

Suspect caught in bank robbery

► Man arrested in Albany charged with April 12 Corvallis Wells Fargo hold up

By **PETER CHEE**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Law enforcement officials arrested a man Tuesday and charged him with the April 12 robbery of Wells Fargo Bank in downtown Corvallis.

Darrell G. Haskins, 42, was taken into custody without incident from an address in Albany after being identified from bank surveillance tapes taken during the robbery.

A press release from the Corvallis Police Department said that several individuals "well acquainted" with Haskins confirmed his identity.

The arrest was the result of a joint-effort by the CPD and the FBI.

On April 12 Haskins walked into the downtown Corvallis branch of Wells Fargo, placed a bag on the counter and told the teller he had a gun and a bomb, according to a previous CPD press release.

The suspect left what appeared to be a bomb and departed on foot with an undisclosed amount of money.

The Oregon State Police bomb squad, with the

aid of a remote controlled robot, later determined the object was not a bomb but a small box with wires attached to it.

Haskins was arrested on federal bank robbery charges and arraigned Wednesday in Federal District Court in Eugene. He is currently being held in Eugene without bail at a federal holding facility.

Tom Unger, Wells Fargo public relations consultant, said it is now for the courts to decide.

"I'm glad they have a suspect in custody," he said.

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Portland to hold its first public inquest in two decades

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND — The partner of a police officer who shot and killed an unarmed black motorist said Wednesday he felt he had lost control of what had begun as a routine traffic stop.

"There was an overwhelming sense that something bad is happening, and I can't control anything," Officer Sean Macomber said. "I'm doing what I can but it's not enough."

Just seconds later, the man Macomber and Officer Jason Sery had stopped was shot by Sery.

A grand jury has already cleared Sery of any criminal wrongdoing in the March 28 death of James Jahar Perez.

But Multnomah County District Attorney Michael Schunk decided to hold an inquest to make details of the investigation public.

On Wednesday, Schunk led the hearing, asking questions while a panel of six inquest jurors listened, and wrote questions of their own.

Detective Jon Rhodes, the lead investigator in the shooting, opened the testimony. He presented police photos of Perez's body slumped in his car, and an investigator removing bags of drugs from Perez's mouth during an autopsy.

Macomber testified that he became suspicious of the car Perez was driving that day because it appeared to be a luxury car out of character for the neighborhood. They checked the license plates and registration, and the driver did not appear to match the age of the registered owner, Macomber said.

When the driver failed to make a proper turn signal while entering a parking lot, Macomber decided to make a traffic stop.

Macomber said that Perez confronted him immediately as he got out of his patrol car to approach the car Perez was driving.

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'Retired' and ready for grad school at 74

► Neuroradiologist returns to school to study marine biology at OSU after 40-year career

By **DAVID STAUTH**
OSU NEWS AND COMMUNICATIONS

According to Dr. John Howieson, retirement is a time of life when a person gets to do whatever they want to do, for as long as they want to do it, just because it's fun. By that definition, he says, he's retired.

Dr. John Howieson decided at the age of 74, to return to school, seeking "one more big adventure" in the study of marine biology at Oregon State University.

By almost anyone else's definition, however, Howieson would be considered a hard-working graduate student. He's pursuing a master's degree in a complex field, struggling with advanced mathematics and looking forward to a new career.

No golf, no tropical cruises. He's not your typical retiree.

Howieson is a neuroradiologist, and over a four-decade long career in medicine has studied or worked everywhere from Kentucky to England, Yale University, Oregon and the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. He quit full-time work as a physician at Oregon Health & Science University in 1994, and continued to work occasionally, but felt he was "just marking time."

"I enjoyed medicine a great deal, working with the advances in technology over the years, and teaching students in university hospitals," said Howieson. "But I decided I wanted one more big adventure in life."

At OSU, that adventure has taken the form of a master's degree in marine biology, studying with two of the leading researchers in the nation in this field - Jane Lubchenco and Bruce Menge, co-holders of the Wayne and Gladys Valley Chair of Marine Biology.

Howieson said it's a chance for him to learn more about a field that has fascinated him for decades, and he hopes to soon do independent research in a university setting, or perhaps work for a conservation organization.

"I should be fairly employable," Howieson said. "I already have one doctorate, I'll have a master's degree in zoology and I won't require a salary. That ought to help."

Howieson was born in New York City - the same year the New York Stock Exchange crashed, in 1929, ushering in the Great Depression - and graduated from medical school in Kansas in 1955. He was trained in both radiology and neurology, and

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Operation Quench



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Peer Health Advocates Outreach & Events Coordinator Nicki Chick, a biology major, prepares the organization's table for the lunchtime crowd in the Quad Wednesday morning. Chick and other volunteers were on hand from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. with water, bananas and sunscreen to promote the importance of hydration and sun safety. To get involved with PHA or find out more, contact David Visiko at 737-7555.

OSU students talk about their march on D.C.

► March and rally call attention to reproductive freedom, students attend

By **KATIE GILL**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The hostel on Columbia street was overflowing, people crammed in everywhere, sleeping on couches and floors.

In fact, Washington, D.C. as a whole was overflowing, filled with people ready to march for reproductive rights.

Friday, April 23 marked the beginning of a weekend focused on feminism and reproductive freedom.

Women came from across the nation and from more than 60 countries around the world to join the rally, including three OSU students.

Amanda Gzik, Connie Folse and Jen Robinson left Friday morning at 7 a.m. to take part in what they referred to as "a coming of age for third wave feminists."

"Amanda started the process, she had a bug in her to try to get us there," said Folse, a masters student in public health.

"It was kind of looking hopeless, I honestly didn't think that it would

happen," she said.

However, the women were able to receive funding from several groups on campus including the Women's Center, the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and Speak Up, which enabled them to join the march.

"We felt like it was something we could really gain a lot from," said Gzik, a senior in graphic design.

