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## Ballots for graduate union must be mailed today

Battle for unionization receives criticism from graduate students who want to see less conflict, more partnership

**DeAnn Welker**

The Daily Barometer

An army of graduate students marched to Oregon State University President Paul Risser's office last April with a battalion of paper dolls, seeking support for their unionizing effort.

This Friday, they will find out whether or not they won their battle.

Ballots must be returned by graduate teaching and graduate research assistants no later than Thursday, Nov. 4 to the Employee Relations Board in Salem. The

graduate assistants are voting on whether or not they would like to form a union, giving them health insurance and bargaining power.

Amy Lundquist, who works for the Coalition for Graduate Employees at OSU, has been trying to get the union organized since she was still a graduate student. Lundquist believes that the CGE's battle is against the Oregon University System.

"We're fighting the OUS, which is involved with seven universities," Lundquist said.

But graduate assistants who are in opposition to the union don't believe that this battle should be fought.

"An adversarial spirit is at the very center of the union movement," said James Abbot, a graduate teaching assistant in physical chemistry. "Communication and the building of relationships always suffers when an

attitude of conflict guides decisions."

If the union is approved by voters, it will give bargaining power to graduate students. All details of the union will be negotiated when and if the election is successful.

"What they're voting for is if they want the CGE to represent them in collective bargaining," said Rachel Sours-Page, CGE steering committee member and a Ph.D. candidate in geosciences. "It will give us the right and the opportunity to negotiate a contract with the university."

Graduate assistants opposed to the union are not against the CGE's motives, only the tactics that are being used to achieve these ends, said Karen Swanger, graduate teaching assistant in exercise and sports science.

"Everybody wants health care," Swanger said. "It just goes much deeper than that. I would rather see something that benefits everyone."

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**Karen Swanger,**  
graduate teaching assistant

By everyone, Swanger is referring to all students. She believes that there are many other students — both undergraduate and graduate — that work six to 20 hours per week and cannot afford insurance. Swanger would like to see something that can help everyone rather than just a small portion of the OSU student community.

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## Perception varies widely on proposed men's affairs task force

Bill that goes to ASOSU senate today has sparked a wide variety of opinions on the proposed task force's purpose

**Nicholas Heydenrych**

The Daily Barometer

Today the Associated Students of Oregon State University graduate and undergraduate senates will vote on a bill designed to establish a men's affairs task force.

The proposed task force would address issues such as men's physical and psychological health as well as issues related to male gender roles in society. Sponsors of the bill cite testicular and prostate cancer as examples of under-addressed men's issues. The goal of the task force would be to educate the public about these issues.

"Nationally, there is a movement towards addressing men's issues," said Dr. Dan Timberlake, licensed psychologist and associate director of University Counseling and Psychological Services. "I think that addressing the issues of both genders in that way is helpful. We all know what the rules are for men. For example, men aren't supposed to display emotion, and this is a contributor to stress and higher rates of cardiovascular disease and behaviors such as drinking."

We need a men's affairs task force as much as we need a task force about prime-time television.

**Jeremy Hyde,**

ASOSU environmental affairs task force director and member of Men Against Rape

"There are men's issues as evidenced by rape, child molestation, hate crimes, etc., and because we haven't dealt with it before we don't really have the vocabulary to do so yet," said Gabe Hobart, ASOSU undergraduate senator and co-sponsor of the bill. "We need to ask the question, why does rape occur?"

But not everyone sees the need for a new task force as a valid one.

"We need a men's affairs task force as much as we need a task force about prime-time television," said Jeremy Hyde, ASOSU environmental affairs task force director and member of Men Against Rape.

"If we establish a men's affairs task force it could disenfranchise people we've been working to incorporate, such as women, lesbians, gays, bisexuals and other minorities," said Chris Jones, ASOSU executive director of task forces.

Jones added that the main reason to oppose the bill would be the possibility of it being reactionary.

