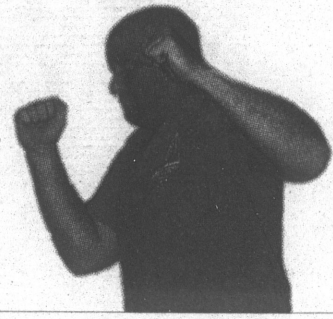


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Universities gear up for donation time

Blood drive: largest in Northwest

► Students team up with Red Cross to collect blood on campus

By **CHRIS GODWIN**
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

The American Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive at OSU. The drive starts today and ends Thursday.

The OSU blood drive is the largest drive for blood in the Northwest region, which is made up of approximately 90,000 square miles.

There have been two other blood drives at OSU this academic year — one in November and another in February — and another is planned for early this summer.

The blood collected at this week's drive

will supply over 80 hospitals in Oregon and Washington, including Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis.

In past years, the most common complaint from students has been that the donation process takes too long. In an attempt to shorten donation time, the Red Cross will be sending an extra 10 employees to work at the donation site.

The Red Cross will also be implementing electronic registration, which will shorten the time it takes to fill out paperwork.

Another force driving the event will be the student blood drive committee, which has been very instrumental in the planning and execution of this blood drive.

According to the Red Cross drive coordi-

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Students protest against Red Cross

► OSU and SOU take different approach to protest FDA regulations

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHLAND — Students at Southern Oregon University say they will cancel their blood drive this term because eligibility to donate discriminates against gay men.

Students say that goes against the university's anti-discrimination policy and continues to label AIDS and HIV as a gay men's disease.

At Oregon State University, the ASOSU Queer task force has created a similar protest with stickers that read 'be nice to me I can't give blood,' and 'this should not be a symbol of discrimination' over the Red Cross insignia.

"I think that Southern (Oregon University) is correct in that a strong message needs to be sent, that a group shouldn't be isolated

and discriminated against," said Queer Task Force director, Tony Robbins.

"What we're doing here (at OSU) is to try not to disrupt because OSU is one of the largest donation (points in Oregon)," said Robbins. "We definitely don't want to make the lack of blood supply worse."

David Adkins-Brown, SOU multicultural senator, said that is a misnomer that needs to be eradicated.

"From my understanding, it's a rule they made up in the 1980s and people are not up to date," he said.

Guidelines say males who have had homosexual encounters even once since 1977 are ineligible.

"I know I've been yelling about it for

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In Full Bloom



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Recent spring weather has put the Oregon State Campus in full bloom. Temperatures are forecasted to stay in the low-to-mid seventies through Friday.

City Council considers Grand Oaks development

► Council will receive written testimony until May 27 on proposed building plan

By **CHRISTEN MCCURDY**
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

Mayor Helen Berg granted a continuance Monday night on a public hearing concerning a proposed condominium development in the Grand Oaks subdivision.

The continuance will allow members of the public to submit additional written testimony on the matter until Tuesday, May 27 at noon.

The council will meet at 3 p.m. Friday, May 30 to discuss the additional testimony and deliberate at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3.

At Monday night's hearing, the council heard testimony — from city staff members, designers and neighbors — on an appeal to a previously submitted proposal for a planned development in Grand Oaks.

The original plan — presented by way of review by city staff members — was to build an apartment complex in the subdivision in between homes and other apartments.

The new proposed design would be a condominium development.

Don Hansen, speaking on behalf of the design team, said the condominium development would allow for greater density — that is, more bedrooms — but that it was still compliant with the city's comprehensive plan provisions for solar access, vehicle parking and other issues.

Others begged to differ.

All four public testimonies came from members of the Grand Oaks neighborhood, who said they felt the second design was not compatible with the neighborhood nor was it compliant with the comprehensive plan.

"I really don't care whether they put apartments or condos in," said Rolland Baxter, a Grand Oaks resident who testified at the meeting. "I think I'd prefer condos."

Nonetheless, Baxter said he was concerned that the development would add more paving to the area and decrease livability.

Moreover, Baxter said, the condominium design will increase density in the area and that the design is more likely to attract students —

which may cause parking problems.

Others from the Grand Oaks neighborhood shared Baxter's concern about parking in particular, saying the single-car garage and tandem parking model wasn't practical considering the condominiums had so little storage space.

"The apartment plan was a lot better," said resident Ashley Childs.

In his rebuttal, Don Hansen said he may be able to make some modifications in cooperation with neighbor's requirements, but that he felt his plan had adequately addressed the issues raised in public testimony — particularly the issue of parking.

"I have a one-car garage," Hansen said. "My wife and I tandem park, and we talk a lot more because of it."

Also at Monday's city council meeting, election results for the city council planning commission were announced. Tracy Daugherty, Bill York and Tony Howell will serve on the commission.

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Wheel-a-thon rolls in the MU Quad

► Pre-therapy Club raises funds for MS clinic on campus

By **KELLI SHILLITO**
BAROMETER CAMPUS EDITOR

On your mark, get set, wheel! The Pre-therapy Club is holding its 10th annual wheel-a-thon in the MU Quad today and tomorrow, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the event support the exercise and sport science department's multiple sclerosis clinic on campus.

Teams of five to eight participants will wheel their way through an obstacle course, trying to complete the most laps in 20 minutes. Several local businesses, including Bed Bath & Beyond and John Henry's, have donated prizes.

About 18 teams are already signed up and according to the faculty advisor for the Pre-therapy Club, Dr. Karen White, it is not too late to register for the fundraiser, but the half-hour time slots are limited.

"We've got volunteers out there all day long," White said.

The course consists of a simple up and down ramp, a 360-degree turn, corners, doors and cones, said Pre-therapy Club president Tilden Keller.

Rolling through the course is not the only way to support the MS clinic, White said.

Those interested in helping the cause may make their checks out to the Pre-therapy Club, which will forward the contributions to the MS clinic.

The student members of the club have taken on the bulk of organizational responsibilities, White said.

"They're so independent," she added.

White stressed the importance of the wheel-a-thon and supporting the MS clinic because it is a university charity.

"We see the positive effects of this directly," White said.

Keller added that the event fits well during disability awareness week.

"It's an excellent event to help raise people's awareness," Keller said.

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INTERNATIONAL

Ireland plans crackdown on heavy alcohol marketing

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Alarmed that Ireland has become one of the hardest-drinking countries in Europe, the government announced Monday it plans to require health warnings on alcoholic drinks and limit liquor ads that invade every corner of Irish life.

Prime Minister Bertie Ahern insisted in a speech to European brewers in Dublin that young people shouldn't be exposed to saturation marketing of alcohol, which he said was fueling a new "drink to get drunk" culture in a country where the pub has been the hub of life for generations.

To that end, he said, the government plans to ban alcohol ads from buses, trains, cinemas and sporting events involving young people, while no ads for beer or other alcoholic beverages would be permitted before 10 p.m. on Irish television.

Such ads currently face few restrictions — and adorn just about every public space and event brochure in Ireland, where more than 10,000 pubs serve a population of 3.8 million. The Irish brewing giant Guinness sponsors the national soccer squad, while Heineken has the rugby team.

Efforts to slap health warnings on beer, wine and liquor would require approval from the European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union, Ahern said. But Ahern said he expected the EU's support in tackling what he called "serious social problems arising from greatly increased levels of alcohol abuse."

Together, the commitments represent as significant a shift in official attitudes to Irish traditions as the government's recent commitment to outlaw smoking in pubs. That ban is supposed to begin Jan. 1.

Anti-alcohol campaigners and Ireland's major pub owners association welcomed the moves, as well as Ahern's call for pubs to stop selling sweet, heavy-alcohol "slammers" and "alcopops," which appeal to novice drinkers. The legal drinking age is 18.

"These drinks encourage binge drinking among young people which is fast becoming the curse of modern society," said Tadh O'Sullivan, chief executive of the Vintners Federation of Ireland, which represents 6,000 pubs — many of which sell the drinks.

The Irish have long been stereotyped as heavy drinkers, but past surveys have suggested the reputation was undeserved and Ireland was actually one of Europe's more moderate drinking nations. In the past decade, however, figures show that has changed and Ireland has become a leading alcohol consumer.