According to event organizers, the rally proved to be the the largest women's rights march in history, with more than 1.15 million people participating.

"They were meticulous about registering everyone," Gzik said.

The three attended a conference the day before the march, where they were grateful to hear speakers discuss how reproductive health is an all-encompassing term, including education, economics and social justice.

"It was really good and inspiring to hear them say that reproductive health is not just an abortion issue," Gzik said.

"I got a sense that women's rights are everyone's rights," Folse said. "You're fighting for everyone, which is why so many people were there."

The mass of people that descend-



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OSU students Jen Robinson (left), Amanda Gzik and Connie Folse received funding from several campus groups to join 1.15 million people from across the world last weekend in a Washington D.C. march for reproductive rights.

ed on Washington included men, high school-age girls, Republicans for Choice and Veterans for Choice among many others.

"A lot of Christian Coalition

[members] were there in support of choice, we even passed two nuns," Gzik said. "The diversity was awesome."

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WORLD

Bloody Thailand mosque shows evidence of recent violence

PATTANI, Thailand (AP) — A heap of bodies in a bullet-scarred mosque attested to a sharp and sudden upsurge of separatist violence Wednesday in Thailand's Muslim south. While the prime minister said the issues were strictly local, some tied the clashes to the country's support for the war in Iraq.

Police said they shot and killed 107 Islamic fighters — including 32 inside the mosque — after repelling near simultaneous attacks by hundreds of militants.

The violence began when the militants, mostly teenagers, stormed about 15 police stations and government buildings in three provinces.

Three policemen and two soldiers were killed and 17 militants were arrested during the pre-dawn attacks in Yala, Pattani and Songkhla provinces, officials said.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said authorities had been tipped off and were ready for the attacks. He said the outcome would help end an Islamic insurgency that has simmered for decades in this Buddhist nation's impoverished south.

"It will be hard for them to do these kind of bad things again," Thaksin told reporters in Bangkok, the capital.

Muslims, 5 percent of Thailand's 64 million people, are a majority in the country's thin southern peninsula.

Thaksin blamed a surge in violence this year on money flowing into the south from drug traffickers and corrupt politicians. Other officials say the trouble stems from rival criminal factions or conflicts between corrupt army and police forces over the spoils of smuggling.

NATION

House passes \$105 billion tax reduction for married couples

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Wednesday to lower taxes for some married couples, part of an election-year push to lock in some of President Bush's most popular tax cuts.

The bill, passed 323-95, would permanently change three parts of tax law that cause some married couples to pay higher taxes than they would as single individuals and reduce their taxes \$105 billion over the next decade. Some married couples face a tax increase next year if the changes expire as scheduled.

"Tax relief has greatly helped the economy weather the storms of recent years and fueled the economic recovery under way today," the administration said in a statement.

The vote sent the tax cut for married couples to the Senate, which must pass it before it becomes law. No debate has been scheduled in the Senate.

House lawmakers expect to take up several bills over the next few weeks that would make other temporary tax cuts permanent, including the expanded 10 percent tax bracket and the \$1,000 child tax credit.

The House voted 226-189 to reject a Democratic fix to the so-called marriage penalty. That version, expected to reduce taxes on some couples about \$206 billion over the next decade, would have kept about 13 million couples from losing part or all of their tax cuts to the alternative minimum tax, a levy originally intended to keep wealthy individuals from sheltering their income but increasingly trapping middle-income families.

STATE

Schools wait to find out who made the cut for Gates grant

PORTLAND (AP) — First there were 37, then 23, and then eight high schools vying for a piece of the largest single private gift ever given to public education in Oregon.

On Thursday those eight will be whittled down to a final four, all of whom will get funding from a \$25 million grant backed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Meyer Memorial Trust. The money will go toward the creation small schools-within-schools, aimed at closing nagging achievement gaps at large high schools.

The eight finalists are scattered up and down the state, from Marshall High School in Portland to Woodburn High School near Salem, which has one of the state's highest concentration of Spanish and Russian speakers. Two of the finalists are in Medford — football rivals North Medford High and South Medford High — and have presented themselves to the grant committee as a package deal.

Whichever schools are chosen will be at the state's forefront of a movement that's gained significant ground in education over the last few years, due partly to Gates' patronage.

The idea, said Karen Phillips, who directs the small school initiative in Oregon, is to create schools with fewer cracks for dropout prone students to slip through, where teachers can pay closer attention to their students.

To qualify, high schools had to have at least 25 percent of their students participating in the federal government's free or reduced lunch program, or have 20 percent in such programs and 15 percent or more minority enrollment among the student body. Schools also had to have at least

700 students.

Eight more Oregon high schools are slated to receive small schools grant funding next year.

UNIVERSITY

Ohio group takes gay marriage ban proposal to constitution

COLUMBUS, Ohio (U-WIRE) — An anti-gay rights group said the new Ohio ban on same-sex marriages is not sufficient and is attempting to amend the state constitution by way of a statewide vote in November.

The Ohio Campaign to Protect Marriage submitted a sample petition bearing the signatures of 218 Ohioans and a summary of the proposed amendment to the office of Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro on April 20.

David Langdon, the Cincinnati-based attorney for the group, said the amendment was proposed out of a distrust and fear that the courts will not adequately carry out the ban.

"The amendment will keep the issue out of the hands of the judiciary. Because this isn't an issue that the judiciary should decide, it's one that the voters of this state should decide," Langdon said.

Langdon cited the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision that legalized same-sex marriages as the reason why a ban needs to be upheld and the amendment pushed through.

"This is certainly in response to the Massachusetts decision," Langdon said. "There is a need to respond to that — a number of other states are doing this as well."

The proposal comes just one week before the Ohio Defense of Marriage Act goes into effect. The act, signed into law on Feb. 6, already restricts legal recognition of same-sex marriages.

— By Ian Story
The Lantern (Ohio State U.)