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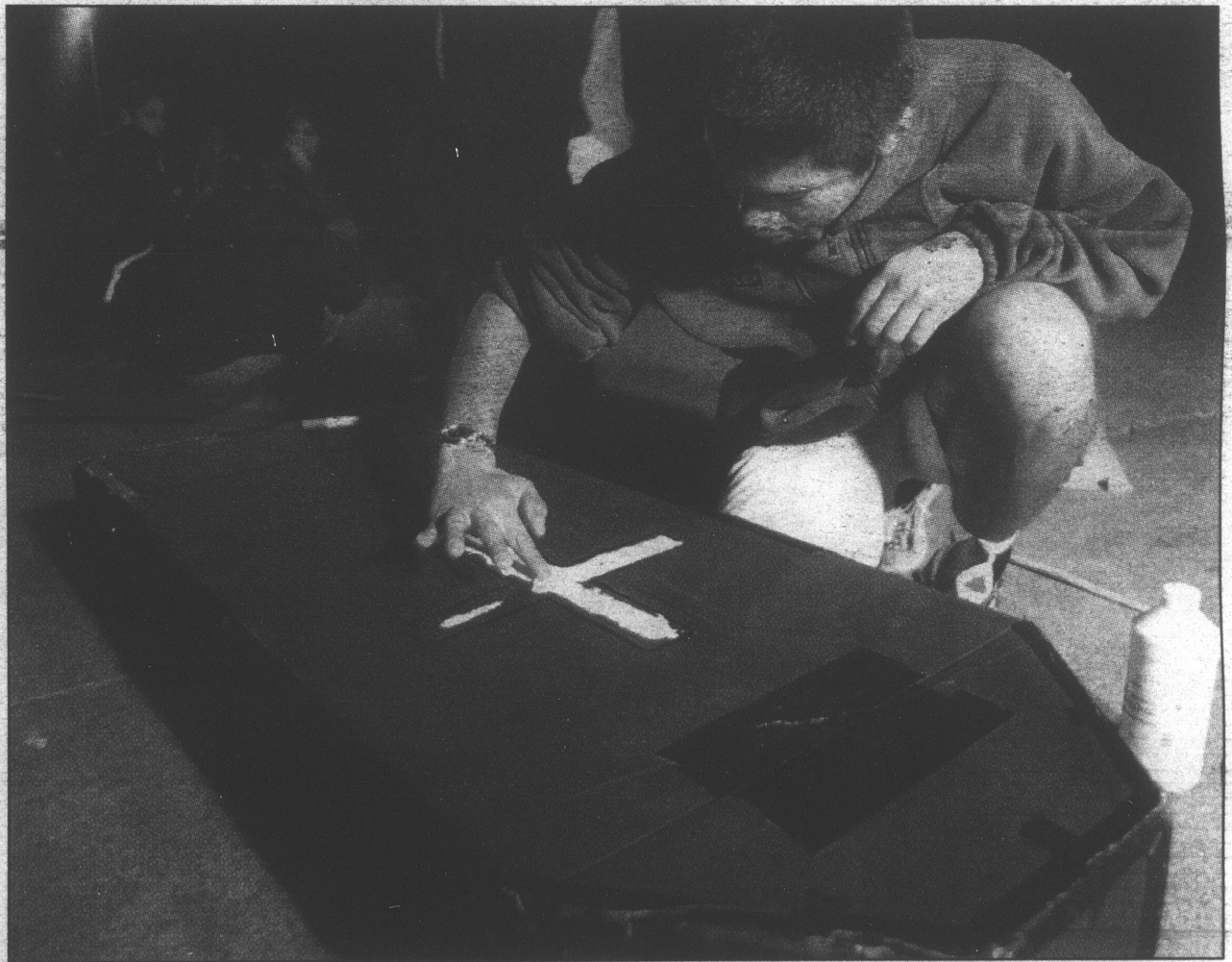


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In preparation for Día De Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, students spend a chilly Monday evening working on decorations to be displayed in the MU Quad. Antonio Chavez (above) paints a coffin while Rosa Olivares (below, far right) and Lourdes Medina (middle) work on setting up a skeleton for another display.



## Ofrendas culturales

**Matthew D. LaPlante**

The Daily Barometer

The drum beat that resonated through campus Monday night was loud enough to wake the dead.

Or, at least, that's what those who were participating in El Día De Muertos celebrations hoped.

For many, death is looked upon with great fear. But in Mexico on Nov. 2, also translated as The Day of the Dead, it is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of those who have passed.

On El Día De Los Muertos, families gather to clean head stones, arrange flowers, light candles and bring gifts to the dearly departed. All this takes much of the dread out of the end to natural life.

Students at OSU began celebrating in the Memorial Union Quad on Monday evening, painting caskets and preparing a mock graveyard. Around the clock, volunteers stayed with the display, conversing with others, dancing and keeping candles lit in the cold Corvallis wind as the clock neared midnight.

The location of the festivities alters from the traditional

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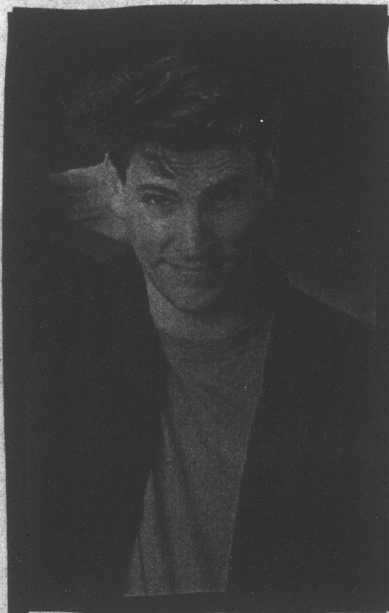
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## Students can turn ballots in at MU

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Today is the last day to vote in the state and county general election.

For supporters of Measure 02-83, the school levy, it is important that there is a high voter turn-out because of the required majority rule.

Fifty percent of eligible voters must show up to vote in order to meet the double majority required to pass the school levy.

It is too late to send in a mail-in ballot, but they can be dropped off in the Memorial Union Business Office at Oregon State University or at the Benton County Court House on Fifth Street. Ballots must be physically turned in by 8

p.m. to be counted in the election.

Only 40 percent of voters had turned in ballots as of Monday evening, said JoAnne Trow, the former vice provost for student affairs and professor emeritus for OSU, who has been working toward the school levy.

There are three other local measures on the ballot, as well as several state measures.

## Middle East peace process gets Clinton encouragement

Oslo talks between Barak and Arafat are focused on simply "getting the job done"

Terence Hunt

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Entering a fateful year in Middle East peacemaking, President Clinton offered strong encouragement Monday and perhaps even Camp David-style negotia-

tions to help Israel and the Palestinians resolve "the really hard part" of their decades-old conflict.

