands and barking in their faces about a "genocide awareness" display that was just about to start in the quad.

After lunch, having nothing to do for two hours, I wandered into the quad and took a look at the pictures displayed there, which are by now familiar to most of you, if not in person, then by word of mouth.

Huge images were in place, hanging on a frame of PVC pipe, to expose the horrors of abortion to an unsuspecting public.

They were hung right alongside pictures of hate crimes and war crimes and massacres, and apparently we were meant to draw the conclusion that the two are identical.

I say that we were expected to make this leap ourselves only because nobody involved with the demonstration seemed able or willing to try.

Maybe they avoided trying to actually make their case because it's impossible. Maybe someone involved with the project actually owns a dictionary and was able to discern that genocide involves an organized attack on a particular group of people, be they an ethnic group, a religious or a racial one.

Since abortions are performed on fetuses from literally all walks of life, the only group I can identify is humanity itself. Nobody in their right mind would suggest that abortion doctors are attempting an act of genocide against the entire human race, but genocide is exactly what they were accused of.

There were pictures, let me correct that, there are right now as I write this, pictures in the quad of authentic travesties alongside images of fetal splatter marks. What am I supposed to do with this?

Am I supposed to pretend that the body of an African American man hanging from the tree in which he was lynched by the KKK is in any way similar to an 18-year-old girl getting an abortion because she has no family and cannot afford to have a baby?

Am I supposed to be convinced that the bodies of all the people slaughtered at Wounded Knee show-

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**Candace Zepp letter**

**Don't dismiss us all!**

In response to Candace Zepp's April 13, 2004 letter to the editor I would like to ask her (as well as everyone else) to please not dismiss someone solely because they are a white male.

In response to David Williams' column she said, "Thankfully, we can dismiss the entire piece right away because firstly, David is white, and secondly, he is male."

As a white male who is continually learning about the complex issues revolving around difference, power and discrimination, as well as race, class and gender, I can say that it is difficult for us (white males) to fully conceptualize the thoughts and situations of the oppressed.

However, I firmly believe that when provided with thorough information and given a chance to think about and intellectually discuss these issues, we can form thoughts and opinions that are valid and shouldn't be disregarded solely because they come from a white male.

The motivations, statistics and facts (or lack thereof) behind the written words need to be the cause for dismissal, not the color of the author's skin.

Let me also say that I don't think David Williams was writing from the most informed perspective. I agree with Candace Zepp that his writing should be dismissed for a variety of reasons, but one of those reasons should-

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n't be his existence as a white male.

If anyone ever has a problem with something I believe in, I welcome them to explain why they think I'm wrong, but telling me I'm wrong because I'm a white male doesn't help or dissuade me. Nor does it help solve the problem of white ignorance; all it will do continue perpetuating the problem.

CLARK PETRI,  
Junior in philosophy

**Quad displays  
Do not compare**

I'm not quite sure what the posters in the quad about abortion, the Holocaust and lynchings are trying to prove or promote.

Are we to find some kind of direct link between an attempted extermination of an entire group of people and a surgical procedure intended to save the lives of woman who choose what is best for their own body, knowing full well what the emotional consequences will be?

The problem with the posters in the quad is that it isn't even addressing the core issue to the abortion debate: when does a human life truly begin?

Does it begin when the egg is fertilized? When it is eight cells? Sixteen cells? A blastocyst? A fetus?

Most people, I would hope, would argue that the killing of a child is wrong and immoral. But some would say that a ball of cells is not a child; that a child begins when the heart starts to beat.

Others would argue that, yes, a child is alive and should be protected under law from its mother when the egg is fertilized. Though none of these issues were brought up by the posters so horrifically displaying pictures of dead human beings in the quad.

Maybe it would be better to spark an intellectually-founded debate around the beginning of life rather than try to defend a position by inciting emotionally driven, shouting matches.

CHRIS HARVER,  
Senior in microbiology

**Anti-abortion display  
Do something**

This is in reference to the anti-abortion display in the MU Quad on Monday, April 12:

Everyone has the right to their opinion, but blatant, nonconstructive expressions of these opinions do nothing for the cause.

Those that are Pro-Life might want to consider the reality of their cause rather than aim to disgust the rest of us.

