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'Building a future together'

► Rainbow Continuum presents its weeklong Pride 2004, which begins today in the Memorial Union Quad

By BRIAN GJURGEVICH
THE DAILY BAROMETER

There are few events on campus that would feature a game-show-type forum titled "Guess the Hetero."

Then again, there are few events quite like Pride 2004, an annual week-long educational celebration of all things queer, sponsored by the OSU Rainbow Continuum.

More than a week's worth of events, Pride 2004 is a chance to gain an appreciation for queer issues, as well as a way to recognize this diverse segment of campus.

"I think far too often, people — especially when they hear about issues like gay marriage on the news or the radio — think that it's kind of abstract because you really can't put a face to these issues," said Jeff Otis, a 19-year-old junior in pre-computer science and social coordinator for the Rainbow Continuum.

"[Pride Week] is a chance to be visible, which is something I don't think we necessarily do enough."

Many events are planned throughout the week, beginning today with a Welcome Barbeque from 12 to 2 p.m. in the MU Quad. Free food will be served, along with music from The Gentry.

Beginning at 2 p.m. today, the MU Lounge will be the site for "Guess the Hetero," a discussion/game that will reveal the sexual orientation of six panelists after students ask them various questions for about 20 minutes.

"After the panelists leave, the audience votes on the panelists' sexual orientation," Otis said. "Then, we have conversation about stereotypes that influenced the decisions. That should be a lot of fun."

Events continue Tuesday, highlighted by a discussion titled "Understanding the Issue: Marriage Equality."

Micheil MacCutcheon and Bonnie Tinker from the Portland group "Love Makes a Family," will speak about marriage equality beginning at 6 p.m. in MU 208.

"It's a discussion about what's happened to the legal status of gay marriage across the nation," Otis said.

"Queer Community, Christian Community" will be held at the International Forum on Wednesday at 4 p.m. The Westminster House will provide a speaker, who will discuss what the Bible says about homosexuality. The lecture will be followed by a discussion led by Team Liberation.

That same evening, a camp-out will take place in the MU Quad from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m.

"We have a tent brought in, we have a fire pit and we roast marshmallows," Otis said. "We end up watching movies, it's usually lots of fun."

Thursday morning features a forum called, "Understanding Bisexuality," where panelists will discuss their lives as bisexuals as well as stereotypes about being bisexual.

That panel, which takes place in MU 208, begins at 11 a.m. and runs until 1 p.m.

Thursday evening marks the second annual "Honoring Ceremony" — an awards banquet that recognizes lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and allied individuals for their commit-

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Play Time



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Actors Wing Ho and Eric "Pogi" Sumangil perform a scene from "FOB," a comedy by David Hwang about Chinese-American identity, Sunday night in the MU Ballroom. The Minnesota-based group was brought to campus by the Asian Pacific American Student Union for APA Heritage Month.

OSU's Cesar Chavez tribute week begins

► Weeklong events will honor lifelong leader, founder of United Farm Workers

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Today marks the beginning of Cesar Chavez Tribute Week at OSU.

Chavez, co-founder of the United Farm Workers, became interested in worker's rights in 1938, after his family was forced to move to California to become migrant workers.

Chavez helped to initiate the grape, lettuce and Gallo wine boycotts in the early 1970s.

His work resulted in the first collective bargain-

ing agreements and union hiring halls for migrant workers.

Chavez died in 1993, at a time when the labor union he helped to create was in decline. Membership fell from a high of 80,000 in 1970 to 20,000 in 1993.

However, the numbers have increased within recent years, and the United Farm Workers union has regained force.

Events will be held throughout the week to honor Chavez, all of which are free and open to the public.

Today at 5 p.m. a talk by Willan Cervantes will

analyze the meaning behind the terms Latino, Chicano and Hispanic. The talk will be held in the Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez.

A tribute dinner detailing Chavez's life will be held on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Union ballroom, followed by a candlelight vigil at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12 on the MU north steps.

Thursday, May 13 will feature the last event of the week. It is a documentary film, "The Fight in the Fields," which focuses on farm labor issues, and it will begin at 6 p.m. in the Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez.

Greeks show marked improvement at UO

► UO president's academic initiatives appear successful

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EUGENE — It was good to be Greek at the University of Oregon this winter.

Students in the school's 21 fraternities and sororities posted a combined 3.1 grade-point average during winter term. The performance put them on par with the rest of the university's undergraduates, something that hasn't happened in more than 20 years.

Greek grades climbed 0.17 of a point over fall term compared with 0.03 of a point for undergraduates as a whole, according to the UO Panhellenic Council.

The improvement follows several changes in Greek culture.

In fall 2002, UO President Dave Frohnmayer imposed an alcohol ban at all university-affiliated fraternities and made a number of once-voluntary standards mandatory. Included in those was a requirement that individual fraternities and sororities have grades equal to the overall undergraduate average for

men and women, respectively, or that they show continued progress toward that goal.

About 1,300 students belong to Greek chapters at the UO out of a total undergraduate enrollment of 16,000. Frohnmayer said the grades herald a shift in how Greek organizations are regarded.

"For the moment, these numbers are powerful enough that they do not lie to us," he said. "There really has been a significant turnaround in behavior, in focus and in seriousness of purpose."

Shelley Sutherland, director of the UO's Greek Life office, said she has seen signs that chapters are taking scholarship more seriously. Where most houses used to do little more than hold an unsupervised "study hour" once a day, most now offer better-organized study periods, have set up study partners and provide more help to freshmen who typically struggle in their first year of college.

More students are coming to the university with higher grades and test scores, and she said chapters

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Goldschmidt revelations a blow to Kulongoski

► Board of Higher Education will continue its momentum

By BRAD CAIN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM — Former Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's admission that he had sex with a 14-year-old girl was a personal blow to Gov. Ted Kulongoski, his friend and political ally who was counting on Goldschmidt to lead the charge for improvements to Oregon's public universities.