NATIONAL

Supreme Court gives Maine go-ahead to lower drug prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court dealt a defeat to the drug industry Monday, ruling that a state may try to force companies to lower prices on prescription medications for the poor and uninsured.

The court's 6-3 decision would let a novel program take effect in Maine, where supporters say it would cut prices by 25 percent and help more than 300,000 residents.

Justices stopped short of any broad endorsement of the merits of Maine's plan. The ruling said only that drug makers did not adequately show why the plan should be blocked.

"By no means will our answer to that question finally determine the validity of Maine's Rx program," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote for the court.

Nationwide, drug prices have been rising by double-digit percentages every year. A dozen or more states have been poised to follow Maine's lead with similar programs and more than two dozen backed Maine on the Supreme Court case.

Maine Rx, as the program is known, was approved by the Legislature in 2000. It would use the state's buying power under the federal Medicaid program to negotiate bulk discounts from drug companies.

The state says the program is intended to help the working poor, retirees and others who do not receive health coverage or drug benefits through their jobs. If prices didn't drop in three years, the state could impose price controls.

Drug makers said the state plan holds them hostage and fought a three-year federal court battle to stop it. Opponents said the program is unconstitutional and violates federal Medicaid law.

That battle probably is not over, as the Supreme Court ruling made clear. Future court challenges could again stop the program or the Bush administration could move to block or modify it.

STATE

Backers of Multnomah County push for last-minute ballots

PORTLAND (AP) — Last-minute voters who missed the mailing deadline and must deliver their ballots in person are the target in the final push by supporters of a \$128 million income tax levy to bail out schools, public safety and social services in Oregon's most populous county.

"We believe we can win this if we can get our pro-school supporters turning in their ballots," said Nancy Hamilton,

chairwoman of the It's Our Future Committee to pass Measure 26-48 in Multnomah County.

After sending out 1,600 volunteers to knock on doors over the weekend, the committee was organizing phone banks to call voters to urge them to drop off their ballots at library collection sites or the main county office before the 8 p.m. Tuesday deadline.

Oregon State University political scientist Bill Lunch predicted the vote will be very close but said supporters have adopted the most effective kind of strategy for a local ballot in a non-presidential election year.

"In a situation like this, a special election, the efforts put into get-out-the-vote drives are very important," Lunch said. "And it's even truer of a local election that's not statewide. If they do it well it could easily represent the difference between defeat and success."

The results of the election are being monitored statewide, by affluent communities that are considering similar actions, by rural communities that see the possibility of a widening gap in educational quality and by legislators in Salem.

Tribal program helps lamprey wiggle toward recovery

PENDLETON (AP) — American Indian fishery managers say they hope the release of 500 lamprey into the Umatilla River and its tributaries this spring will help restore the jawless, eel-like fish to the northwest corner of the state.

Lamprey are culturally important to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, playing a significant role in tribal ceremonies and traditional medicines and as a subsistence food.

Lamprey remained healthy in the John Day River but have been virtually extinct in Umatilla County since the 1970s, said Aaron Jackson, a lamprey technician for the tribes.

"There was a remnant of the lamprey below Three-Mile Dam," he said, "but nothing from Hermiston up."

But the four-year program to restore lamprey finally seems to be taking hold, Jackson said.

"We've been finding juveniles all over the headwaters, all the way down to about Pendleton or so," Jackson said.

This week, tribal staff aided by Kimmo Aronsuu, a lamprey specialist from Kokkola, Finland, released lamprey in the Umatilla River and Meacham and Squaw creeks.

The lamprey are collected at John Day Dam in the winter and

held in holding ponds until spring, when they begin to show signs of sexual maturity and are taken upstream for release, Jackson said.

Lamprey need little food until they are released because they live entirely off their fat reserves, he said.

The best lamprey habitat is sand, mud and silt. They are a boost to the ecosystem because they help keep streams and rivers clean and provide high-nutrient food for young fish when they die, Jackson said.

UNIVERSITIES

No Child Left Behind Act being criticized by many

PROVO, Utah (U-WIRE) — For some Utah educators, President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act leaves much to be desired.

"It's a bunch of bull," said Jenn Huish, a sixth-grade teacher at Springville Middle School. "If you ask any other teacher, that's what they'll tell you, and stronger."

Under the law, states are required to set standards for student learning in reading, math and science at each grade level. Schools and teachers are rated according to how well their students perform on standardized tests.

"One of the things people are worried about is that classrooms will just become places of 'drill and kill,'" said Dr. Joyce Nelson, an associate professor of English at Brigham Young University. "That will be particularly true if schools get money based on how they test and if teachers are paid according to how their students test."

According to the State Department of Education, under No Child Left Behind, yearly progress is measured for all students by sorting test results for students who are disabled, economically disadvantaged, part of an ethnic or racial minority group or who attend school with a limited knowledge of the English language.

If a school fails to demonstrate annual progress in the way the federal government has dictated, it may be classified as a federally failing school and subjected to discipline, said Utah State Rep. Kory Holdaway, R-Taylorsville.

"The issue is, what teacher is going to want to keep in his or her classroom the kids who really, really struggle with learning?" Nelson said. "If you are going to tell teachers that the test score is the most important thing that happens in the classroom, then you can't really blame the teachers for teaching to the test to make that happen."

—By Neal Legler
The Daily Universe
(Brigham Young U.)

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Meetings
OSU College Republicans, 6pm, MU 211. General Meeting.
Circle K, 6pm, MU 212. We are a student organization focused on campus and community service. Come see what activities we have going on.

Events
McNary Central Dining, 5:30-7pm. McNary Central Dining. Come Karaoke with your peeps, get your groove going in the Latte Lounge inside McNary Central Dining.

Asian Pacific American Student Union, 6pm, MU Quad. "Taste of Asia". Free Food. A chance for the OSU community to experience Asian cuisine. Variety of dishes from different cultures.

OSU Pistol Club, 6pm, MacAlexander Fieldhouse Target Range. Practice Pistol Marksmanship/Mandatory safety training @ 6pm for info: Paul Lulay (541) 713-5892 lulayp@onid.orst.edu.

UCPS, 12-1pm, MU 211. Enhancing Your Long Distance Relationships. Learn ways to make the separation easier and also some tips for strengthening the relationship.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Home-style lunch and conversation.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Meetings
American Indian Science & Engineering Society, 5:00pm, Native American Longhouse. Club meeting.
English Students Association, 4-5, Moreland Hall-Malamud Room. Weekly meeting of any student interested in any facet of English literature or composition.

Events
The Freehold, 7-9:30pm, MU 213. Belly dancing lessons. Come learn how to move in ways never thought possible.

Women's Center, 8:30pm, WC. Campus safety walk. Conducting inspection of the campus environment to make suggestions where respondents feel unsafe.

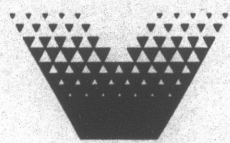
United Campus Ministry, 5:30pm, 101 NW 23rd St Westminister House. Student gathering-join us for a home-cooked meal, a time of music and fellowship.

United Campus Ministry, 12:00 noon, 101 NW 23rd St Westminister House. University Learning Community - Join us for conversation focusing on the book, When Religion Becomes Evil, by Charles Kimball.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:15pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. Prayer - informal worship & communion.

Speakers
The New School of Education, 12-1:30pm, 208 La Raza Room MU. Brown Bag Lunch: bring your own lunch and hear Carrie Carpenter '82, 2003 Oregon Teacher of the Year, share her thoughts about improving student learning with technology, three concepts for effective teaching, and meeting the challenges of today's schools.

Sustainable Forestry Partnership, 12:00, Peavy 276. Andy Stahl, Executive Director, Forest Service employees for environmental ethics, to speak on National Forest Management in the next century.



