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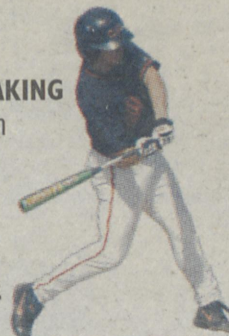
THURSDAY

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SLUGGER IN THE MAKING

Freshman Mike Lissman hopes that his work on the field will lead OSU's baseball team to a postseason berth

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Riders stress safety first

► Team Oregon's motorcycle instructors have trained more than 60,000 riders since 1984

By KARRI PASTERIS
THE DAILY BAROMETER

For the past 20 years, Team Oregon has been teaching a very "driven" curriculum, focusing on motorcycle safety instead of the usual math or English.

Developed in 1984 as a partnership between OSU and the Oregon Department of Transportation, Team Oregon has since certified more than 60,000 students.

Instructors train about 6,000 motorcyclists every year, with fees going right back into the program.

"Our job is to take training to people who primarily don't have a motorcycle endorsement," said Ron Augustynovich, operations manager for the Team Oregon motorcycle safety program.

A motorcycle endorsement is provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles to riders who complete the DMV skills and written tests successfully.

If a rider successfully earns a completion certificate from Team Oregon and presents it to Oregon DMV, the tests will be waived.

"The stuff they teach you is all common sense, but they drill it into you," said Matt Hartzheim, an avid motorcyclist and OSU senior in pre-elementary education.

Augustynovich said Team Oregon focuses on training riders in "processes, to keep them safe so they make good judgement calls."

But not everyone takes the course.

"It seems like all the people I know who haven't taken the class have dropped their bike," said Shaun Hachquet, a senior in business and street bike owner.

In the event of a motorcycle accident, the only thing that stands between the rider and the pavement is the equipment they have on.

Typical motorcycle gear includes high-ankle boots, gloves, synthetic jackets and pants made of Cordura, a high performance fabric that is resistant to abrasions, tears and scuffs.

Inside the jackets are elbow, shoulder and back protection shields made of Kevlar, a synthetic fiber that is used in bulletproof vests.

Helmets, which must be approved by the Department of Transporta-

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Stir It Up



MELANIE JAHNKE | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Food & Fermentation Science Club member Wyatt Tenhaeff, a senior in chemical engineering, brews beer in Wiegand Hall's state-of-the-art brewhouse, which allows students to participate in the entire brewing process. The club will meet this Friday at noon in the Weigand Student Lounge.

Immigration in Oregon

► Oregon State University Association of Faculty for the Advancement of People of Color hosts a forum on immigration

By FREDERIC TEXIER
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A forum on immigration was held Wednesday afternoon in Milam Hall, on the Oregon State University campus.

Presented by the OSU Association of Faculty for the Advancement of People of Color, the event was free and open to the public.

The presenters included Lynn Stephens, chair of the anthropology department at the University of Oregon; Greg Jacob, professor at Portland State University and member of the Sierra Club of Oregon; and Cassandra Ogren, organizer for Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN), Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers United.

The panel discussed the effects of immigration in Oregon, particularly on Latinos.

First, Lynn Stephens talked about the history of immigration in Oregon.

"The Latino population doubled in the United States in the past few decades, and it will double in the next 50 years," Stephens said.

She added that most of the immigrants in the Willamette Valley work as farmers and came from California, and that they are not necessarily new to the country.

Through several newspaper extracts, she was able to determine when the term "illegal alien" first surfaced in the history of Oregon.

From titles such as "Mexicans aides win approval"

in 1943, to "347 Mexican wetbacks arrested in Klamath area" in the early 50s, Stephens illustrated the ever-evolving general feeling toward immigrants among Oregonians.

She finally explained that the feeling of being suspected increased within the Mexican immigrant population after September 11.

"The work I have done is based on lots of interviews," Stephens said. "It was like, 'the Hispanics: those who are not from the country' — they noted a kind of rejection."

Stephen's remarks were followed by Cassandra Ogren, who shared her experience as an organizer for Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers United, and highlighted the current U.S. immigration policy.

"We continue to do family immigration cases. If you are a resident, it is a very long — about 10 years — and expensive process to bring your family," Ogren said.

She also spoke about the increase of anti-immigrant proposals made by legislators during the past few years, and expressed her disappointment and opposition to President Bush's immigration reform plan.

"We oppose any legislation that expands 'guest' worker programs, and call for fair legislation based on the principle of earned legalization for hard-working, tax-paying immigrants."

Finally, Jacob presented a different point of view from the rest of the panel, one based on environmental issues.

"We are talking about political and economical consequences of immigration, but I would like to highlight on the environmental issues," Jacob said. "Every country has its own resources, but what is the host

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Oregon Sea Grant fishing for coastal storm footage

► OSU marine research organization seeks amateur storm footage for educational video on coastal hazards

By JENNIFER MOSER
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Crashing waves, pouring rain, tumbling logs, serious coastline erosion and danger to beachfront properties.

"If you've only seen the coast in good weather, you wonder 'can it really happen overnight?'" observed Joseph Cone, communications director and video producer for the Oregon Sea Grant program.

The answer, sadly, is yes.

Oregon Sea Grant, an organization for marine research, education and outreach that is centered at Oregon State University, is developing an educational video about the reality of severe coastal storms and their effects on coastal land and surrounding property. They are currently seeking home movies of coastal storm footage to use in the video.

The communications office of Oregon Sea Grant is charged with "(Providing) educational material on a variety of ocean and coastal topics," Cone said, including the topic of storms, which can result in beach and bluff erosion, sometimes very quickly.

This video's purpose will be to alert owners or prospective buyers of coastline property to the risks associated with a number of coastal natural hazards, including severe storms.

To make the risk seem more real, Sea Grant must include actual video footage of storms.

It is not unusual for educational documentaries such as this one to incorporate material from a wide range of sources. Sea Grant, however, hopes to gain the storm footage in an unconventional way.

The storms which the video will discuss can't be easily planned for by a full video production crew. "It's tricky to be in the right place at the right time," Cone said.

As a supplement to the footage that they will shoot themselves or obtain from professional sources, Sea Grant is issuing a request for Ore-

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Skills showcased in all forms at talent show

► Various acts perform in annual "Culture Shock" talent show, part of APA Heritage Month

By DAN TRAYLOR
The Daily Barometer

The amount of exposed skin in the opening act was enough to drop jaws and widen eyes, setting the tone for Wednesday night's "Culture Shock" talent show put on by the Asian Pacific American Student Union.

The two hour program, which took place in the MU Ballroom, was one of several events planned by the APASU for Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

Free admission, complimentary snacks and the promise of an entertaining evening drew a large crowd to the decorated ballroom.

Event organizers said the goal of the show was to share various cultures through the art of performance.

The OSU Hula Club kicked things off with a traditional Tahitian dance, featuring barely dressed performers spread out across a long and narrow runway stage

extending out onto the ballroom floor.

A wide variety of acts followed, each offering a unique glimpse into world cultures, music and dance.

The OSU Hmong Club danced; OSU sophomore Emidio Lopez performed solo on his guitar, and the Hula Club performed twice more. There was also Korean drumming, piano, violin and acappella music.

The event featured two performances by the OSU Elite Dance team, including a "Michael Jackson megamix" and a contemporary Hindu dance called "Bardaasht."

Then there were the Andhra Boys — four students from the Indian Student Association performing an Indian Folk dance. Wednesday's performance marked the group's fourth appearance on a campus stage this year.

"We're world famous in Corvallis," said Harish Jagannath, one of the group's members.

The final act of the evening was a skit titled, "The Trials of Dating," performed by APASU officers.

The crowd welcomed the various acts with loud applause, and the flash of cameras lit up the stage

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JUSTIN RUNQUIST | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Judy Tan, a junior in graphic design, springs out of view during the OSU Elite Dance Team's performance of a Hindu dance called "Bardaasht"



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NEWSREEL

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WORLD

Nigerian Muslims rampage for second day in northern city

KANO, Nigeria (AP) — Muslim mobs brandishing machetes and clubs attacked Christians in the streets of Kano on Wednesday as security forces struggled to quell a two-day rampage to avenge a massacre of hundreds of Nigerian Muslims.

