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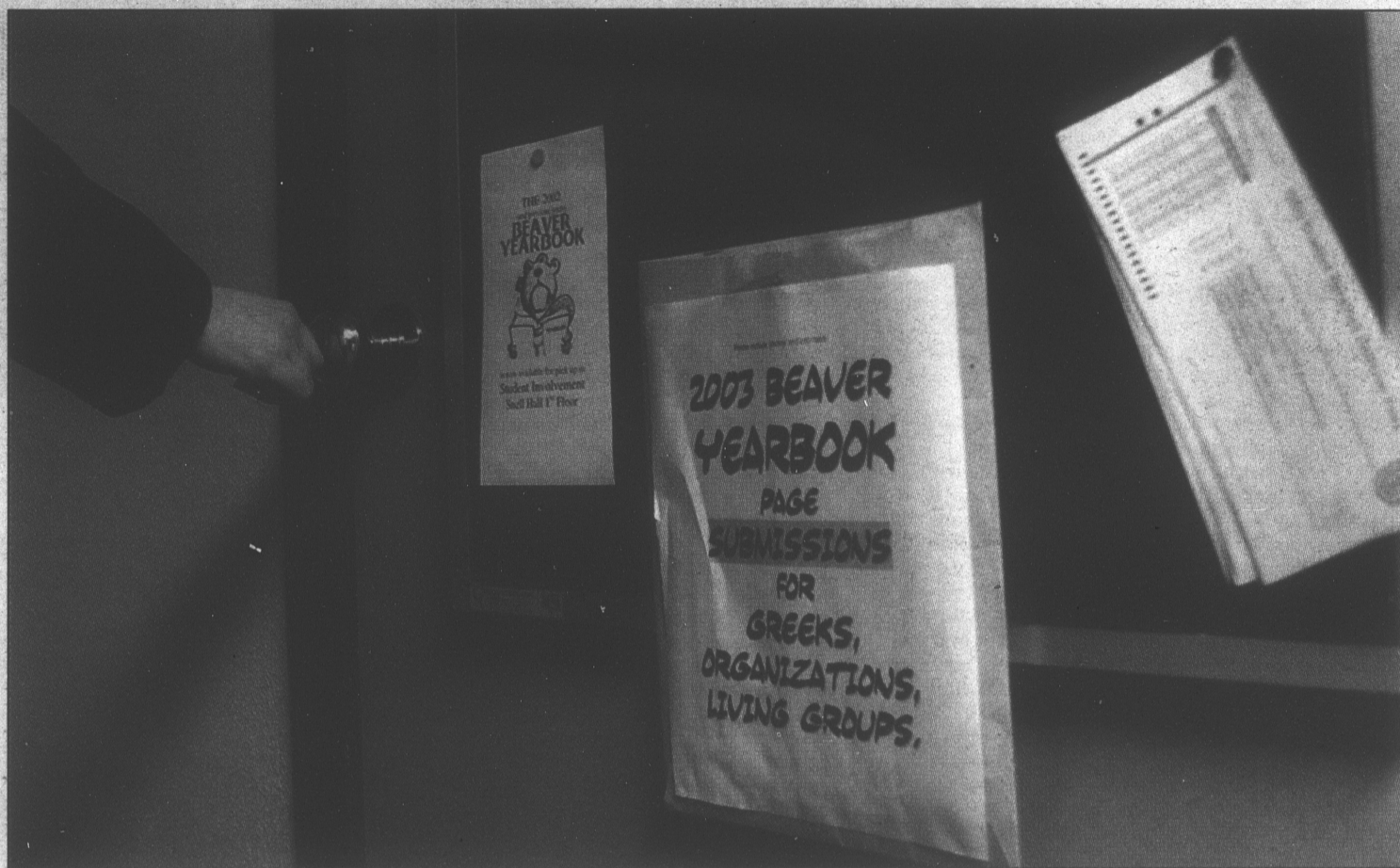


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The Beaver Yearbook office lost all of its photography equipment in early December to theft with no signs of forced entry. The combined loss of cameras and camera equipment surpasses \$20,000.

➤ More than \$20,000 worth of cameras and camera equipment were taken from the yearbook office over the break

By DD BIXBY
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 14, the photo editor of OSU's Beaver Yearbook, Casey Campbell, entered the yearbook office to pick up some equipment to shoot the women's basketball game. Unfortunately, he said, all the camera equipment was gone.

After calling around to other yearbook staff members and the director of student media,

Campbell called the Oregon State Police and reported the theft.

"It freaked me the hell out!" said Campbell of the incident.

According to the Oregon State Patrol, thefts during extended breaks are common.

The property stolen, valued at approximately \$20,000, included three Nikon cameras, a medium format Hasselblad and six lenses.

An additional lens was not taken. The Nikon 300 mm, on loan from The Daily Barometer, was located in a different area of the office.

Campbell said that the investigating officer, OSP Trooper James Halsey, speculated that the equipment had been stolen by someone with a

key to the camera room. There was no evidence of a forced entry, he said.

In order to reach the camera room, an individual must first pass through three doors—all of which require a different key, or just one master key.

Student media director Frank Ragulsky said that between 20 and 30 master keys are checked out that could have opened all three doors.

To gain access to the Beaver Yearbook camera office, located in MU East Snell Hall, a person must have been employed or involved in a

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Professor contributes to 'Breakthrough of the Year'

➤ The previously overlooked small RNA molecules have been found to affect cell type

By ERIK SORENSEN
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

The science and medical worlds are abuzz with a discovery made last year by researchers around the country, including some at Oregon State University.

Researchers including botany and plant pathology professor James Carrington, director of the Center for Gene Research and Biotechnology, discovered small ribonucleic acid (RNA). It is a type of RNA molecule that regulates whether or not a certain protein is made that affects what type of cell is created after cell division.

In the nucleus of a cell there is DNA, which contains genes. These genes create messenger RNA (mRNA) that carry the genetic information and form a protein in a process known as translation.

Stem cells, known as undifferentiated cells because they have no end purpose other than dividing, create a undifferentiated stem cell and a differentiated cell. The differentiated cell would be some type of specific cell such as a brain cell, skin cell or root cell in the case of a plant.

Proteins created during transla-

tion, called transcription factors, carry the role of differentiating cells by returning to the nucleus and creating mRNA.

Small RNA, created in unconventional genes, can interrupt this process by attaching to mRNA at a variety of stages and turn different genes on or off, which can result in the protein never being formed.

The small RNA can strike the mRNA and degrade it, inhibit translation when a protein is trying to be formed, or attach to the DNA in the nucleus and shut down big regions in a chromosome.

"People have gotten excited this year over this general field because this was a previously unrecognized layer that was controlling a critical part of development," Carrington said. "[This] is of huge interest in all fields that relate to biology including medicine and agriculture."

Some of the potential applications in medicine include administering small RNA as a drug to prevent the growth and destroy mRNA of viruses, including HIV and Hepatitis C, as well as dealing with chronic diseases like cancer.

Agricultural uses could include affecting the timing of when a plant flowers or altering properties of foods.

Carrington's laboratory made contributions to the knowledge of small



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James Carrington, director of the Center for Gene Research and Biotechnology at OSU, headed up research on small ribonucleic acids.

RNA. The laboratory is affiliated with the Center for Gene Research and Biotechnology and the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology.

Contributions include discovering small RNAs in plants, showing that some small RNA functioned to degrade mRNA in plants. Carrington's laboratory was the first to show what the types of genes that are likely to be targeted were like, a type called scarecrow-like genes that

some small RNAs target, he said.

The discovery of small RNA was hailed as the "Breakthrough of the Year" in Science magazine, mentioned in Nature magazine in an article titled "2002 in Context." Its medical implications were discussed in a Technology Review article, "Prescription RNA."

