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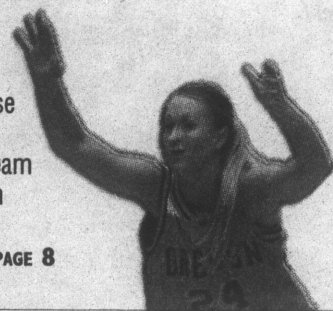
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Freshman Mandy Close and the rest of OSU's women's basketball team are on the road at San Jose State

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Reports of campus sexual assault on the rise

► The ability to anonymously report the crimes may be cause for sudden increase in reported incidents

By **SHELLENE CLENDENIN**
BAROMETER CITY EDITOR

Thirty-one women last year reported forcible sexual assault on or near OSU campus — nearly three times more than the year before, and 10 times more than in 1999, according to statistics compiled at the OSU Department of Public Safety.

That does not necessarily mean there are

more sexual assaults occurring on campus, said Julie Barnhart, crime statistics analyst with OSU. That could just mean that more people are reporting the assaults, and reports aren't always filed the year the incidents occur, officials say.

"Personally, I think it's because many of these things are being reported anonymously," Barnhart said. Ten assaults were reported in 2000, while in 1999, three were reported.

In the 31 cases reported in 2001, all forcible sexual assaults were perpetrated on women by men, and all reported offenses fell under the category of acquaintance rape. Of that number, 25 involved the use of alcohol by one or both

parties involved in the incident, she said.

The ability to anonymously report sexual assault has been available to the campus community for a little more than five years, said Robin Keillor, formerly the SASS coordinator and now staff psychologist and assistant professor at Pacific University.

The figures are compiled by several departments in Corvallis, including the Corvallis Police Department, OSU Conduct and Mediation, University Counseling and Psychological Services, Greek Life, Residential Life and Sexual Assault Support Services.

Crime analyst Barnhart then breaks the numbers down and categorizes them. The

information provided by the alleged victim is kept private.

Specificity in information within the anonymous reports is key to compiling accurate statistical information, such as whether a particular assault occurred within a residence or on a city street.

Almost half of the 2001 reports stated the places where the assault occurred were on or near public property, an area that encompasses student residences within one block of the campus. This includes off-campus buildings such as fraternities and sororities.

"They need to be as specific as absolutely pos-

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Weatherford Hall to receive a facelift — inside and out

► Renovation of the OSU landmark to be completed within a two year time period

By **AARON CHAPPELL**
BAROMETER FREELANCE WRITER

A popular, yet sometimes forgotten landmark at the intersection of Jefferson Way and 26th Street is undergoing major renovations. These changes will restore the university's largest residence hall in history to a once again usable condition.

Weatherford Hall, well-known for its dark windows, fenced-off grounds and run-down appearance, was closed in 1994 due to unsafe living conditions stemming from lack of funds for upkeep. Prior to that year, the hall was home to 334 students — after the renovation is complete, accommodations for 280 students and staff will be available.

The project began with a new roof in 2001. Since then, University and Housing Dining Services has concentrated on design work and program development for the hall.

Currently, the project is set to cost roughly \$16.4 million. From this amount, \$14 million will be paid for by UHDS.

An additional \$5.2 million from private gifts and donations will cover the remaining \$2.4 million of the overall project, bond prepay-

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The historic and currently vacant Weatherford Hall will be getting a two-year sixteen-million dollar facelift and remodel making room for 280 student and staff as soon as funds have been raised to start construction.

Study: suicide, holidays not connected

► Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college-aged youth

By **CERESSA CRAWFORD**
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

For many, the holiday season is a time of laughter and joy — however, there are those who find the experience less pleasant.

Conflicting opinions abound of whether there is a correlation between suicide and the holidays.

Some claim suicides increase around holidays due to conflict among relatives, and sometimes depression stemming from loneliness is considered the culprit.

"People think that suicides are linked with holidays because they are linked with a specific time of year and they are better remembered," said Sgt. Phil Zerzan, with the Oregon State Police.

But a study by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention found that the correlation between successful suicides and the holidays is a myth perpetuated by the media.

They found that 66 percent of articles written during the season link suicide with the holidays.

Further studies surrounding holidays and depression came to different conclusions.

A study published in the journal, "Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior," discovered two distinct groups of holidays that have emotional effects on people.

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Marketing seeks to change the Oregon State University logo

► Half of respondents to an online poll said they'd rather keep the symbol the way it is

By **BRENT DREHER**
BAROMETER STAFF WRITER

It's a manhole cover, it's a fingerprint, it's a maze — it's OSU's logo.