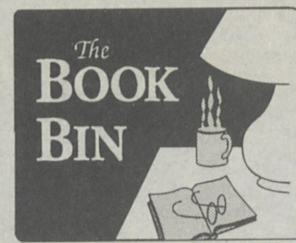
If you are Pro-Life, when is the last time you donated your time or money to an orphanage to care for those unwanted children that are a result of ignorance or poor access to reproductive health care?

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HEATHER BOLSTAD,  
Sophomore in biochemistry and biophysics

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**Smith: Earth's carrying capacity reaching intoxicated level of humans**

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eled unceremoniously into a mass grave is the same as any clinical abortion?

If this is the message, then I am glad to have missed it. I will not, however, express the shock that so many of you already have.

I was not shocked in the slightest. That's how a dead baby looks? Okay, now I know. I remain pro-choice. And if you insist on calling it murder, then very well, I am pro-murder and proudly so.

Let's talk about carrying capacity for a little while.

Carrying capacity is defined as the upper limit on the number of a certain species that an environment can support. Any and all species strive to reproduce and thrive in their environments. That is their purpose, that is what they do. And it is what we do.

But we are dangerous to ourselves as well as every other living thing on Earth. We have astounding intelligence and we have technology.

The problem with this is that we are, by some estimates, already past Earth's human carrying capacity. Others say that we are fast approaching it.

As we approach the upper limit of human expansion, we are very quickly polluting the Earth, and as the Pentagon has

recently pointed out, we may very well be in for a global catastrophe in the very near future.

When that happens, there will be a huge drop in total human population. Millions will starve to death, perhaps billions. And countless more will die engaged in warfare over food and water.

Now back to abortion. The best thing we can do to postpone the drastic drop in human population that some experts warn is inevitable is to stop overpopulating the Earth. We need to reduce human population, and thereby consumption, either voluntarily or it will be reduced for us — and in a dramatic fashion.

This means we need to change our model of reproduction, and embrace things like abortion and a one child limit per family. We have thus far been behaving like a mold. We have been sending out spores to colonize all conceivable parts of the globe, but this is no longer useful, we are fully colonized.

I encourage you all to watch time lapse photography of mold overtaking a loaf of bread if you want to know just where we are headed as a race.

Little spots spring up all over the surface of the bread and in a matter of moments the entire loaf is gone ... consumed and destroyed.

That's great for a mold, because once the substrate is used up, it can move on to a new one. We don't have that luxury yet, and until we do, we'd do well to stop expanding.

I'd like to comment also on the ridiculous "shock value" approach that the profilers insist on employing. These pictures were a new benchmark, but they are nothing new.

The thousands of little white crosses that littered the quad a term or two ago were just as annoying. I remember asking someone what they were for when I saw them, and when I was told in a somber tone that they represented all the poor innocent babies that had been "murdered" by abortionists, I laughed out loud.

I looked at them as I crossed the quad and I was encouraged. Instead of evidence of the evils of humanity, they were much more positive to me. They were proof positive that there are still a great many people in this country willing to do what is right, despite the violence and threats of violence they receive daily from those so concerned with the value of life.

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# UConn star Ben Gordon to enter NBA draft

► After achieving collegiate success the Husky junior is ready to conquer his professional goals

By DONNA TOMMELLEO  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STORRS, Conn. — Ben Gordon always expected to be in the NBA next season. The national title he helped Connecticut win made his decision even easier.

"I knew I wanted this to be my last year," Gordon said Wednesday at a news conference to announce he's leaving the Huskies early. "I wanted to win the championship and had all these goals set."

It's hard to imagine a college career ending on a higher note.

Gordon averaged a team-leading 18.5 points for the Huskies, who beat Georgia Tech 82-73 last week for the title. He is projected as a top 10 pick in the draft.

The junior guard averaged 21.2 points during six NCAA tournament games. He also scored 81 points to help the Huskies win their record-tying sixth Big East title, breaking Allen Iverson's scoring record in a tournament.

"When Mek got injured, I got to take

all this pressure on myself and that's when I started having fun," Gordon said, referring to All-America center Emeka Okafor. "I didn't look back since then."