Goldschmidt also was a member of Kulongoski's inner circle of advisers — people from business, labor and political backgrounds who volunteered their time to brainstorm with Kulongoski on major policy moves.

The friendship between Goldschmidt and Kulongoski goes back decades.

After suffering a bruising loss to Republican Vic Atiyeh in the 1982 governor's race, Kulongoski dropped out of politics for a time and moved his Eugene law practice to Portland.

But during those years Goldschmidt remained Kulongoski's mentor and close personal friend.

And in 1987, Goldschmidt, who

had just become Oregon's new governor, brought Kulongoski back into the political limelight when he appointed him state insurance commissioner.

In that role Kulongoski was placed in charge of what's become known as the "Mahonia Hall" package of workers' compensation reforms that was adopted by a special legislative session in 1990.

It was no surprise, then, when Kulongoski turned to his politically savvy and well-connected friend six months ago to try to find ways to stop the decline of legislative support for the state's universities.

In a major shakeup, Kulongoski replaced five members of the state Board of Higher Education, and he installed Goldschmidt as board president to lead the drive to revive higher education.

In the wake of the stunning disclosures of Goldschmidt's sexual misconduct — and his resignation from the board — Kulongoski made it clear that his sympathies lie with the victim, not with his longtime friend.

Goldschmidt's departure comes just as the board, acting at Kulongoski's

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NEWSREEL

CALENDAR

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WORLD

Italian authorities break up Islamic suicide bombing cell

ROME (AP)—Anti-terrorism police arrested the Algerian cleric of a mosque and four Tunisians Sunday in a crackdown authorities said was aimed at preventing an al-Qaida-linked cell from sending suicide attackers to Iraq.

The suspects allegedly belonged to a cell of Ansar al-Islam, an organization based in northern Iraq with links to al-Qaida, Genoa's Police Chief Oscar Fiorolli told the Associated Press in Rome in a telephone interview.

Fiorolli said the suspects' alleged intentions were learned through telephone taps, and he indicated authorities decided to move in before the suspects could leave Italy.

NATION

Report: Screeners missing tons of bags at Newark airport

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Thousands of bags are loaded onto planes at Newark Liberty International Airport every day without being scanned for explosives, according to current and former screeners at the airport.

Several screeners told the newspaper that inadequate staffing and pressure to keep lines moving has affected security at the airport, where one of the four planes hijacked in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks had taken off.

The federal Transportation Security Administration conceded the airport is understaffed, but denied that security has been compromised. The airport, among the nation's busiest, handled 29.4 million passengers last year.

STATE

Panel chooses Crater Lake image for state's quarter

SALEM (AP) — An image of Crater Lake was recommended for the Oregon commemorative quarter by a panel that chose among four designs, the state treasurer's office announced Friday. The Oregon Commemorative Coin Commission's recommendation now goes to Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who will make the final call. The U.S. Mint has asked the governor to return his final decision by mid-May. The three competing designs were Mount Hood, a salmon and a covered wagon scene.

Oregon's quarter will be issued in February 2005. It will be the 33rd in a series of commemorative quarters honoring each state.

UNIVERSITY

Protesters to counter Bush speech at LSU commencement

BATON ROUGE, La. (U-WIRE) — In protest of President George W. Bush speaking at Louisiana State University's commencement, several campus and community groups are planning an anti-Bush rally on campus.

College Democrats president-elect Ryan Berni said the goal is to be as visible as possible as a united group to Bush and the media.

Although Berni said it is an honor to have any standing president speak at a university's graduation, he feels the visit is too politically motivated, since Louisiana is a major battleground for the November presidential election.

—By Leigh Shelton
The Reveille (Louisiana State U.)

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 club open to all OSU students. Find out how you can serve your community.

Exotic Animal Club, 6:30pm, WITH 217. Dan Lever will be speaking about his sperm whale research and his experience working at zoos and aquariums. Officer election will follow.

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

Speakers

OSU Socratic Club, 7-9pm, LaSells. Dr. Gary Ferngren and Dr. Marcus Borg will be debating, "How Should We Read the Bible?"

Events

Rainbow Continuum, 12-1pm, MU Quad. Kick-off BBQ. Free food. Welcoming queers and allies to the 2004 Queer Pride Celebration.

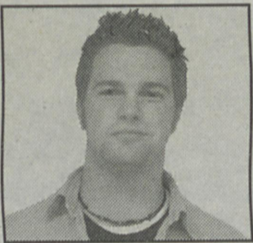
Rainbow Continuum, 2pm, MU Main Lounge. Guess the Hetero: a panel of students, all but one queer. Ask 7's and try to determine who is straight.

Rainbow Continuum, 5:30-7pm, LaRaza. Interracial Relationships: informal diversity training discussing cross-cultural interactions.

OSU Bookstore Board of Directors Election!

May 13, 8am to 5pm. OSU Bookstore Merchandise Level

Bring your student ID and vote to fill your Student Director openings.



Derek Bronken

Year: Freshman

Major: Business Administration

Qualifications: I have worked in the nonprofit field my entire life. I have worked extensively with the American Diabetes Association as well as the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Serving as a fund-raiser for the mentioned organizations as well as a lobbyist in Washington D.C. I have spent the remainder of my time working in a retail atmosphere. I have worked as a convenience store clerk as well as a staff member at a marina. Consequently, I am very conscious of how retail stores operate and I take an intimate interest in the nonprofit aspect of our bookstore.



Matt Tschabold

Year: Junior

Major: Physics

Qualifications: I feel my work with the ASOSU, the Associated Students of Oregon State University, and sitting on the OSA Board, the Oregon State Association, has helped me gain experience working with the planning and development of an organization which is crucial in order to maintain the strength and integrity of that organization.