Police confirmed at least 30 killed in strife engulfing this northern city, where thousands — mostly minority Christians — cowered in army barracks and police stations as mobs attacked victims outside. Witnesses spoke of scores more slaughtered.

"I saw them put an old tire on his neck and set him ablaze," said a 30-year old Christian, Barry Owoyemi, of a dead Christian neighbor. Owoyemi was whisked to safety by police who fired guns in the air to scare away the attackers.

Authorities ordered police to shoot rioters on sight.

The rampage exploded Tuesday following a demonstration by thousands of Muslims protesting the slaying of up to 600 Muslims by a predominantly Christian ethnic group last week in the central Nigeria town Yelwa.

The latest rioting threatened to send violence spiraling further. In an apparent response to Muslim attacks, a group of young Christians in one Kano neighborhood fired shotguns Wednesday at groups of Muslim men accused of torching houses.

"The Kano situation is an unfortunate development and just a reverberation of what happened in Yelwa," said Remi Oyo, spokeswoman for President Olusegun Obasanjo.

Obasanjo's 1999 election ushered in a brittle civilian government after 15 years of oppressive military rule and unleashed long-simmering ethnic,

religious and communal tensions. Fighting in Africa's most-populous country has since killed more than 10,000.

Obasanjo, a Christian and a former military junta leader, ordered security agencies Wednesday to "put a permanent end" to the violence, Oyo said, without elaborating.

Police commissioner Abdul Ganiyu Daudu confirmed 30 people dead. Rioters were torching buildings and blocking residents from escaping, he added.

A leader of minority Christian Ibo-speakers in Kano, Boniface Ibekwe, asked police in the presence of journalists to "stop this killing today or give us six months to leave Kano peacefully."

NATION

Judge severs rights of Chinese couple in custody battle

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A judge declared a Chinese immigrant couple unfit to raise their 5-year-old daughter, awarding custody to the American foster family that has raised the child since shortly after her birth.

Judge Robert Childers issued an order Wednesday that terminates the parental rights of Shaoqiang and Qin Luo He, who have tried for four years to win back the daughter they put in foster care because of financial hardships.

The judge said it was in the child's best interest to stay with Jerry and Louise Baker, the family she has come to regard as her own.

The court found that the Hes willfully abandoned and provided no support for their daughter, Anna Mae, from Jan. 29 to June 20, 2001. Childers also ruled that the Hes sought custody only to prevent their deportation.

"The court concludes, by clear and convincing evidence, that there is

parental misconduct or inability to parent by the Hes," the ruling said.

When the trial wrapped up last month, Childers said he would consider what was better for the child — leaving her with the Bakers in their middle-class suburban home or reuniting her with the parents who plan to return to China.

The trial drew attention from Chinese-Americans and Chinese citizens across the United States. The Chinese embassy in Washington sent representatives to pretrial hearings and wrote to the Tennessee courts seeking assurance the Hes would be treated fairly.

The Hes were in a Memphis hotel room when they heard the ruling. The mother was holding her two other children, crying uncontrollably and watching the Bakers hold a news conference on television.

STATE

Agency considers ban on gas-powered boats on Waldo Lake

EUGENE (AP) — Gas-powered boats could soon be banned on Waldo Lake in the Central Cascades, one of the world's purest bodies of water.

The lake is Oregon's second-deepest body of water behind Crater Lake, and is known for its cobalt-blue waters.

It would be the second time in four years that the U.S. Forest Service has proposed such a ban for Waldo Lake, which is southeast of Eugene. In 2001, officials tabled the proposal after finding technical mistakes in the environmental analysis supporting the decision.

Now, the Willamette National Forest is doing a second assessment and expects to make a similar proposal, said Jim Williams, recreation staff officer for the Middle Fork Ranger District.

The main complaint driving the proposal is that the sound of gas-powered engines spoils the lake's solitude.

UNIVERSITY

Kansas judge orders public schools closed by June 30

MANHATTAN, Kan. (U-WIRE) — Officials here do not expect schools to close in the fall, despite a judge's order demanding the closures.

A ruling by District Judge Terry Bullock on Tuesday said all Kansas public schools must close this fall while the state fixes constitutional flaws in its school finance system.

Shawnee County District Judge Terry Bullock's ruling came Tuesday — three days after Kansas legislators adjourned their 2004 session without coming to a decision on how to fix the state's school finance system, which was found unconstitutional by Bullock in December 2003.

When Bullock made the preliminary ruling, legislators passed a law that allowed the state to immediately appeal the order to the Kansas Supreme Court, so directly after Bullock's ruling was made Tuesday, an appeal was already filed with the Supreme Court.

Bullock wrote in his order that if legislative branches failed to respond to his action quickly, although it might delay Kansas' children's education, "it will end the inadequate and inequitable education being provided now and the disparate damage presently being done to the most vulnerable of our children."

Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 Board Member Randy Martin said the ruling shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone, as Bullock gave lawmakers the 2004 session to fix the school finance system and set a July 1 deadline to make his order final.

— By Edie Hall
Kansas State Collegian (K.S.U.)

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Meetings

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

Speakers

OSU Women's Center, 3:30-4:30pm, Women's Center. Let it all out: Relaxation techniques, including guided imagery and breathing exercises.

Horning Lecture Series/History Dept., 4pm, MU 206. Final lecture: John P. Jason, "The Northern League and the Southern Way of Life: Nordic Nationalism in the Era of Massive Resistance in the U.S."

Events

Rainbow Continuum, 11am, Understanding Bisexuality; panelists will share their experiences and lead a dialogue about being bisexual.

Rainbow Continuum, 2-4pm, LaRaza. Trans 101: speaker Shane Ravenwolf will discuss Trans issues.

Pi Beta Phi, 2-7pm, MU Quad. PIE-ESTAI! Pie eating contest, social featuring Skyline Incident, and pie-throwing contest. Help support S.M.A.R.T.

Rainbow Continuum, 6-8pm, MU Ballroom. Honoring Ceremony: and awards ceremony to honor LGBTQIA individuals for their commitment to the queer community at OSU.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Speakers

OSU Women's Center, 11am-12pm, Women's Center. Coming Out: Queers & Allies. Get some of your questions answered on what to expect in the coming out process.

Events

Rainbow Continuum, 11am, LaRaza. Coming Out: Get answers to questions and discuss the coming out process.

United Campus Ministry, 7pm, 101 NW 23rd. Reel to Real - showing "Rabbit Proof Fence" followed by snacks & conversation.

Rainbow Continuum, 8-11pm, MU Ballroom. Drag Show and Dance: a drag performance with Portland's Maria and Poison Waters, as the reigning King and Queen of OSU.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Events

Native American Longhouse, 7:15am. Jim Thorpe 5k/10k run and walk. Free to public.

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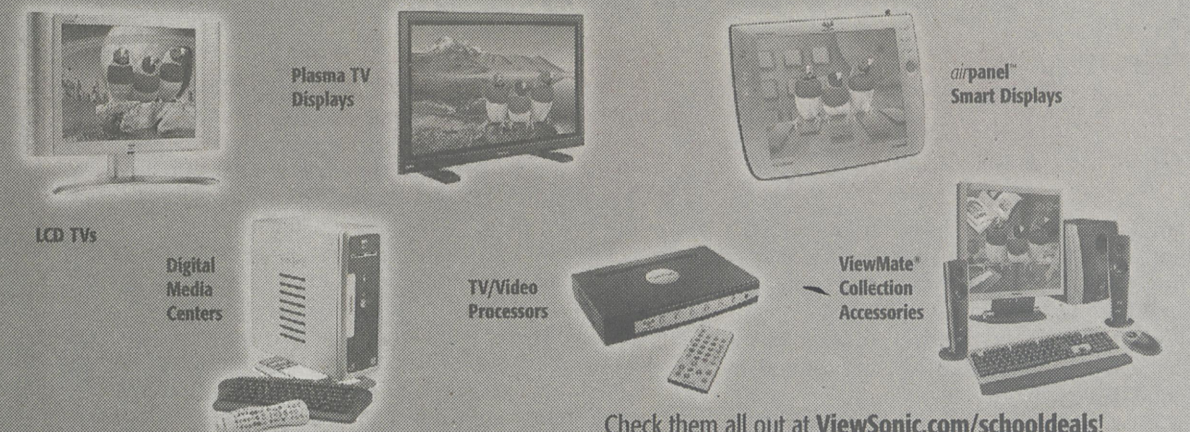
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Motorcycle: Careful bike maintenance and proper gear are key to safety

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tion, are the most vital piece of a rider's gear and are required by Oregon law.