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

- Meetings**
OSU Bahai Unity Club, 7pm, Asian Pacific Cultural Center. All welcome to!
Beaver Strides, noon-1pm, MU 212. Info meeting for interest in the Relay for Life walking event, May 21-22, 2004.
Black Student Union, 5pm, Black Cultural Center. Elections today!
25+ Students of OSU, 10-noon, MU 203. Make plans for next year - light brunch and refreshments.
Speakers
Student Involvement, 10am-noon, Joyce Powell Leadership Center. Video Teleconference, "Campus Activities: Creating Intentional Connections for Student Learning."

- Events**
Career Services, 4pm, 8 Kerr Admin. Resume & cover letter writing seminar.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

- Meetings**
University & Collegiate Branch of GMA, 4pm, 25+ Lounge. Form campus organization to produce Italian style "Gnocchi." Paid operation, experience desired but not required.
Events
Career Services, 4pm, 8 Kerr Admin. Job search strategies seminar.
Career Services, 3pm, 8 Kerr Admin. Beaver Recruiting seminar. How to register for on-campus interviews.
Career Services, 2pm, 8 Kerr Admin. How to prepare for the Human Services Internship Fair.
OSU Students for Bone Marrow Programming, 1-4pm, MU Lounge. How you can help save someone's life.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

- Events**
OSU Students for Bone Marrow Programming, 1-3pm, MU 211. Silent Auction benefitting OSU's Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

- 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 21st. Taize Service at University Evening.

MONDAY, MAY 3

- Meetings**
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.
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Student: Returning grad enjoys the new challenge

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used his expertise to help diagnose problems in the brain and central nervous system.

Many of the diagnostic tools he started with - angiograms, pneumoencephalography - were made obsolete over the years by such advanced technology as CT scans and magnetic resonance imaging, or MRIs.

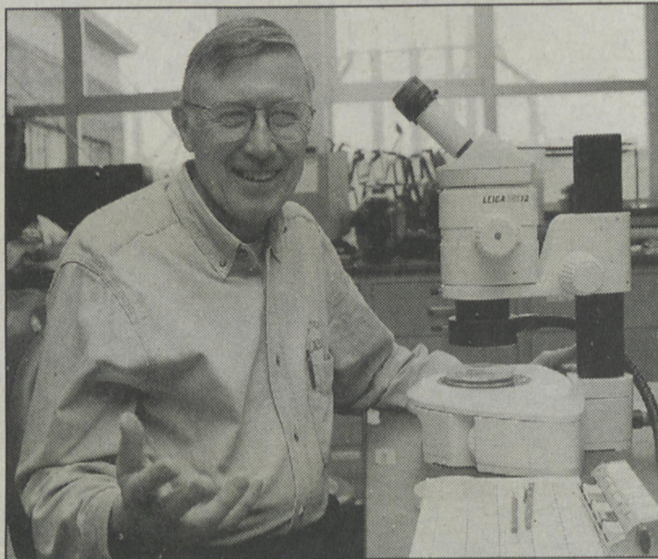
Howieson has both followed the advances in his field and helped teach generations of medical students about them.

Now, instead of tracking down brain tumors, Howieson spends most of his time trying to figure out why the California mussel is so common at the western end of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and nearby ocean, but not in Puget Sound - is it differences in salinity, temperature, predation? No one knows yet.

Both medicine and marine research have their unique challenges, he said.

"I was hoping there might be quite a bit of carryover from what I learned in medicine to the study of marine biology, but there actually hasn't been as much as I thought," Howieson said. "This is a whole new field for me, I'm working largely with invertebrate animals, there's a lot to learn. But the information itself is so intrinsically interesting, there's just a degree of wonder to study biology and understand how everything has evolved."

"I suppose the toughest part is the advanced math we use in physical and chemical oceanography," he said. "I never took calculus even when I was getting my undergraduate and medical degree, and that was more than 50 years ago."



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Dr. John Howieson decided at the age of 74 to return to school, seeking "one more big adventure" in the study of marine biology at Oregon State University.

The university itself, he said, has been both fun and supportive.

"OSU is a great school, and it's been enormously pleasurable to interact with all these young students," he said. "We work together, go out for a beer, talk politics. I share a house during the week with another grad student. It helps you sometimes to forget how old you are."

There are a few oddities, he said.

"Everyone who doesn't know me personally assumes I'm a professor, not a student. And I got a call from the enrollment office from someone wanting to double-check the date of my birth. It said 1929, and they assumed that had to be an error."

In some other ways, Howieson is not your typical student. For instance, he's made substantial donations to the OSU Foundation to support two undergraduate schol-

arships in the Department of Zoology where he is studying, himself, as a grad student.

He still works one day a week, mostly just to help out, at Oregon Health & Science University, where his wife, Diane, is also a neuropsychologist. And since he failed almost 30 years ago to get his daughter interested in studying marine biology, he's decided to do it himself.

"I'm not sure just what the attraction of this field is, but I talk to a lot of people about it and it's surprising how many of them said they always thought that type of work would be fascinating," Howieson said. "People still ask me why I'm doing this at my age. It's just a great interest of mine, and when the day comes that I don't think it's fun, I won't do it anymore. But I don't anticipate that happening."

"And anyway, I never learned how to play golf."

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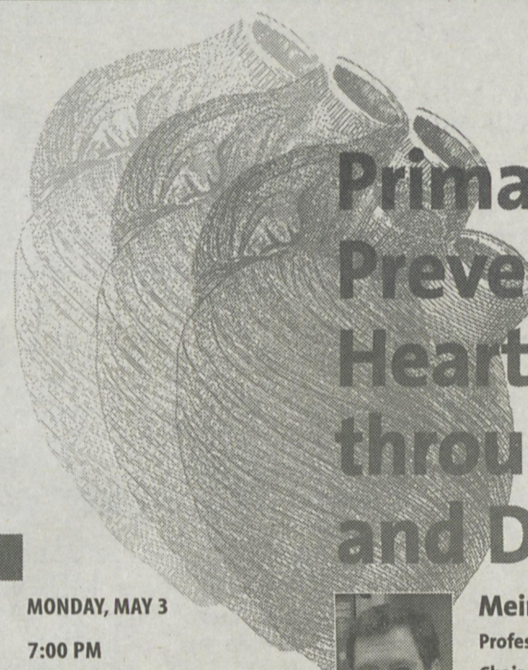
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EDITORIAL

Teachers are the enforcers

OXFORD, Miss. — Sometimes, the spirit moves college students to cross fingers for a curved test grade.