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Singles club work connects OSU faculty

➤ New campus club provides faculty members with an opportunity to get together

By CERESSA CRAWFORD
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

Some students may forget that their professors have a life outside of lectures and exams.

The first social gathering of Cafe of the Social Network for Solo Lifestyles kicked off on Oct. 31, 2002 at Bombs Away, the new club on campus geared towards OSU faculty members.

Teena Carnegie, organizer of the club and assistant professor in English, said the club is not directed towards any specific age group. However, it does target those who are living on their own and provides them with an opportunity for social interaction.

She said generally members tend to have active lifestyles with a diverse range of interests.

"A dating service was not the primary purpose at all," Carnegie said. "What individuals want from the group is really up to them."

Beth Crawford, organizer of the club and campus minister at The Westminster House, has lived in Corvallis for two years. "This is a town where it is challenging to find other people with similar interests.

"This club is a way of connecting people that could be potential friends," she said.

Beth Reitveld, director of the Women's Center, had a hand in developing the program.

She had been talking with other

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Researchers discover life in sea floor vents

➤ Microorganisms found to exist without the need to consume organic molecules

By BRENT DREHER
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

OSU researchers are pushing the bar on understanding life.

Scientific perceptions of life expanded when organisms were discovered within hydrothermal vents along the ocean floor, and now science has turned its eye deeper.

OSU professor of microbiology Steve Giovannoni was a leader of the landmark experiment near the Juan de Fuca Ridge. When the Ocean Drilling Program dug a pipeline off the coast of Oregon, Oregon State researchers were excited to note hot water venting up to the ocean floor.

Giovannoni and his colleagues could not resist examining the area.

"We decided we'd go and see what was coming out," he said.

On a \$659,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's Life in Extreme Environments program, Giovannoni worked with James Cowen and Paul Johnson to obtain the ship Atlantis, and its famous submarine, Alvin.

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NEWSREEL

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WORLD

New technology to protect poor students from stigma

LONDON (AP) — A new high school said Wednesday its students will be charged for their lunches with a retina scanning device to prevent poor children who eat for free from being ridiculed in the cafeteria.

Dr. Ed Yates, headmaster of the Venerable Bede school, said the advanced eye-recognition software will be in place when the institution opens its doors to 900 students in September in Sunderland, western England.

He said the school is concerned that if students are forced to pay for their lunches in cash the poor ones who receive food for free could be stigmatized. So officials have decided to make the entire school "cashless."

The retina scanning device also will be used in the library when students take out and return books, Yates said.

He assured parents the low-intensity light of the retina scanning devices will be safe for all students.

"We think we are the first (school) in the country to use this," he said of the device. "But this is not a James Bond school for spies. ... This is not science fiction. This is technology that exists."

Turkish plane crashes in southeastern Turkey; 72 dead

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — A Turkish Airlines flight crashed Wednesday as it tried to land at an airport in southeastern Turkey, killing 72 people, Interior Minister Abdulkadir Aksu said.

The plane, which was on its way from Istanbul, crashed in the largely Kurdish city of Diyarbakir, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. Private NTV television said the plane crashed in heavy fog.

NTV television quoted Aksu as saying that the plane carried 77 people and that there were only five survivors.

The RJ-100 passenger aircraft crashed in a military area near the airport, and soldiers were helping to evacuate the injured, CNN-Turk television reported. The RJ-100 is a four-

engine plane built by British Aerospace.

The five injured were evacuated to the main hospital in Diyarbakir, about 635 miles southeast of Istanbul and 75 miles north of the Syrian border. CNN-Turk television said the injured were in shock but had no life threatening injuries.

Last week, several flights to Diyarbakir were canceled because of poor conditions on the runway.

In May 2001, a military transport plane crashed in southeastern Turkey, killing 34 officers and soldiers from Turkey's elite special forces.

A civilian jetliner crashed in eastern Turkey in 1991, killing 55 people after the pilot insisted on landing despite a snowstorm drastically cutting visibility.

NATION

New TV commercials link SUVs to terrorism funding

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A group hoping to lessen U.S. reliance on foreign oil on Wednesday debuted two television ads that link gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles to terrorist funding.

The ads mimic spots that link drug money to terrorism.

One commercial features a child's voiceover and shows a man filling his gas tank and footage of terrorist training. The closing statement: "Oil money supports some terrible things. What kind of mileage does your SUV get?"

The other ad shows people talking about their SUVs. One says, "My kids think it's cool." Another says, "I helped blow up a nightclub."

The 30-second ads were created for The Detroit Project, a nonprofit launched by syndicated columnist Arianna Huffington. They will begin airing Sunday in New York, Los Angeles and other major cities.

"This campaign is not designed to demonize SUV owners," Huffington said. "We want to encourage customers to connect the dots and make socially responsible consumer choices."

The ads were written and directed by Scott Burns, who was part of the creative team responsible for "Got Milk"

They are intended as parodies, Burns said.

The ads were turned down by several TV stations — WABC in New York, KABC and KCBS in Los Angeles and WDIV in Detroit, according to campaign publicists Fenton Communications.

STATE

Father of accused killer would not oppose death sentence

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The father of accused killer Edward Morris says he would not oppose a death sentence if his son is convicted of murdering his pregnant wife and three children.

"If he's found guilty and the state ... decides the death penalty is pertinent, my wife and I will not intervene to prevent that," Paul Morris told KGW-TV in an interview.

Still, the elder Morris said he holds some hope his son is innocent.

"At this point, I have to go along with his innocent until proven guilty," Paul Morris said. "We don't know any more than you do."

Edward Morris, 37, faces seven counts of aggravated murder in the deaths of his three young children and his wife, Renee, who was seven months pregnant. Their bodies were found Dec. 21 in Tillamook State Forest.

Prosecutors have not said whether they will seek the death penalty.

On Monday, a Tillamook County judge ordered Morris held without bail pending indictment by a grand jury.

At times during his court appearance, Edward Morris smiled and seemed to be joking with his court-appointed lawyers. Morris' demeanor worried his father.

"He doesn't look like the son I know," Paul Morris told KGW.

"He looks like he kind of considered it (the court proceeding) a big joke," the elder Morris said. "He doesn't act like he realizes the seriousness or the consequences of what he's been charged with."

The suspect's attorneys have not commented on the possibility of an insanity plea, but Morris' father says he is concerned about his son's mental

state.

"My basic feeling is he's out of touch with reality," Paul Morris said.

Investigators have not said how the four victims were killed or suggested a motive.

UNIVERSITY

Ole Miss to decide students fate involved in race incident

OXFORD, Miss. (U-WIRE) — By the end of January the University of Mississippi Judicial Board will convene to decide what to do with the three students charged in the Nov. 6 Kincannon Hall race incident.

The university community reeled after two black freshmen students in Kincannon Hall had found "F----- N-----" "F----- Hoe N-----," a tree and a noose Nov. 6 on their residence hall doors. Images and references to genitalia and obscene language were scrawled in blue window chalk on the elevator, a wall and the doors of three other students.

Many people were surprised to learn that those who confessed to writing the racial slurs on the doors of black students in Kincannon Hall were also black.

The physical damages amount to roughly \$600, Alford said, and the three students will be responsible for picking up the tab. According to University Communications, the students claim the graffiti was meant as a prank directed at acquaintances.

Five charges, including flagrant disrespect of a member of the university community, harassment and disorderly conduct, have been brought against the students. The university opted not to treat the case as a criminal act.

Khayat responded to criticism that the charged students received favorable treatment because they were black, maintaining that the university would not have filed criminal charges against white students either.

"I'm confident it would also have gone through the student judiciary," Khayat said.

—By Sandra Knispel & Laura Houston
Daily Mississippian (U. Mississippi)

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

Meetings

OSU Bah'a'i Unity Club, 4-6pm, MU 211. General meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us in discussion on enhancing spiritual life at OSU.

Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry, 7pm, MU 208 La Raza Rm. Welcome back Winter! Come and relax, enjoy worship and community.