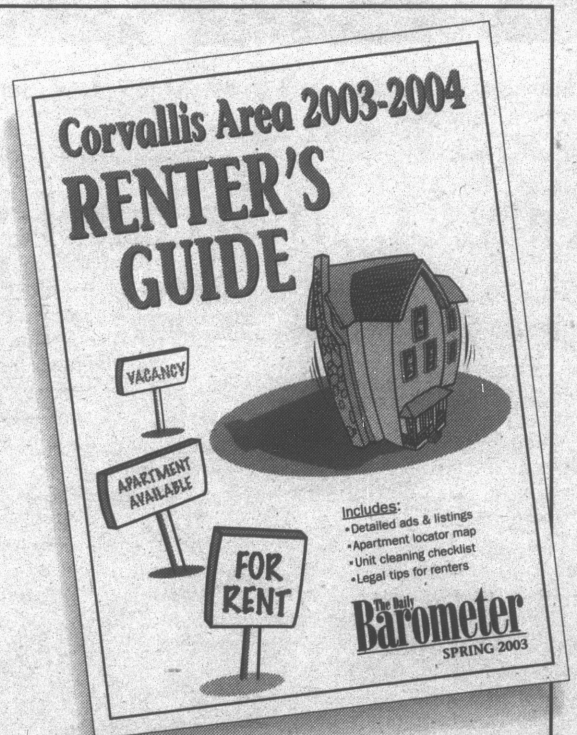
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Grand jury clears officer in fatal shooting

By JOSEPH B. FRAZIER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PORTLAND — A Multnomah County grand jury declined Monday to indict a Portland police officer in the shooting death of a young woman who tried to flee from a traffic stop earlier this month.

District Attorney Michael Schruck said the seven-member grand jury heard from more than 20 witnesses over five days and concluded there was no evidence to bring criminal charges against Officer Scott McCollister, 27.

But Schruck said the Portland Police Bureau will conduct an internal review to see whether bureau policy regarding the use of deadly force was followed and the FBI has opened a federal civil rights investigation into the shooting death of Kendra James, 21.

The case has stirred emotions among many in Portland's black community, who have met at church and on porch stoops to denounce the police's actions and call for change.

Pastor LeRoy Haynes of Northeast Portland's Christian Methodist Episcopal Church said Portland's black community is "in this for the long run. We will diligently pursue justice in the shooting of Kendra James" and pursue changes in the Portland Police Bureau, the grand jury system and the district attorney's office.

"It does not end with the grand jury's findings. We will continue to fight for justice," he said.

The shooting also prompted a tense

town hall meeting between Police Chief Mark Kroeker, other police officials and about 40 black leaders, many of whom agreed with family members that the shooting was not justified.

"The community's belief is that an alternative method of force could have been used," said Kelvin Hall, working on behalf of the James family as president of the Equal Advocacy Center.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Stacey Heyworth said seven different versions of the shooting emerged from witnesses during the proceedings. She said McCollister felt his life was in danger and he feared he would be run over when James attempted to drive away from a traffic stop early on the morning of May 5.

Heyworth said attempts to detain James with a stun gun were unsuccessful and that McCollister was 80 percent in the car when it moved and he feared being sucked underneath it.

James Ferraris, the police bureau's commander of detectives, said James was known to have fled from police and to have fought them to avoid arrest in the past.

He said toxicology reports indicated she had used cocaine within about four hours of her death.

Senior Deputy District Attorney John Rees said McCollister tried to use chemical spray but was unsuccessful.

So McCollister fired a single shot from his 9 mm pistol. The bullet entered James' left side and lodged under her right breast.

James was pronounced dead in the emergency room of Legacy Emanuel Hospital.

Schruck said the grand jury's decision did not mean the jurors agreed with the officer's actions. "They felt that it was a tragedy, too, but they had a narrow focus to determine whether criminal charges should be filed," he said.

The police officers' union defended McCollister and Police Union President Robert King said the issue affects every officer.

If they get into a difficult situation and act in good faith, he said, "they need to know they will be supported."

Portland Mayor Vera Katz has called for a community review over issues including use of deadly force against unarmed people.

"We all understand that what's at stake is the bond of trust between the police and the community, especially the African-American community and the community of color," she said.

Kroeker said the bureau will review all aspects of police procedures including recruiting, selection, hiring and training.

"We ask for the community's patience as we continue forward with these efforts," he said.

He said police have met with family members and community leaders and that many are deeply disturbed and will have lingering questions.

"Some of the answers will not heal the hurt," he said.

Corvallis church celebrates links to "Mister Rogers"

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORVALLIS — The neighborhood of Fred Rogers stretched all the way from his Los Angeles studio to Corvallis, where the children show host had many ties to the First Presbyterian Church.

It was a beautiful day in that neighborhood Sunday, as the congregation sang songs from "Mister Rogers" and celebrated the life of the man who accepted everyone, just as they are. Rogers died of cancer two months ago.

The Rev. John Dennis, who went to seminary school with Rogers, dedicated the service to being a good neighbor, com-

paring it to the story of the Good Samaritan from the gospel of Luke in the Bible.

"Good morning and welcome to our neighborhood," Dennis said, as the organist struck up the tune to "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Dennis' friendship with Rogers began 50 years ago in Pittsburgh and is just one of many connections the Corvallis church had with Rogers.

After graduating from seminary together, the two ministers kept in contact through letters. In 1994, Rogers planned to come to Corvallis, but an earthquake in Los Angeles halted the trip.

Last fall, Rogers mailed Den-

nis an article about how the Holy Spirit works in people's lives in the space between intentions and actions. He signed it "Thought you might enjoy this. Kind regards, Fred."

In another link, a former church member had corresponded with Rogers when he had leukemia. Rogers included one of those letters in a book he wrote.

Now David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely on the show, plans to visit Corvallis' First Presbyterian in January.

At the sermon Sunday, Dennis identified serious moral lessons taught during the long-running children's TV show.

He shared video clips of

Rogers talking about a song he wrote about what to do when you're mad. Rogers had a theology of authenticity, Dennis said, and he was the same in real life as he was on television.

Another lesson from the neighborhood was love as Christ has loved, Dennis said.

He also asked members of the congregation to practice hospitality and be open to all types of people, just as Mister Rogers did on the public television show.

With all the connections to Corvallis, it was only appropriate, Dennis said, "That we thank God in a special way as we ask, who is my neighbor?"

Blood drive: Summer donations drop significantly; type - O needed

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nator Scott Gerlach, the student blood drive committee has been dynamic in taking the reigns and running the event.

Although there is currently no shortage of blood, Douglas Tracy, Red Cross spokesman, strongly believes that after the Memorial Day weekend, there will be.

During the summer, the number of people donating blood drops significantly, while at the same time hospitals tend to use more blood, creating a gap, Douglas said.

"We always need O's," Douglas added, stressing the importance of universal donors. Gerlach also commented that there is no substitute for blood.

The blood drive will take place in the MU ballroom from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome, but if students wish to schedule an appointment they should call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

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Discrimination: FDA guidelines were in response to 1980s epidemic

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years," said Daniel Conner, a senior. "I'm a gay man and I don't like being forced to lie to help people."

According to Lance Trainor, chief medical officer of the Portland-based Pacific Northwest region of the Red Cross, the guidelines are established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"It is a guideline given to the blood donation industry by the FDA and all blood collection industries are required to abide by that rule," Trainor said.

"This was in response to the AIDS epidemic in the mid-1980s," Trainor said the pur-

pose is not to discriminate but to reduce risk.

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, men who have sex with men represent the largest proportion of new HIV infections at 42 percent. Next come heterosexual couples, then intravenous drug users.

Historically the Red Cross lobbied to uphold the FDA restrictions. "We hope that they (Red Cross) realize that HIV is not a 'gay disease,' Robbins said.

"We hope that the Red Cross will see how important this (eradicating restrictions against gay men) is and help us

lobby against the FDA's blood banking guidelines," Robbins said.

Dr. Leslie Holness, medical officer for the division of blood applications for the FDA, said that although the screening process is not ideal, it is continuously reviewed.

"The committee is reluctant to change present guidelines if they seem to be protective," Holness said.

"You have to balance how much good you're doing with a safe blood supply with the bad feelings you're stirring in groups of people," he said.

The feelings at SOU led Amanda Guidero, who sits on the SOU Executive Board that

heads campus blood drives - to make a judgment call.

"It was a very difficult decision to make," Guidero said. "It took me four days to decide and I can walk away knowing I made the right decision. I do believe those students had a legitimate concern about the blood drive," Guidero said.

She said it is a good time to bring the issue out in the open.

"We have their attention, they're listening and willing to make a trip down here to talk to us," she said.