Morgan Braze

Year: Junior

Major: Business Administration

Qualifications: I am currently a junior in Business Administration with an interest in bettering the overall welfare of the OSU Bookstore. In the past year, I have made every attempt possible to become involved in many different aspects of the university. I would like to contribute what I have learned in those experiences to other directors and to the success of the bookstore in catering to the educational needs of OSU students. I have worked for the past year as a Student Director for Memorial Union Program Council. In that time, I have acted as University Events Director with my most noteworthy project being the coordination of the annual civil war t-shirt sale. This included organization and management of all aspects of the project, in addition to maintaining a budget. In addition I have worked as a SOAR Odyssey Peer Leader while also serving my fraternity as Scholarship Chairman.

Duc Phan

Year: Freshman

Major: Business Administration

Qualifications: An experience that I have that could contribute to the success of the OSU Bookstore is that about two years ago, after taking a Business Administration course, I started implementing a business plan that I created for that course. It was a great learning experience that I would never forget because I got exposed to many different aspects of the business world by being an entrepreneur. The business that I created was to resell computer related products and accessories to other businesses and consumers. Besides not having a physical location for a retail store, this is the only big difference between the business I started and the OSU Bookstore and because of this, I believe that I can greatly contribute to the success of the OSU Bookstore by using experiences that I have learned in my past and apply it to this Bookstore.

Kyla Johnson

Year: Junior

Major: Political Science

Qualifications: As a current member of ASOSU, and an undergraduate senator I have had much experience making decisions that affect students campus wide. I realize that the importance of sitting on a board is to contribute as much student perspective and insight to both make effective and efficient decisions possible. I also realize that there are many other things to take into consideration that could in effect altar prices of books; things like budget cuts that result in price increases - one thing I saw happen in many different departments as an Undergraduate Senator.



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Arrests

11:45 p.m., Saturday, May 8 — OSU student Justin Williams was arrested for third-degree assault for beating up another OSU student. Williams was booked and released to the Benton County Jail.

2:30 a.m., Friday, May 7 — Linda Bain, 47, was cited and released for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

1:03 a.m., Friday, May 7 — Taylor Alexy, 19, was cited for two counts of fourth-degree assault and minor in possession by consumption. Alexy was drunk when he struck two individuals in Cauthorn hall.

12:45 a.m., Friday, May 7 — Douglas Fitzpatrick, 40, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was released to the Benton County Jail.

12:50 a.m., Friday, May 7 — Teresa White, 37, was cited for second-degree possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamines. She was released to Benton County Jail staff.

3 a.m., Thursday, May 6 — OSU student Andrew Hill, 20, was cited and released for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

May 3 to May 8 — Citations for minor in possession were handed out to five people.

Thefts

5:42 p.m., Saturday, May 8 — A silver Trek mountain bike, valued at \$300, was reported stolen from its locked location at McNary Hall. There are no known suspects.

12:40 a.m., Thursday, May 6 — A light blue and silver Fuji Odessa 21-speed mountain bike, valued at \$100, was stolen from its locked location at Poling Hall.

8:10 p.m., Wednesday, May 5 — Between 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 4 an unknown person took \$40 of cash from the theatre box office at Withycombe Hall. Officers could not find signs of a forced entry.

8 p.m., Wednesday, May 5 — A red and grey Giant Ricon bike, valued at \$300, was reported stolen from its parked location at Owen Hall.

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 5 — An employee reported that \$85 was stolen from an unsecured glass jar in the 6th floor kitchen in the Kerr Administration building.

2:30 a.m., Monday, May 3 — A silver and black Giant Rainer mountain bike, valued at \$800, was reported stolen



from its locked location at Benton Hall. There are no known suspects at this time.

Other

1:53 a.m., Saturday, May 8 — A garbage receptacle was blown up in the dormitory quad with some type of explosives. Possible suspects have been identified by OSP and the investigation is continuing.

9:33 a.m., Friday, May 7 — An Aramark employee accidentally set off an alarm at the OSU president's residence. The employee had correctly reset the alarm by the time OSP responded.

12:25 a.m., Friday, May 7 — Aramark called in an audible alarm in the Kerr Administration building room B210. It had been reset by the time OSP responded.

3:36 a.m., Friday, May 7 — Aramark called in to report

an audible alarm in the boiler room at Oak Creek.

5:50 a.m., Friday, May 7 — A silent intrusion alarm was set off at the Trysting Tree restrooms. Staff members said nothing was disturbed.

8:05 p.m., Wednesday, May 5 — A hit and run was reported. The damaged vehicle was parked at Jefferson and 14th streets and sustained two 'dings' to the front passenger door. The estimated cost for damages was under \$1,000. There are no known suspects at this time.

1:09 p.m., Tuesday, May 4 — A hit and run was reported that occurred between 6 p.m. May 1 and early morning May 2. The damaged vehicle sustained a scrape on the left rear wheel well that was estimated at \$400.

10:55 a.m., Tuesday, May 4 — A bicycle/vehicle collision occurred at 35th Street and Campus Way. The operator of the bicycle sustained minor injuries.

Police Beat is compiled by DD Bixby from the crime logs of the Oregon State Police and Corvallis Police Department. She can be reached at baro.city@studentmedia.orst.edu.

Pride: Several events this week

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ment to the queer community at OSU.

"This started last year — we started giving out awards — they're called the 'building community awards' for leaders in the queer community at OSU," Otis said.

The ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. in the MU Ballroom.

The annual drag show and dance at the MU Ballroom will take place from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Friday, May 14.

"This is the big event of the week," Otis said. "We have Maria from Portland coming down with her troupe. We have a drag show and dance — it will be a lot of fun.

The theme for this year's Pride Week is "Building a Future Together," a nod to allies of the OSU queer community — those who, because of, or even despite,

their sexuality, take time to accept and support queer issues and rights.