"There are different ratings for helmets," Hachquet, 23, said. "My first one was kind of cheap."

"The two purposes of protective gear are to make you comfortable to help you focus on what you're doing, not how you're feeling, and for protection," Augustynovich said.

"I always wear gloves, even if it's really nice out," Hartzheim, 22, said. "If I do fall, I'll have something to fall on other than flesh."

"There are mixed views on protective gear," Hachquet said. "If I'm going to school, regular shoes are fine, but if I'm going out of town, I wear all my gear."

Augustynovich emphasized the importance of wearing adequate protection whenever riding a motorcycle. For instance, wearing just a T-shirt and shorts could be asking for trouble.

"Flip-flops are a bad idea," he added.

Living in Oregon, it's likely a rider will get caught in the rain, a situation where both equipment and experience can

make a difference.

"Riders need to be more careful and anticipate the potential for a little less traction," Augustynovich said. "We're obviously more vulnerable to the rain, wind and other elements."

To successfully make it from point A to point B, owners need to keep up with the condition of their motorcycle.

"You change the oil every couple thousand miles, air filter, all that stuff," Hachquet explained. "Also, the chain should be lubed regularly, depending on how much you ride."

"You do need to watch the tire pressure closely, considering you only have two wheels. There isn't a lot of room for something to go wrong with the tires."

The Team Oregon classes are a good way to start understanding just what is involved in owning and caring for a motorcycle.

The 16-hour Basic Rider Training course is required for riders under 21 and features seven hours of classroom instruction and nine hours of riding experience.

Team Oregon provides small lightweight motorcycles and helmets, so students can

decide whether motorcycle riding is for them before making an actual purchase.

"We strongly suggest taking a course before making such a large investment," Augustynovich said. "We want people to come away with knowledge and understanding."

The BRT course costs about \$130 and varies slightly, depending on the training location.

Other courses include Intermediate Rider Training, Experienced Rider Course and Advanced Rider Training.

All classes are offered through Linn-Benton, Chemeketa and Portland Community colleges (not as a credit course), as well as the new Portland Swan Island Facility.

Team Oregon also has a mobile unit that travels to remote areas in the state to train people who are too far from training sites.

"If you want more information about motorcycles, we're the ones that can help," Augustynovich said.

Find more on Team Oregon at its Web site, <http://teamoregon.orst.edu>.

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Grant: Ocean storm footage

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gonians' personal video footage of marine storms.

"We know this footage does exist," Cone said, "we've already gotten some."

Cone also stressed that it can be dangerous to attempt to take videos of ocean storms, and Sea Grant is not asking citizens to put themselves at risk.

In general, they want submissions only of footage that already exists or that can be taped safely from a protected area such as a secure deck or balcony.

People who may have suitable videos are requested not to send them directly to Sea Grant. Instead, they should send an e-mail or post with a description of where the video was taken, what it shows, and what format it is in: for example, VHS, Hi-8, or mini-DV.

Cone will respond to these offers.

Anyone with such storm videos is encouraged to suggest and submit it.

"We're looking for a wide range of this kind of material that will help us tell our story," Cone said.

E-mail descriptions of footage should be sent to sea.grant.communications@oregonstate.edu.

The office address for post mail is: Sea Grant Communications, 322 Kerr Admin. Bldg, OSU, Corvallis OR 97331.

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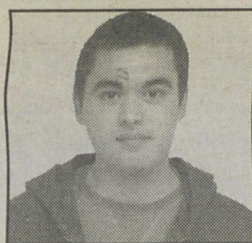


Derek Bronken

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 alter 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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EDITORIAL

What does it mean to be an ally?

An ally can be many things. It can be an attitude or action by someone who supports the LGBT community. It is a person who works with, but isn't directly affected by, the LGBT community's cause.

Allies are extremely important to the LGBT community. They are a voice that gives support, and they are people who can help get things done.

A variety of reasons make people allies to the LGBT community — different levels of understanding and education also come into play.

The levels at which people participate in ally activities varies greatly. Some will attend the Pride Parade in Portland this June with fellow OSU students, and help the Queer Resource Center move into their new building.

Others will go see or rent LGBT-themed movies, take classes dealing with Queer issues, or put on a program at their residence hall, co-op or Greek organization on LGBT issues.

Even more still will talk with their friends openly about LGBT issues in the news, interrupt homophobic jokes and slurs, or simply say the words lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender out loud!

According to ASOSU queer affairs task force director Clinton Downs, on campus, the ally support here at OSU is pretty active — although not as high as UO's.

Students here need to become more active, as ambivalence is not the answer. It's great to be for the betterment of the LGBT community, and that is definitely a key piece of the puzzle, but silence doesn't really help anyone.

Be public about your feelings. A great way to be an ally is to create an environment you would want to have around you. Verbalize your support for the LGBT community because then, LGBTs will feel comfortable and open around you. If you say nothing, they will assume you're not a supporter.

The great thing about being an ally is how much you will grow as a person, and also how much your actions will impact not only this campus, but an international community.

So go to the Drag Show Friday night, attend "Trans 101" or any of the other great Pride 2004 events being put on and find out ways to become involved. Make it clear you are there to help.

If you would like to find out even more about being an ally and the whole coming out process for allies, attend the "Coming out as Queers and Allies" forum on Friday.

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.



Don't just blame the 'six bad apples' — it goes deeper than that

I wish I could be more surprised.

I'm shocked, yes. Sickened is another word that could work. But I'm not surprised.

I've read the psychological studies about prison guards, and now, it seems, U.S. treatment of Iraqi prisoners is yet another example for another book.

I'm sure you've seen the pictures by now. Naked Iraqis piled on top of each other, others being led with a dog's collar and leash, and yet others cowering as German Shepherds surround them.

Apparently, these aren't even the worst ones. However, they are enough that Americans, both for and against the war, are calling for some metaphorical heads to roll. And those heads are rolling.

And rightly so. As one Pentagon official told NBC news, these are "the six morons who lost us the war." It's easy to blame these six for all of the problems currently swirling around this scandal. After all, since the publication of the pictures on "60 minutes II," these six have faces, some of them even have names. It's quite easy to blame these six.

Yet, a Red Cross report recently made public shows that this problem goes far beyond the "six bad apples." The Red Cross states that abuse is the norm in Iraqi prisons. So one has to wonder, are all those responsible being brought to justice?

Apparently not. At least four private contractors, one of them accused of sexual assault, are not being charged with their military counterparts. The military has stated it simply doesn't have the jurisdiction to try them.

Elizabeth Meyer



These contractors were being used as interrogators, some of them even had command over U.S. soldiers. The Boston Globe reports that most of them are getting paid far more than any U.S. soldier. Yet the military can't charge them.

The military doesn't have power over those sent to do some of its dirtiest jobs.

Military contractors are a press secretary's dream come true. They aren't counted as troops on the ground, nor are they counted in the official death toll. They make it that much easier to spin this war.

They are cheaper too. Although they get paid far more while in Iraq, the military doesn't have to house their families or pay for health care after the fact.