Events

The Freehold, 7-9:30pm, MU 211. Period style dance everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

Meetings

OSU Paintball Club, 5:30pm, MU 208 (La Raza). Informational club meeting, anybody welcome. Spread the word!

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

Meetings

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30-1:30, Luther House 211 NW 23rd St. Join others for delicious lunch. Always a vegetarian option. Come and go as schedule permits. Guests welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

Meetings

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:15pm, Luther House 211 NW 23 St. Informal evening prayer with communion. Newcomers always welcome.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

Meetings

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30-1:30, Luther House 211 NW 23rd St. Join others for delicious lunch. Always a vegetarian option. Come and go as schedule permits. Guests welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

Meetings

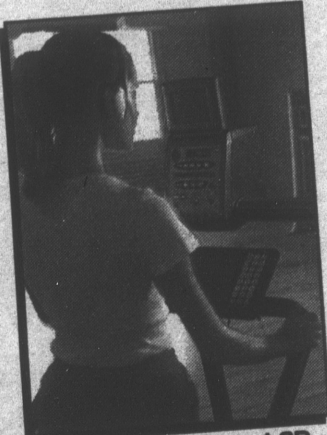
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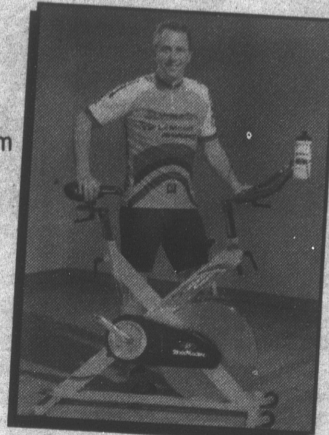
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Pleas entered in upscale marijuana operation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPOKANE, Wash. — Two interior designers accused of growing marijuana in expensive South Hill homes have agreed to cooperate with federal authorities to avoid lengthy mandatory sentences.

The middle-aged women were the brains behind a \$1 million pot-growing scheme, prosecutors said in documents made public Monday after the women earlier pleaded guilty to money laundering.

The women, their husbands and another man entered plea agreements to avoid mandatory 10-year federal prison terms. They face three to six years each in prison when they're sentenced this spring.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Rice said federal agencies continue to investigate the marijuana-growing scheme for others

who may have been involved.

The operation that began in the basements of their homes in 1994 was so successful that the women, Kathleen C. Jenny and Virginia "Ginger" Erickson, eventually involved their husbands and bought three other South Hill homes in which to grow more marijuana, court documents indicated.

The women, both 59, formed an interior design company, EJ Designs, in 1998 as a front for depositing the money they made, prosecutors alleged.

Police learned of their activities when a bank teller became suspicious when she noticed cash deposits smelled like marijuana.

The five defendants were scheduled to stand trial next Monday in federal court, but cut the last-minute plea agreements with the U.S. attorney's office.

Jenny and Erickson entered their guilty pleas last week.

Their husbands, Francis J. Jenny, 65, and Jack N. Erickson, 66, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture more than 1,000 marijuana plants.

With no prior convictions, the men likely face 30 months to 37 months in prison, authorities said.

The two women face 57 months to 71 months in prison for money laundering, which carries tougher sentences under federal sentencing guidelines.

They could also be hit with \$100,000 fines and loss of their homes and personal property, with a combined value exceeding \$2 million.

Drug agents last summer found more than 500 thriving marijuana plants, \$110,000 in cash and psychedelic mushrooms during searches of the

homes. Investigators said as many as 4,000 plants were grown.

Court documents said the women started growing marijuana in the basements of their homes, then used drug profits to buy other houses, where more crops were grown.

Those houses have been forfeited and are now up for sale at government auction.

A fifth defendant, Gregory Arthur Montgomery, 54, pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy to manufacture more than 1,000 marijuana plants.

He will not face forfeiture of his home, but agreed to give up personal property in another house.

In admitting his guilt before U.S. District Judge Frem Nielsen, Montgomery said he was recruited by Kathy Jenny to tend to marijuana plants in his home.

Theft: Thief may have been in possession of a student media key

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student group with offices.

Each key to MU East offices is checked out through Dena Lawrence, administrative coordinator of Student Involvement, and must be approved by the department advisor first.

Besides students and staff members, the only other people with access to master keys in Snell Hall are Service-

Master employees.

Ragulsky said he knows of at least 24 people that had been issued the master key. He provided a list of possible suspects to OSP.

At this point the police are questioning everyone with keys or access to the rooms, and many have been asked to take polygraph tests.

Other items stolen during the break

included an agate mortar from Gilbert Hall, a first aid kit from Withycombe Hall, several textbooks from the Valley Library, a vehicle and a stop sign on campus.

The only case solved so far involved the theft of the first aid kit.

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Micro: Findings create new possibilities for the existence of life

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The three-man crew only used \$55,000 in their part, much of the other money going to construction, testing, and other costs.

Using the submarine, they placed a 'bio-column' at the exit of the pipeline, and allowed it to collect samples for 10 days.

"We got a plumbing experiment accepted," Giovannoni said, explaining the application of tubes and hoses to gather the samples.

"It was a challenge to build

and deploy it," he said.

Once the samples were discovered to contain microorganisms, they underwent genetic analysis with the help of Michael Rappe, a research associate at OSU.

So far, tests indicate this new life can exist without consuming organic molecules, but rather by processing carbon dioxide and inorganic molecules such as sulfide.

"To me, the most interesting question is whether the microorganisms interact with the rocks. Whether that's a passive or an active process.

Do they simply live there, or do they alter them into other minerals," Giovannoni said.

According to Giovannoni, the Ocean Drilling Program had already done most of the work in digging the pipeline. Its tunnel pushed down through 200 meters of sediment and a further 50 of basalt.

The basalt, hardened lava from sea floor spreading, is thought to be at least three and a half million years old.

One of five major test sites, Giovannoni said this site was by far the most interesting.

Cowen is discussing the option for continuing research, while Giovannoni says he will be attempting to grow some of the microorganisms under controlled settings.

"As more research such as this is done, we'll probably continue to be surprised at just how far down we can find life within the earth, and the many different environments under which its able to exist," Rappe said.

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Singles: Social network provides a way to meet and make new friends

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faculty and had been getting the same response: "It's so hard to meet people in this town."

Reitveld, married for over three years to an OSU faculty member, remembers what it was like to be single and decided to put something together for the faculty in order for them to belong to a social group with people in their same professional status.

David Visiko, health educator, is a member of the club. "You think you're the only one out there who is single." He said it's nice to know that there are others who are in the same boat.

Visiko also thinks the Social Network for Solo Lifestyles is beneficial for new faculty members. "As a new employee it would be a great way to get integrated into the community."

Crawford said she is meeting more people through this club with commonalities than she ever had before in Corvallis.

The club meets every Monday night at

Bombs Away Cafe, on 25th Street and Monroe Avenue, for an event they call "Margarita Monday."

Carnegie and Crawford said the Monday gatherings are informal, after work get-togethers.

"People can come in and out as they wish. Some order drinks, some have dinner," Carnegie said.

Last term members of the club met for drinks, attended plays and went to the theatre.

"We hope to get more activities going this term," Carnegie said.

They have had requests for wine tasting, movies, bowling and dinners. Members are encouraged to suggest events.

"People who don't want to go to events by themselves can put an event out there to share it with others," Visiko said.

Reitveld is mystified as to why a club like the Social Network for Solo Lifestyles had not been started before this year.

Reitveld and Visiko agreed that people

are accepting and willing to participate in the club, however it takes energy and dedication. "It takes somebody to start the ball rolling," Reitveld said.

"Taking on the activity of organizing [the club] is a pretty daunting task," Carnegie agreed.

Especially since the club is growing rapidly. "I get one or two messages a week from people who want to be added to the list," Reitveld said.