In the Ivy League, curves are a norm leaked to the public that administrators are trying to break. When 91 percent of Harvard undergrads receive honors with their diplomas and nearly 50 percent of Princeton students get As in their classes, one has to wonder about the depreciation of America's highest tiers of education.

To prevent that effect, Princeton faculty OK'd grade rationing to turn the tide against grade inflation, CNN.com reported Tuesday. The school reportedly tried strongly encouraging instructors to be less generous with their grading system in 1998, but apparently that was to little avail.

Under the recently approved scale, 35 percent of an undergraduate class would receive As in the class. Ideally, this rule will return grading patterns to levels seen from 1987 to 1992, said Princeton Dean Nancy Weiss Malkiel, the person who came up with the plan.

Sure this plan might effect immediate change on grade inflation, but it's an easy way out of a situation unsolvable by grade quotas.

Grade inflation doesn't only exist in the Ivy League.

Raising educational standards and accountability for faculty and students instead of bowing to quotas may be a more effective way to combat fake grades.

Heightening educational quality departmentally might be better for all involved. Another means of making certain students learn their material is having a department-wide, standardized exam system for each class, similar to what the Ole Miss School of Accountancy does. The tests are difficult, but the educational value is worth it.

Sure, a 52 on a test that magically turns into a 78 is awesome, but the long-term results corrode the quality of the degree students work for four or more years to earn.

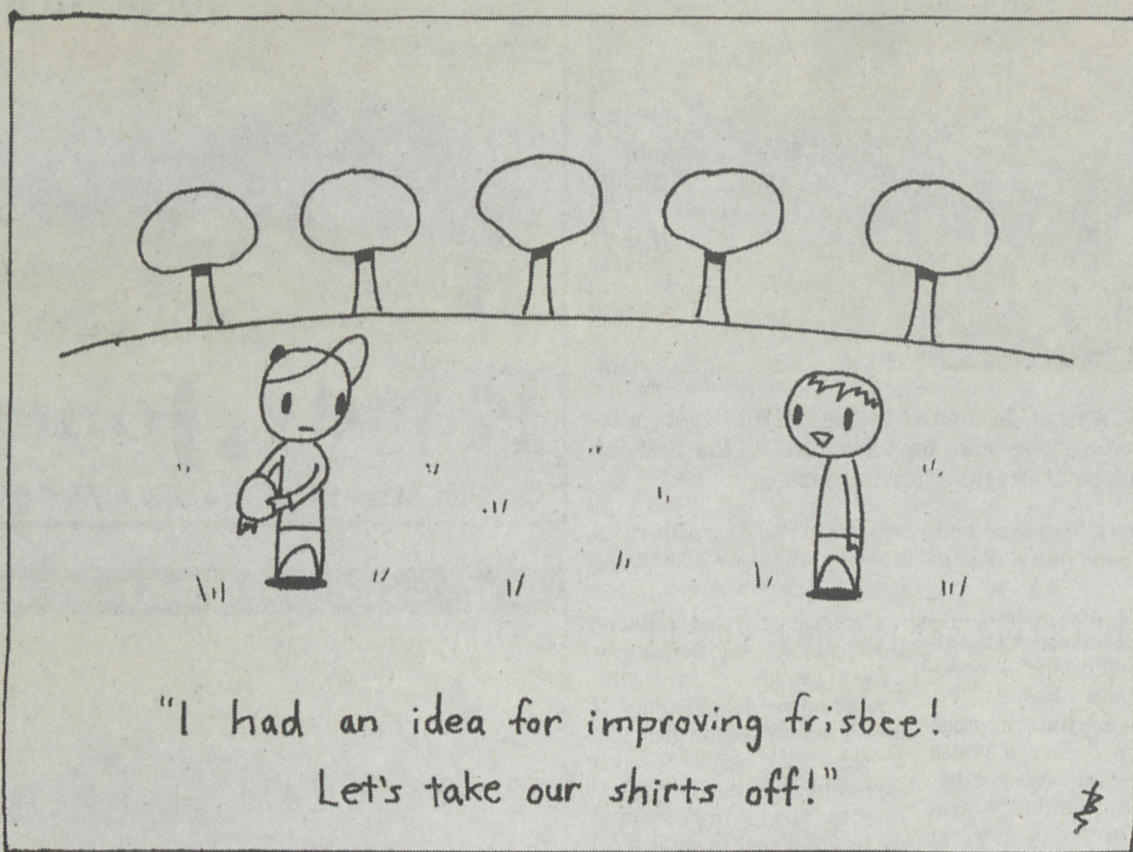
That's not fair to them, and it lets instructors off easy when in fact their students show they've learned little.

Setting a cap on grades doesn't do the trick either as it dismisses a class of hard workers.

It's arbitrary, and in an educational system already plagued with pet students and sliding grade scales, more random acts of academic ego are the last thing needed to fix grade inflation.

Capping grades is not the way. Making teachers enforce grades is.

This opinion is that of the editorial board at the Daily Mississippian of the University of Mississippi. The opinions expressed here do not necessarily represent those of The Daily Barometer staff.



Political mudslinging — all in a days work

I've never been very good at choosing my battles. I'll get into most fights that come along. And, as a result, I'll lose most fights that come along.