Darrin Greenlee, Portland-based director of donor services for the Red Cross, will meet with SOU students, Guidero said.

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EDITORIAL

More alcohol debates

OSHKOSH, Wis. — For years before the renovation of Reeve Memorial Union, students who were of legal drinking age could purchase alcohol in the Cavern which was located in the basement of Reeve.

After the completion of Project 2000, students were told they could no longer purchase alcohol in the union. There was no problem selling alcohol in the union before it was renovated, so what changed with the opening of the new building?

Campus administration cited a lack of use of the bar in the old facility as well as a decision to make the campus more health-oriented as the main reasons for not serving alcohol in the new basement. This was in January 2002. Since that time, little has been done to change the current university policy and bring alcohol back into the union.

A subcommittee was created by the Reeve Union Board Advisory Council in Spring 2002 to visit other University of Wisconsin schools that sell alcohol in their unions and collect data to see if the same could be done at UW-Oshkosh. Nothing new has been heard from this committee since then.

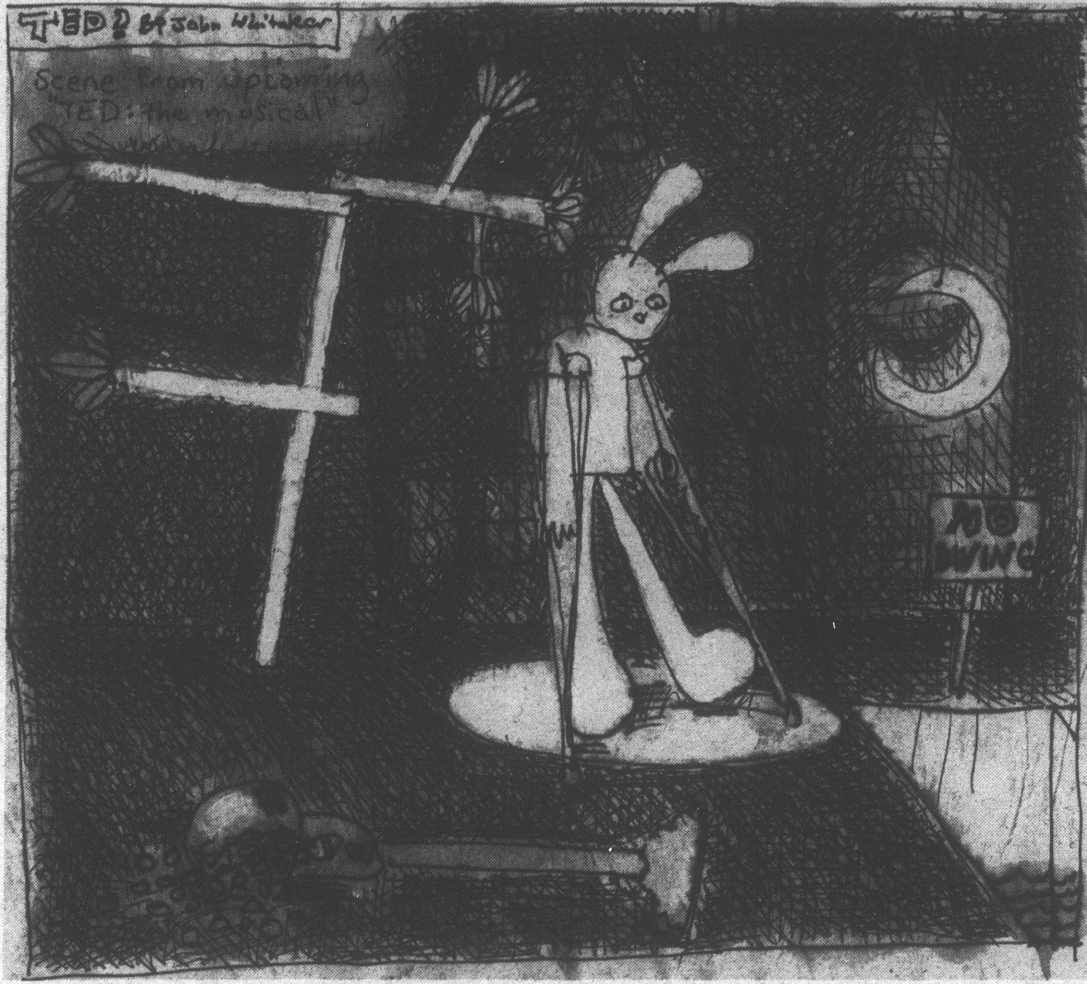
A major argument for the sale of alcohol in the union is location. The union is closer to the residence halls and much of the off-campus housing, making it an all-around safer environment in which the students could drink. The students of Oshkosh are already drinking in the dorms and at house parties, why not give them a safer environment in which to do so? If the university is so concerned about helping its students make healthy choices, why not help us make healthy choices regarding alcohol consumption?

It would be possible to filter out underage students through the checking of ID's or wristbands to keep them from drinking in the basement. There is nothing wrong with giving students a safe place to drink and socialize.

The availability of alcohol in the basement would also possibly increase business there, as well as in other areas of the union. More student money is what the university seems to be after anyway, right? Why not give us another reason to spend? Whatever happened to the rule of supply and demand? The simple economics of the issue should be reason enough to start stocking Miller and Mike's in the cooler of the Titan basement.

It's no secret that the students of Oshkosh like alcohol and if they can get it in the union it's a win-win situation for both parties. The students get their alcohol and the university gets its money, plus the entire transaction takes place in an environment much safer than any local bar.

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Reality shows taking over the "real world"

It's safe to say that my life is no longer my own.

For the last several months my whole world has been thrown into disarray — I literally have to struggle to complete menial day-to-day tasks of my previous hum-drum existence. My studies and sleep habits have been hit the hardest, as I have trouble focusing my mind on anything real for even short periods of time.

One might hypothesize that my agony is due to some sort of psychiatric disorder and may suggest a counselor or drug therapy. Others may assume I suffer from a recent death of a loved one or perhaps even a new love.

These assumptions, however, pale in comparison to the evil spell I have fallen under. It is a wonderful and all-consuming demon and I fear its influence may claim more souls than alcoholism, gambling and the home shopping network combined.

Eat your heart out, Dr. Phil. America is obsessed with reality TV.

It is not an exaggeration to say that this phenomenon has taken over my life. I schedule studying, eating, sleeping, work and even time with my family and friends around these shows. Then when they're over, I spend the rest of my time discussing who should win, what happened on the show or calling in to vote for my favorite contestant.

I wouldn't be surprised if I found myself asking for a wedding or funeral to be rescheduled so that I wouldn't have to miss an episode.

I know, it's sick. The sad thing is, though, I realize I have a problem, but don't care to do anything about it. Miss Clay winning "American



Erin Simovic

Andrew chose his bride this week on "The Bachelor," I didn't want to take any chances.

I do know, however, that I am not alone. Except for all you strange anti-television folks, there is nary a person in America who has not heard or fallen victim to one or more of these shows. "America Idol" alone boasts a viewership of over 25 million. Why can't we get enough of them? Why are they the last things we think about before going to bed and the first things we think about in the morning?

Hey, I'm not exaggerating. These shows are not without criticism though, namely for the same reasons they are so popular. After all, here are a group of shows that mimic reality, but truly are a far cry from real life.

Opponents argue that they give a false image of dating and marriage and may encourage dangerous behavior through zany stunts like on "Jackass" or risky surgeries as shown on "Extreme Makeovers."

They're probably referring to people like me who sit around wondering what minor disfigurement I could cause so that I could get an extreme makeover.

I'll admit that these shows give a false sense of reality, but they're meant to be for entertainment, not for life advice. Perhaps I'm a more extreme case, but for the majority of viewers, these shows are nothing more than that.

Want life advice? Looking to find Mr. Right? Turn on Oprah.

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Maybe the balled fists and fighting stance were a little drastic, but

ANALYSIS

Banning and Gardner Shasta information contradictory

Seth Gardner's and Brad Banning's pieces published in the Barometer have contradicted themselves in an oxymoronic fashion. In discussing the well-known Shasta trip, each writer approaches the event in different fashion. Gardner presents a possible weekend of fun and sun with the premise of "don't be an idiot."