Whatever it means to you, the search for the university's new logo is rapidly approaching a conclusion. A new look could be in place as soon as January.

Jill Schuster, director of marketing at OSU, said the need for a new logo has been around for a while. But months of budget cuts and less-than-satisfactory suggestions have left officials ready for change.

"We want a symbol that promotes new things, and lets you engage in future thoughts," Schuster said.

The main concern with the current logo is its connotations, she said. "People see negative things — some people even visualize a maze," she said, "We

don't want a large number of people seeing negative things."

While nicknames such as the 'manhole cover' and 'fingerprint' have been used to describe the existing logo, a great deal of students on campus still identify with it.

Half of the on-campus respondents to a marketing poll said they wanted to keep the original logo rather than choose a new one.

This trend changed off campus, according to Schuster, where a larger number of people polled chose a new symbol over the existing one.

The university's marketing department offered a website where students could vote on various design choices for the new logo. The survey, available at <http://oregonstate.edu/events/headlines/02/logoInput.html>, has had a sizable turnout from online voters, but not quite enough to make a dent in the university's student population.

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WORLD

Iraqi boat exchanges gunfire with Kuwaiti coast guard

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — An Iraqi vessel traded gunfire with two Kuwaiti coast guard patrols Tuesday in northern Kuwaiti waters, an offshore region that has been tense since the 1991 Persian Gulf war.

Nobody was wounded in the exchange of fire near the tiny island of Warba, but one Kuwaiti crewman was hurt slightly when the coast guard speedboats collided, a Kuwaiti Interior Ministry statement said.

There was no immediate word from Iraq on the incident near the island, which is separated from the Iraqi mainland by a narrow channel.

The coast guard patrol was "caught by surprise" by the 10 a.m. attack, but returned fire until the small Iraqi boat retreated, an Interior Ministry official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Such incidents along the Kuwait-Iraq border are not unheard of since the Gulf War, but few have been reported in recent years.

In 1997, Kuwait accused Iraq of opening fire on more than one occasion, including shooting at a border watchtower under construction and at three coast guard boats.

Baghdad, meanwhile, has complained several times to the United Nations that Kuwaitis have attacked Iraqi boats.

The Kuwaiti Interior Ministry official said no extra precautions were being taken after Tuesday's incident.

Ties between Kuwait and Iraq have been severed since 1991, when a U.S.-led coalition liberated this small, oil-rich state from a seven-month Iraqi occupation. The closed border between the two countries is monitored by the U.N. Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission, or UNIKOM. Spokesman Daljeet Bagga said the observers were investigating the report.

China will unveil world's fastest train on New Year's

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Chinese and German engineers are rushing to prepare the world's first commercial magnetic levitation train, capable of speeds of around 250 mph, for a debut run some time around New Year's Day.

The futuristic German-made "maglev" train has begun trial runs on its 19-mile-long track in Shanghai, Shi Qiong, a spokeswoman for the Shanghai Maglev Transportation Corp, said Tuesday.

The \$1 billion train connects the 3-year-old Pudong International Airport with the city's new Pudong financial district. It would be able to cover the distance to the airport in seven minutes, compared to a half hour by taxi.

Maglev can attain speeds far faster than any conventional passenger train because it floats in the air, held inches above its rails by powerful magnets.

Other potential customers have been put off by maglev's high price and daunting technical challenges, but China's largest, richest city seems to hope that having the first will add to its image as a high-tech hub.

Critics say the project will never pay for itself, in part because customers will balk at its reported one-way ticket price of \$6.25.

Shi and other officials refused to disclose details of the trial runs. But the government-run Xinhua News Agency said the train had reached a speed of 250 mph in a test run last week, nearing its design speed of 260 mph.

By contrast, bullet trains such as France's TGV, Germany's ICE and Japan's Shinkansen top speeds of about 160 mph.

Shi said last-minute adjustments are still being made to the track, built by Chinese contractors in just a year and a half. The exact date of the unveiling will depend on the tests now underway.

"Time is not the most important thing. We have to guarantee 100 percent safety and quality," Shi said.

State planners will also be watching the train in considering whether to use the new technology in larger projects, such as a planned high-speed rail link between Shanghai and Beijing.

NATION

Thanksgiving airport seizures include over 15,000 knives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some passengers still haven't gotten the word about what they can and can't take on planes. Seized at airports during the Thanksgiving crush: 15,982 pocket knives, 98 boxcutters, six guns and a brick.

Still, transportation officials said the airport chaos predicted by many never occurred. Passengers waited less than 10 minutes on average at security checkpoints during the first holiday travel season since an all-federal work force took over screening.