Today they have 30 members on the listserv. "It's continuing to grow steadily, and we hope it will grow more," Crawford said.

Faculty members interested in being a member can sign up on the listserv by accessing <http://www.lists.oregonstate.edu> on the internet.

Once the website is accessed, type in "social" and select "join social" once at the list.

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MEDIA POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Prism Editor

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To apply, applicant must: (1) complete an application form obtained from the Student Media Office, MU East, room 118, (2) submit an official transcript, and (3) submit a letter of application. Deadline to apply is Wed., January 15 at 5:00 p.m. Position open until filled

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EDITORIAL

Nothing to fear but fear itself

Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker, along with 38 police chiefs and FBI officials across the United States, plan to attend a terrorism security conference next week in Tel Aviv.

The four-day conference sponsored by Israel Police, titled, "United against terror: Law Enforcement in the era of global terror," will include such items as how to find sleeper terror cells, seek public support for the fight against terror, and how to cope with the aftermath of a terrorist attack, according to The Oregonian.

Members of area Muslim communities are concerned the City of Portland may be spending nearly \$2,000 in airfare to send its police chief to learn political, not professional, lessons.

Local Jewish leaders, however, think the chief's trip will teach him much about the literal warzone the state has become at the hands of terrorism.

It is undeniable that Kroeker will witness firsthand the effects of constant terrorism in Israel, but he will most likely not see firsthand the daily lives of Palestinians.

He said the trip is not for the purpose of spurring discussions on political issues.

Although Kroeker says the trip is purely to learn law enforcement technique derived out of experience, how can political motives become a separate entity from anti-terrorist combat technique?

While the Israeli police may be closest to the best resource in information relating to terrorist detection and terrorism prevention, reaction to terrorism is not the most important aspect here — it's prevention and cause.

A group of some of the nation's top law enforcement officials attending a conference in Israel regarding the impact of and techniques against terrorism will result in far less than open-minded participants.

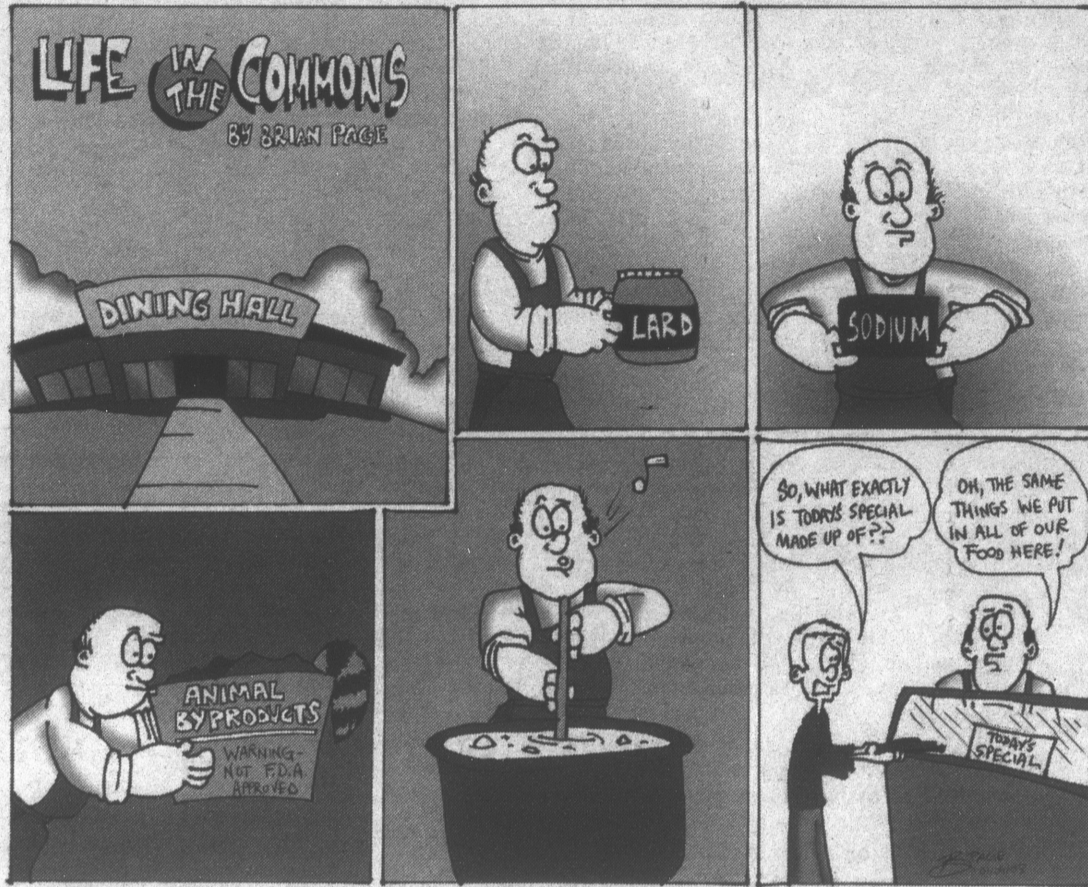
If the trip did not have underlying political motives, participants would view the realities within the West Bank and Gaza strip that spur suicide bombings within Israel, just like they will view the devastating results of suicide bombings.

Israeli citizens live in a constant fear of bus stations, of large crowds, of whether they will lose a friend or loved one.

Perhaps most unsettling and increasingly common, they live in fear of Palestinians.

We hope that Kroeker, along with the other 38 law enforcement officials, return with tools to combat that fear.

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.



Not quite the world's melting pot

We sat around the kitchen table at my husband's parent's house. We were having some "girl time," as my mother-in-law explained to her youngest daughter, now four years old. I grabbed a spoon with some masa in an attempt to spread the cornmeal mixture on a piece of cornhusk.

Grandma made it look so easy. Each time I got some of the mixture to stick, the next time the spoon was anywhere near it, it was like a magnet pulling it back off the husk. Realizing that if I took five minutes to spread each one, there was no way that we would finish our 130 or so tamales by the end of the day. I handed the job off to someone else and started stuffing the meat and wrapping the tamales together.

I realize that this opportunity to take part in this tradition would never have happened if I hadn't married into this culture. Grandma Miller is from an old Mexican family. One can sit for hours listening to all the stories of her childhood — to hear about the dancing, the large family picnics, and how different it was for her, coming to America with her thoroughly American husband, trying out new things like baking chocolate cake (which, she claims, even the birds wouldn't eat). Her story is an example of one of the greatest things about America — the blending of cultures.

As you probably learned in grade school, America is considered the "melting pot of the world." Being a melting pot has both good and bad aspects to it. Our country is incredibly interested in diversity. Our nation has attracted people from almost every other country in the world. This is the place that people from almost any culture can come and find some of their own countrymen.

Cara Miller

However, the idea of a melting pot also implies that we become the same. When you melt white and dark chocolate together, they do not stay separate. They combine to make a light brown chocolate throughout. The different types flavor the others to some degree, but in the end, every particle becomes the same. This is American culture. We all gain from different aspects of other cultures, but essentially end up the same.

My brief flirtation with Mexican culture this break, however, showed me how important it is to keep alive the traditions of our original cultures. A strong family is not something that is really emphasized in American culture, but I began to see how good of a thing it can be through Grandma Miller. She grew up in a family that was very close — and not just her immediate family. Today she still has a close extended family. But it was hard for her when her sons, who grew up in America, didn't keep in touch with even their own brothers. The only link that any of the rest of us have to them is through her.

I come from a thoroughly German heritage, and I regret the loss of my family's culture. Many have the idea that it is only minorities that have "different" culture to share. But the fact is that no group of people other than Native Americans originated in this country. And almost everyone recognizes the indigenous cultures in America as unique. Therefore, all groups of people residing in this country must have a unique cultural background.