Okafor is also expected to skip his senior season. He will graduate early in May, and he plans to hold a news conference later this week to announce his decision.

UConn coach Jim Calhoun said Gordon is making the right move.

"He's mentally ready and he's going to be one heck of an asset to the team that's fortunate enough to draft him," Calhoun said.

Gordon ended his career with 1,795 points and 437 assists. His 246 3-pointers are a school record. He is second in 3-point percentage (42.3 percent) behind Ray Allen. He and Allen are two of six former Huskies to leave before their senior year.

Gordon acknowledged struggling at times because he was already looking ahead to the NBA.

"I'd been thinking about it too much and putting extra pressure on myself and started playing poorly," he said.

Calhoun said Gordon's star qualities were evident when he first saw him in high school in Mount Vernon, N.Y.

"I discovered a really special young guy who all he wanted to be was the best that he can be and help lead us to special places," Calhoun said. "And obviously, a little over a week ago, we got to a very, very special place."

Now it's on to the NBA, where Gordon wants to prove himself again.

Gordon said he's always wanted to play for the New York Knicks because they're close to his home but added, "I really want to go to a team where I'd be able to make an instant impact." He added that he wants to play point guard in the NBA.

"I had to score a lot for my team for us to win and couldn't be passing as much as I want to," Gordon said.

Gordon's mother Yvonne Gordon was among several family members at the news conference. He promised her he would return over the next few years and finish his degree in business administration.

"I'm very supportive of what Ben has decided to do," she said. "At first I wanted him to complete his four years, but the fact that he's ready for the NBA, that's acceptable because he will continue to do his education after that."

## Gjurjevich: Bonds may be a feared presence, but not the greatest ever

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Aaron in his quest to be the all-time home run king — arguably (like everything else) the greatest title in all of sports.

But is Barry Bonds the greatest baseball player ever to live? Are we watching history in the making?

Well, yes ... and no.

Now, the man's resume should read nicely when his playing days are over — at least six MVPs (he should have at least eight), at least eight gold gloves and the title of the most dominant offensive force of his generation.

But does that make him the best ever?

Well, if you equate dominance with greatness, then sure.

But, to me, domination and overall greatness are two different birds.

For instance, not many would argue that Shaquille O'Neal is the most dominating

force in the NBA, and has been for most of the past decade.

But, I certainly wouldn't put Shaq on my short list of the greatest overall players in NBA history.

Bonds may be in the same boat — he is definitely the most feared presence in the game today, often raising the question, "why in the hell would you pitch to him?"

When the man is dialed in, as he so often is, he has the ability to hit any pitch that goes over the plate 500 feet in the opposite direction.

Yes, that makes him macho as hell, but "the greatest ever?"

Hold the phone. I wouldn't even say that Barry Bonds is the greatest player playing today.

He is certainly up there, but I would venture to say that a guy like Alex Rodriguez or even Ichiro Suzuki is a better all-around ballplayer.

Then again, greatness is not measured in skills, tools, or

reputation.

To me, greatness is found in how one fits into the game and the era they play in, and most importantly, whether or not they transcend that game and that era.

Bonds' numbers are staggering, yes, but looking through the scope of the game as it is today, they are not all that remarkable.

Throughout baseball history, there have been three men (now four) that have hit over 600 home runs. An impressive feat.

But, if you take a closer look, there are currently a dozen players who could reach 600 in the next decade, if they continue to put up numbers on par with their career averages.

You can venture a guess as to why this has happened (steroids, bad pitching, expansion, smaller ballparks) but the fact is, getting to 600, even 700, is not the accomplishment it had formally been.

Just like hitting 30 or 40 or 50 or 60 home runs in a season isn't the mark of excellence it once was.

Will Gary Sheffield be considered one of the greatest when he gets to 600? How about Rafael Palmeiro? Or Frank Thomas? Or Juan Gonzalez, Manny Ramirez, Ken Griffey Jr. or Jim Thome?

All great ballplayers, even Hall of Famers, in their own right, but among the greatest? Not necessarily.

Now, I am not trying to put Bonds' accolades in question — that's for another column. I am merely trying to put them in perspective.

Times have changed, and so has the game of baseball. The debate over who is the greatest of all time is hypothetical at best, and unsolvable at worst.