Michael Wascom, spokesman for a group representing the major airlines, said operations were generally smooth even with bad weather in some places. "Passengers moved efficiently through the airports, and customer service standards were upheld," said Wascom, spokesman for the Air Transport Association.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, the government has tightened restrictions on what can be taken on board a plane.

Robert Johnson, spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration, said many holiday travelers are inexperienced fliers and don't realize they can't take knives, scissors, fireworks or ammunition onto planes. If they try to, the prohibited items will be confiscated. Passengers also could be prosecuted, a decision made by law enforcement officials depending on the item and the circumstances.

Between Tuesday and Sunday, six people who tried to carry guns onto planes were arrested.

"We find the gun, we turn the passenger over to law enforcement at the checkpoint," said Johnson. Charges vary, but most often they're a violation on possession of a prohibited weapon, Johnson said.

"You're not allowed to have a gun at the airport without a permit," he said.

The TSA says that at the 38 busiest U.S. airports over the Thanksgiving holiday, 1,072 clubs or bats were confiscated, 3,242 banned tools and 2,384 flammable items, including a welding gun in Boise, Idaho. Another 20,581 sharp objects — such as scissors, ice picks and meat cleavers — also were stopped at the checkpoints. Someone tried to bring a toy cannon made of live ammunition onto a plane at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

A man tried to carry a brick onto a plane at Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington.

"I don't know why he would carry a brick," Johnson said.

Though TSA can't make year-to-year comparisons because the data collection method has changed, the six guns taken from 38 airports in six days compare with 813 firearms taken from 429 airports in the eight months from February to September.

The prohibited items are turned over to local police, where they're either kept as evidence or thrown away, Johnson said.

STATE

Madras under scrutiny for refusal of migrant program

MADRAS (AP) — Federal officials are investigating whether the city discriminated when it denied a permit for a Head Start facility for the children of migrant workers.

The federal government could ask Madras to return millions of dollars in grants and loans if it finds the city violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964, said Jill Davis, civil rights director for the U.S. Agriculture Department's rural development branch in Oregon.

All cities that receive federal grants, loans or other funding must comply with federal civil rights law. Madras has received about \$14 million in federal money over the years, including funding for its wastewater treatment plant.

The Oregon Child Development Coalition proposed the \$1.8 million early childhood education facility last January for up to 100 children of migrant, seasonal agricultural workers.

Madras already has a Migrant Head Start, but the OCDC said the community needed a larger center in a city where the Hispanic population grew 146 percent between 1990 and 2000.

In November 2001, the Madras Planning Commission approved a permit for the center, but 15 community members appealed and said that the facility wouldn't comply with city zoning laws.

Last January, opponents argued at a city council meeting that declining numbers of migrant workers in Madras didn't justify an expanded facility. The

city council held a new hearing on the application and voted 5-1 to overturn the commission's approval.

The council's decision was not based on discrimination, said Madras City Administrator Steve Bogart.

"I am comfortable personally that the city council members made their decision based on their interpretation of their land use ordinance," he said.

"My take is that there is a problem, because there is an appearance of possible violation of Title VI," said Davis, who added that her department would pull federal funding only as a last resort.

UNIVERSITIES

Student body president at EWU arrested in shooting

CHENEY, Wash. (AP) — The student body president of Eastern Washington University has been arrested for investigation of committing a drive-by shooting while driving under the influence, Cheney police said.

Dan J. Clark, 21, was arrested early Thanksgiving morning, made bail and was released, Police Chief Greg Lopes said Monday. No one was injured in the shooting incident.

"He is, as of today, not the student body president," Stefanie Pettit, Eastern's spokeswoman, said Monday evening.

Clark could not immediately be reached for comment.

As president, Clark was the chief officer and spokesman for the Associated Students of Eastern Washington University Council. He attended board of trustees meetings and was a member of Eastern President Stephen Jordan's cabinet.

Clark has a concealed weapon permit, Lopes said.

The shooting occurred around 3:44 a.m. Thursday about five blocks from campus, in front of a residence, Lopes said.

Witnesses told police at least one shot was fired from a car toward a crowd of people in front of the home.

"Nobody was struck and right now the witnesses are telling us the weapon was pointed in their direction," Lopes said.

The shooting came after at least three earlier physical confrontations Clark had with other individuals at a party that began Wednesday, Lopes said.

Citing federal privacy laws, university officials provided few details about Clark.

Pettit could not comment about whether Clark has been subjected to university disciplinary measures.

A profile of Clark printed by the Eastern student newspaper last spring said he was from Naselle in southwestern Washington. He became a member of Sigma Nu fraternity at Eastern and joined ROTC. Clark was also an Eagle Ambassador who gave tours of the campus to prospective students.