By going in, guns a blazin', I usually don't stop and think: Am I really on the right side of this issue? Is this really worth getting worked up about? Or, will I make a fool of myself?

Well, it seems that President Bush and I do have something in common after all.

If his recent campaign statements are any indication, he's not very good at choosing his battles either.

Of course, even I would have a hard time taking up many of the "battles" he faces with Kerry, whether it be jobs (2.9 million lost according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics in January), Iraq (allies like Spain leaving, still no weapons of mass destruction and increasing death tolls every day) or even homeland security (chronically underfunded).

But these, it seems, Bush could spin. And at least some would buy it. But Bush has chosen to fight a far more epic battle. The Bush administration has decided to attack John Kerry's war record.

They have attacked two main parts of Kerry's record: first, his injuries, and second, inconsistencies with Kerry's story when he returned to the United States.

The Bush attack team has revealed that Kerry's commanding officer felt that the wound for which Kerry received his first Purple Heart was "only a scratch."

Apparently, Kerry was trying to medal his way into winning a medal.

Kerry released his military records, which not only showed that he was, in fact, wounded in combat, but this same commanding officer gave him high marks in his evalua-



Elizabeth Meyer

tion. Kerry was a first rate soldier.

The second aspect of Kerry's service has more to do with when he came back to the United States. After returning, Kerry led the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, or VVAW. As the leader, he testified before Congress and led many protests.

One of these protests consisted of veterans "returning" their medals and ribbons to the government. In an interview in 1971, Kerry stated that he returned "his medals."

It's now become apparent that Kerry only returned his ribbons: his medals were actually back in Massachusetts at the time. He tried to explain it by telling reporters that he "symbolically" tossed his medals, or that he didn't have time to go home before the march to get the medals.

Douglas Brinkley reported in Salon that many people, unfamiliar with the military uniform, assume ribbons and medals are the same thing. Trying to explain the distinction would have served no purpose in 1971, and simply confused people.

So while I understand where Kerry is coming from in defending himself, I'm still left with one question: Does Bush really want to open this can of worms? Is he really that interested in turning this campaign into a comparison of how he and Kerry spent the years of the Vietnam War?

Yes, Bush served in the National Guard. At least, he says he did. He has yet to release the documents

that confirm this, but we'll give him the benefit of the doubt. I know how hard it is to get this school to release documents, and the military probably has even more paperwork.

But the National Guard in the 1960s was vastly different from serving in the Navy. Don't get me wrong: I have the utmost respect for anyone that serves our country, especially the National Guard currently overseas, but during Vietnam, the National Guard was considered a relatively risk-free way of doing it.

So I'm not sure that Bush wants to call attention to the fact that the wound Kerry received while fighting the Viet Cong was only a scratch. After all, Kerry got it fighting the Viet Cong in Vietnam, not wrestling an armadillo in Texas.

Kerry did his duty overseas, but recognized the foreign policy that guided that duty was flawed, in the same sense that we can hope that our troops are successful in rebuilding Iraq even as we protest and work against the lies that put them in harms way.

Whether Kerry threw his medals or his ribbon simply doesn't matter. In fact, as Clinton's presidency should tell us, military service doesn't really matter either.

What does matter, however, is that Bush is trying to start a fight — a fight that he probably can't win. This fight may just be verbal, but do you really want this man to be the man who decides when to start a fight that involves bombs, guns and American lives on the line?

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Jim Smith



Kerry needs to separate himself from Bush

We're just a few short months away from election time 2004, and there's been no shortage of commentary, propaganda and speculation so far. We can only expect this to reach a fever pitch as we approach November.

Recently, John Kerry has been trying to distinguish himself from George Bush so the voters will feel that there is reason enough to vote for him. There can be no doubt that Americans are fed up with Bush-style politics, at least those of us who haven't suffered massive, debilitating brain damage anyway.

So the thing for Kerry to do is to set himself apart from Bush to a sufficient degree as

to convince people that he's worth their vote. The problem with this is that he has lately been running a very centrist campaign that seems to put him in a position of supporting or mimicking the president.

Kerry has long been of the opinion that the UN should play a role in the handover of Iraq. This is exactly the same thing that Bush has been saying lately, although his motives for doing so are to save as much face as possible after rushing in headlong against the wishes of this very same UN.

The colossal failure that is the Iraqi occupation will very probably be the center of attention this election. Which means that the war on terror will be in the spotlight as well, along with all of the heavy-handed moralistic rhetoric from the Bush camp that goes along with it.

It is extremely hazardous for Kerry to appear to support the president too much on these issues, as American approval of the president will only continue to fall as our soldier's death toll continues to rise (more than 720 so far).

If the public sees no appreciable difference in candidates, then it is

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"In addition to voting against George Bush this November, I'll have the distinct pleasure of knowing that I am also voting against Donald Rumsfeld ... Dick Cheney and John Ashcroft ..."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pro-war demonstration
"Who Cares? I Do!"

This letter is in response to the pro-war "demonstration," held by three people in the M.U. Quad around 1 p.m. on Wed., April 28, 2004.

One of the signs read "10,000 Dead Iraqis, Who Cares?" and as I was passing by, the person holding that sign stated that this opinion was protected by his freedom of speech.

While this type of speech is protected by the constitution, which technically makes it "politically correct," it is sad that the people speaking it were more concerned with their "right" to say it, than the morality behind what they were trying to say.

That said, I wonder how the person holding the sign would feel if I simply changed the death toll and location of the moral atrocity to that of the Twin Towers on September 11, and asked if they cared?
Chances are, their response would be

the opposite of what they were attempting to demonstrate, and would most likely be followed by a number of personal beliefs that would have more to do with nationalism and revenge instead of morality.

I would like to answer the question asked on the sign by making a "morally correct" statement. I care about the loss of life in Iraq, as well as the loss of life in the U.S. and around the world.