So — who's your greatest ever?

Brian Gjurjevich is the campus editor of The Daily Barometer. He can be reached at baro.campus@studentmedia.orst.edu.

## Iapala: Goal while at Oregon State is to take team to World Series

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her teammates.

"Being on the softball team you already have 17 friends, and that's who I hang out with. I live with five other softball girls," Iapala said. "I mean we just get along really well. We go out together. It's kind of like a clique; it's kind of sad that I don't hang out with anyone else, but it's true."

Iapala is close with her family, and despite them living in San Diego, they still try to see her play when they can.

With three older brothers and a younger sister, Iapala is the only child in her family to play sports competitively.

"They all come down whenever they can to watch because no one else plays sports now. They think it's fun," Iapala said. "I get to see them this week. It's been a while and we're playing UCLA on Friday, so they're driving up from San Diego. It's hard being away from them but we have the phone."

As her second year of college is slowly coming to a close, Iapala, like most college students, is thinking of what she hopes to accomplish academically along with athletically.

"After I graduate I want to go back home to San Diego and become a high

school counselor. I just declared my major in HDFS; I'm finally taking classes I actually care about," Iapala said. "I should look into coaching. I never used to want to but now that softball is kind of almost over, I think I'll consider it more."

And for what she hopes to accomplish now?

"My goal for the season is to make it to regionals, win that and go to the World Series for the first time," Iapala said. "I think we have a great chance. This is a really good team; we all get along well."

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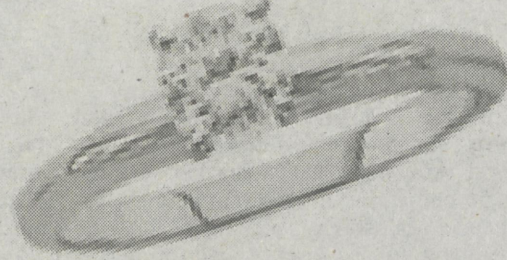
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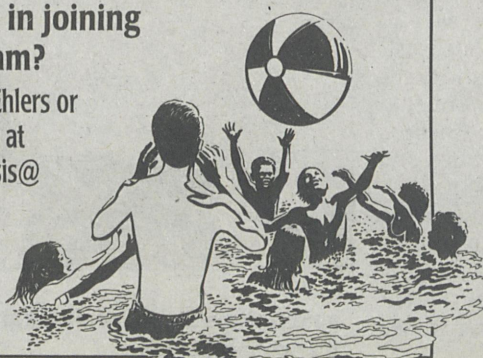
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First baseman Vanessa Iapala, of Oregon State's softball team, currently leads OSU in hitting this season with a .380 average. Iapala, a native of San Diego, says she loves OSU because of the community atmosphere. "I like the small town life at least for four years of my life."

## Change not a problem for Iapala

► California native adjusts to new environment with the same game

By MELODY STOCKWELL  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Transition has been a hard, but good change for Vanessa Iapala.

Originally from San Diego, Calif., the sophomore is making an impact on the Oregon State softball team and doesn't even realize it.

Hitting a team best .380 Iapala has already scored eight home runs, her last one in Tuesday's double-header against Portland State.

"It feels good, but it's kind of weird though," Iapala said. "I've been hitting well since the beginning of the year and it's kind of continuing and I'm hoping it goes on at least until the season is over."

Her performance is seen everywhere.

Currently, Iapala is ranked sixth in the Pacific-10 in doubles with 12, eighth in hits (54) and ninth

in on base percentage (.447). Iapala is also tied for first place with a 1.00 fielding percentage, tied for second in fielding double plays (9) and second in putouts (339).

But this comes as a surprise to the Beavers' first baseman.

"I didn't even know I was (ranked in the Pac-10)," Iapala said. "It feels good, I guess. As long as we're winning, I don't care."

Last season Iapala was batting .250 with 50 hits and her first time stepping up to the plate, she hit a grand slam.

Later in the season, she added three home runs.

She also was invited to participate in the USA Softball Junior National Team Camp in October of 2002.

In high school Iapala was named a second team All-American her senior year and was a four-year first team selection in her league and in her division.