Banning awards those displaying the most drunken, idiot-like behavior, disguising a dangerous situation where the worst possible scenario results in death. Both writers failed to mention that someone did die two years ago at Shasta and others have experienced deaths from the Shasta tradition. These articles imply that Shasta is still a safe tradition, but I believe they are disguising an accident waiting to happen.

Gardner's article (The Barometer, May 7) was primarily focused on the usage of common sense and suggested tips for Shasta that would "ensure [that] everyone has a good time and comes home safely." The tips are applicable to any time someone goes camping or, arguably, whenever one leaves the house questing for weekend adventure. The universal law in his last line, "Don't be an idiot," suggests that Shasta safety is the issue at hand because of the abundance of dangerous variables present in this so-called tradition.

An idiot is a feeble-minded person having a mental age not exceeding three years and requiring complete custodial care. Banning's columns (The Barometer, May 7 & May 14) presented the "Shasta Olympics" which are awards sponsoring the idea of acting like an idiot.

These events consisted of beer bong competitions contingent on keeping the injection of alcohol in one's system, a rowdiest boat competition and the Shasta Triathlon. He judged party on the "number of falls on the rocks" which I supposed is funny from a juvenile perspective.

Banning's comment towards the position of Mr. Shasta annoyed me like a mosquito doing fly-bys into my ear mid-slumber. Mr. Shasta is supposed to personify the ideal Shasta attitude, in Banning's words, "No fighting, no dying and of course there's no crying." This is an uncalled for, disrespectful comment directed at the untimely death of OSU student Sean Matsuda, where Banning takes a cheap shot at those of us who witnessed the incident and cried on the beaches of Slaughterhouse Island.

I suppose that if such an event were to repeat itself, those who would react in a mournful fashion will be disqualified from the Mr. Shasta competition.

Perhaps when someone you know dies at such an event, you will begin to

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Williams column

Not looking at all angles

I am so sorry that Barometer columnist David Williams (Barometer, May 16) was misled by Siegfried and Roy's statement that "every 20 minutes a species becomes extinct."

"Two plus two equals four" is very misleading if you don't know the meaning of the words "two" and "plus." Williams is curious about how scientists calculate extinction rates when only a small percentage of species have been catalogued.

Does our intrepid journalist search the library for answers from scientific journals, the UN Environmental Program, and other mainstream scientific sources? No, he surfs the web for information from advocacy groups he then dismisses as being self-interested. How convenient! His claim that "there is some truth in everything," does not apply to science.

What about the causes of environmental degradation and possible solutions?

Williams mentions a single cause, "we are losing habitat and biodiversity due to population growth." Did it occur to Williams that careless introduction of invasive species and wasteful practices might play a role?

Williams blundered when he claimed that extraction of rubber and spices cause rainforest destruction. Indeed, the simplistic "people versus nature" formulation of the problem does not consider people's dependence on other living things to provide food, medicine, clean water, healthy soil, and a stable climate.

It is immoral to risk damaging these systems in ways that might take tens of millions of years for recovery. This columnist's assurances that the world will not end should not deter us from tackling these problems

with urgency.

EDWARD ZUBEK,
graduate student in physics

Lyse letter

We can agree on issues

I have no problem with the fact that John Lyse (Letters, May 16) thinks homosexuality is wrong. That is certainly his right. However, I do take issue with his stance that he can appropriately judge others by his own moral values.

Mr. Lyse claims that rape and murder are immoral. I agree. But how does he define rape and murder? Does rape include statutory rape? If so, what are the guidelines surrounding it? What sort of an age difference is taken into consideration? Is legal execution considered murder? What about self-defense? If we as an American society can't agree from state-to-state on issues that are seemingly black and white, how can we find a universal common ground on an issue as complex as sexuality?

If you are looking for a universal condemnation of any activity, there is one: incest is forbidden in every human society. That is the only moral absolute we have.

"Homophobic" is not a term I use for someone who simply thinks homosexuality is wrong. The term "homophobic" is reserved for those individuals who can't get over the fact that people can and do disagree about homosexuality.

It is likely that Mr. Lyse's moral value system and my own match up more than 90 percent of the time. Why not celebrate what we have in common and learn from our differences instead of condemning each other for personally immutable beliefs?

ELLIE SELKO,
sophomore in chemical engineering

Ex-gays are victimized

Should be remembered

With respect to your Kathy Greaves May 14 column "It's hetero pride every other week" on tolerance of gays, I would add that tolerance should also extend to ex-gays. Each year, thousands of men and women with same sex attractions make the personal decision to leave homosexuality. However, some refuse to respect that choice. As a result, ex-gays are subject to an increasingly hostile environment where we are reviled simply because we dare to exist.

For example, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Educational Network spent thousands of dollars distributing a school booklet condemning ex-gays. The Gay Human Rights Campaign demanded that a contributor reconsider her sizeable donation to a children's school merely because it had indirect ties to an ex-gay ministry. Ex-gay author Richard Cohen received death threats from gay activists for releasing his book "Coming Out Straight."

The list is endless because every day brings new hostile acts against the ex-gay community.

The harassment of ex-gays by gays themselves is a sad end to the long struggle for tolerance by the gay community. That ex-gays are now oppressed by the same people who until recently were victimized themselves demonstrates how far the gay rights movement has come. We now need to face the other side of sexual orientation — intolerance of ex-gays. Please remember that former homosexuals are also worthy of respect.

REGINA GRIGGS,
Executive Director of Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays & Gays

Undeserving live the dream

THE LANTERN

COLUMBUS, Ohio — I always thought people needed to work hard to achieve success. After all, that is the basis of the American dream. Individuals must try to construct their own dreams with their own hands.

The American dream means allowing the poor and blue-collared workers who work each day at a low-paying, menial-labor jobs the opportunity to become whoever they want to be. Perhaps a construction manager might notice a diligent worker one day and offer him the chance at management. From there, the sky is the limit.

The classic example is John D. Rockefeller, who became one of the most wealthy and prominent businessmen in New York City. Although he became the embodiment of the word "tycoon," Rockefeller was born into a modest family. Through shrewd business dealings, taking risks and grabbing opportunities, the well-known businessman was able to build himself a fortune.

However, a half a century later, the new way to the American dream has changed dramatically. Nowadays, people don't need to work hard. They don't need to sweat and toil for every inch of the essence of success.

People really just need to know the difference between right and wrong. Then, they actually need to commit the wrong. Afterwards, it's an easy trip to the fast lane.

If anyone disagrees, all he or she needs to do is ask Jayson Blair. Anyone would

job, Blair won't really have any trouble finding a job because he has followed the path to the American dream. He has done what is professionally considered to be a huge faux pas and now he will be rewarded. In fact, things are looking bright for Blair's future. He was offered a book deal by a major book publishing company to write about his eventful life.

Blair is not the only one. There's also O.J. Simpson. Simpson may have been tried for the death of his wife in a civil trial and he may be seen by some people as a criminal, but that has not stopped the movie producers, directors, screen writers and book publishers. As soon as the trial finished, people were on Simpson's doorstep, ringing the doorbell and ready to make a few deals. The aroma of crime, punishment and guilt just reeks of dollar signs for all of Hollywood.

I wish we were back in the old days when people actually did respectable and dignified work to reach the top of the hill. It's sad when undeserving, lazy people receive the chance to make millions, while the father who works two jobs a day just to feed the children doesn't have a chance.

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Kraft: Death is surreal — a bad dream becoming reality; end Shasta

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question the reason for one's actions. Or perhaps there will be the unfortunate death of a more popular student at Shasta that will awaken the voice of reason from some of the leaders of the organizations on campus.

After Sean's death, there were promissory notes signed by many of the sorority and fraternity leaders and members promising not to attend Shasta and not to support such actions by members in their house.

Actions speak louder than words and the lack of integrity by certain individuals makes me wonder what their word is worth and evokes questions about leadership, or lack there of, on this campus. In my opinion, putting your word in documentation has significant meaning, because in the end, all you

have is your word.

I will go back to living my "miserable no fun-having existence," after I make this point: if you dub me as anti-Shasta, then the flip side of that coin is to call me prothought, because I think that Shasta is the epitome of a stupid situation.

What is the justification in risking one's life in search for the ultimate party? No one goes to Shasta on this weekend for a life enriching experience, everyone just wants to party.