Alison Wiesner, a sophomore in business administration and fine arts and a volunteer for the Rainbow Continuum, said the theme is important because "it's about queers and allies building toward a future together, embracing the allied community as well as the queer community."

More information on Pride 2004 can be found at the Rainbow Continuum Web site: <http://oregon-state.edu/groups/rcosu> or by calling 737-6360.

Pride 2004 will also have a table in the quad from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the week to answer questions and highlight resources available to all students.

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Goldschmidt

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ki's behest, is getting ready to reveal its plan to make college more affordable for lower and middle-class students.

The board plans to propose a trust fund for students to cover a larger portion of college costs for a wider range of students.

As the week came to a close, Kulongoski took quick action to try to put the Goldschmidt scandal behind him. He designated himself as temporary president of the higher education board to keep momentum going on his proposals.

"We're going to move ahead," Kulongoski said in an interview.

A key Republican lawmaker also said he doubts that Goldschmidt's misconduct and resignation from the board will create any long-term political problems for Kulongoski as he works to give a boost to Oregon's universities.

Greeks

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realize that to recruit new members they must show students and parents that Greek life and academic success are compatible.

In another sign that the initiative is working, Sutherland said the four fraternities that already have live-in adult managers — a new requirement all chapters must meet by this fall — also had the highest grades last term.

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Pride 2004 May 5-14
Queers and Allies, Building a Future Together

Monday, May 10
 Noon-2pm Welcome BBQ and Band, MU Quad
 2-3pm Guess the Hetero, MU Main Lounge
 5:30-7pm Interracial Relationships, MU 208
 7-9pm Rainbow Continuum Meeting, Women's Center

Tuesday, May 11
 11am-2pm Recreational Sports, MU Quad
 11:30am-1pm Mentoring LGBT Students: How & Why, MU 208
 6-8pm Understanding the Issue: Marriage Equality, MU 208

Wednesday, May 12
 11am-Noon Understanding Intersexuality, MU 208
 2pm-4pm Queer Community, Christian Community, International Forum
 4-6pm Queer Panel, MU Main Lounge
 7-9pm Film: The Smith Family, MU Main Lounge
 8pm-8am Campout, MU Quad

Thursday, May 13
 11am-1pm Understanding Bisexuality, MU 208
 2-4pm Trans 101, MU 208
 6-8pm Honoring Ceremony, MU Ballroom

Friday, May 14
 11am-1pm Coming Out as Queers and Allies, MU 208
 1-2pm Wrap It and Bag It: Safer Sex, MU 208
 7:30-11pm Annual Drag Show and Dance, MU Ballroom

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!
 Accommodations for disabilities may be made by calling 737-6360 at least two days prior to an event. OSU is an equal opportunity institution. For more information, contact The Rainbow Continuum at 737-6360, rcosu@mu.orst.edu or oregonstate.edu/groups/rcosu

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EDITORIAL

Bye bye boom

Third and 4 from the Beavers' 36. D.A. takes a step back and slams the ball into his tailback's eager arms. In a flash of orange and black, Dwight Wright is past the blitzing linebackers, and into the vulnerable underbelly of the secondary. A missed tackle later, he's gone — a figment of the free safety's imagination.

The instant Wright breaks free, the celebration begins.

In Reser, 36,000 voices combine into one deafening roar. The entire student section — from the drunk, hairy grad student with the orange and black chest to the red-shirt punter behind the bench — are united as one joyous, emotional unit celebrating together under the boom of the fireworks.

Prepare for Oregon State Beaver football 2005 — where hopefully this will be a common scenario. Everything, that is, except for the fireworks.

As many of you probably read last week, the Athletic Department has pulled the plug on the tradition of post-touchdown fireworks at Reser.

Though the department had been entertaining the idea for quite some time, last week's Pet Day fiasco, in which fireworks at the Raising Reser groundbreaking caused an uproar at the animal-lovers' humble event, was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

So that's it — no more fireworks at Reser.

It seems sincere enough; Athletics obviously made a mistake and is rightfully attempting to rectify the situation.

It seems there are two types of people in Corvallis: those who are outraged by the loss of the celebratory ka-booms (a.k.a. students), and those who are thrilled by it (a.k.a. community members).

Yes, there are a lot of homes within earshot of Reser. But if residents think that a boom after a touchdown — a couple times every other Saturday for a single season of the year — is driving down their property values, well, that is just not right. Our offense just isn't that potent, guys.