Even European groups have

something to share. My husband, from his time living in France, was impressed with how giving people are with their possessions, and how, to the French, people are so much more important than things. This is again a difference from American culture where most of us are taught to acquire and protect as much wealth as possible.

Unfortunately, many original cultures are not passed down, as in the case with my family. There is a reason that we have the cultural centers here on campus. These centers provide not only a place for support, but also a place to reinforce culture and to teach others about their particular culture. Instead of everyone in the nation having a piece of Native American culture, everyone can learn from it, and people from that culture can practice its traditions. The differences between cultures are what make our country interesting.

While cultures have aspects that can benefit all, a distinction must be made between culture and race.

Take Halle Barry, for example. I was a bit disgusted when, after winning her Oscar, she made a "touching" speech. I couldn't have said it better than this graphic designer in Pennsylvania: "The Halle Barry ... speech made me want to scream ... She had appeared on Barbara Walters' interview show just before the Oscars talking about how she couldn't wait for the day when she'd be 'Halle Barry, Actress' and not 'Halle Barry, Black Actress.' Then she blubbers through a speech about how this is all for the black women who've paved the way ... But she's mixed race. Her mother is quite Caucasian. She may as well have said '(blubber blubber) This is for all the white women.'

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Meghan Greerty



A Lott is still too much

Clean the slate. Start over. Shake the dust off your shoes.

Yep, folks, 2002 has come and gone. Put it however you want, but I think we can all give a big sigh of relief that "that's over."

2002 has left us in the wake of some Anna Nicole Smith/Ozzy/Enron madness that truly gives new meaning to the word "idiot."

I'm talking about the Winona Ryders, Martha Stewarts and Lance Basses who give all slow people everywhere a really bad name. In the chaos of New Year resolutions, one can only hope that somewhere these crackheads are vowing "never to do that again."

Well, at least that's what I'm hoping some of these idiots will say.

Simply put, 2002 was a year marked by the undoing of stupid people who thought they could be smart. Or in the case of Michael Jackson, it was yet another year of creepiness and questions like, "Good Lord, is that his NOSE?" As I like to put it, 2002 can be summed up in one sentence: "Like we wouldn't find out ... you moron."

So said the District Attorney to Winona Ryder. One would assume that a girl working in movies would understand the concept of "security videotape."

Shoplifting never pays. And apparently neither does really incognito stock market trading.

That Martha Stewart. How greedy can this woman get? I guess ripping off loyal K-Mart shoppers just isn't enough anymore for the modern homemaker. The woman has to go and sell off thousands of dollars in stock the day before it plummets. Well, I guess that's what you get after you've sold your soul to the devil.

And then there's Lance Bass. He wants to go to space. So what does he do? He goes and asks ... Russia. There's a group of people who are really gonna get the job done.

Yet all these petty larks pale in comparison to the utter stupidity of one Mr. Trent Lott, U.S. Senator.

This is a man who has managed to make so many vague racial comments that it has become a D.C. art form. On the surface, it appears to be the tactical moves of a very suave, very sneaky politician with a lot of Ole Miss grads on his staff.

Then the man goes to a birthday party and opens his mouth. Insert foot.

Lott got caught up in the moment with his unprepared remarks. Well, now we know how he really thinks, because for once, someone else didn't write them.

As much as any of us might want to disregard Lott's comments as off-hand, joking, or simply untrue, we can't. Unlike the leaders of this country, we common peons must at least

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Alliances in Middle East could result in increased violence

LOS ANGELES — The obstacles to peace and the obstacles to war in the Middle East lie in two strategic alliances. One is the alliance between Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and Iraqi Dictator Saddam Hussein; the other alliance is between President Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Each alliance is working to destroy the other. The historic alliance between Arafat and Hussein dates back to the first Palestinian Intifada, or uprising, which began in 1987 and the first Gulf War in 1991. The unwavering Palestinian support of the then occupying regime of Hussein caused them to lose international support for their cause when the whole world turned against the Iraqi dictator. Lack of support led to the end of the first Intifada. This act of friendship did not go unnoticed by Hussein who today openly supports Palestinian terror organizations and donates \$25,000 to the families of homicide bombers and \$10,000 to those who were injured fighting "the Zionist enemy." Meanwhile, Hussein claims that the U.N.-imposed oil-for-food embargo doesn't give him enough money to feed his people.

Adhering to this gesture of friendship from Hussein, Arafat is now actively involved in stepping up the violence and homicide bombings in Israel in order to take international attention away from Iraq so that a U.S.-led war may be avoided. The Palestinian Authority's recent Cairo meetings with Hamas, the failure of the Chairman to enact reforms within the authority and the coordination of attacks between Arafat's Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades and Hamas are all evidence of this.

This alliance of terror is working together with a goal of avoiding a U.S.-led war on Iraq and a goal of destroying the state of Israel through the continued use of terrorism. Recent Israeli intelligence testifies to this fact by reporting that a large-scale "mega-attack," similar in magnitude to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, is currently being coordinated by all the Palestinian terror organizations with the Palestinian Authority as the "central command."

In opposition to this lies the alliance whose goal is to topple the Iraqi regime before violence in Middle East reaches catastrophic proportions. In order to continue his war on terrorism, President Bush wants to disarm Hussein, essentially toppling his regime. His hopes are that Iraq's fall would eliminate yet

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another terrorist base and another source of income for the international terrorist organizations. He also hopes to end the threat posed by Hussein against his neighbors, namely Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Israel, thereby stabilizing the region.

Unfortunately for Bush, he would lose a lot of support if he simply began invading Iraq, so he must first go through a series of diplomatic steps disguised as actions to avoid war.

The main problem for Bush is not the diplomatic steps he must take, but rather keeping violence in Israel and the territories relatively low, creating an illusion of peace. He is calling upon his Israeli counterpart, Prime Minister Sharon, to avoid any large-scale, anti-terror operations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, while Bush tries to prevent further Palestinian terror attacks.

This is a difficult task for Sharon because he is facing a wave of increased violence from Arafat, who is trying to help Hussein. Sharon is therefore being pressured by Bush to keep things quiet until he can begin his war against Hussein. Meanwhile his citizens, who vote in January, are pressuring Sharon to do whatever is necessary to halt further attacks. There are two probable outcomes to this desperate situation.

One involves the Palestinians succeeding in unleashing a relentless wave of terror upon Israel that will develop into a full-scale war, in which neighboring countries may get involved to help the Palestinians destroy the democratic state. This would force the United States to intervene.

The second, more likely, scenario is that Bush will succeed in invading Iraq before the situation in Israel gets out of hand. This will result in greater U.S. control over the oil market, making it easier for Bush to fight a bankrupt terrorism network. Israel will persist in its large-scale assault on the territories, thus crushing the terror organizations and the now powerless Palestinian Authority. The result would be a long term but relatively quiet occupation in Israel.

Either way, any hopes of peace in the region will be a distant memory.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

January Special Election

Would increase back taxes

This letter is to correct an error of omission in Ms. Burns' editorial supporting Measure 28 (Barometer Jan. 7). She says that it "increases tax rates over the next three years." That is not the whole story. It increases tax rates not only for this and the next few years, but for the year 2002 — a year which is already in the history books.

That means that anyone who has done their tax planning based on the rates in existence during 2002 will find themselves facing a lump-sum payment when they pay their Oregon income taxes. It doesn't matter if you've filled out the correct forms so that the right amount was withheld from each paycheck, you'll owe more in April. Surprise!

I'll not discuss here whether the state should

be rewarded for its fiscal incompetence with another dip into my pocket. I'll not discuss all the horror stories about what gets cut if they don't get another bite from my apple. The fact that this proposed tax increase is retroactive to a year that has already ended makes it unacceptable, and it should be unacceptable to anyone who is responsible for paying their own bills. We cannot demand a retroactive pay raise when we find ourselves a little short, not just at the end of the year, but well into the next. Why should the state be allowed to do the equivalent thing?