Banning is rewarding the behavior that Gardner is warning us to avoid, which leads to the assumption that there is no safety at Shasta. So why is there controversy about Shasta? Why is the man berating my right to go on the Shasta Tradition?

Witnessing Sean Matsuda's death two years ago still produces vivid images bouncing in my mind, like an echo in a

bottomless pit. The confusion and helplessness was overwhelming, as people dove in the water in search of him.

I remember the last image of his body, his blood in the sheriff's boat. An irreplaceable memory and it has tainted my perception of Shasta. Death is surreal — a bad dream becoming reality, a mother's worst fear coming true.

The fact is that Sean will never tell his mother that he loves her and Stacie Matsuda will forever be reminded of that fateful phone call she received the night before Mother's Day informing her of Sean's death. A bittersweet tale destined to be repeated unless this tradition stops. Accidents are ever-present at Shasta and death is narrowly avoided in many cases.

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Saudi ambassador warns of new attacks

► Man was arrested outside the U.S. consulate; Al-Qaida still has presence in kingdom

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RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia's U.S. ambassador warned Monday that new intelligence suggests there could be more terror attacks in Saudi Arabia or the United States.

Prince Bandar bin Sultan also said the kingdom received warning before the May 12 bombings that killed 34 people, including eight Americans, at three housing compounds outside of Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

"Yes, we had warning, yes we had heightened alert but we never had a specific time and place designated," Prince Bandar told reporters in Riyadh.

Other attacks were possible, he said, based on new intelligence.

"There is chatter, a high level of chatter regionally and in other international spots" about possible attacks in Saudi Arabia or the United States, Prince Bandar said.

The FBI warned Monday that al-Qaida could mount new attacks in the United States as well as target American and Western interests overseas.

Other U.S. officials said Monday that Saudi and U.S. investigators are fully cooperating in the probe into the Riyadh attacks, though an FBI team is not interrogating suspects.

Meanwhile, a man standing with a gun outside the U.S. Consulate in Dhahran, 300 miles east of Riyadh, was arrested Monday and was being questioned by Saudi police, a U.S. Embassy official said.

U.S. diplomats said no one was

injured or threatened in the incident, but that the consulate was closed until further notice. In 1996, a truck bombing killed 19 Americans at the Khobar Towers barracks near Dhahran.

A U.S. official said Monday that al-Qaida has some presence in the royal kingdom.

"We don't believe there are tens of thousands of al-Qaida members in Saudi Arabia but we believe the al-Qaida presence is more than a single cell or two," the official said on condition of anonymity.

On Sunday, Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef said authorities have arrested four suspects apparently linked to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network over the car bombings. Asked whether the four men in custody belonged to al-Qaida, Nayef said, "All indications point to that."

Nayef's comments were the strongest sign yet that bin Laden's terrorists — who have carried out deadly strikes from Nairobi, Kenya, to New York — may have played a part in the bombings in the Saudi capital.

But Prince Bandar, who is known for handling some of his country's most delicate diplomatic tasks, told reporters after returning to Saudi Arabia from Washington that Saudi authorities had obtained information during recent months that al-Qaida had been wracked by internal divisions.

Saudi officials believed that al-Qaida leaders were so split that they didn't want to risk carrying out any attacks in Saudi Arabia, which is bin Laden's birthplace, in order to maintain their intellectual base within the Gulf kingdom.

"[But] they have mended their differences and decided to come out," said Prince Bandar, who is known for his close relations with

the U.S. administration.

The prince downplayed press reports that officers within the Saudi National Guard had supplied a 19-member al-Qaida terrorist cell with a recently seized cache of guns and explosives.

He said the weapons and explosives had instead fallen into the terrorist cell's hands after being brought into Saudi Arabia from neighboring Yemen, another hotbed of Islamic fundamentalism.

The Saudi government had said the 19 were believed to be receiving orders directly from bin Laden and had been planning to use the seized weapons to attack the Saudi royal family and American and British interests.

Prince Bandar said the 19 men are believed to have been "the major cell in Saudi Arabia [aiming] to do bad things." Two of the cell were believed to be very senior al-Qaida members because their names kept popping, including in February during the Islamic pilgrimage — or hajj — to Saudi Arabia when a heightened terror security alert was posted in the kingdom.

A U.S. official said Saudi investigators were "being totally cooperative." Both sides have been saying they expect better coordination compared to the investigation into the Khobar Towers bombings, when U.S. officials complained about being denied access to evidence, witnesses and suspects.

More than 60 FBI and other U.S. investigators are assisting Saudi authorities with the probe into Monday's attacks.

"We're getting real and good cooperation," the U.S. official in Riyadh said Monday. He said reports that Saudi authorities were obstructing the investigation were "100 percent false."

Republicans push to finish reduced tax cut before Memorial Day

► Concerned about record deficits GOP refuses to cut taxes more than \$350 billion

By MARY DALRYMPLE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Republicans in Congress plan to finalize a \$400 billion package of tax cuts and spending before Memorial Day, delivering just over half the economic stimulus package that President Bush requested.

The White House wanted a \$726 billion tax cut to jump-start anemic economic growth, but GOP moderates concerned about record deficits refused to sign onto any bill cutting taxes more than \$350 billion over the coming decade.

A congressional official speaking on condition of anonymity said GOP leaders and tax writers, in a meeting Monday with President Bush at the White House, agreed to assemble a bill that cuts taxes \$350 billion through the coming decade and spends roughly an additional \$50 billion on state aid and child tax credit refunds.

The plan tentatively includes House and Senate ideas for tax cuts on investment income, combining a temporary suspension of taxes on dividends with a tax cut on capital gains.

The Senate voted last week to cut taxes on dividends in half in 2003 and suspend taxes on dividends in 2004, 2005 and 2006. The House opted to cut the top rate on dividends and capital gains to 15 percent, down from the current top rates of 38.6 percent and 20

percent respectively.

Both policies responded to a White House request to give shareholders a tax break if a company had already paid taxes on income distributed as dividends.

The Senate's proposed tax increase on Americans working abroad would be dropped. Lawmakers had included the item to raise \$35 billion over a decade and offset the cost of some tax cuts, causing an outcry among business leaders.

The entire package would cost \$400 billion through 2013. Negotiators have until Friday to work out details and pass a final bill before Congress leaves for a week-long Memorial Day recess.

On top of \$350 billion in tax cuts, the plan calls for spending \$20 billion on state aid over the next 18 months and setting aside nearly \$30 billion to increase the \$600 child tax credit to \$1,000. Both items count as spending, not tax cuts, under congressional budget procedures. Republican aides said the items do not count toward the promise made to GOP moderates to hold this year's tax legislation to \$350 billion.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., would not comment on the meeting but said it's not impossible for tax writers to forge a compromise this week. "All things are possible," he said.

House leaders dropped a plan that would have sent an amended tax cut back to the Senate for another round of debate, which would have opened the legislation up to additional amendments.

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Women finish sixth at Pac-10s

Women's Crew

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. — The 16th-ranked Oregon State women's varsity eight finished sixth at the Pac-10 Conference Rowing Championships Sunday on Lake Natoma, finishing its 2,000-meter sprint in six minutes, 44.2 seconds.

The junior varsity eight finished fifth and the novice eight and varsity four placed fourth.

In the varsity eight race, OSU was neck-and-neck with USC in a battle for fourth over the middle 1,000 meters, but OSU was unable to answer moves by USC and California over the final 500 and fell to sixth.

"Our boats had an all-around good effort today," OSU coach Charlie Owen said. "The varsity eight gave a good effort, but just couldn't keep up with the competition, even though they rowed one of their strongest races. Obviously, we would have liked to finish higher."

Stanford ended Washington's streak of 11 consecutive Pac-10 varsity eight championships, edging the Huskies by 4.4 seconds in 6:30.3.

In the novice eight final, OSU was within three seats of Washington in a struggle for third over the final 1,000 meters, at the same time holding off Washington State. The Beavers' time of 6:57.2 was 0.8 seconds behind UW and 3.1 better than WSU. UCLA won in 6:51.7.

OSU's JV eight was third after 1,000 meters, but slid to fifth with a time of 6:50.2. Cal won in

6:42.5.