These soldiers for hire make up the second largest group in Iraq behind U.S. soldiers. There are more private contractors than troops from any other nation — 10,000 of them. Yet they simply don't have to follow the same rules.

It is currently unclear where they fall under the Geneva Convention, and as we have learned

this week, they fall outside of U.S. military jurisdiction.

According to the Boston Globe, all the military can do is refer them back to the companies that sent them there, and companies can't punish an employee for a felony. Unlike the military, the only power a company has is the power to take away your paycheck. And as horrible as it is to lose your job, that hardly seems like a fair punishment for assault, forced sodomy and, allegedly, torture.

Not only do we have men and women working for the U.S. government who are not under military jurisdiction, we have soldiers under their command.

At least one of the men being investigated for abuse has told reporters that he was ordered by both intelligence officers and private interrogators to "soften" prisoners up for questioning. When he complained to a commanding officer,

he was told to follow the orders of the interrogators.

The men and women responsible ought to be punished. And these "six morons" are partially responsible. But they aren't the only ones and they shouldn't be scapegoated.

They had commanding officers, who either didn't know what

"... a Red Cross report recently made public shows that this problem goes far beyond the 'six bad apples.' The Red Cross states that abuse is the norm in Iraqi prisons. So one has to wonder, are all those responsible being brought to justice?"

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Jim Smith



Something the whole family can enjoy

The media in this country is getting increasingly out of control, and increasingly out of touch with reality.

We have a bizarre schism between what we want to see, and what we're allowed to see, or rather what those with clout tell us we want to see.

We have a Federal Communications Commission breaking its back to appease a very vocal moral minority and restricting what we can hear and see more and more — the logic of course being that we're decent mild-mannered Americans who won't tolerate the inherent sinfulness of a naked breast or an errant swear word or two.

But the marketing people know what sells, whether or not it's kosher to say so, and so they wrap it up in a tight, skimpy little package and we buy it. They sexualize anything with breasts that won't get them sued and they sell it by the raw ton. Sexualizing women is nothing new, even young girls, but it's getting more obvious and more pronounced lately. " ... there has been a real push to censor people such as Howard Stern, who are heavily fined and pulled from stations while more docile broadcast icons like Oprah get away unscathed."

We have a whole stable of fresh meat these days, all packaged as wholesome family entertainment. There's Lindsay Lohan, the star of "Mean Girls," currently in theaters, whose 17-year-old breasts just had a starring role on Saturday Night Live.

There's Amanda Bynes, who's been dressing conspicuously like a sex symbol since she was 16, and who could forget Hillary Duff, who's still 16 and has been getting more than her share of attention for a while now.

But most of all and more than anything, we have those adorable Olsen twins. The very picture of what a 17-year-old girl should be. These are girls who have been in the spotlight since they were infants. They've been banking on their image for so long, they don't know how to do anything else.

Now that's fine for a 10-year-old girl making straight to video kiddie movies, but these girls are going to learn real fast that the world of

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moore's tantrum

He's known for a year

It'd be nice if Michael Moore were an underdog, selflessly being a voice for the jobless, for those affected by the school gun tragedies, and for those who have felt generally alienated by the U.S. Government. Then we could all root for the good work he's doing for us, and hiss at the evil Disney Corporation for stifling his freedom of speech.

Unfortunately, Moore is just a sensationalist like the likes of Rush Limbaugh, craving every drop of media attention he can get.

In this latest instance involving his film "Fahrenheit 9/11" being "censored", he's manufacturing controversy, once again portraying himself as victim of evil powerful special interests who are not only being mean and conniving, but denying his constitutionally-entitled freedom of speech.

The fact is, though, that Miramax (the motion picture studio producing the film, a subsidiary of Disney) was informed a YEAR ago that Disney would not distribute the film.

Moore himself admitted this in a CNN interview on Wednesday, which should leave everyone scratching his or her head wondering "why is he suddenly making a scene?"

I'm not against Moore. I appreciate his entertaining films and books that help raise awareness about various issues, and I certainly don't desire to step in and defend Bush or the government for their recent actions.

But, I do feel the need to raise awareness to the average person, who isn't yet on the Moore Blindness Bandwagon, that he's just a profiteer of scandal and sensationalism, using tricks and deceptions whenever possible to keep the media spotlight on himself.

He's an entertainer. People ought to take him down a notch on the angel scale and move him over one toward Howard Stern.

CHRIS CHAMBERS,
Freshman in pre-computer science

Fireworks

Only a few times a year

First of all I want to complain about the exploitation of students as athletes. The fact is horrible that we simply view them as entertainment.

Secondly, I think the Greek system should be eradicated because they show a stereotypical negative aspect of college students/life.

Thirdly — although those first two complaints are not true — let's look at the Pet Day fiasco!

Now I'm not a dog owner, but this whole spat over the Spring Game AD fireworks is ridiculous, and I'm speaking in defense of the AD.

I completely understand the concerns and complaints about the horrendously loud and obnoxious (yet entertaining ... to most) 'booms' emitted during the Spring Game, and all other home football games during the season, but honestly ...

Look at this upcoming season: five home games, all are listed on the web as well as on the back of the scoreboard in PLAIN VIEW for all to see on the side of Reser; pre-determined game times (exception being New Mexico State which could be subject to change) with a fairly accurate 3.5-4 hour window when you know the fireworks 'might' go off (pending we do in fact score/win), and the amount of fireworks heard in these five days together is far less than the amount of fireworks heard on the 4th of July.

I know there is no justice in comparing a national patriotic holiday to a measly Beavers football game, but the frequency and advanced planning is more than enough to allow those who are disturbed by this sudden infiltration of heavy artillery ... I mean a couple of mortars ... to find a local bomb shelter to inhabit for a few hours.

Stop being big poop faces and let 36,000 people enjoy some excitement five (plus Spring Game and plus one more for the typical two-game home-preseason) Saturdays a year!

DANIEL KOZA,
Junior in biology

OSU Pet Day

Traumatized animals

OSU Pet Day started out beautifully; lot's of booths, sunshine, families with their pets visiting a well-organized pet event. What a great opportunity to socialize your dog, to get him used to the world, seeing people and other animals. As a dog trainer I always advise my students to take advantage of these events so their dog will grow up to be calm and adjusted in our society.

Then came the fire works; so loud and long that several dogs bolted, horses had to be evacuated. I was just in time to catch my dog, who is a great demo dog in my booth, from jumping out of her pen. She was shaking the rest of the day and no longer able to be part of Pet Day anymore. I wonder if she is ever able to be my little helper on future Pet Days.

I am sure that several dogs are traumatized forever by this crazy, unnecessary noise. They will not be able to adjust to loud noises because of this horrific experience at this formative time in their lives. How about the owner who, by Sunday, still hadn't found her dog?

How can the Athletic Department of OSU be so insensitive or call it stupid, knowing that one block away there are people, little children and pets enjoying what should have been one of the highlights of the year. We are lucky that no one has been injured by a bolting horse or a stressed out dog.

I hope that this will never happen again and will double check next year before I decide to take my dog along and hope you will too.

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Smith: See no evil, speak no evil

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grown-ups has no place what so ever for cute, questionable actresses who insist on maintaining a pretense to wholesomeness and won't take off their shirts.

The fact that Playboy and Maxim magazines both have countdowns to the girls' 18th birthday should say a little something about what is expected of them, unofficially of course, when they become legal.

They seem to already be picking up on it. Mary-Kate has been the subject of anorexia rumors recently, and she looks the part. Not that I care, but a great many people do seem to be caught up in some hysterical drive to save people from fates of their own making.

It seems odd to me that the same parents worrying about their children, the media and the warped, distorted image of the female body that it forces on us, are the very people giving their own little girls \$7.50 to go watch the Olsen twins make their big screen debut, and perpetuating the whole cycle.

I mention this only because it seems to be at odds with the violently puritanical image of America being shoved down our throats by the people in charge. The good people at the FCC have gone on a cleansing crusade since that imbecile Janet Jackson tore off half her shirt to boost her sagging career.