And just for the record, OSU shouldn't be making their fees retroactive either. They offered classes at a specific rate, you paid it, and that's it. None of this "Oh, by the way, pay me more ..." nonsense.

JOHN STANLEY,
Corvallis Resident

Miller: Differences are what make America great

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But instead, she's identified herself as a black woman and she's propelled herself, somewhat, by riding on the PC train fast and hard" (<http://members.bellatlantic.net/~vze4b3hp/033102.htm>). Halle Barry has the skin color, but not the culture, of Black Americans. She identifies with this group because it is profitable for her. But she cannot offer Hollywood, or anyone else, the benefits of the culture because she was not raised in it.

America is a wonderfully unique country because of the ability of its people to be individual and not to melt into everyone else. We all have a primary American culture, but we are unique in our underlying cultures. And the fact that we are truly not a melting pot, and do not see things the same way, makes our country great.

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Greerty: Racial remarks out of place in our leaders

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attempt to be honest.

When Trent Lott praised his state of Mississippi for voting in favor of Strom Thurmond's 1948 Dixiecrat segregation platform on Dec. 5, he claimed that, "If the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years, either." When Lott said these words, the room went quiet. You can bet he ain't never gonna do that again.

Oops. Don't be fooled, friends. The light's on, but nobody's home.

The bottom line is that if in fact Trent Lott did not intend his words to be in support of segregation, then what the heck did he mean? Does he even know?

In search for the answer to this awfully hard question, reporters across the country spent their December hunting down past speeches and voting records of the senator. How funny that in 1980, Lott made a similar comment about Thurmond saying that if we had voted for the man in 1948 we wouldn't "be in the mess we are today." Sound familiar? Did ya think we wouldn't find out ... Trenty?

How about this one — speaking to the Sons of the Confederacy in 1984, Lott said that "the spirit of Jefferson Davis lives in the Republican platform." You shrewd little man! After all, didn't Davis lose the Civil War?

To hear Trent Lott tell the story, however, it is about state's rights. But then again, judging by his hair, it's still the early 1960s and Trent is leading a fight against allowing blacks into his national fraternity.

I'm sorry, but I won't buy the state's rights argument on that one either. Favoring segregation and not approving the Voting Rights Act as late as 1981 is not about state's rights. It is stubborn supremacism thinking that has no place in our society and definitely no place coming out of the mouths of our political leaders. I would have hoped Senator Lott could rise above his upbringing and be a leader for all of us, not just for Mississippi whites.

Perhaps some day he will get past that hair and use his mind long enough to change it.

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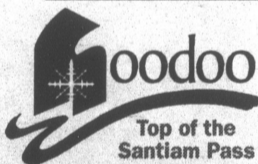


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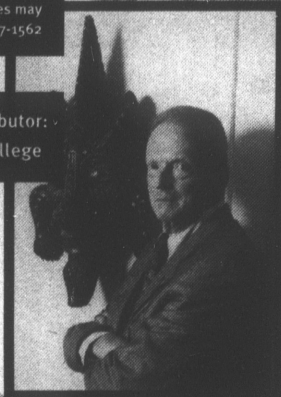
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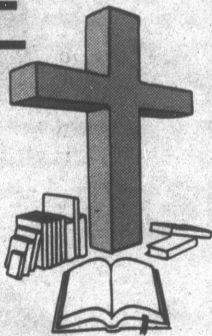
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US Airways commuter plane crashes in North Carolina, killing all 21 aboard

By PAUL NOWELL
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A commuter plane taking off in clear weather Wednesday veered sharply back toward the airport, hit a hangar and crashed in flames, killing all 21 people aboard.

The cause of the nation's first deadly airline accident in more than a year was not immediately clear. Aviation officials said the pilot reported an unspecified emergency to the tower just before the crash.

US Airways Express Flight 5481 hit the corner of the hangar at full throttle moments after leaving Charlotte-Douglas International Airport for Greer, S.C., officials said. No one on the ground was injured.

Dee Addison, who works at an airport business 500 yards away, ran outside after hearing a boom.

"It was like a frenzy. People were running out of the (hangar)," she said. "At the time we didn't know a plane had actually crashed. It didn't even look like a plane. It was totally demolished."

Heavy smoke poured from the wreckage for hours, so thick "you could taste it in your mouth," Addison said. The US Airways hangar was scorched and battered.

The Beech 1900 twin-engine turboprop was carrying 19 passengers and two crew members. It took off to the south, then cut back toward the airport, airport director Jerry Orr said.

The pilot, Capt. Katie Leslie, contacted the tower to report an emergency, said Greg Martin, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman. But the transmission was cut short and the emergency wasn't identified, he said.

The flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder were recovered and are being analyzed, said John Goglia, a National Transportation Safety Board member.

"Both were burned, but it does appear they were in decent shape," Goglia said.

The FBI said there were no immediate indications of terrorism.

Goglia said investigators, though, will consider every possible cause, and will review the pilot performance, maintenance records, the plane's structure and the flight's passengers and freight.

"At this point, nothing is out of the question," he said.

Goglia also said bolts and small pieces of debris were found on the runway after the crash, but the NTSB hasn't determined if they came from the crashed plane.

The weather at the airport was clear at the time, with winds of 8 mph, said Rodney Hinson, a National Weather

Service meteorologist.

The flight originated in Lynchburg, Va., and was bound for the Greenville-Spartanburg airport in Greer, only 80 miles away from Charlotte. Goglia said none of the passengers started their trip in Charlotte, though some may have boarded there after transferring from other flights.

Goglia said victims' bodies were being recovered from the site Wednesday evening, and families were starting to arrive in Charlotte to identify their relatives.

Businessman Buddy Puckett of Greenville, S.C., was awaiting the arrival of a friend and client, Gary Gezzer of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He sent a co-worker to the Greer airport to pick up Gezzer, only to learn he had been killed.

Puckett said he would fly to Florida to be with Gezzer's family. "He was not only a client, he was also a very, very good friend," Puckett said.

Two Clemson University students were among the crash victims. Sreenivasa Reddy Badam, 24, and Ganeshram Sreenivasan, 23, both of India, were graduate students in computer science.

Chemical and manufacturing company W.R. Grace said three of its employees were killed. Paul Stidham, 46, Richard Lyons, 56, and Joseph Spiak, 46, were traveling to a company facility in Enoree, S.C., according to a statement from the Columbia, Md.-based firm.

Two brothers who worked at a hardware store on the Bahamas island of Abaco were en route to a convention. Robin and Nicholas Albury and Robin's daughter, Caitlin, 13, were killed in the crash, their family said.

The plane, built in 1996, was operated by Mesa Air Lines under the US Airways Express name. It had flown 15,000 hours and performed 21,000 takeoffs and landings.

FAA records show the aircraft was involved in five in-flight incidents that the NTSB said could affect safe operations. In one incident, the right engine lost oil pressure in November 2000 and the crew had to shut it down. The plane landed safely and the engine was replaced.

The aircraft also reported eight service difficulties, most of them minor. In November, the company reported a leaking fuel pump that was replaced. In May, a hydraulic power pack was replaced after the left main landing gear wouldn't retract during takeoff.

The FAA has issued nearly two dozen airworthiness directives on the 1900-D since 1994, warning of problems that must be addressed if found in an aircraft.

A maintenance alert for twin-engine Beech 1900 turboprops issued in August said attachment bolts for the vertical stabilizer had been found loose on one plane. And a directive issued in November warned that screws could come loose and interfere with the horizontal stabilizer.

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It's all Greek to her: OSU softball pitcher makes Olympics

► Former softball pitcher Crystal Draper will play for Greek national team

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Former Oregon State softball pitcher Crystal Draper has earned a spot on the Greek National Softball Team and will compete in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Draper completed individual tryouts in Phoenix, Ariz., from Jan. 2 to 8 to secure her place on the Greek Olympic roster. Arizona State University softball coach Linda Wells will head the Greek squad.