Owen said, "The JV hadn't shown a lot of speed this year, so for them to come into a championship race and row in a tight field was a good performance."

The varsity four was fourth in 7:45.8.

OSU now awaits word of its postseason fate, as the NCAA announces the field for the 16-team NCAA Championships on May 20.

Men's Crew

The No. 8 Oregon State men's varsity eight sprinted to third place at the Pac-10 Championships Sunday afternoon on Lake Natoma, finishing its 2,000-meter race in five minutes, 52.6 seconds.

OSU's novice eight captured second place, the junior varsity fourth and the varsity four was fifth.

In the varsity eight race, OSU trailed Stanford by a few seats in the battle for third place heading into the final 500 meters, but made a move in the sprint to edge the Cardinals by 0.8 seconds. The Beavers finished 7.5 seconds behind first-place Washington, which upset No. 1 California by 2.4 seconds.

The varsity four finished in 7:10.0 to place fifth, with Cal claiming the win in 6:43.7.

Up next for the Beavers are the Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championships, held May 29-June 1 in Camden, N.J. on the Cooper River.

Gjurgeovich: Tim Duncan versus no defense Dallas

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court.

Steve Nash and Michael Finley are some of the best in the NBA at their positions, with Nash being the ultimate point guard — one who can kill you passing the ball, taking it to the rim or shooting it. Finley's shooting is about as consistent as Robert Horry's, but when he gets hot he is as dangerous as they come.

At the three, Raja Bell and Bruce Bowen should cancel each other out nicely, with their stingy defense likely negating the other's occasional offensive game. The Mavs will need to focus on keeping Bowen out of the corner, where his 3-point shot is deadly. Bell will need to play with the confidence he had in the latter part of the Kings series, as he will likely be the open man should San Antonio choose to double team anyone.

The battle at center may not have Shaq-like circumstances, but it very well could be the X-factor in the series. David Robinson and Raef LaFrentz will be battling for every offensive board they can get their paws on, while at the same time trying to pitch in ten or so points toward the cause. This series could be Mr. Robinson's Swan Song if Raef starts feeling it from behind the 3-point arch.

The Tim Duncan and Dirk

Nowitzki clash should be one for the ages. Both guys have tremendous inside presence and both have mastered the lost art of the midrange jumper. Both are stellar dribbler/drivers and both can easily take over a game at will. The difference between them is that Duncan knows how to play defense, which is something Nowitzki may be learning the hard way over this series. Nowitzki's best chance at making his mark in his first conference final may be to outscore Duncan to negate his points, something that Dirk is certainly capable of, but less likely to do against a first team, all-defensive player in Duncan.

Off the bench, both teams are stacked, which is a classic characteristic of a playoff survivor. The Maverick's ace in their sleeve this season has been Nick Van Exel, who has come into his own throughout the playoffs — ballin' out of control like the superstar he always thought he could be. Having Van Exel is like having a sixth starter, whose legs are always fresh and whose jumper is always ready to pop. Helping Nick off the Dallas pine will be Eduardo Najera, whose hustling style is tailor-made for the playoffs and the Wizard, Walt Williams, whose big threes helped bounce a Webber-less

Sacramento out of the postseason.

For San Antonio, Manu Ginobili and Speedy Claxton will hope to carry their Laker-killing game into the Dallas series, along with veteran muscle Kevin Willis and Malik Rose. While the Mavericks may have the gigantic Shawn Bradley, Willis and Rose will use their big bodies to keep the rebounds out of the Maverick's hands and into Tim Duncan's.

So, now that we've thought about it, both of these teams seem to be pretty well matched up, which means that the old "position-by-position breakdown" has indeed failed us. The game, however, is played on hardwood, not paper, a place where that extra psychological advantage always seems to push a team over the top.

Again, however, this is where both the Spurs and Mavs are again pretty evenly matched, seeing that the Mavs have survived two seven-game sagas already this postseason and that the Spurs have knocked out the mighty Lakers. It appears as if the games alone will have to decide who gets to humor the Eastern Conference for a week or so and take home the NBA title.

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Larsen: A coach and her team — a moving story

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standouts given sticks, or "crosses" as they're called, there are actually 26 Oregon schools with lacrosse programs. Back in 1995, when 77 high-schoolers played lacrosse, it was easy to ignore. But this is 2003 and 1,200 people can't be wrong!

I'm a bit more jaded than that though. It took more than a bunch of teenagers with dip nets to convince me that lacrosse is the best thing since Papa John's customer appreciation week.

Enter SportsCenter and a great story about the Loyola, Maryland women's lacrosse team. This season their head coach Diane Geppi-Aikens has traveled game-time sidelines by wheelchair — the result of an inoperable tumor that's invading her brain stem. With the use of her good right arm, Geppi-Aikens zipped around, turning her motorized wheelchair with all the grace of Fred Astaire to follow her team's play.

And Geppi-Aikens is a great coach. She has led her Loyola team to the NCAA final four seven times while running a program that has built a tradition of winning while having fun. Her teams enjoy themselves during practices and seem to have taken on her spirited sense of humor.

When you're the focal point of a story that is making strangers around the country cry, you need that sense of humor. You see, at some point, Geppi-Aikens will leave behind the 38 women she coached, along with her husband and four children. At some point, the folks at Loyola won't see her zooming along in her wheelchair, going to practices.

But "at some point" hasn't come yet. Diane Geppi-Aikens is tough. She knows a little something about perseverance. In a team meeting she relayed a story about a day when she slipped from her walker while at home. She had to drag her body across her house to get to a phone — becoming so dehydrated in the process that she stopped at her cat's dish for a drink so she could go on.

She made it to the phone.

Her team made T-shirts with "persevere" on the front and "meow" on the back to remind them of what true determination is. Their coach never quit despite all her trials, how could they ever let her down during something as trivial as a lacrosse game?

In the 15 minutes I spent with the Loyola women's lacrosse team Monday morning, I

became a fan. I had never met them, never heard their names before, but after 15 minutes, I wanted Loyola to go all the way, to take the NCAA lacrosse championship.

They lost to Princeton 5-3 in the semifinals. I was crushed. True, my only connection to Loyola was a feature on SportsCenter, but Diane Geppi-Aikens represents what I love about sports. There are some things worth fighting for. While another "W" in the record hardly holds any significance in the great scheme of life, I wanted the Loyola family to experience the reward for their hard work. Most of all, I wanted to believe that there really is a reward for hard work and perseverance.

Unfortunately, storybook endings seldom stray from the pages and onto real life. But as I watched the girls embrace their coach, all the while in tears, I found one more thing to love about lacrosse. These girls (ahem, women) are beautiful. And while I was encouraged by the sight of athletic girls in tight shorts that actually don't tower over me, that's not quite the beautiful I'm shooting for here.

I'm sure they wanted to win for themselves, but they honestly wanted to win it for their coach. That kind of selfless dedication is a beautiful thing. Sure, it's an old cliché, "win one for the Gipper," but these girls were fighting for something more than their coach's professional pride. This wasn't sentiment for Karl Malone to win a championship because he's due. Diane Geppi-Aikens isn't due to win one and in theory, Loyola didn't deserve to win this year's national champions anymore than Princeton.

Simply put, it just would have been nice if they won. But they didn't and the lacrosse season is over. My lacrosse madness will have gone the way of the dodo by the time you read this, probably replaced by a bad case of "Ichiromania," maybe even "Hulkamania."

But in the back of my mind and somewhere in my prayers, I'll still be rooting for Diane Geppi-Aikens. She didn't win it this year, but she has her son's graduation to make it to. And hopefully life will grant her the phrase that we all take for granted. Hopefully, after her loss, she thought, "There's always next year."

Next year's another cat bowl to crawl to. Meow, baby.

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Beavers take game three versus Arizona Monday

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

TUCSON, Ariz. — Oregon State finished its conference portion of the schedule with a 13-12 win over No. 20 Arizona in Pac-10 baseball Monday afternoon at Frank Sancet Field. The Beavers used a five-run eighth inning to regain the lead after the Wildcats scored seven runs in the seventh inning to erase an 8-2 Oregon State advantage.

Oregon State (23-28, 7-17) closes out the season Wednesday in Goss Stadium at Coleman Field against Portland. The teams will complete a suspended game and follow that with a game that was rained out earlier this season.