"I wouldn't rule out anything," said Clinton, eager to crown his checkered presidency with a historic peace agreement. "There is nothing I would not do if I thought it would genuinely help to build a lasting peace in the Middle East."

The president met separately with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on the eve of a three-way meeting among them.

Later, Arafat and Barak met one-on-one to prepare for the talks with Clinton.

Prompted by photographers, they shook hands. They were described as focused on how to get down to business to meet tough negotiating deadlines.

A Palestinian official, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, said the atmosphere was positive and warm in the 90-minute meeting. The substance of remaining disagreements was not discussed, the official said, because both sides knew that would cause problems at too early a stage. One disagreement did occur, as Arafat wanted to

bring in key aides, but Barak held to his public desire for one-on-one talks with the Palestinian leader.

The leaders gathered in this northern European country of glaciers and fjords to pay tribute to the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, assassinated four years ago by an Israeli opponent of the peace process. At a memorial dinner, Rabin's widow Leah challenged Barak and Arafat to "find the right formula to finish what my husband started and had to pay the highest price for — his life."

"It is now up to you," she said emotionally. "Is it too much to ask for?"

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NEWS

# Administration argues Miranda precedence

Richard Carell

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal law that limits the Supreme Court's famous Miranda decision and makes it easier to use criminal suspects' confessions against them cannot lawfully be enforced, the Clinton administration argued Monday.

In a written brief filed with the Supreme Court, Justice Department lawyers said the 1966 Miranda decision "is of constitutional dimension" and "cannot be superseded merely by legislation."

The so-called Miranda warnings are familiar to generations of Americans who viewed countless arrests in movies and on TV: "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say may be used against you."

Civil libertarians have hailed the warnings for protecting individual rights, but some critics say the required police warnings exact a heavy toll, seriously harming public safety.

Police have been giving the warnings before questioning criminal suspects ever since the 1966 ruling in *Miranda vs. Arizona* said they had to.

In an unusual move, Attorney General Janet Reno joined other Justice Department officials in signing Monday's brief. Government lawyers twice had won month-long delays in having to file the document.

## MUERTOS: Events today

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cemetery for good reason. Organizers wanted to bring a bit of Latin American culture to the middle of OSU.

"It's really good for us to get out in public and keep our traditions alive," said Edith Quiroz, co-coordinator for MEChA. "We wanted to display this so that our culture doesn't die out."

Today, OSU students will get a chance to learn about that culture as they traverse the Quad.

From 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., Aztec blessings will be given to the alters. Dancing, music and food sharing will all be part of the cultural learning experience.

Then, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., those who have passed away will be honored and blessed.

At 7 p.m., celebrants will move out of the cold and into the MU, where stories, poems, music and essays will be shared in room 213.

*El Día de Muertos at OSU is sponsored by CALMECAC, Centro Cultural Cesar Chávez, the Hispanic Student Union and MEChA. The events are free and open to the general public. For more information, call 737-6712, 758-4702, 737-3790 or 737-6363.*

## TASK FORCE: Mixed opinions

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But Jones said he was not endorsing or condemning the bill and was primarily apprehensive about the creation of the task force.

"Men have issues that need to be addressed," Jones said. "Men need to understand what it means to be men. The sponsors of this bill brought up a valuable point. Now it's up to the senate to decide."

"I don't think that this is a genuine effort to address men's issues. These are the same people who think that just because there's a Black Cultural Center that there needs to be a White Cultural Center," Hyde said.

"This is not an issue of race," said Mark Callahan, ASOSU undergraduate senator and the other sponsor of the bill. "Also, I believe that men and women are equal in the respect that men don't dominate women. I don't believe men's issues are covered as much as women's issues."

But many do not find that men's issues are under-represented, but rather that they are not addressed by specialized task forces because men enjoy an inherent privilege in society.

"The reason task forces are started for women and multicultural issues is because the environment focuses on men," said Tasha Ludwick, Saferide Director. "White males are privileged in this society and I find that women and students of color have a disadvantage. The task forces and services are not there to provide a privilege but to reduce the disadvantage."

Said Jones: "I encourage them to take reference to women's issues, but it's a sad state of affairs when they're complaining about inequality."

"If the bill doesn't pass I think it will be because it wasn't presented the right way," Hobart said. "I think that [the issue of gender inequality] is a damaging argument to a legitimate task force."

"The education of different issues for men, by men is wonderful idea, but I think that it needs to be researched more to make sure we're not duplicating services that already exist on campus," said ASOSU President Melanie Spraggins.

## GRADS: Encouraged to vote

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Both the CGE and those graduate students opposed to the union encourage all graduate assistants to vote in person by Thursday or to mail their ballots today.

"The majority speaks: If [not having a union] is what they decide, we need to regroup," Lundquist said.

"We encourage people to check it out and if the numbers look good to vote for the union," Abbott said.

Swanger agreed. "We're not trying to sway votes," she said. "We just want to let people see both sides."