She had her choice of many schools, but in the end Oregon State won out.

"Yes, I was recruited by a lot of schools. It was between here and Michigan and it (OSU) was just closer to my friends," Iapala said. "I knew people going here, some of my friends and to play in the Pac-10. I wanted to get out of California and I figured the best place to go was the state north; it's close enough yet far enough away."

Despite her great statistics and softball skills, the adjustment to Oregon was difficult for Iapala.

"It was a hard transition big time. I mean the weather, the school, I went to the beach all the time (in California), and now I'm like 'let's go to the coast' and people are like 'no,'" Iapala said. "But I adjusted pretty good and I like the small town life at least for four years of my life."

But Iapala had no problem making friends, especially when she already had built in friends in

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## Volleyball adds two players to 2004 roster

► Nina Baltimore and Kristy Mortensen bring strong skills to the Beavers' squad

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

The Oregon State volleyball team has added two players to its 2004 roster, coach Nancy Somera announced Wednesday.

Nina Baltimore (Santa Ana, Calif./Mater Dei HS) has signed a letter of intent to attend OSU in the fall, while Kristy Mortensen (Alamosa, Colo./Alamosa HS) has transferred to OSU from Northeastern Junior College.

Baltimore, a 5-foot-6 libero, helped Mater Dei win the CIF Southern Section Championship, and her team was the California state runner-up. She also competes for Golden West Volleyball Club, which has qualified for the Junior National

Championships this summer.

"Nina is an exceptional defender with a natural touch on the ball. She is already incredibly skilled in passing and will only need to adjust to the level of college serving to help us immediately in serve receive," Somera said. "She also has the mental make-up to be a great libero at this level."

Mortenson, a setter, was a 2003 AVCA Two-Year College second team All-American for Northeastern JC. She led Northeastern to the National Junior College Tournament, where the team finished sixth. She is studying education and early childhood development.

"We've had Kristy in the gym for three weeks, and her rate of improvement has been great," Somera said. "She's shown great poise, and it's encouraging to see her training for the fall."



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Oregon State's volleyball team will open the 2004 season Sept. 3 against Saint Louis.



Brian Gjurjevich

## The Greatest

The title of "the greatest ever" doesn't come easy.

The Beatles had to write a lot of songs, Muhammad Ali had to knock out a lot of dudes and Michael Jordan had to hit a lot of game-winners to earn that distinction.

You don't just throw a "the greatest ever" tag around like you would a "superstar" or even "legend."

Being "the greatest ever" means you stand gloriously above all the rest, looking down and mightily laughing at the sorry "superstars" and "legends" at your feet.

As good as that sounds, there is a catch. (Sorry).

You see, you're only "the greatest ever" in the minds, hearts and words of the fans — a very unstable (and corny) indicator at best.

That's why for every Beatle, there is a Led Zeppelin. For every Ali, there is a Rocky Marciano and for every Jordan, there is a Wilt Chamberlin.

Fact is, there are compelling "greatest ever" arguments for a handful of guys (or gals) in every sport, competition, or activity ever — you name it.

You can try to solve "the greatest ever" quandry with numbers, but that only starts a whole other debate about how reliable statistics are.

You can even debate and argue the issue all you like, but the fact remains — if someone wants to think Metallica is the greatest band of all time, they will think it, no matter how many times you play "A Day in the Life" for them.

Face it — no matter how good your wife's meatloaf is, it will never be half-as-good as mom's. And no matter how funny a loaded Tom Arnold is to watch, SportsCenter is still the best damn sports show, period.

Like the old saying goes, opinions are like, uh, noses — everybody has one.

Which is why I love "greatest ever" arguments — like any other great debate, everyone has their opinion, but nobody has the answer, because the answer doesn't really exist.

(Take a second ... breathe ... think about it... okay... let's go ...)

Recently, the title of "greatest ever" has been mentioned in the same sentence as a certain Barry Lamar Bonds, prompting good-natured debate in a sport that desperately needs anything positive in the old image department.

Bonds hit his 661st career home run the other night, surpassing legend and fellow "greatest ever" candidate Willie Mays for third on the all-time list. Bonds now looks up at baseball immortals Babe Ruth and Hank

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