It saddens me that people seem to be more concerned with technicalities that allow statements of apathy and unaccountability, instead of the underlying morality of those statements.

STEPHEN ARTHUR,
Graduate student in applied ethics

Crescenzi column

Sucker for the funny ones

You know when you laugh so hard that your stomach muscles feel like they are tearing and you can't stop laughing because the column you are reading is so

funny, that you give yourself a hernia? Well, that was yours truly, one-third the way through yesterday's Sippy Cup column (Darrin Crescenzi, April 28, 2004).

In that piece, the author fell off of his skateboard and spilled his latte, then poked fun at himself for it. And, using words like chagrin and tarpuelin (I don't mean to sound like I'm calling him out for using a big, unnecessary word from a thesaurus and misspelling it, but I think he meant tarpaulin), he went on to talk about how he was really messy as a toddler.

Thanks for the 411!
Maybe I'm a sucker for a funny column, maybe it's a bad case of osteoporosis, but my funny bone was vaporized like Binaca at a middle school dance after reading his conclusion that everyone should go purchase a Sippy cup so they don't spill on themselves.

You Baro editors need to forewarn readers that they may hurt themselves when reading knee-slappers of this level.

CASEY HOPKINS,
Junior in mechanical engineering

Smith: Kerry should play up differences or old familiar, Bush, will win

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likely to stick with the incumbent because people find comfort in familiarity. Knowing this, Kerry should do whatever he can to appear different than Bush in every way.

But Kerry is oddly aligned with Bush on foreign policy matters.

The situation in Iraq is so out of hand (what with the rampant mercenaries and all) that the coalition force is rapidly disintegrating. It's a scenario I don't think anyone could have expected.

Mercs actually outnumber the British in the region, meaning that the second largest organized force in the country is a freelance army for hire. Three countries have already decided to pull their troops out — Spain, Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

In response, the president publicly denounced the Spanish Prime Minister, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, for his decision.

This is completely expected. Bush is the one who engineered this whole miserable catastrophe with his doctrine of preemptive war making. One would feel almost let down if he didn't play his part and lash

out at Spain for protecting its own.

That's the great thing about this. Bush is wholly responsible for the situation in Iraq. He stirred up a viper's nest down there, lied to us about the costs, underfunded and underequipped our troops and is now stubbornly refusing to request more money, despite the desperate state of affairs, because it would be politically unwise to do so in an election year.

He instead has the gall to try pawning the whole mess off on the UN, and this after telling the world community to go screw itself.

But rather than blasting Bush for his inexcusable pigheadedness and arrogance in expecting the international community to hoist him out of the grave he dug for himself against all advice, Kerry actually sided with Bush.

"Spain and all the world have an interest in rebuilding an Iraq that is not a haven for terrorists and a failed state," commented Kerry, complete with a disconcerting Bush class allusion to Iraq as a haven for terrorists.

This sort of thing bodes ill for Kerry if he keeps it up, and it bodes ill for us. John Kerry is not the same thing as George

Bush. He's not even close. And even if he is similar to Bush on certain points, that's not what this election is about.

This election is about more than the president, it's about all of the people that go along with him.

In addition to voting against George Bush this November, I'll have the distinct pleasure of knowing that I am also voting against Donald Rumsfeld, war profiteer and corporate thief Dick Cheney and John Ashcroft, the single most frightening man in America.

That is what Kerry needs to play up. He needs to point out at every turn that Bush is not one man acting alone. He is the head of an evil cabal, and this cannot be stated harshly enough.

Kerry has a chance to win this election, but he has to do everything he can to set himself apart from Bush. He needs to be the anti-Bush in every way, and he most certainly cannot afford to pass up golden opportunities like the one given him by Spain to lambast the president for being the fool that he is.

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Bryant to enter plea during May 10-12

► Both sides won't be ready for a trial until end of summer

By JON SANCHE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAGLE, Colo. — The judge in the Kobe Bryant case said Wednesday the NBA star will formally enter a plea in his high-profile sexual assault case during a three-day hearing that starts May 10.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle granted a prosecution request to have a plea entered and said he would have liked to do it Wednesday. But the judge said he needed to give the media time to file a request to have a camera in the courtroom

for the procedure.

The Los Angeles Lakers star hasn't spoken in open court since August, when he answered "No, sir" to a simple question from the judge handling his preliminary hearing.

Bryant is accused of raping a 19-year-old employee at a Vail-area resort last June. Bryant, who has said he and the woman had consensual sex, would face four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if he is convicted of felony sexual assault.

Once a not guilty plea is entered at an arraignment, a trial must be held within six months unless the defendant waives the right to a speedy trial.

Attorneys for both sides told Ruckriegle the earliest they could be ready for trial would be late August or early September.

The woman's attorney, John Clune, asked the judge last month to set an arraignment date, saying she has been threatened and is constantly fearful.

"If the case can't be tried within six months, then we have significant other problems," Clune said Wednesday.

The arraignment was set as a three-day pretrial hearing wound down without resolution of two key issues: whether the accuser's sexual history can be used against her at trial and a defense request to dismiss evidence that includes a hospital exam of the NBA star.

Linebackers: Coaches impressed how well defense is picking things up

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ing as a backup last season.

"I hope to get better and improve everyday no matter what it is," Scott said. I'm moving into a new role, and I am ready to step up there and get better."

Improvement has been the focus of this spring for the linebackers. Linebackers coach Charlie Camp takes an active role in teaching his players and isn't afraid to get out on the field himself.

Camp, who was a linebacker at the University of Arizona for their famed "Desert Swarm" defense in the early 1990s, likes what he's seeing so far from this group.

"I think we are doing a pretty good job of understanding our defense, and trying to execute and fine tune every little skill there is at linebacker," Camp said.

Camp said that his group

needs to improve its coverage skills. He wants his players to get better at getting hands on opponents and moving downfield with receivers.

He is, however, impressed with how prepared the players have been and how well they are picking things up.