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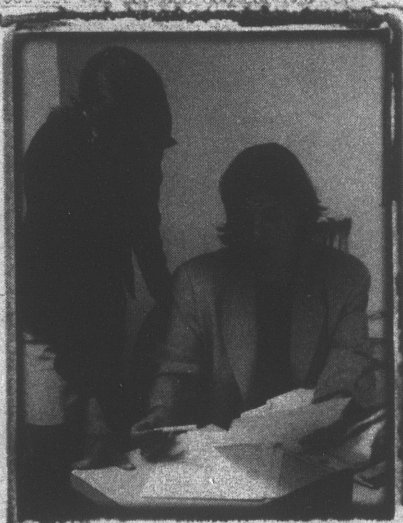
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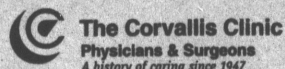
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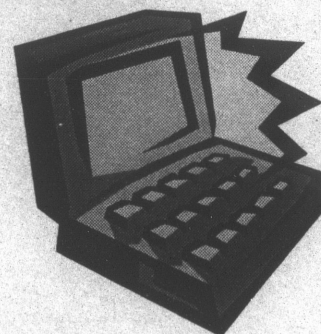
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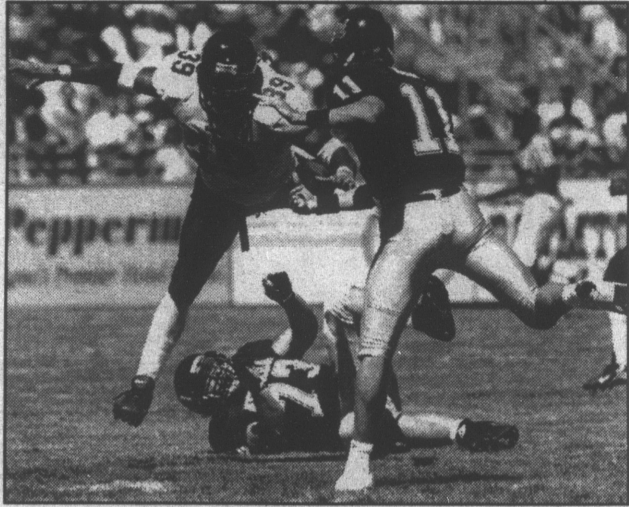
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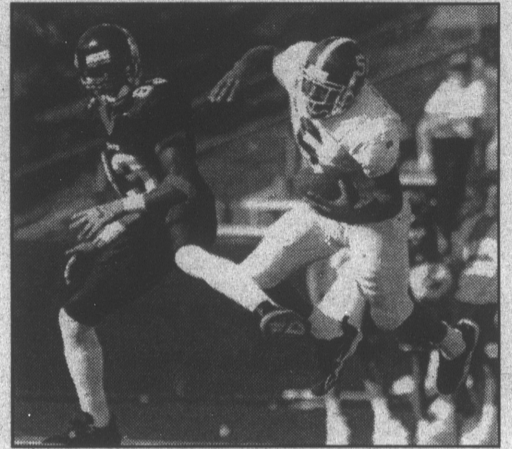


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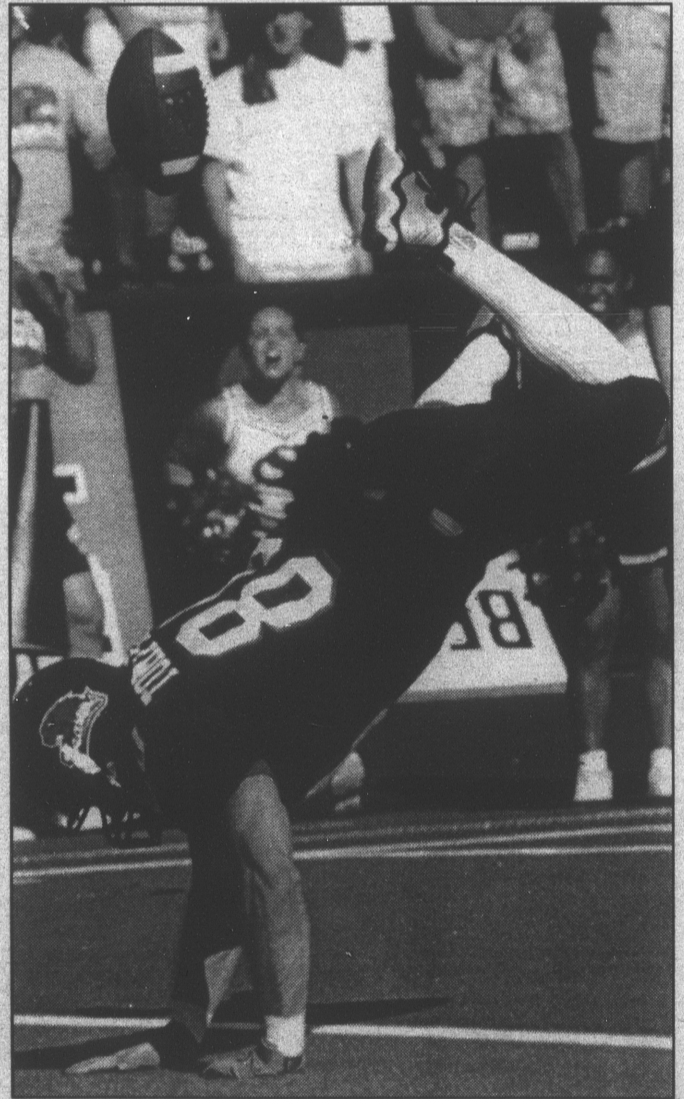


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# You Canterbury the truth about love

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Barometer Commentary



JAKE WASSON

beyond one era of man, she is an example showing the nature of every society. The individual is the root (radix) conscience of a society. The Wife of Bath is a paradigm for society's conscience because her character encompasses the struggle between the human need for love (balance between body/soul, and acceptance of life), and the battle with the invisible human antagonist, the dogmatic pursuit of logic to explain the enigma of being.