The Beavers used clutch hitting and battled with Arizona (35-18, 13-8) relief pitchers during the eighth-inning comeback. After working the count full, Tony Calderon fouled off five pitches before doubling to right center to score Aaron Mathews and Seth Pietsch and give Oregon State a 10-9 lead. After a Paul Richie single, Brad Mellinger fouled off several 0-2 pitches and grounded out, scoring Calderon.

"I was just trying not to give in," Calderon said

about the at-bat. "It was a tough battle especially with my shoulder hurting [which he injured diving for a ball during Saturday's game]. I was taking a more defensive approach and was just hoping he'd throw me something over the middle of the plate. He messed up and I took advantage of it."

Jacoby Ellsbury, who was 3-for-4 on the day and extended his hitting streak to 12 games, singled to plate Richie. The Beavers scored their final run on a fielding error.

The Wildcats cut the lead down to two in their half of the eighth when Lee Franklin tripled and scored on a ground out and Dallas Haught homered off Noel Clark. Jared Sanders relieved Clark and got his second batter to fly out.

Nathan Pendley worked the ninth and earned his first save of the year. A John Hardy RBI single closed the gap to 13-12, but the game ended during Joe Frazier's at-bat when Hardy was thrown out by OSU reserve catcher Ian McMullen while attempting to steal second base on a 2-2 pitch.

Clark, who has missed almost two years of action with elbow problems, earned the win in his first

decision at Oregon State by ending the Wildcats seven-run inning. After two wild pitches put a runner at third base, Clark forced his only batter in the inning, Chris Frey, to fly out to center field for the third out.

Oregon State starter Stephen Copeland lasted six 1/3 innings and gave up nine hits, six runs, walked one and struck out five while throwing 90 pitches. In his first six innings, Copeland struck out five, walked none and allowed two runs off six hits.

The Beavers gave Copeland early support. Ellsbury led off the game with a hit — the fifth straight game he has done that — and Chris Kunda and Pietsch walked to load the bases. Aaron Mathews doubled with two outs, clearing the bases and giving OSU a 3-0 lead — its first lead of the three-game series. In the sixth inning, OSU scored five unearned runs, capped by Pietsch's two-run homer to go up 8-1.

With the victory, Oregon State avoided being swept, something that has not happened often to the Beavers in Pac-10 play despite a 7-17 conference record.

Brian Gjurjevich



Break it down

Alright, so Kobe didn't get to take one step closer to being more like Mike.

And Shaq won't be able to yell, "Can you dig it?" again in front of thousands of people who are supposed to be at work. Oh, and yeah, Phil Jackson didn't get to best Red Auerbach while the old man was still vertical, rubbing that record-setting tenth title right in the geezer's face.

Other than that, everyone else — especially those living in or near Sacramento, Portland or San Antonio — had their prayers answered when the Spurs pimp-slapped the Champs right off their gilded perch, giving those who remain a shot, taking the title out of the clutches of the now-humbled Lakers.

So, now that the Lake Show has been cancelled for the season, we know for certain that the NBA Championship trophy will be moving after a three-year cameo in L.A. Its next destination isn't certain just yet, but chances are that it will probably be somewhere deep in the heart of Texas. Now, that's not to say that the Eastern Conference doesn't have a chance (yes it does), but it's easy to see that what's left of the West is slightly tougher than what's left in the East (and by slightly, I mean a lot).

An interesting thing about this somewhat unlikely final four is that each of the teams were, in fact, the top two in victories in the East and West during the regular season. The difference being that the Spurs and Mavericks won a combined 120 games, while the Nets and Pistons won only 99 combined contests.

So yeah, scrap the East, let's just focus out West. Now, mathematics alone, simple wins and losses, could never tell you exactly who will win a series. The only thing that accomplishes that task is, of course, the position-by-position breakdown! That's right, something even Tim Duncan can get pumped about!

The Mavericks/Spurs guard matchups should provide for enough excitement to make up for Duncan's game and then some. The Spurs Tony Parker, who now officially hails from Freedom, plays with instincts of a guy twice his age and has proven he can penetrate to the hoop when asked. He will need teammate and LeBron James look-alike, Steven Jackson, to step up his defense if they expect to handle the loaded Mavericks back-

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Eric Larsen

An inspiring sports story

I've come down with a case of lacrosse madness. Monday morning I heard more about the sport in 45 minutes than I'd heard in the last decade. Sure, I've seen the guys walking around campus with those funny sticks, but until now, I thought they were going off to clean the pool at Dixon. Back in Astoria, I would have asked them how their fishing trip went.

But surprise, surprise, people actually play lacrosse here. An article in Monday's Oregonian pointed out that Oregon is becoming a pipeline for East Coast lacrosse recruiting. While some of the top recruits are high school soccer

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Boxing to help the community

► Owner Dan Dunn has been an avid supporter of area youth

By ALEX CLOSE
BAROMETER SPORTS WRITER

Editor's Note: Today's article is the fourth in a six-part series that will examine boxing at Albany's Victory Gym.

When Dan Dunn was growing up in Eugene, attending Willamette High School, he tended to get into trouble. It wasn't until he joined the school boxing club that he learned control.

"Boxing taught me how to control a situation rather than lose control," he said.

After high school, Dunn joined the Army. He was stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C. and boxed for the camp team. Throughout his military career he boxed. It wasn't until he was stationed in Guam that he made strides past boxing.

A ranking officer asked Dunn to help him teach a course in combat-ives. Well who should show up on base but SEAL Team 5. Through the experience Dunn learned Jiu-Jitsu and knife fighting techniques.

After the military he earned a degree in accounting from a small private college and then joined the Coast Guard. There he was introduced to kickboxing. Throughout his 7-year term in the Coast Guard he competed in about 20 kickboxing matches.

He also began training hard in Jiu-Jitsu. For four years he trained with Ralph Gracie. Dunn was ready to go pro.

It was then that he met Jessica, his future wife.

"I was faced with the decision of going pro or getting married. We got married on July 4, 1995," Dunn says with a smile.

The couple opened Willamette Kickboxing in September of 1999 in Corvallis.

"We were on 9th street, right across from Wendy's," Dunn says. It wasn't long before they moved to a new location, underneath the now defunct Book Bin.

"We called it the basement, because it had that dungeon, underground feel to it," said Jessica.

The couple didn't find a lot of success in Corvallis. It seemed that there just weren't enough "tough" kids in Corvallis.

"I couldn't get them to spar. They were scared and only doing it for the fitness," said Dunn.

When the former tenant of the current Victory Gym got locked out for not paying his bills, the Dunns jumped at the opportunity.

"Albany is a little more intense," Dunn said. The community has embraced the Dunns and their gym.



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Daniel Dunn, a coach at Victory Gym in Albany, secures a boxer's head gear before a recent sparring session.

As Dunn puts it, "the community grabs on."

Currently, Albany School district is looking into doing alternate PE classes in conjunction with Victory. What makes Dan and Jessica Dunn so amazing is that they are doing this for the kids.

"In four years not one penny from this place has gone into my pocket," Dunn says. He pays the bills and if there's anything left over he puts it back into the gym.

Currently the Dunns are donating time on Friday's for the McFarland Farm school to bus kids out to the gym for an alternate PE class. Corvallis High School is also in the process of getting a boxing club.

"Boxing attracts kids that want to be tough," Dunn says, "but it teaches them to control their temper."

Because of that attraction, Dunn deals with a lot of troubled kids.

"We deal with the meth [amphetamine] problem in this area first hand," Jessica said.

The couple has seen so many kids affected by methamphetamines that they are putting on a fundraiser to help the situation.

"The YES house is the only after-care facility in the area and they only have 12 beds for adolescents," complains Dunn. What would a fighter like Dunn do about something like that?

On August 15-16 he's putting on the

Tournament of Champions at West Albany High School. He is donating his time and the event for free. He hopes to raise enough money to build another aftercare facility for adolescents or to add on to the YES house.

"It's all about the kids," Dunn says. When asked if he has any kids of his own he said he has 145 right here.

In a state full of educational budget cuts and slashed PE programs and sports teams, people like Dan and Jessica Dunn are far and few between. Like Dunn said "If we don't take care of the kids, who's going to take care of us when we're old?"

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