"This is a great opportunity for Crystal to compete in the Olympic Games," OSU head coach Kirk Walker said. "She's worked hard and was rewarded with a spot on the team. Not only is this a great opportunity for Crystal but it's exciting for the Oregon State program as well."

Draper helped lead the Beavers to four consecutive NCAA Regional Tournament appearances and was a three-time All-Regional Tournament selection. She finished her Oregon State playing career ranked in the top 10 in nine Beaver career pitching categories; her name dots the top 10 in 14 single season categories. Draper's 809 career strikeouts are an Oregon State record.

Draper is currently completing her degree at OSU in health and physical education. She has recently teamed with former Beaver outfielder Jodi Chmielewski to provide individual softball lessons and team clinics throughout the Northwest.

Draper will become the 38th Oregon State athlete to compete in the Olympic Games. She is the first OSU softball player to compete and will be the first Beaver athlete to represent Greece.

Jones is taking the risk for chance at glory

By TIM DAHLBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Before he agreed to fight John Ruiz for a piece of the heavyweight title, Roy Jones Jr. was destined to be remembered mostly as the fighter robbed of a gold medal at the 1988 Olympics.

Because as good as Jones is — and no one disputes he is very good indeed — he seemed content to glide through his career beating a collection of no names who offered no real threat in the ring.

To some extent that was the fault of HBO, which threw \$5 million at Jones every time he stepped into the ring against the likes of Clinton Woods or Richard Hall.

But it was also true that Jones himself was averse to much risk, finding comfort instead in ruling a light heavyweight division that contained little in the way of challengers.

That changes March 1, when the 34-year-old Jones tries to join Michael Spinks as the only reigning light heavyweight champion to win the heavyweight title.

Jones is finally getting credit for taking a chance that many in boxing never thought he would take. But, like his Olympic loss, this one will be tainted even if he beats Ruiz.

The problem is, Ruiz isn't the real heavyweight champion, no matter what Don King will try to get you to believe. Ruiz is a nice guy who holds the WBA version of the belt, but that's largely because of Evander Holyfield's age and increasing ineptitude.

The real champion is 6-foot-5 inch, 250-pound Lennox Lewis, someone Jones wants no part of.

In fact, Jones wants no part of any heavyweight other than Ruiz. He says this is a one-shot deal, after which he will retreat to the 175-pound division and cheerfully make his millions.

Spinks, in contrast, beat Larry Holmes not once but twice, then went on to knock out Gerry Cooney before his career ended when Mike Tyson obliterated him in 91 seconds.

Jones believes he is smarter than that. He's taking one chance — and one chance only — to establish his legacy.

"Look at what happened when Spinks fought Tyson," Jones said. "He got knocked out because he was meeting a big puncher."

Spinks had something else on Jones. He fought the best heavyweight of his era in Holmes, and though Holmes is still bitter about the judging in both fights, they went down as wins for Spinks.

Ruiz is a tough, rugged, legitimate heavyweight, but outside of a win and a draw in three fights with Holyfield his record is littered with ordinary fighters.

Still, he has the WBA title, and that's enough for Jones to shed his caution and take a fight in which he'll give away 35 or 40 pounds. Jones, who began his career at 160 pounds and seems smaller than most light heavyweights he fights, says he'll weigh about 192 for the fight.

Jones, whose boxing skills might be the best the sport has ever seen, is careful to build up Ruiz as a top fighter and dismiss his chances of victory.

"Looking at John, I can't see victory," Jones said. "But I'm going to go out there and pull it out."

If he does, Jones will be able to look back at his boxing career and know it meant more than just a disputed loss in the Olympics.

He'll also be able to say he took a challenge when no one thought he would, and prove some of his doubters wrong. It might be John Ruiz instead of Lennox Lewis, but it's still a big risk against a big man.

"I don't duck people," Jones said. "I look for people. I can't force them to get in the ring with me if they don't want to."

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Women's basketball: Beavers will have to play to full potential to pull off the win

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fourth best in the conference. A 6-foot-1 sophomore, Azella Perryman averages 13.4 ppg and 9.9 rpg — third best in the Pac-10.

Junior All-American Nicole Powell, who missed the first nine games of the season, is not expected to start but should play some, in her two games this season she is averaging a double-double with 16 ppg and 10.5 rpg.

"Nicole brings a whole new dimension to the team that was missing before," Stanford's Chelsea Trotter told the Associated Press after their win over Pepperdine.

"She's a threat on the perimeter and the block, and she opens scoring opportunities for other players. Just her intensity and competitive spirit have added a lot. We're a better team with her back."

Fans can expect a very physical interior game from Stanford as they attempt to push the ball against the Beavs — as they have been doing so all season long.

Note: Oregon State University's Department of Athletics will honor former women's basketball standout Felicia Ragland on Saturday night with a ceremony to retire her jersey.

The ceremony will take place

prior to Oregon State's women's basketball game against University of California at 7 p.m.

Ragland, a native of Tulare, Calif., was a two-time honorable mention Associated Press and two-time Kodak District 8 All-American while playing at Oregon State from 1999-2002. She was a three-time Pacific-10 Conference first team pick and was the 2001 Pac-10 Player of the Year. As a senior, Ragland led the Beavers in scoring (19.9 ppg.), rebounding (6.6 rpg.), steals (2.5 spg.) and 3-point field goals (69). Ragland is one of just three Oregon State players to score 1,600 points (1,903) and pull down 600

rebounds (739) in her career. She finished her four seasons at OSU ranked in the school's top-10 in 14 different career statistical categories. Ragland holds the Oregon State record for 3-point field goals made with 178.

Ragland became the first Oregon State women's basketball player drafted by the WNBA when she was selected as the 28th pick overall by the Seattle Storm in 2002.

A dessert social will take place following the game.

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Wrestling:

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son. Central Michigan brings in a team ranking of 10th and boasts four nationally ranked individuals. Jason Metzler is ranked sixth nationally at 141 pounds, Ty Morgan is ranked thirteenth nationally at 149 pounds. David Bolyard is ranked twelfth at 157 pounds and Kevin Carr is ranked ninth to round out a very good middle part of the line up for Central Michigan.

"We've been doing a fair amount of traveling," Wells said. "It's going to be fun to wrestle in front of the hometown folks."

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Beavers tackle one of country's top

► The OSU's women's basketball team takes on No. 6 Stanford tonight at Gill

By **KYLE SUMMER**
BAROMETER SPORTS WRITER

The Beavers will get a tough test tonight when one of the top teams in the nation visits Corvallis.

Oregon State women's basketball team (7-6, 1-3 Pac-10) will host No. 6 Stanford (10-1, 2-0) at 7 p.m. in Gill Coliseum. On Saturday, the Beavers will host California, also at 7 p.m.

Having lost their last two games to Arizona State and Arizona, the Beavers are hoping to pull off a huge upset tonight against the Cardinal.

So far this season the Beavers' star players have led the way, while their

highly touted freshmen have continued to improve rapidly.

Leilani Estavan, a 5-foot-7 point guard, is averaging 10.1 points per game, 4.62

assists per game (third in Pac-10) and 2.15 steals per game (fourth in Pac-10) while setting up the Beaver attack. Forward Hollye Chapman is averaging a team high 10.2 ppg while also averaging over six rebounds per game.

At 6 feet 5 inches, center Brina Chaney is averaging 9.8 ppg, 7.2 rpg, and 2.15 blocks per game which is third best in the conference. Juleen Smith has been solid on the defensive end tallying 2 spg to go along with her 7.6 ppg.

The Cardinal have an arsenal of weapons, which would explain why they are the No. 6 team in the nation.