Sadly this historical pattern of worship of logic and reason forms a habitual mold for reason that has been impregnated in the spirit of man. I do not exclude women from rational pursuits, or men from a life given to love. I am

simply playing with an established set of stereotypes.

I would like to produce a projection of characteristics, centered around the Wife of Bath, that support my dialectical assault on society, and then in conclusion transfer them onto the wall of understanding. Therefore, I must introduce the characteristics which represent this female dynamo based on the struggle between the presented poles.

These characteristics are molded into the Wife of Bath, a self-appointed authority on love, and the champion pitted against the rationalization of man. Her prologue shows her to be a woman who has established dominance over five husbands, each man's mountain climbed in a different manner. She has experienced her share of mental and physical beating, but her participation in the pilgrimage shows her fiery spirit and victory. These being the ends, I introduce to you her means as the spirit of love:

1) Illiteracy excludes her from worldly knowledge, so she must accept what her exterior senses perceive as explanation for life. Her perception focuses more on herself than the mirror of the world, thus

she experiences the world more like an animal than a rational being. 2) She uses her instinctive (emotional) powers to dominate her rational husbands. 3) Her tale has a protagonist — a man — sent on a quest for the definition of love. 4) A woman decides the fate of a man at the end of the story. 5) When the Knight finds "love," he is faced with two questions: worldly definition or personal contentment? He chooses to let her decide, and this is the correct response. Because, love is the ability to accept your partner or life for what they are, no expectations.

So what is the answer to Bath's Wife's question regarding the need for sex organs? In my opinion Chaucer, speaking through the Wife of Bath, has made the observation that individuals (society being the culmination of individuals, medieval or present day) are animals too, and despite our ability to reason, we still are ruled by instinct/emotion. This is why I love the Wife of Bath, and why I love women.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Jake Wasson, columnist for The Daily Barometer.

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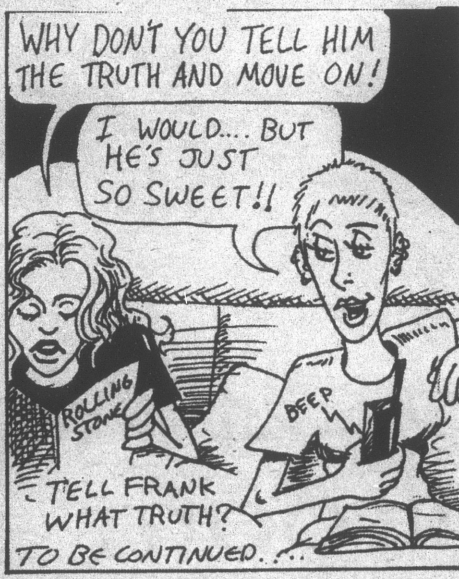
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**Amnesty,** 5:00 pm, Women's Center. A human rights organization dedicated to securing the release of prisoners of conscience and the abdication of the death penalty.

**Lutheran Student Movement,** 11:30 am-1:30 pm, 211 NW 23rd St. Lunch is served! Students, faculty, & staff are invited to join us for a home-cooked meal and friendly conversation.

**European Students Association,** 8:30 pm, MU Martin Luther King Room. Meet a diverse group of European students for fun event planning, slide-shows, presentations, etc. Everyone welcome.

**OSU Mountain Club,** 7:00 pm, Memorial Union. Meetings are every Tuesday at 7:00 pm, in the Memorial Union. Contact Brett @ 752-6138.

**Real Life (Campus Crusade for Christ & Calvary Chapel),** 6:00 pm, Arnold Dining Hall. Come worship God, Study the Bible and make new

friends.

**Pre-Veterinarian Medicine,** 7:00 pm, Magruder 102. 1st meeting of the year. We will be getting a tour of the vet school.

**Beaver Yearbook,** 5:30 pm, 231 MU East. Mandatory for all staff members, anyone is welcome.

**OSU Scuba Club,** 5:30 pm, MU Board Room. Club meeting to discuss upcoming dives, fundraising ideas and a possible guest speaker.

Speakers

**Philosophy Dept.,** 4:00-5:30 pm, Snell Forum. Ideas Matter Series: How I see the sacred. Jan Bays, Roshi (teacher) at the Zen Community of Oregon in Portland, and a pediatrician specializing in child abuse.

**OSU Society for Logic and Reason,** 7:30 pm, LaSells Center, Engineering Aud. Lecture titled "Creationism, Evolution, Science & Education: What should we do?" given by Dr. Eugene Scott, Exec. Director of the Nat'l Center for Science Education.

Events

**Mortar Board Honor Society,** 8:00 am-7:00 pm, Student Involvement. Mortar Boards still available! Pick up your pre-ordered one or buy a new one at Student Involvement Desk.