Fines that started at \$27,500 escalated to \$3 million and there has been a real push to censor people such as Howard Stern, who are heavily fined and pulled from stations while more docile broadcast icons like Oprah get away unscathed.

There has been a panicked zealous backlash from conservatives in the government who fear for the moral integrity of Americans should they be continually forced to deal with such corrosive elements as human female anatomy and the English language.

But in their haste to keep us safe from ourselves, they have most certainly overstepped their bounds. As pointed out by attorney Robert Corn-Revere, the FCC's take on indecency and profanity ducks the court accepted measures.

The FCC has decided to judge entire works by single, isolated words and passages. This is the same kind of unforgivable feeble-minded, reactionary mentality that gets books like "Huck Finn" banned in school.

In addition, the FCC does not measure material by the standard of the average person, but instead they constantly invoke the image of a poor little child, forever maimed by dirty words and breasts. People like Mr. Corn-Revere have been quick to point out that this is completely unconstitutional.

All of this leads us back to a phenomena as sickening as the Olsen twins. Americans on the whole definitely are not narrow-minded moral purists concerned with the pervasiveness of so called foul language and stray ta-tas.

Quite to the contrary, they love dirty words and boobs, and maybe the lust we have for them is due in part to the fact that they're so heavily regulated.

We have as evidence for this the relatively laid back attitude of Europeans concerning sex, where it is much less regulated, and the Mus-

lim world, where a bare ankle has been the cause of many a death. All taboos gain a little bit of mystique and appeal simply by being illegal.

So we have American consumers wanting the same sex they've been used to on the one hand, and we have the censors telling us that it's bad for our souls on the other, and getting worse every minute.

What we wind up with is a broadening grey area of see no evil, speak no evil, where younger girls are increasingly sexualized without anyone acknowledging it, though it's as plain as day.

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Meyers: Acknowledge it or lose

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was going on or didn't care. Either way, the officers weren't doing their jobs. Most of them have never seen the Geneva Convention. And while most people don't need a piece of paper to tell them not to beat someone, those serving in prison ought to be taught the line between "interrogation" and "torture."

It's a fine line that can easily be crossed if someone isn't careful.

There is the Department of Defense, which is keeping 19, 20 and 21-year-olds in combat situations for long periods of time. Once again, stress isn't an excuse to sexually assault someone, but it certainly is a factor.

And finally, we have those that are above the law. Those who are being paid more than the soldiers, who aren't subject to the same rules as the soldiers, who don't have the same training as the soldiers.

It's easy to blame the six who were caught on film, the six currently being charged. But the problem goes far deeper than that, and until we acknowledge that problem, we will continue to lose this war.

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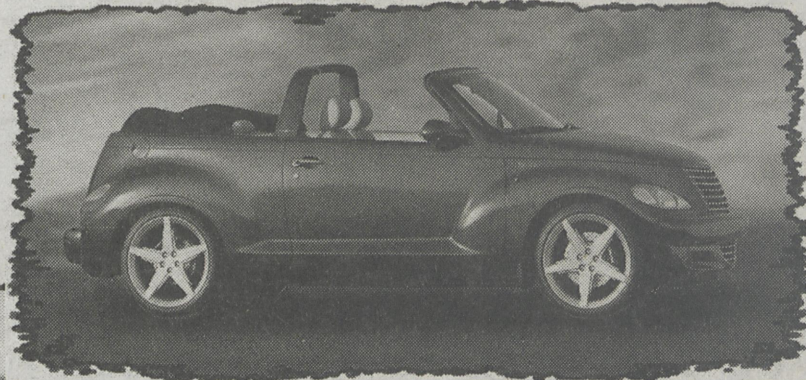


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Man arrested in West Seattle attacks

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SEATTLE — A California man sought in attacks on women following break-ins at three homes was arrested and jailed Wednesday, but not before he ran naked through several blocks of downtown Seattle.

Michael W. Gebre, 19, of Santa Rosa, Calif., was arrested early Wednesday morning at an apartment in the West Seattle area where the attacks took place, police Officer Deanna Nollette said.

Although he was wearing plastic handcuffs, Gebre managed to open the door of an unmarked police car and scramble out as two detectives were driving him to the King County Jail, police spokesman Sean Whitcomb said.

As he was getting away, a detective grabbed his jail jumpsuit, which he was wearing because his clothes were taken as evidence.

The jumpsuit tore away and Gebre ran naked for about two blocks before he tripped over

some traffic cones. The detectives caught up and held him until a patrol car arrived to finish the trip to jail, where he was booked for investigation of rape.

Two other men in the apartment were under investigation for harboring a fugitive, Nollette said.

Santa Rosa police previously obtained an arrest warrant for Gebre on two counts of burglary and one of committing a lewd and lascivious act.

One of the Seattle attacks was linked to the California crimes on the basis of physical evidence and the method of the crime, Nollette said. She would not specify the nature of the physical evidence.

Seattle police previously said they believed the same man had raped one woman and attacked two others since May 2 in the Delridge area of West Seattle.

In the latest attack early Sunday, a man who came to the woman's rescue was stabbed and wounded slightly in the arm and abdomen.

In all three cases, police said, the man entered through open or unlocked doors and windows.

Immigration —

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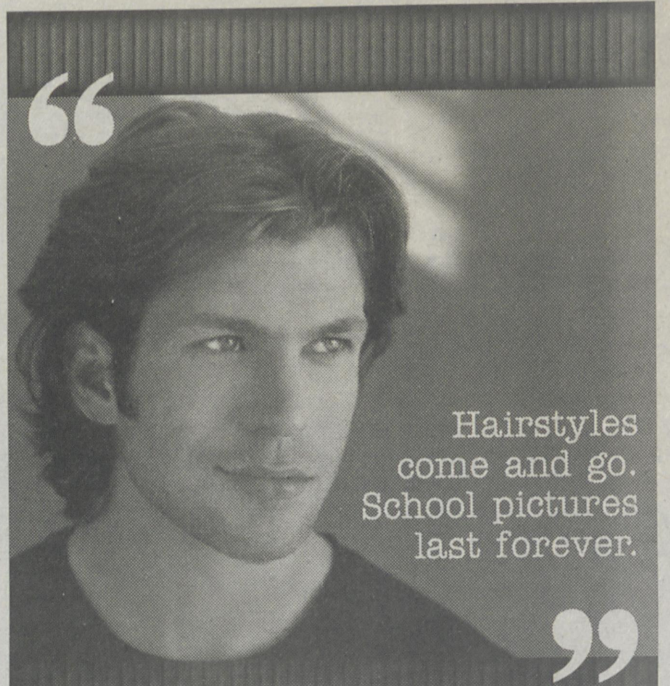
capacity of Corvallis, Oregon, United States?"

He tried to explain that the increase of the number of immigrants is not favorable to maintain the American standard of living.

This nationalism position drew an immediate reaction from the audience.

"We have to step back from the nationalism; the environmental issues are more complex," Jacob said. "The U.S. is not living in a square apart from the globe. Environment is not a problem of migration between the U.S. and Mexico. It concerns all the earth."

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Culture: Audience impressed

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throughout the night.

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Wednesday marked the fourth year the "Culture

Shock" show has been put on.

APA Heritage Month events will continue throughout the rest of May, members said.

"I liked the show a lot," said junior Aaron Sanders. "There was definitely a shock value."

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CORRECTION

Corvallis city council has approved the acquisition and rehab project on Pickford Street in south Corvallis. This project is under the supervision of Corvallis Neighborhood Housing Services. The 50-unit Maplewood project, located on N.W. Spruce Avenue, has not been approved.