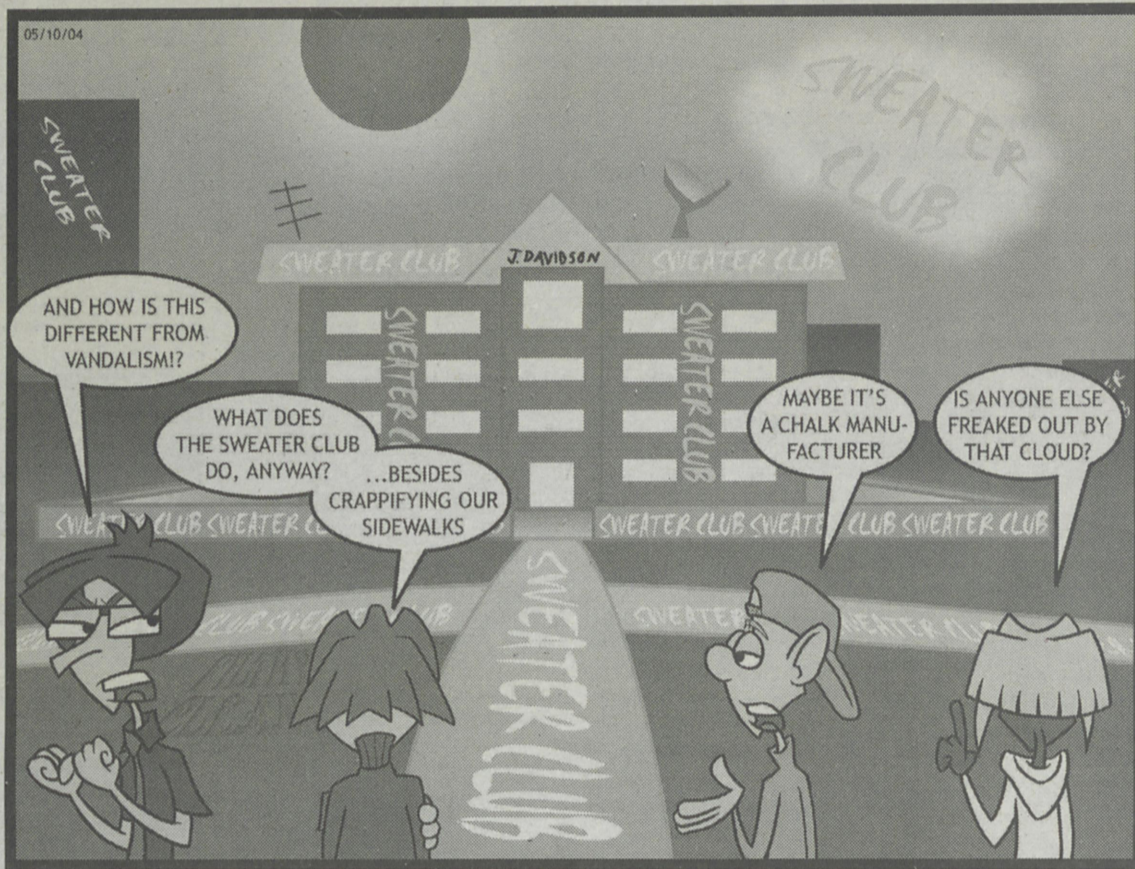
I'm sure the puddles of vomit and empty cans of PBR on the front lawn Sunday morning are a bit more of a hassle than a little noise at the peak of the afternoon. But hey, that comes with the turf of living near campus.

Our football team has only been winning regularly for a few seasons, so we really don't have a lot of traditions yet — and a lot of the ones that we have are stupid (chainsaw, anyone?). But taking away our fireworks might be taking the apology too far.

If we really have to get rid of them, then we need to come up with a new means of celebration — one that captures the feeling of elation as well as a good old-fashioned explosion.

After all, we were looking forward to plenty of those fireworks over the next several decades.

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.



Something must be done to restore trust

I'm sure we've all seen the pictures documenting the detainee abuses at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, and I'm sure there are a lot of upset people. Personally, I can't remember the last time I've been so angered by the actions of others. The ramifications for this are likely to be seen for decades to come.

The most troubling aspect about the abuses is the blinding hypocrisy the United States has shown to the Arab world. One of the reasons we went to Iraq was to bring democracy and freedom. We even cited the brutalization of prisoners and torture chambers as reasons Saddam needed to be removed.

It is painfully ironic that the country that claimed to be removing a murderous dictator committed abuses to the Iraqi people in the same facility that Saddam's people committed the abuses.

Don't get me wrong, the torture committed by the former regime was worse than what happened to these detainees ... but not much worse. The sexuality of the pictures is a direct insult to the Islam.

Not only were these prisoners humiliated, but they were also forced to act in direct contradiction with their religion. Muslims take their religion very seriously and many would rather die than partake in its degradation.

The ripple effects across the Muslim world are not yet obvious, but I have a few conjectures as to what will happen. These pictures are great propaganda for terrorist organizations. It will be much easier to convince people that we're the 'Great Satan' when they have these pictures as evidence.

Even people who don't join terrorist groups will have a distrust of the United States for years to come, and any actions we take in the name of freedom will be ques-



James Lester

tioned. These are not people who simply forget wrongs committed against them; hell, many are still angry about the Crusades.

Just to be perfectly clear, I was for this war, and am still for this war, but I find these abuses absolutely abhorrent. The country that prides itself on honor and freedom now has one giant, steel-toed boot in its mouth.

Who, then, is to blame? Were those six people acting on their own, or were they simply following the orders of higher-ranking officials? Was this a government cover-up that was discovered by the media, or has the media only responded since these abuses were visualized?

A lot of Democrats are demanding the resignation of Defense Secretary Rumsfeld, so I was very interested in his testimony on Friday.

According to Rumsfeld and other officials, the first time abuses at Abu Ghraib prison were reported was on January 13, 2004, by Army Spec. Joseph M. Darby.

The fact that a low-ranking Specialist initially reported the abuses makes me think that most of the participants also had the ability to report these actions, they just didn't. Our military law demands that any order that seems to defy the Geneva Convention should at the very least be brought to the attention of the

commanding officer in the field.

And why the pictures? The "interrogative blackmail" theory doesn't apply because the Americans in the pictures would be creating tangible evidence against themselves ... not too smart.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez (the commanding officer in the field) received the report the next day and started an official investigation. Rumsfeld was notified on the 16th of January and made the investigation open to the public on that same day. That's right, the abuse allegations were made public all the way back in January.

The investigation was closed on March 3, and later that month six soldiers were charged. That's right, again the soldiers were already charged before the pictures were released. Rumsfeld said he was aware the pictures existed, but had never seen them until the Thursday after the CBS airing.

The whole government conspiracy theory was essentially debunked on Friday. So why did the Department of Defense execute investigations and charge soldiers, but still attempt to keep the pictures from becoming public?

The reactions seen around the world and especially in the Muslim world are the answer to that question. The army knew that military justice would be inadequate in the eyes of the public if these pictures were disclosed. And they were right.

Yes, the commanding officers who ordered, or allowed, these

"If we go on a political witch-hunt to make important but innocent heads roll, we will look foolish. If we condemn our military and go on a 'Kerry-esque' crusade to label all our people over there war criminals, we're ignorant."