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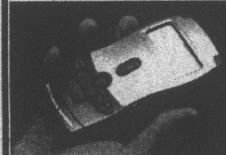
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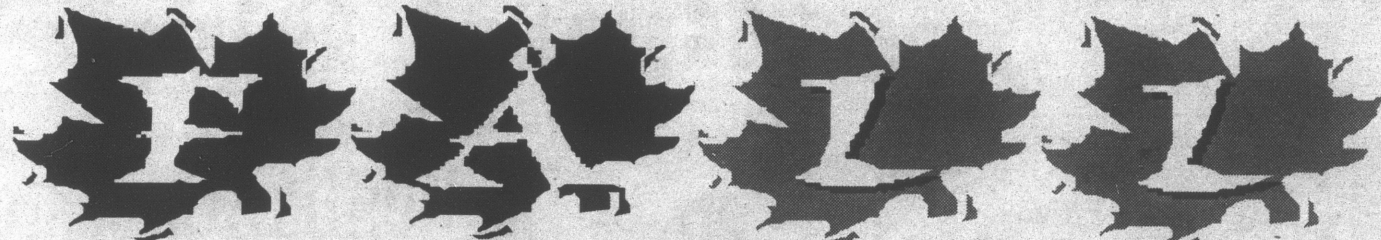


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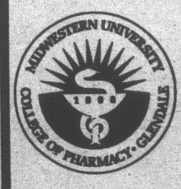
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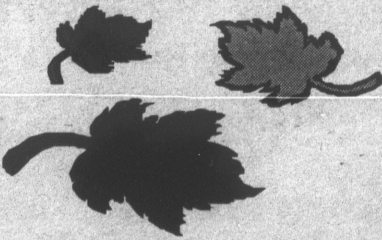
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**SPORTS**

**More Than Movement: Drug abuse or self-abuse?**

When athletes and other fitness professionals start using or recommending controlled substances, can their physical fitness be attributed to blood, sweat and tears or to whatever is floating around in their veins? In my opinion, steroids are a pretty serious crutch if a weightlifter couldn't move six barrels before taking them, but could afterward.

Besides the fact that most drugs that produce dramatic results, in athletic prowess are illegal, and I'd like to encourage my readers to be law-abiding citizens, they are also dangerous to the human body. Using or abusing any substance to force one system in the human body to function differently, will in turn affect other systems in the body.

Everything from alcohol to designer drugs may look enticing now, but consequences are always in the future beyond any choice.

Steroids are the first type of drugs that are associated with increasing body mass, strength and stamina. Anabolic and androgenic steroids are named from the Greek, meaning "to build" and "masculinizing," and they are derived from the male hormone testosterone. Testosterone not only aids the process of puberty in males, but it also accounts for protein retention as building blocks for muscle. When steroids are abused by excessive consumption or distribution for medical purposes, the consequences can be invisible or visible. Men who use steroids may eventually experience reduced sperm count and impotence, development of breast tissue, testicle shrinkage, and difficulty and pain while urinating. Women might show signs of masculinity with facial hair growth, a deeper voice, breast tissue reduction, and changes in their menstrual cycle.

Dr. Gary Wadler, a professor at the New York University School of Medicine, authored the book "Drugs and the Athlete." According to Wadler, steroids are different from all other drugs because "their dangers may not be manifest for years or even decades." These dangers hit both males and females and include premature heart

attacks and strokes, liver damage, blood clotting disorders, elevated cholesterol levels, weakened tendons, and contracting HIV or other STIs if the steroids are injected.

Alcohol is not commonly referred to as a drug, but even according to ESPN, "alcohol remains the number one substance abused by teenagers and by all athletes, from junior high school through the professional ranks." I'm an athlete and I've never touched alcohol, but I have a lot of buddies who could not say the same. Alcohol destroys the real ability of an athlete to perform well, affecting balance, reaction time, simple motor skills, information processing, speech, and alertness.

"Poorly appreciated is the fact that athletes who socially consume excessive alcohol the evening after a practice or a game may subsequently have an impairment of athletic skills for as long as 14 hours," Wadler said.

Need I suggest that hangovers from alcohol are highly unnecessary during a competition, as is the nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, body aches and fatigue that accompanies a good hangover. That is just the short term, however. In the long run, chronic alcohol abuse can alter the way the brain and nerves function, weaken the heart, shrink the testicles and cause male erectile dysfunction, and cause vitamin deficiencies, pancreatitis, liver failure, skin alterations, cirrhosis, and elevate triglycerides.

The abuse of inhalants, which produce a high by sniffing common, legal substances such as glue, gasoline, cleaning supplies, and other strong-smelling chemicals, cause slurred speech, euphoria, hallucinations and possibly death. Breathing in such potent stuff on a regular basis can create a symptom of addiction called tolerance, and the abuse can cause brain tissue to dissolve. The worst part about inhalants is Sniffing Death Syndrome. Combining strenuous physical activity which increases epinephrine levels with inhalants that make the heart more sensitive to epinephrine can result in a fatal rhythm disturbance. The heart will fail to beat correctly, and death will occur. Sniffing Death Syndrome strikes 22 percent of those who are experimenting for the first time.