"I think this is probably the hardest working group of guys I've had, that I've had the opportunity to coach," Camp said. "So I'd say our work ethic is our overall strength."

Pollard, who will be senior next season, has assumed the leadership role of the linebackers and already has laid out his expectations.

"I expect that we just come out and play hard everyday," Pollard said. "I expect us to play hard and play fast."

With Seigler gone, Bray will be moving from the outside spot to the middle, which suits him just fine.

The junior had 76 tackles last season at outside linebacker, which ranked second on the team behind Seigler. He also had three sacks and 12.5 tackles for loss. Those numbers could improve this season because Bray will be playing at a more comfortable position.

"It's more natural for me than outside linebacker is, I really enjoy it," Bray said.

Traditionally, many teams place an emphasis on size and strength at the linebacker position. The Beavers, however, like their linebackers to have speed. As a result, while some Oregon State players may be a little undersized, they make up for it with excellent speed.

"There's a very specific athlete that plays linebacker and speed is the characteristic," Riley said. "Sometimes we take a smaller guy that other people will pass on because we like his speed, his toughness and abili-

ty to make plays and get to the ball."

Camp is confident that his group of linebackers will play up to the standards of past OSU linebacking units.

"We're going to be strong, we're going to be fast, and we're going to know what we are doing," Camp said. "All of which will give us an opportunity to play fast and that's what we do here at Oregon State."

Bray and the other OSU linebackers have lofty goals for next season.

"I think we are going to lead the Pac-10 in defense and go out and dominate every team we play," Bray said.

With that attitude, the Beavers should be exciting on defense next season and continue its pipeline of linebackers to the NFL.

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Gjurjevich: Can we expect a high school freshman to keep his word?

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eighth grade graduations, looking for the next Carmelo?

One would hope not.

I know that recruiting is a tough task, and that finding "the next big thing" is a challenge for any recruiter.

And I know that a big-name recruit means more notoriety for the school, and hopefully, more wins and more money for all involved.

But actively recruiting ninth graders? That's getting a tad bit ridiculous, don't you think?

Nothing against Jay John and his program, but if low-on-the-college-hoops-totem-poll Oregon State is out signing ninth graders, then what are college hoop powerhouses like Arizona doing? Or Kentucky? Or UConn?

Should we expect to see Lute Olson at an after-school day care scouting talent, separating the boys from the, uh, boys?

Or will it be commonplace to see Tubby Smith down at KidSpirit searching for some good footwork?

Will Jim Calhoun need to buy an ultrasound machine to keep up with the rest of the NCAA?

Obviously, things are getting a bit out of hand.

Now, they say that Iwuka will likely be a McDonald's All-American by 2007, meaning that most are already expecting him to lead his team to glory.

The question is whether the Beavers will still be his first choice when all the other offers come pouring in.

When I was 14, I probably made a lot of commitments that I didn't keep.

My "best friends forever" have been long forgotten and my career goal of becoming President of the United States is certainly out the window.

Point is, when most kids are 14, they can't commit to what they are having for

lunch, let alone where they will be in three years.

Asking a minor to commit, especially if it is non-binding, is sort of unnecessary for both the school and the kid.

It's pie-in-the-sky for the school, who certainly can't bank their program's future on the fickle promises of a fourteen-old-kid.

And for the kid?

Well, it's just a whole extra load of unnecessary expectations.

Not only are the kid's parents, teammates, coaches and cheerleader girlfriend counting on him to play well, but now he has a college program watching every move for three years, just waiting for the day they can exploit him.

Call me old fashioned, but to me, there is no room in the NCAA for this type of child's play.

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"We have a lot of work to do before next season."

— OSU men's golf coach Brian Watts after finishing eighth in the Pac-10 Championships

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Simpson leads Beavers to eighth place finish

► Golf posts its best team total in the final round at Pac-10 Championships

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

MARANA, Ariz. — The Oregon State men's golf team finished eighth Wednesday at the Pac-10 Championships at The Gallery at Dove Mountain Golf Course.

The Beavers posted their best team total in the final round with a 373 and finished eight strokes behind Oregon with a 1,521.

Junior Brad Simpson fired a solid 1-over 73 in his final round and led OSU overall, placing in a tie for 14th with an 8-over 296.

Senior Sean Deacon, playing in his last Pac-10 championship tournament as a Beaver, struggled in his final round and posted an 81 despite having four birdies on the day. He finished in a tie for 28th at 302.

"We competed well today, but unfortunately could not make up enough ground," OSU coach Brian Watts said. "The guys fought hard on this

difficult course and got progressively better. We played well in the final round and I think that shows some character from our guys."

Arizona, after trailing Arizona State by nine strokes coming into today, stormed back in the final round to take the team title over the Sun Devils by five strokes. The Wildcats posted a total score of 10-over 1,450. Defending champion UCLA came in third.

Arizona's Henry Liaw fired the only sub-70 round on the day to claim individual medalist honors with a 9-under 279. 2003 NCAA individual medalist Alejandro Canizares and Chez Reavie, both from Arizona State, tied for second at 5-under 283.

Freshman Ryan Gilmour carded the low round of the day for the Beavers with an even-



Simpson: Finished tied for 14th place

par 72, including three birdies, earning him a tie for 42nd with a 309.

Junior Cameron MacKenzie, who tied for sixth at last year's Pac-10s, finished with a 312.

Freshman Jonathan Green capped off his first Pac-10 championship with a 314, including a final-round 74, and sophomore Brian Kelley posted a 317 after carding a 75 in his final round.

"We have a lot of work to do before next season," Watts said. "Working on ball management and mental toughness will be our main goals. We have one more tournament next week and we'll see if we can end the season on a high note."

The Beavers finish out the season on May 3 at the Northwest Shootout in Sunriver, Ore.



Deacon: Final collegiate tourney

Brian Gjurjevich



Are you kidding me?