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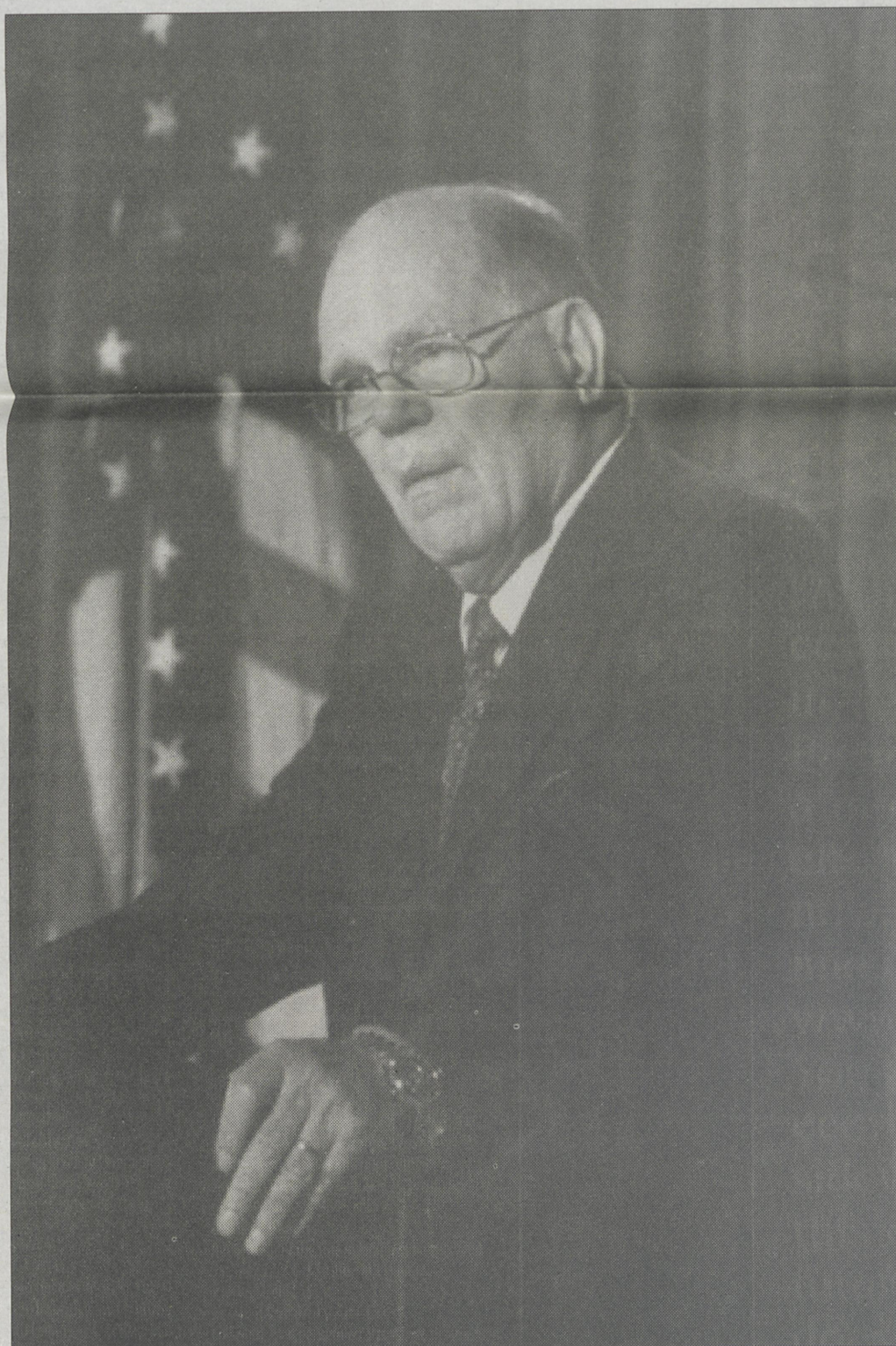
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I back-pedaled like the finely tuned athletic machine my body has been sculpted into in my four years here at Oregon State.

The wind was carrying the ball, but nothing my gazelle-like speed couldn't handle.

After this I was preparing to write Andruw Jones of the Atlanta Braves to give him tips on how to track a fly ball.

As I reached my glove high into the air I thought of all the egotistical remarks I could



Eric Powell
make as I trotted back in toward my teammates as I flipped the newly caught softball toward them, the ball which had unceremoniously ended their season.

"Go back to the sandlot rookies!"

Or I could have quoted one of those 'too-often' used Chapelle show lines to be trendy.

"What!"

"Yeah!"

"Now I'm going to go have sex with Charlie Murphy."

I don't think I got the last one right, but it would have proven my point regardless.

A funny thing happened, however. That ball just kept going, and I found myself walking back in alone, dejected and heartbroken.

After all, the hours of work we had put in as a team were down the drain.

Our playoff aspirations had been dashed in an instant.

All the blood, sweat and

tears our squad poured into this season were forgotten.

I am now the goat.

My dinner didn't have any taste when I finally drug my cold, whimpering body off of my shower floor to the kitchen that night.

I could barely sleep with visions of my catastrophic mistakes clouding my dreams.

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As I receive my diploma on June 13, in front of friends and family, I will not be able to celebrate what I have accomplished here at our prestigious university.

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Michigan has Chris Webber. The Boston Red Sox have Bill Buckner.

And now, sadly, Oregon State intramural sports has me.

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Gjurgevich: Bryant raised the bar for exceptional play

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He has time and time again hit the big shot, drawn the big foul, or made the big defensive stop — all while inciting or silencing a crowd of ardent Kobe lovers or passionate Kobe haters.

Hell, if I have 15 seconds and one shot for the rest of my life, I'm handing the ball to Kobe.

I needn't remind you of what Bryant did to the Blazers at the end of this season, when he twice netted impossible, hands-in-his-face, long-range shots to send Portland to their earlier-than-usual vacation on a sour note.

In that final regular season contest, the Lakers playoff seeding was on the line, and Kobe put the team on his back and into a higher seed.

Fast forward to this past week, when the defending champion San Antonio Spurs seemed to have the Lakers right where they wanted them.

Up 2-0, the only thing keeping the champs out of the Western conference finals was one win at Staples Center. Get that one win on the road, and no matter what happens in the other game, they have the Lakers dead in the water.

The realization of the biggest disappointment in professional sports history must have awoken the rest of the superstar-laden Lakers from their slumber, as L.A. ran a clinic on San Antonio in game three.

Still, game four was just as important, considering that the series would either be at a deadlock or out of reach for Los Angeles at the end of 48 minutes.

Bryant — whose pre-game preparation for the playoff battle was to enter a plea in his pending rape trial, hop a state-skipping flight, catch an hour nap in the locker room, then go play the most important contest of the year — shined in

the second half, stunning the Spurs with huge bucket after huge bucket, not to mention more-than-solid defense.

We all know about Michael Jordan's slice of bad pizza before, arguably, his finest finals game. And when Willis Reed ran up the tunnel, sprained ankle and all, to save the Knicks and propel himself into playoff lore, we all called him a courageous and gutsy warrior.

While these performances are certainly as macho as macho gets, they hold little water when you stack them up against Bryant's recent trials and tribulations.

To walk out of a courtroom — a place where your life is essentially on the line — and immediately plug yourself into your job and excel is a tough enough task as it is.

Now, when that "job" is to perform in front of tens of thousands of people — and millions on live television — all of whom know your sordid secrets and harp on them at every opportunity, that ridiculous amount of pressure only increases tenfold.

When my kids ask me about the best basketball player ever, I will tell them about the man that played the game at a level few could ever touch — in any sport, at any time.

Guys have dominated before, guys have taken over games — but not the way Kobe has.

However, as quickly as I describe his excellence on the court, I will remind my kids of the embarrassment he was off the court.

I will tell them that in the game of basketball, Kobe Bryant was a winner, but in the game of life, he most certainly was not.

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Smarty Jones looks tough to beat in Preakness

► Saturday's horse race looks to bring out the best in racing world

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
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BALTIMORE — Kristin Mulhall wasn't all that excited about bringing Imperialism across the country to take on Smarty Jones again in the Preakness Stakes.

After Imperialism finished third behind Smarty in the Kentucky Derby, the plan was to return home to Hollywood Park and get ready for another run at the undefeated colt in the Belmont Stakes on June 5.