Kelley Suminski leads the team in points, averaging 14.3 a game and assists with 4.5 per game which is

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Juleen Smith and Brina Chaney get ready to check into a recent home contests. Women's basketball (7-6, 1-3 Pac-10) will take on Stanford (10-1, 2-0) this evening at Gill Coliseum, the game will tipoff at 7 p.m.

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Beavs make the trip to Bay Area

► OSU men's basketball will take on Stanford tonight and California on Thursday

By **ERIC POWELL**
BAROMETER SPORTS WRITER

Pac-10 play continues for the Oregon State men's basketball team tonight as they travel to the Bay Area to take on Stanford.

OSU (7-4, 0-2 Pac-10) has dropped its first two conference games of the year and has no easy games in sight as they gear up to face the Cardinal as well as California on Saturday.

Stanford was hit hard after last season as Curtis Borchardt and Casey Jacobsen left school early to enter the NBA draft. And this fall forward Teyo Johnson decided to enter the NFL draft, Johnson was expected to be a key contributor on the basketball court.

"With Curtis Borchardt and Casey Jacobsen turning pro and the graduation of Tony Giovacchini and Kyle Logan, a number of our returning players are in position to make great strides with increased playing time," Stanford coach Mike Montgomery said. "At the same time, the veterans must compete at a high level and lead by example."

"At many times last year, we missed having an experienced senior class to take the pressure off of the coaching staff, so we are expecting more consistent contributions from our second and third year players."

The Cardinal (9-4, 0-1) have bounced back nicely and will be playing their home conference opener against the Beavers and will be looking to bounce back from their loss to rival Cal last week.

Three Stanford players are scoring in double digits, allowing them to have a balanced attack.

Guard Julius Barnes is averaging a team-high 14.3 points per game while dishing out 3.5 assists. The senior is the leader on the court for the Cardinal attack. Down low Stanford relies on the skills of sophomore forward Josh Childress and junior Justin Davis.

Davis, 6-foot-9, 245 pounds, is a force on the box and leads the team with 72 rebounds on the season. However, Davis is listed as doubtful for the contest because of a sprained MCL he suffered Saturday versus California.

At 6 feet 8 inches, Childress is a versatile weapon for Montgomery. The sophomore has the ball handling and shooting skills to play on the perimeter as well as the size to be effective inside. Childress is averaging 14.2 ppg, while also pulling down 7.2 rebounds per contest.

Coach Montgomery is in his 17th season with the Cardinal and has amassed a 348-160 record over that time. During his time at Stanford, Montgomery has helped cement his program as a perennial postseason contender earning ten NCAA appearances and four trips to the NIT.

Stanford's home court advantage is one of the best in the nation. The Cardinal have gone 102-20 on Maples Pavilion since the 1994-95 season including the last nine against Oregon State at home.

OSU forward Brian Jackson is questionable for the contest due to a reoccurring abdominal injury.

Game time is at 7 p.m.

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Men's Basketball

Thursday: OSU (7-4, 0-2 Pac-10) visits Stanford (9-4, 0-1)

Stiff competition awaits Beaver wrestlers

► OSU to compete in stacked tournament this weekend

By **JUSTIN WISE**
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After a pair of road trips at the end of the holiday break, the Oregon State wrestling team will be back in action Friday in Redmond.

Oregon State (2-3 overall, 1-1 Pac-10) will travel to the Oregon Wrestling Classic at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds and then will return to Gill Coliseum Sunday to face No. 10 Central Michigan.

Friday, the Beavers will face Portland State (0-2, 0-1 Pac-10) and Cal-State Fullerton (4-5, 2-1 Pac-10) in Pacific-10 duals at 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; then face 19th-ranked Wisconsin (4-0, 0-0 Big Ten) at 5:45 p.m. and Division III opponent Pacific Lutheran (0-4) at 7:30 p.m. to round out the day.

"There's a variety of levels of opposition and there are a bunch of matches," OSU coach Joe Wells said. "It's a good opportunity for us to get a lot of matches, to look at our strengths and match management. We will be looking to get out and set the pace and score some points."

Portland State is equipped with some tough competition including Eric Arbogast, ranked fourth in the Pac-10 at 157 pounds, Quinn Collett, also ranked fourth in the Pac-10 at 174 pounds and Randy Davidson

who is ranked third in the Pac-10 at 197 pounds. The conference match-up will provide a stiff test for the Beavers.

Cal State-Fullerton, coached by OSU alum and past Beaver assistant coach Dan Hicks, is yet another force in the Pac-10 with Juan Mora ranked third at 141 pounds, Chris Carlino ranked second at 165 pounds and at 184 pounds Rowdy Lundegreen is ranked first.

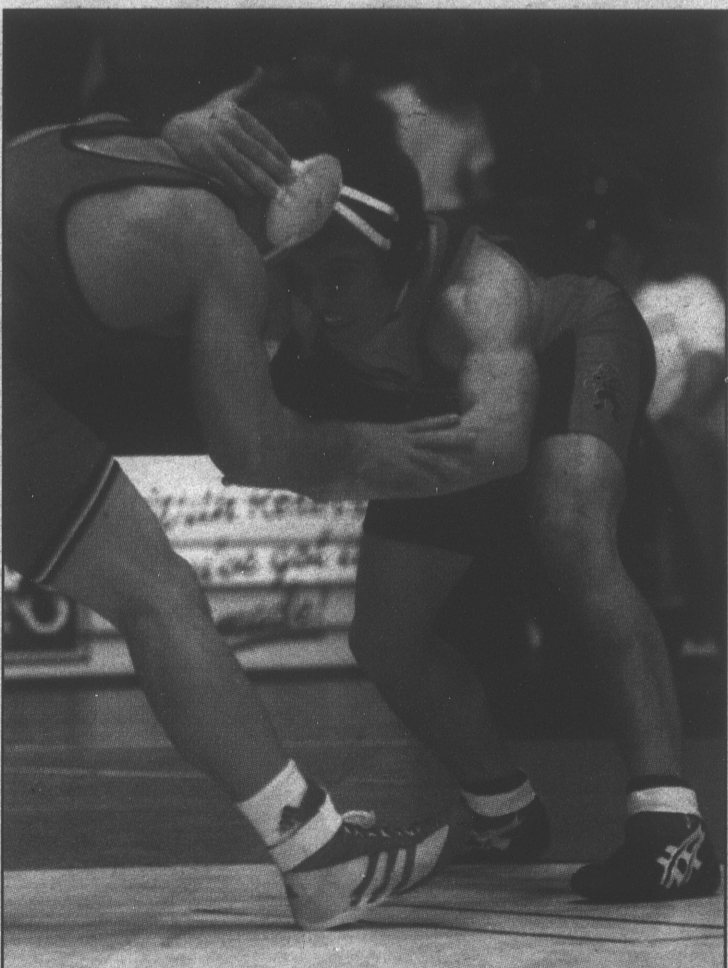
Wisconsin brings in the highest ranked squad with four nationally ranked individuals to go along with their No. 16 team ranking. Senior All-American Kevin Black leads the Badgers with a 13-1 record. Black is ranked fourth nationally at 133 pounds. His brother and co-captain Tony Black is ranked eleventh in the country at 125 pounds and sports an impressive 13-3 record. At 184 pounds, Ralph Denisco brings in a 11-2 record and is ranked 11th nationally, while heavyweight Justin Staebler is ranked 18th nationally with a 10-3 record.

Pacific Lutheran, a small Division III team, will be looking to upset the Beavers. Oregon State will be looking to showcase some depth in the last dual of this day long tournament.

OSU will return home to face Central Michigan on Sunday in Gill Coliseum, the action starts at 2:00 p.m.

Central Michigan is riding a wave of emotion after knocking off then No. 7 Michigan and then No. 9 Michigan State to open their sea-

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Tony Hook, a 149-pound freshman, locks up in a recent match. After traveling to the Deschutes County Fairgrounds on Friday, wrestling will host Central Michigan on Sunday at 2 p.m. for the first time in nearly a month.

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