Cocaine, indisputably a drug, causes little or no athletic performance improvement. Similar to inhalants, cocaine's effects are even more disturbing when the substance is combined with competitive sport. Combine cocaine with cigarette smoking, and the abuser's place on the chart drops even lower, moving him or her more quickly towards sexual dysfunction, spontaneous abortions, chronic headaches, convulsions and seizures, elevated blood pressure, strokes, hepatitis and AIDS for those who use intravenously.

Designer drugs are a whole new story in the same book. Lover's Speed, GHB, Special K, Fantasy, Ecstasy and Nature's Quaalude all boil down to PCP, fentanyl and amphetamines or methamphetamines. These drugs are extremely dangerous, being manufactured by "underground chemists" who use little or no quality control. Two doses of the same drug won't be identical. One could kill you, and the other might not do a thing for you. One "chemist" will provide Ecstasy in a certain strength, and the next dealer may offer it in a more potent form. In addition to having some of the same problems I have already mentioned, designer drug users tend to experience uncontrolled tremors, drooling, anorexia, nausea and vomiting, total paralysis, depression, amnesia, violent behavior, permanent brain damage, or death. It would take a pretty good athlete to be able to perform while using any of this junk. Too bad they wouldn't be a good athlete anymore after making such a rotten choice.

It is contradictory to sacrifice future health for a more intense performance or a better look in the present. Fitness is about steady progression toward or maintenance of an optimum level of health and wellness. Drugs and alcohol don't press their consumers toward anything positive when they are abused for selfish gain, and no playing field is humanly level when it forces its players to consume illegal substances in order to succeed.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Bethany Buckles, fitness columnist for The Daily Barometer. Send questions or comments to <bucklebe@ucs.orst.edu>.

**More Than Movement**



BETHANY BUCKLES

**City of Chicago loses its Sweetness**

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Aggressive and relentless on the field, playful and selfless off it. Walter Payton was, simply, "Sweetness."

Payton, the NFL's greatest rusher, died Monday of bile duct cancer that was discovered earlier this year during his treatment for a rare liver disease. He

was 45.

"He was the best football player I've ever seen. And probably one of the best people I've ever met," said Mike Ditka, who coached Payton for six years and one Super Bowl championship for the Chicago Bears.

Payton rushed for 16,726 yards in his 13-year career, one of sports' most awe-

some records. And Barry Sanders ensured it would be one of the most enduring, retiring in July despite being just 1,458 yards shy of breaking the mark.

"I want to set the record so high that the next person who tries for it, it's going to bust his heart," Payton once said.

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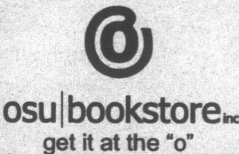
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# Sports

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## 750 student tickets for Cal game to be handed out by OSU

Scott Johnson  
The Daily Barometer

Oregon State University will give out 750 general admission tickets to students for the Dad's Weekend game against California Saturday, announced OSU ticket manager Joe Sharpe.

Tickets can be picked up free of charge beginning at 8:30 a.m. in front of Gill Coliseum. A valid student identification card will be needed to receive a ticket. The tickets will be good for general admission seating, which is behind the end zones. Tickets will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

Dads who want to attend the game will need to purchase

a general admission ticket for \$15 to sit with their son or daughter.

Kickoff for the game is scheduled for 3:38 p.m.

Fans attending the Cal game will have a chance to witness history.

Oregon State has reached five victories with three games to play. The Beavers last won five games in 1998 and in 1971. The 1970 season was OSU's last winning season at 6-5. The last time the Beavers won five games before the month of November was in 1967 when the Beavers were 5-2 heading into November.

"I think we should have the place packed and we'll be ready to go," said OSU quarterback Jonathan Smith.

"It's going to be crazy," said OSU guard Aaron Koch.

"Hopefully it's going to be sold out. It better be sold out."

However, university officials are only expecting a crowd of 32,000 based on ticket sales up to this point.

"I am sure it will be a crowded stadium here Saturday and the more people we can get in here the better chance we have to win the game," said OSU head coach Dennis Erickson. "Playing at home is always a plus. Hopefully we can start playing at home like we did against UCLA. It is exciting to have five wins and having the opportunity to play a very good Cal team here at home and have the opportunity to try and get our sixth win here at home."

Sharpe also said that OSU will give out 750 tickets for next Saturday's game against Arizona. They can be picked up via the same process beginning Wednesday, Nov. 10.

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OSU receiver Imani Percoats' strength and leaping ability helped him make two keys plays on third down in the Beavers' 27-13 win at Washington State. The catches set up Oregon State's first and last touchdowns.



## Percoats, Simonton light offensive fire

Imani Percoats and Ken Simonton made big plays at key points in OSU's victory at Washington State

Scott Johnson  
The Daily Barometer

Entering the Beaver locker room after Oregon State's 27-13 win over Washington State, two OSU players were very vocal about their thoughts.

They said that this is a new Beaver team, a team that would make Oregon State fans forget about the past 28 years of losing.

And Imani Percoats and Ken Simonton were a big reason why, instead of losing, the Beavers will be coming back home with five wins under their belts.

Percoats got things rolling on the Beavers' first drive.

The senior receiver had one-on-one coverage on the sideline and quarterback Jonathan Smith lobbed a ball ahead of him just as he got hit on third-and-five. Percoats reached up with WSU defender LeJuan Gibbons in his face, made the catch and carried Gibbons 25 yards while tip-toeing down the sideline 59 yards to the WSU 7.