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Alex McNall



McNall at the movies

Every year the summer movie season seems to begin earlier. If Hollywood had its way, the season would have officially kicked off with "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" in December. Ideally, that movie would also conclude the previous summer season, thus making summer last all year. This is an illusion we would quickly embrace.

Every summer weekend at the movie is an event. Excitement wanes in the fall and dies completely during the doldrums of winter. But those who believe summer lasts all year rushed eagerly to see "Scooby Doo 2," making it the top movie for several weeks in a row.

The blockbuster season didn't really start until last Friday with the release of "Van Helsing." This film is about a legendary vampire killer who hunts monsters like Frankenstein, the Wolfman and his number one target, Dracula. Somehow the Creature from the Black Lagoon managed to stay off his hit list — for now.

No doubt there will be sequels to this movie because many of us will be tricked into seeing it. It was made by Stephen Sommers, the evil genius that swindled you with those "Mummy" movies starring Brendan Fraser.

I know what you're thinking: "Will I at least enjoy watching the movie?" Yes, you will also be fooled into thinking you liked it. But the initial thrill you get from seeing run-of-the-mill action and cheesy computer effects (two of Sommers' trademarks) will give way to an empty feeling that will gnaw at your soul until you rent "The Scorpion King" and order is restored.

Although "Van Helsing" is incredibly loud, the summer movie season won't truly begin until "Troy" comes out on May 14. It is, of course, the much-anticipated biopic of quarterback Troy Aikman, starring Anthony Michael Hall as the legendary Dallas Cowboy.

Actually, "Troy" is based on the classic Greek epic about a million greased-up men doing battle in the desert. You can see that the filmmakers went for authenticity by the sheer amounts of grease smeared on Brad Pitt. In ancient times, warriors bathed in olive oil and fought naked, but the FCC nixed that idea from the get-go.

Apparently, there is a woman in the

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lester/Blake column

Intervening is what we do

First of all, I'm honored that my letter (April 30, 2004) caught the attention of political genius and star columnist James Lester (kudos to me).

Second of all, I'd like to know what "glaring problems" exist within my imperialism analysis. Unlike Nathanael Blake, who grossly mischaracterizes imperial nations as harmless philanthropists, I paint a more historically accurate portrait of imperialism and its good buddy, colonization.

The empires cited by Blake (Rome and Britain) assimilated and exploited, with no intention of allowing for sovereignty (as noted by Blake

himself). Empires act to better the homeland, not to better the quality of life of the natives. This is basic knowledge. Look it up. You can even borrow a few of my texts. Give me more than 300 words, and I'll give you dozens of examples from one continent alone.

Finally, according to the column I was responding to, the reason we invaded Iraq was the perceived presence of WMDs. I believe Mr. Blake referred to it as a "slam dunk." Well, it certainly is a "slam dunk" (within this context) that North Korea has nuclear weapons, but we aren't invading them, are we? And sure, their nukes aren't going anywhere ... unless they FIRE THEM AT SOMETHING. As

nuts as Kim Jong II has proven to be, I'd say that the country does pose a huge threat.

We need to quit being so cocky about who will and who won't kick this country's butt. Quick side note: EVERY country is connected to terrorism, unfortunately ... not just the Middle East.

I will admit my ignorance regarding government status in India and Pakistan. You got me on that single point. However, I doubt that they are stable (evidenced by the nuclear stand-off between the two countries) ... all the more reason to intervene, since it's what we like to do best.

DANIELLE ROBERTSON,
Junior in English

McNall: 'Spiderman 2' will improve on the original

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story, but she is not featured in the advertisements. I think her name is Helen. Helen of Troy. It seems strange that the "face that launched a thousand ships" scarcely shows up in promotional materials for a movie about her.

The sad fact is that nerds drive the box office and they are afraid of girls, which is why she was removed from the title.

The next big release is "Spiderman 2," which crawls into theaters on June 30. Most critics will say the movie "swings" into theaters, but do spiders really swing? No — seven times in your life they repel from the ceiling and crawl into your throat while you sleep.

This sequel is going to do what only "The Karate Kid II" could — improve on the original. Spiderman goes head to head against the sinister Dr. Octopus, a villain who actually has the eight appendages his namesake implies, while Spiderman must make do with only four.

What Spiderman lacks in number of arms, he makes up for with acerbic wit, which will hopefully be better represented in this movie than the original. His most biting line of that film came when a bad guy threatened, "Where do you think you're going?" and Spiderman replied, "Away from you!" Irreverent, yes, but not as clever as he is capable of.

Tobey Maguire is back as Peter Parker/Spiderman and Kirsten Dunst's breasts also reprise their role.

In a world threatened by the forces of evil, one man will take matters into his own hands. This

summer, Vin Diesel is Riddick ... again. Expect the majority of this summer's movies to be sequels, prequels or remakes of movies that weren't very good in the first place.

In a world crawling with robots, one man will take a stand ... blah, blah, Will Smith is Will Smith in "I, Robot." This is not technically a sequel, but it will feel like you have seen it several times before because it is an action movie starring Will Smith as the same character he always plays in these movies.

Speaking of Will Smith, remember "Independence Day"? Well, it is back and this time it's called "The Day After Tomorrow." Roland Emmerich and company continue to nobly use the medium of film to illuminate the profundities of life, and also show us what it would look like if the world was destroyed.

Maybe I should have said this at the beginning of this column, but I have not seen any of these movies. This fact should not hurt my credibility because I have lived through many summers and know my way around potential "blockbusters."

Besides, it doesn't matter if the summer movies suck or not, we are going to see them in droves. They are big, fun and stupid, much like Vin Diesel himself.

So what was the point of this column? Mindless entertainment? Now you are catching on.