I opened up the Corvallis Gazette-Times sports page yesterday and nearly fell out of my seat.

OK, I was standing, but you get the picture ...

To the right side of the page, about halfway down, was a headline that read, "Freshman chooses Beavers."

Intrigued by the word "Beaver," I went in for a closer look.

It seems that Oregon State's mens basketball team, who hasn't had a winning season since 1990, is looking toward the future.

Waaaay toward the future.

The Beavers have received a non-binding, verbal commitment from high school freshman Emeka Iweka, a 6-foot-6, 243-pound man-child from Seattle.

And if you didn't catch it the first time, I did indeed say "freshman."

That's right, Iweka won't be graduating high school until 2007, meaning he won't grace the court of Gill Coliseum until the fall of that year.

So, what does this all mean? Well, for you freshman out there — congratulations, you will be able to enjoy Iweka's first year in Corvallis, and then (some of) you will graduate.

And for everyone else?

Well, sorry folks — you will have to wait until you get that "OSU alumni" sweater before you enjoy the fruits of coach Jay John's recruiting.

Fruits that certainly have some ripening to do.

Iweka averaged 9.0 points per game and was the second freshman ever to start for Rainier Beach high school coach Mike Bethea, a team that is ranked 10th nationally by USA Today.

Nicknamed "The Incredible Hulk," Iweka has been dunking since fifth grade and is the seventh ranked high school freshman in the nation.

All of which has me pondering a few things.

First of all, I want to meet the guys who scout the nation and publish rankings of high school freshmen — a job that, to me, seems like a bit of an overkill. I mean, aren't these kids a bit too far away from actual graduation to label them with such a distinction?

Isn't that a bit too much pressure to put on the shoulders of a 14-year-old kid?

Apparently not.

Plus, if you are ranking 14-year-olds, why not rank 13-year-olds? Or 12-year-olds?

Should we now expect college recruiters to be hanging around at

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Linebackers key to team's success

► Football team hopes to continue with the reputation of "Linebacker University"

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Last season, the Oregon State defense finished the season ranked seventh in the nation in total defense as it held its opponents to 288 yards a game. The Beavers were ranked nationally in the top 10 for both rushing and pass defense.

One of the main reasons for the Beavers' success on defense was the stellar play of its linebackers.

"They are a major, major part of our defense," OSU coach Mike Riley said. "We were first in the league (Pac-10) in defense last year, and our linebacking played a big part in that."

Riley often refers to OSU as "Linebacker University" because of all the talent the Beavers have had at the position in recent years.

Also, the Beavers have had a linebacker selected in the NFL draft each of the last three years in James Allen, Nick Barnett and most recently, Richard Seigler.

Riley believes there will be more OSU linebackers moving onto the NFL and has very high hopes for a lot of the younger linebackers on the team. He also said that linebacker was the strength of this year's recruiting class.

So the Beavers should have excellent depth at the position in the future.

With two returning starters in Jonathan Pollard and Trent Bray next season, the linebackers should continue to anchor the OSU defense. At the other linebacker spot will most likely be junior Chaz Scott. Scott will be stepping into a new role after serv-



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Trent Bray will replace former Oregon State player Richard Seigler at middle linebacker next season. The Beavers defense was first in the Pac-10 last year and expects continue their success next season.

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Oregon State splits double-header with Portland State

► Softball set school record with 18 hits in 10-0 victory during nightcap game

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The No. 18 ranked Oregon State University split a double-header against Portland State University in Wednesday night's non-conference softball action.

The Vikings (18-31) rallied to take the first game by a score of 4-2, while the Beavers (39-18) responded with a 10-0 five-inning victory in the nightcap, breaking the school record with 18 hits.

In game-one, a two-out, two-RBI single up the middle by sophomore Vanessa Iapala helped the Beavers take a 2-0 lead in the third inning.

Senior pitcher Monica Hoffman held control of the game from the circle over the first five innings. She surpassed the 700-mark for strikeouts in her career (704) by fanning six batters, including strik-

ing out the side in the bottom of the third.

The wheels came off however for the Beavers in the bottom of the sixth when PSU's Erin Stokey sent the first pitch of the inning over the left-center field fence to cut OSU's lead in half.

After a single by Rose Rutledge and Annie Pecchia's walk, Oregon State reliever Ta'Tyana McElroy entered the game. Designated player Kayla Lewis belted the second pitch she saw over the right-center field fence to give the Vikings a 4-2 edge.

Oregon State responded in game-two, scoring six runs on seven hits in the opening inning of action. Freshman third baseman Sherina Galvan led-off the game with a double and tallied an RBI single later in the inning.

Other highlights included a two-run home run by Iapala — her ninth of the season, as well as an RBI single from Ingrid Lochelt.

The Beavers more than doubled their hit out-

put of the entire first game in the first inning of the nightcap.

A two-RBI double by Kelly Petersen capped off four consecutive hits in the top of the fourth as OSU extended its lead to 8-0.

Oregon State made the final score 10-0 after utilizing four hits to score two more runs in the top of the fifth. Lisa Allen added an RBI single to her 3-for-4 outing, while Petersen picked up her third RBI contest.

Seven different Oregon State players tallied two hits in the second game, while the Beavers broke the school record with 18 hits in the contest. Every Beaver batter that stepped to the plate reached base at least once during the game.

Freshman pitcher Brianne McGowan (10-3) earned the complete game victory and her fifth shutout of the year.

TV LISTINGS

Baseball

Major League
Philadelphia @ St. Louis
ESPN, 10 a.m.
Seattle @ Baltimore
FSN, 12 p.m.

Basketball

NBA playoffs
Milwaukee @ Detroit
TNT, 5 p.m.
Dallas @ Sacramento
TNT, 7:30 p.m.

Hockey

Stanley Cup playoffs
Tampa Bay @ Montreal
ESPN, 4 p.m.
Detroit @ Calgary
ESPN2, 7 p.m.