That play set up Oregon State's first touchdown, a 1-yard run by Antonio Battle.

"It's my job to convert and I know that," Percoats said.

"We have confidence going up and just putting the ball up and giving him a shot at it, and he goes up and gets it," Smith said. "He's

been huge for us all year. He's a guy, you give him a chance, he makes plays."

But the Beaver offense grew stagnant in the second quarter, gaining only one first down in the entire span. In the third quarter, the Beavers went three-and-out on their first drive, and OSU head coach Dennis Erickson chose to put Simonton in the game to light OSU's fire, despite his bruised ribs.

Simonton was used as a decoy on his first play, a nine-yard run by Robert Prescott on a reverse. Simonton then went two yards for the first down.

Later on the drive on third-and-six, Smith hit Simonton on a screen that went for 23 yards and moved OSU to the WSU 33.

Later Simonton would trot into the end zone and give Oregon State a 20-6 lead.

"There is no question that he gave us a spark when he came in the game," Erickson said. "I was trying to keep him out. I wouldn't have put him in, but I asked him and he said 'I feel pretty good.' We were struggling offensively in the third quarter and he came in and gave us a spark."

"We see him moving around. Is he coming in? Sure enough he comes in the game, he gets a couple yards on his first carry, and then they just kind of added up after that," said receiver Roddy Tompkins. "He goes in, gets that touchdown. That was a definite boost for us."

Percoats came up big again on third down in the fourth quarter.

With the Beavers up 20-6 and hoping to put the nail in the coffin midway through the fourth quarter, Percoats made an incredible one-handed catch along the right sideline with

It's my job to convert and I know that.

Imani Percoats,  
OSU wide receiver

a defender in his face. The play gave the Beavers a first down at the WSU 22, keeping yet another drive alive, and set up Simonton's final touchdown.

The play was so good that some players didn't believe he made the catch.

"I think we got a generous call on that one," Smith said.

When told by reporters that replays showed that Percoats made the catch, Smith just nodded it off.

"That's fine, that's fine," he said.

"Imani had a big game," Erickson said. "The first one was at the beginning of the game that put us in position to score our first touchdown. His last catch for a big gain put us in position to score our last touchdown. He has some physical tools, as far as his size is concerned, to go up and get the football."

After Battle was stopped at the Cougar 1 on first-and-goal later in the drive, Erickson chose to put Simonton in to clinch the game. Simonton dove through the Washington State line and tied the OSU scoring record.

"He brings energy. That's our spark on the team," said OSU linebacker Darnell Robinson. "Whenever Kenny's going, the whole team is going. When I saw him in the game I just smiled because I knew he was going through a lot of pain. He's a true warrior."

## No excuses: Let's fill Reser Stadium

You may not know it, and judging from the disgusting lack of ticket sales you don't, but there is an official bandwagon for Oregon State fans. It's called Reser Stadium and it seats 35,362 comfortably.

But despite the fact that Oregon State will make history on Saturday, becoming a football have, and leaving the have-nots behind to wallow in the mediocrity of the Pac-10 basement, the OSU ticket office is expecting a crowd more than 3,000 short of capacity.

What is it going to take people? What does this team have to do for you to get off your butts and come out and support them?

When Fresno State and Georgia Southern failed to sell out, the excuse was that it was too nice of an afternoon to spend at a football game. What's your excuse now? What cheap cop-out are you going to use this week? That it'll be too cold or too wet to go? What kind of weather is needed to get your candy asses to the stadium?

With OSU fathers coming to town this weekend, this game should have been sold out weeks — if not months — ago. The other available campus-sponsored activities ... well, suck.

What the hell else are dads going to do? Go see Keanu Reeves act badly in yet another film at Milam? Go to the "Dad & I" dinner (Dinner with my Dad? Ooh, now THERE is something I've never done before!)?

Students, why haven't you picked up a ticket for your dear old pop? When you and your father are sitting at home after a scintillating afternoon of attending the Military Transport Show and Dad figures out that he could be at the game but you didn't get him a ticket, what do you think his reaction will be?

It ain't gonna be "I'm glad we have this time to spend together son/pumpkin." Why the #@!\$% do you think he shipped you off to college? He's going to say in that calm, clear, fatherly voice, "This is going to hurt me more than it hurts you," and turn you over his knee and paddle your heiny back to the stone age.

I don't think any of us want that, so go get a ticket for Dad, make this game a sellout and keep the domestic violence contained to South Town.

This team, particularly the seniors, has endured — rightfully so — the jabs and taunts of naysayers as they continued the sad, sorry history of Beaver football. But now they are beginning to turn the program around, and those who mocked them in defeat need to come clean and support them in victory, weather be damned.

Go to the OSU ticket office tomorrow, buy some tickets, and make this game a sellout. Pack the Burrito Barn and make it so loud, so noisy, so disorienting that people get dizzy and throw up.

Give the Beavers the support they have earned, and cheer them on as they drop California to its knees faster than ... nah, I'm in enough trouble already. This is history in the making folks. Be there in person to see it.

The opinions expressed in this sports commentary are those of Andrew Hinkelman, assistant sports editor for The Daily Barometer. Send questions or comments to <Baro.Sports@studentmedia.orst.edu>.

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