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Lester: Abuses a discredit to military, U.S. principles

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actions should be punished accordingly, but why Rumsfeld? According to his testimony, the moment he knew about the investigation of abuses, he made it public, and the people who were being investigated were charged.

I guess that's not enough in an election year. Some people are attempting to turn these horrible events into a political weapon and that is pathetic.

These abuses are a discredit

to the American military and the principles that America stands for. The only way to convince the world these abuses are not typical of our country is to show that the perpetrators are punished in a fair and democratic manner.

The more accurately we punish those who are guilty and implement changes to our practices, the more other countries may begin to believe us again.

If we go on a political witch-hunt to make important, but

innocent, heads roll, we will look foolish. If we condemn our military and go on a "Kerryesque" crusade to label all our people over there war criminals, we're ignorant.

But if we do nothing at all, then we become everything we claimed to stand against — and that's not alright with me.

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Panel participants: Christine Duffney of FISH, Lloyd Swanson and Cindy Pratt of WE CARE, and Sister Kathy Carr of St. Mary's Emergency Fund

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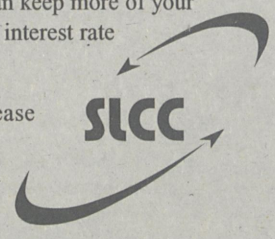
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NBA: Game 4 match-up will be played Tuesday night in Los Angeles

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points in the first two games.

Duncan shot 4-of-14 for 10 points and committed six turnovers, and Parker was 4-of-12 and had three turnovers — one more than his total in the first two games.

"I know they're going to try and get Tony (Parker) and Tim (Duncan) back in the game," Payton said of Game 4. "Tuesday, if we're to win, it's a whole different series. That's what we're trying to accomplish right now."

O'Neal had 28 points, 15 rebounds, five assists and eight blocked shots; Kobe Bryant added 22 points, six rebounds and six assists, and Karl Malone had 13 points, six rebounds and five assists for the Lakers, who shot 56.9 percent.

Only seven NBA teams have come back to win a best-of-seven series after losing the first two games. But no team has ever prevailed after losing the first three — a

fact the Lakers knew only too well.

The loss snapped San Antonio's 17-game winning streak — the last 11 of the regular season and the first six of the playoffs. The Spurs had also won eight straight postseason games dating back to the NBA Finals against New Jersey last June.

"It happened," Duncan said. "It's about how we respond to the loss, what we learn, how we adjust."

Lakers coach Phil Jackson said his team decided to plug the lane and give up the 3-point shot.

The strategy worked, even though the Spurs shot 11-of-27 from 3-point range.

"We were a little more aggressive screen roll-wise," Jackson said. "As a result, there wasn't a whole lot of opportunity."

Especially for Parker.

"The (defensive) help came faster," Parker said. "They played better defense, but I think the key is, we didn't

match their energy."

Manu Ginobili scored 17 points and fellow reserve Devin Brown added 16 for the Spurs, who shot 34.1 percent and committed 21 turnovers — two less than their total in the first two games.

Duncan also had 13 rebounds to lead his team to a 45-41 advantage in that department.

The Lakers took command by outscoring the Spurs 18-5 for a 68-45 lead late in the third quarter.

It was 75-58 entering the final period. The Spurs scored five straight points to draw within 12, but the Lakers scored the next 10 to clinch the victory.

Bryant made 3-pointers to start and finish a 12-0 run in the first that gave the Lakers a 19-8 lead, and they were on top the rest of the way. The Lakers had assists on 11 of their 12 baskets in the first quarter, and led 42-32 at halftime.

Crew: Will spend this week preparing for Pac-10 championships

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sixes — a pair of rowers sitting out to stabilize the shell.

Again, no times were kept, but the Huskies' A and B boats rowed across the finish line before OSU.

Oregon State's second freshmen eight came in 18 seconds behind Washington's A boat and 16 seconds behind Washington's B boat.

The first novice eight accomplished their goal to push the Huskies like no team has been able to this year. They kept their heads in the boat, racing to finish less than two seconds away from the fastest novice crew in the Pac-10.

After delays, the weather improved. The featured varsity eight races were held under sunshine.

The women's varsity eight race proved a triumph for Washington, but a stepping stone for Oregon State. OSU

finished only eight seconds behind Washington.

"I was very happy with the varsity eight's performance," Owen said. "This was the best race I've seen them row this year. They did a good job of focusing on their goal of finishing with a strong second half of the race."

OSU men's varsity eight was up during the first half but completed the 2,000 meters with a time of 5:49, five seconds after Washington.

OSU head coach Kjell Oswald had mixed feelings about the results.

"Our guys had great intensity, but they just couldn't keep it under control today," Oswald said. "They have worked hard on getting to a certain stroke rate, but today they went higher than they have all season over the first 1,000 meters and couldn't keep it up over the entire race. Washington was

comfortable at its pace and rowed through us at the end. This just shows we still have a way to go."

Washington women's novice four beat Oregon State with a time of 7:55.20.

The Beaver women's third varsity boat competed with four rowers from the JV eight due to race rescheduling.

The race was the first and only time the new line-up had been rowed. They finished with a time of 7:35.6.

Three Washington boats in the men's JV eight race finished before Oregon State. The fastest time of the race, 6:07.02, came from Washington's A boat.

The women's varsity four struggled in the bad weather earlier in the day, only to be rescheduled as the last race. They finished after Washington's A and B boats with a time of 8:46.81.

"The day as a whole was disappointing. When you lose every race, if you're at all competitive, you can't be happy with the result. That said, the guys approached their races with the right mentality," Oswald said. "They were the most prepared I've seen them this year."

Owen is looking forward to racing at Pac-10s next weekend.

"We made definite improvements today and are getting closer to where we want to be," he said.

Starting this week, the Beavers prepare for their toughest competition yet. Oregon State crew will see the top crews May 16 at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships on Lake Natoma, near Sacramento, Calif.