So much for planning. Imperialism was training great. Derby replays showed that the gutty gray colt had a tough trip. And owner Steve Taub and jockey Kent Desormeaux convinced the 21-year-old trainer her horse has a chance to win the 1 3/16th-mile Preakness on Saturday.

"Every professional athlete in history that I know has been beaten except Rocky Marciano," Taub said Wednesday outside Imperialism's barn at Pimlico. "Secretariat lost. Man o' War lost. Seattle Slew lost."

When it comes to Smarty Jones, though, Mulhall isn't so sure defeat is imminent.

Imperialism was strong at the end of the 1 1/4-mile Derby after being clipped by a horse on the first turn and slowed by another along the backstretch.

He finished six lengths behind the winner, but even if Imperialism's patented closing kick moved him close to the leader, Smarty Jones "had another gear and would have taken off again," Mulhall said.

Smarty Jones "looks like a really nice horse, and we're

shortening up in distance," she said. "So I don't know. We'll see what he's made of."

A field of 11 3-year-olds was entered Wednesday, including Derby runner-up Lion Heart. The Cliff's Edge (fifth), Borrego (10th) and Song of the Sword (11th) are other Derby runners back for another shot.

Eddington and Rock Hard Ten, colts who missed the Derby because they didn't have enough graded-stakes earnings, top the new challengers. Eddington was third in the Wood Memorial; Rock Hard Ten finished second in the Santa Anita Derby but was disqualified to third.

The newcomers are Sir Shackleton, Tesio Stakes winner Water Cannon, and Little Matth Man, another Philly Park-based colt who finished seventh in the Wood. Only two non-Derby starters have won the Preakness since 1983 — Deputed Testimony and Red Bullet in 2000.

Smarty Jones opened as the 8-5 morning-line favorite, with Lion Heart at 3-1, and Imperialism at 5-1.

Rock Hard Ten was 6-1, The Cliff's Edge and Eddington were both 8-1, Borrego 15-1, Sir Shackleton, Song of the Sword and Water Cannon were each 30-1, and Little Matth Man was 50-1.

Smarty Jones, with Stewart Elliott aboard, will leave from the No. 7 post, with expected pacesetter Lion Heart drawing the No. 1 gate and Imperialism outside of Smarty in the No. 8 post.

"We got a good post," Smarty Jones' trainer John Servis said. "We tried to get the speed inside of us, and we've had a lot of luck out of the seven hole."

Mulhall isn't the only rival



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Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones nuzzles his groomer Mario Arriaga from his stall at Pimlico Stakes.

trainer impressed with Smarty Jones.

Patrick Biancone, who handles Lion Heart, watched Smarty Jones train at Keeneland in Lexington, Ky., the week before the Derby.

"He's exceptional," Biancone said. "I think it showed in the Derby. There's no question he's a champion."

Zito didn't sound optimistic, either, especially after The Cliff's Edge developed a sore right front foot after a Wednesday morning jog. The trainer said he'll decide Thursday whether the colt will run. Zito also trains Sir Shackleton.

"The only things you think about is stay the course, do what you're supposed to do here, and hopefully they both come with their good races," Zito said. "This Smarty Jones, I think he's a very good horse."

Smarty Jones arrived by van from Philly Park on Wednesday

after a 10-day lovefest. One day, 5,000 fans showed up to watch Smarty gallop.

On Monday, Oaklawn Park owner Charles Cella presented the colt's owners with a \$5 million bonus check for Smarty's sweep of the Rebel Stakes, Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby. Another \$5 million bonus is on the line if Smarty Jones wins the Preakness and Belmont to become the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978.

After Smarty Jones was led to stall 40 at the Pimlico Stakes barn, the traditional home of the Derby winner, assistant trainer Bill Foster said he's starting to get used to all the winning.

He's not alone.

"I hope we can get a little closer. I definitely think (Imperialism) has a chance," Mulhall said. "But I don't know about beating Smarty."

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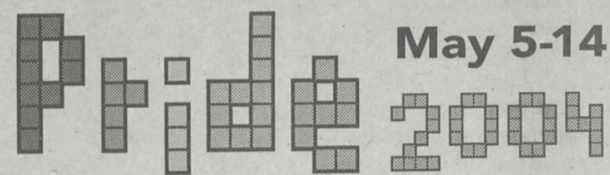
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"I have said it before, for what a young man like him went through and to continue and do what he does is pretty incredible."

— Los Angeles Lakers forward Karl Malone on teammate Kobe Bryant after scoring 42 points against San Antonio in game 4

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Lissman focused on just one goal

► Oregon State freshman hopes to contribute and lead Beavers to postseason play

By MELODY STOCKWELL
THE DAILY BAROMETER

One of 12 freshmen on Oregon State's baseball team this season, Mike Lissman is making his mark and showing the Pacific-10 what he can do.

But for the Beavers' baseball staff, that was something they were prepared for.

"Mike will battle for a spot in the outfield as a freshman," Oregon State coach Pat Casey said prior to the beginning of this season. "He's a very tough kid; he's a guy who will someday be an RBI producer and a run-scorer for us."

Look at him now.

Currently, Lissman boasts the third best batting average at .365 with five home runs and 28 RBI.

He is ranked seventh in the Pac-10 for batting, 10th for on base percentage and first in fielding percentage.

But he doesn't focus on his personal accomplishments.

"It's kind of exciting, but as long as we're winning, I don't care," Lissman said.

Although he's listed as an outfielder, he's become more accustomed to the role of being a designated hitter this season.

"I started a couple of games at outfield, but I got hurt toward the middle of the season and I started hitting and kept there," Lissman said.

When out on the grass, Lissman shares the outfield with junior Aaron Mathews and sophomore Jacoby Ellsbury.

The three have recently become familiar with the reputation of being the "middle of nowhere outfield" as they come from small towns in Oregon.

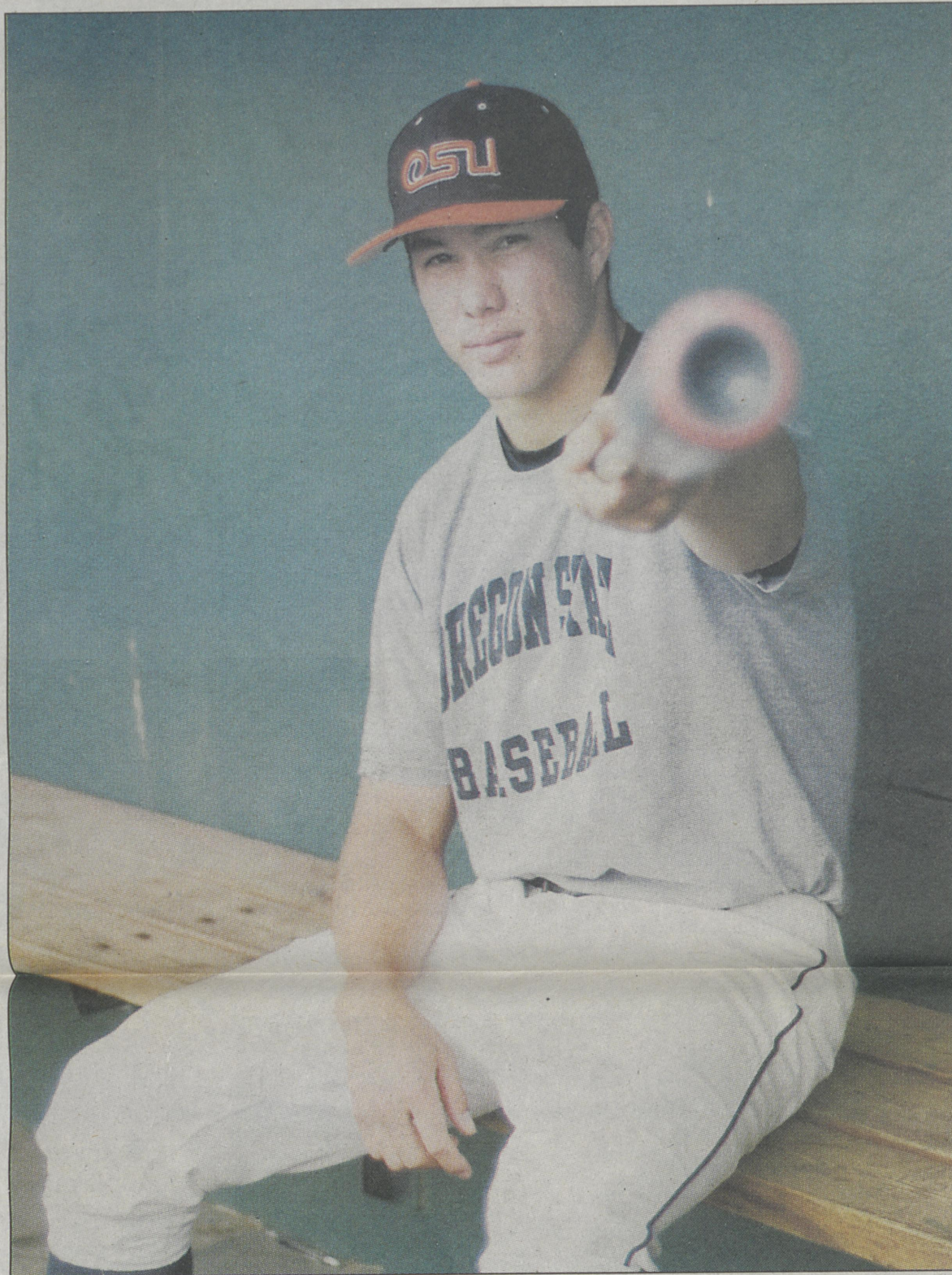
Mathews hails from John Day, Ellsbury is from Madras and Lissman is from Ontario. With the total population of the three towns combined equaling 17,899, it solidifies the bond the three share and the camaraderie of the team.