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"Los Angeles really dismantled us."

— San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich
commenting on the Lakers' 105-81 victory over the Spurs

Washington sweeps Beavers in Vancouver

► Despite losses for crew teams, coaches feel Beavers' racing skills are improving

By **KAITLYN KERNEK**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Vancouver Lake: The notorious site of inclement rowing weather upheld its reputation Saturday for the Oregon State versus Washington dual.

Bursts of downpours coupled with a strong headwind created problems for both teams. Prior to the races, several crews had to bail inches of water from the bottom of the boat with emptied water bottles and T-shirt sponges.

The Huskies — whose men's team is ranked No. 3, and women's team No. 8 in the nation — swept Oregon State crew.

Oregon State head coach Charlie

Owen was pleased with how the women's team performed.

"We raced a very good opponent, and although we didn't get the results we would have liked, I was happy with the way we raced and how we handled the conditions," Owen said.

The OSU men's freshmen eight started the morning's racing strong, finishing less than a second behind the Huskies.

The women's JV eight struggled through poor conditions to reach the finish with a time of 7:49.86 behind Washington.

For the men's varsity pairs' race, no times were taken due to conditions. Washington's A and B boats finished before OSU.

The day's worst weather hit the women's second novice eight race.

The boats were forced to row by

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Oregon State's men's JV eight races against the University of Washington last Saturday. The JV team came in fourth, as three Washington boats finished ahead of them.

Top-ranked Arizona shuts out OSU

► OSU softball combines for three doubles in 3-0 loss

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Tucson, Ariz. — No. 19-ranked Oregon State University belted a trio of doubles against top-ranked University of Arizona, but it wasn't enough as the Wildcats recorded the 3-0 victory in Sunday's Pacific-10 Conference softball showdown.

Oregon State (40-23, 4-14 Pac-10) sophomore first baseman Vanessa Iapala roped her team-leading 14th double of the season to center field in the top of the first inning, but the Beavers were unable to break through on the scoreboard.

In the bottom half of the frame Arizona (51-3, 15-2 Pac-10) lead-off batter Caitlin Lowe reached base on a bunt single but was gunned down by OSU catcher Lisa Allen while attempting to steal.

It marked just the second time on the year that the Wildcat speedster, who leads the Pac-10 with 45 swipes, was caught stealing.

After an infield single from Autumn Champion, Beaver second baseman Alana Mendoza made good on her second double play in as many games, fielding Wendy Allen's grounder, tagging Champion and relaying the throw to first.

The Wildcats scored what proved to be the game-winner with an unearned run in the bottom of the third. Samantha Quintero scored from second base when a two-out grounder by Lowe caromed into the outfield.

OSU looked to counter in the top of the fourth when Allen belted the Beavers' second double of the game with a two-out shot to the gap in right-center.

Wildcat All-American hurler Alicia Hollowell batted down however, and tallied her seventh strikeout of



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Sophomore Adrienne Alo accounted for one of the Beavers' runs in OSU's 6-0 victory over ASU on Friday. The Beavers then dropped two games to the University of Arizona Saturday and Sunday.

the game to end the inning.

Arizona added an insurance run in the bottom of the fourth after an RBI double by Quintero, who was thrown out on the play while attempting to leg-out a triple.

The Wildcats made the score 3-0 in the bottom of the fifth when Wendy Allen blooped a two-out single to shallow right field that

scored Crystal Farley.

The Beavers tallied their third two-out double of the game when Mia Longfellow hammered a shot to right-center field, but once again, Oregon State could not take advantage.

Senior hurler Monica Hoffman threw well for the Beavers, recording four strikeouts to raise her season

total to 233 — second best in school history. The complete game was the 66th of Hoffman's career.

Hollowell finished with 11 strikeouts while recording her 38th victory.

Oregon State returns home to host the Bay Area schools in the final weekend of the regular season.

The Beavers will face No. 4 California on Friday at 2 p.m.

Lakers take one from Spurs

► Los Angeles comes up big with 105-81 victory, cutting Spurs' series lead to 2-1

By **JOHN NADEL**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Gary Payton swears he didn't have anything to prove.

Maybe so, but there's no doubt he had some extra incentive.

A day after expressing frustration and anger with his teammates, coaching staff and the media, Payton played his best game of the playoffs. And so did the Los Angeles Lakers, routing San Antonio 105-81 on Sunday to cut the Spurs' lead to 2-1 in the Western Conference semifinals.

Game 4 will be played Tuesday night at Staples Center, with Game 5 Thursday night in San Antonio.

Tony Parker shredded the Lakers for 50 points and 14 assists in leading the Spurs to a pair of 10-point victories to begin the series.

Payton shouldered much of the blame.

"I know I can play basketball — I've played it for 14 years. I know what's going on," said the 35-year-old point guard, who had 15 points and seven assists and helped limit Parker to eight points and five assists.

"Today we made a conscious effort to focus on (Parker). I don't really go back and say, 'I told you so,'" Payton said. "We came back and played a good game today. Everybody did a good job on defense. We knew we needed a win. We came out and played the way we're supposed to."

Facing a must-win situation, Shaquille O'Neal dominated the inside and the Lakers made life miserable for Parker and superstar teammate Tim Duncan, who scored 54

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Weekend Stars



Mia Longfellow

Softball

Longfellow made her first appearance at shortstop in the Beavers' 2-0 loss to Arizona on Saturday. The freshman tallied a pair of put-outs and four assists in her debut.



Vanessa Iapala

Softball

In Sunday's 3-0 loss to Arizona, Iapala belted her team-leading 14th double of the season. Iapala currently leads the Beavers in batting as the sophomore is hitting .366 from the plate.



Lisa Allen

Softball

Allen hit her tenth home run of the season on Friday as Oregon State defeated Arizona State 6-0 in Tempe. It was the Beavers 40th win of the season.