Not to mention that Mathews also played a role in Lissman's decision to go to Oregon State.

Lissman had looked into other schools such as Washington State, UNLV and the University of Washington, but Oregon State stuck out to him.

"I like the atmosphere here and I like the small town," Lissman said. "The coaches are really nice and I like the program here. When I came here, I visited with Aaron a lot because I already knew him."

At Ontario High School, Lissman made first team all-state, first team all-league and his team reached the



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Oregon State freshman Mike Lissman is batting .365 going into this weekend's series at Arizona State. Despite his personal success, Lissman has only one goal for the season: making regionals.

state title game.

His junior year, his accomplishments were the same, except his team didn't make it to the final game.

And during that time, he also played against Mathews.

"I played against Aaron my freshman and sophomore years and we didn't get to play against Jacoby because they didn't make it to the playoffs," Lissman said. "Every year we played Aaron in football, baseball and basketball."

The transition from high school

baseball to collegiate baseball was not much of a jump for Lissman.

"The pitching is the only difference," Lissman said. "That and you're playing with a lot better players."

And the comfort of home is still present when his family comes to games.

"My family supports me a lot," Lissman said. "My mom comes to all of the home games even though she has to drive like seven hours. My grandparents try, but I mean they're old, but they try to come."

As his rookie season is slowly winding down, Lissman, along with his team, has one thing on his mind.

"As a team we want to go to regionals, that's all that really matters," Lissman said. "Personal goals don't really matter to me. I guess my personal goals are whatever I can do to help the team."

And that's something that was already expected of him.

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Some props for Kobe

Kobe Bryant is the greatest basketball player to ever live. A bold statement, I know, but hear me out.

Now, I certainly realize that I have little, if any, expertise on the matter of assigning basketball greatness. I am a 5 foot 11 inch, slow "shooting" guard with less hops than a recently stuffed and mounted bunny rabbit.

I may as well be a "missing" guard, because I miss nearly every shot I heave up and am often "missing" when it comes time to play defense.

Plus, I have never played, coached, towel-boyed or even interned in the NBA, testimony enough to my lack of knowledge when it comes to judging any sort of talent.

But, here's what I do know:

In the distant (please, God, let it be distant) future, when my kids shut up for one second about how their clothes don't fit anymore and how they are still hungry from not eating yesterday and ask me who the greatest basketball player ever was, I won't be telling them about Michael Jordan.

And I won't be saying anything about Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Dr. J, Wilt Chamberlain or Bill Russell, either.

Instead, I will tell them about Bryant — a guy who has impressed, inspired, shocked and awed me time and time again this season and in the playoffs, making the impossible shots seem automatic and the unbelievable seem tangible.

It almost — almost — makes you forget about what a cocky, adulterating scumbag he is.

Now, if Jordan cemented his "greatest ever" status with a combination of clutch buckets and defense, gravity-defying dunks and a handful of championships, then Bryant has certainly made his case for greatness, but in a different way than Mike ever did.

After all, there will never be another Jordan, just guys that remind you of his greatness.

Kobe's ridiculous play when the game, season, legacy of his team — you name it — is on the line, stands up to anyone's, even Mike's.

His sky-walking may not be as prolific as Jordan's, but his smooth-as-silk jumper is certainly up to snuff.

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Atlanta @ St. Louis
TBS, 10 a.m.

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L.A. Lakers @ San Antonio
ABC, 5:20 p.m.

Golf
Byron Nelson Championship
USA, 4 p.m.

Hockey
Stanley Cup playoffs
Tampa Bay @ Philadelphia
ESPN, 4 p.m.
San Jose @ Calgary
ESPN, 7 p.m.

Motorcycle race
Pikes Peak Hill Climb
ESPN2, 12 p.m.

Snowboarding
Boost Mobile Pro
FSN, 2 p.m.

Volleyball
AVP Tempe Open
FSN, 12 p.m.

Women's soccer signs two players for 2004

► Jodie Taylor and Alyssa Blackwell will compete for starting spots next season

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Jodie Taylor and Alyssa Blackwell have signed national letters of intent to play women's soccer for Oregon State University, Beaver head coach Steve Fennah announced Wednesday.

Taylor, a striker, is a U-19 English National Team veteran from Wallasey, Merseyside (Oldershaw HS), in England. Blackwell, from Lake Oswego, Ore., (Jesuit HS) is a midfielder/striker.

Taylor and Blackwell join Monica Storm (defense) and Whitney Goodell (midfield/striker) as members of OSU's 2004 signing class. All four will be freshmen in 2004.

"Jodie and Alyssa add tremendous talent to our team," Fennah said. "We're very excited about our recruiting class this year. We've added

three players with national pool or national team experience, which is a huge positive for our squad."

Taylor is a two-year member of the U-19 English National Team, which recently competed in the UEFA qualifying tournament. She played one year on the U-17 squad.

Taylor was the leading scorer each of the last two years for the Tranmere club team of the Women's National League. She also helped lead the Merseyside squad to the national championship in 2002.

Oldershaw is a perennial Merseyside champion. Merseyside is a county in England, which is the equivalent of a state in the U.S.

"We're very excited about Jodie Taylor's addition to the team," Fennah said. "She is a young lady who has the ability to score goals, and obviously that's very important. Her pace and tactical awareness should be a big plus for our squad."

"We're expecting Jodie to be able to contribute right away," Fennah added. "She's scored goals and has had success at the international level, which should allow her to feel comfortable very quickly at the collegiate level. She's definitely a player we feel has a nose for the goal."

Blackwell led the Jesuit Crusader squad to two high school state championships, and recently scored the winning goal in the state title game for her FC Portland club squad.

Blackwell also tallied the winning goal in the 2002 high school state championship match for Jesuit.

"Alyssa is a very quick, athletic player," Fennah said. "We see her playing out wide in the midfield or as a striker. She's always had the ability to score goals. That, combined with her pace, will be another big plus for our squad."

The Beavers open the 2004 season on Aug. 27 in Corvallis against San Diego State.