In 2001, he was named Mr. Eastern for Homecoming, according to the article.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

Events

Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry, 10:30-11, MU Quad. Write to Bush! Here's your chance to speak out if you oppose a US invasion of Iraq - We'll supply your postcards and stamps. Sign a card or write your own.

ASOSU, 10-2pm, MU Quad, and Rm. 209. Aids Awareness booth in quad, information and free condoms. Free AIDS testing in MU.

OSU Ballroom Dance Club, 8-10pm, Women's Bldg 116. OSU Ballroom Dance Club practice. Everyone welcome, it's free!

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:15pm, Luther House 211 NW 23rd St. Evening prayer with communion.

Episcopal Young Adult Group, 5pm, St. Anselm. Christian Dinner and Fellowship.

Meetings

Fishing Club, 7:30pm, MU 212. Last meeting of the term.

Pre-Vet Club, 7pm, Magruder 102. White elephant, bring a gift, this is not a required meeting but there will be free food and if interested various study groups are being formed.

United Campus Ministry, noon, 101 NW 23rd St. Westminster House. University Learning Community. Bring your own lunch and join us for conversation centered on A New Christianity for a New World by Bishop John Shelby Spong. All are welcome.

Greek Life, 9pm, Kappa Alpha Theta. Bible study prayer and worship for Greek Community open to everybody.

Extreme Campus Ministry, 8:00am, MU 209. Start the day off right with Prayer and praise.

United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm, 101-NW 23rd St Westminster House. Student Gathering. Join us for a home cooked meal, a time of music fellowship, and an opportunity to connect God's presence with our daily lives.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

Meetings

Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry, 7pm, La Raza MU. Reflection on Advent and Christmas. Come for worship, discussion, camaraderie.

OSU Philosophy Club, 5:30pm, 203 Hovland Hall. Discussion, Movies, and events of Philosophical Merit Weekly. All are invited to attend.

WRENCH, 7pm, Women's Center. Wrench study group-currently discussing selections from Leslie Feinberg's Transgender Warriors.

College Democrats, 8pm, MU 207. General Meeting.

American Indian Science and Engineering Society, 5pm, Native American Longhouse. Weekly meetings. All are welcome.

Extreme Campus Ministries, 7:00pm, MU 206 or 208. Come join us for worship, fellowship and the study of God's word.

Events

ASOSU, 10-2pm, MU Quad. AIDS Awareness booth in quad, information and free condoms.

ASOSU, 7-10pm, MU Leadership Center. Philadelphia Movie.

Women in Black, 12-1pm, MU Lounge. We stand in silent vigil to protect war. Please wear black and join us.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

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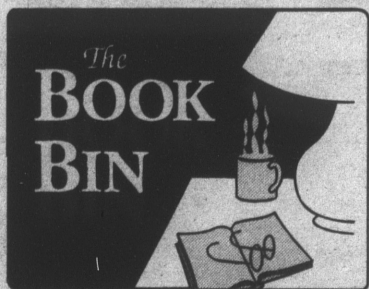
ASOSU, 10-2pm, MU Quad. AIDS Awareness booth in the quad, information and free condoms.

ASOSU, 7-11pm, Dixon. Latex games.

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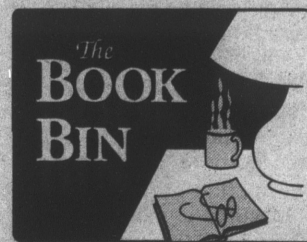
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Faculty Senate elections come to an end Thursday

► Open positions will be chosen by voting faculty members

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In the midst of looming budget crisis and evolving concepts of OSU 2007, faculty members are faced with electing new leaders.

The Faculty Senate acts as a governing body at the university, and represents the faculty in academic and administrative matters.

A new president, as well as executive

committee members and senators, will be decided in Thursday's 1 p.m. tally.

In the race for president are Paul Doescher, professor of rangeland resources, and Stella Melugin Coakley, professor of botany and plant pathology. Both cite state budget problems as an integral part of their platform, while Coakley also lists the Public Employee Retirement System issues as important.

The inter-institutional faculty senator position is sought by Mina Carson, associate professor of history, and Alana S. Jeydel, assistant professor of political science.

Carson listed the most important issue on her agenda as faculty salaries and benefits, calling them "the most important issues we face over the next two years — well, the next two decades," on the faculty senate website.

Jeydel's top two issues are attracting "quality teachers, researchers and personnel" through more competitive salaries, as well as attracting more minority faculty members.

The election, in which all OSU faculty may vote, will set a roster of the incumbents to take office in January of 2003.

Suicide: Some reports contradictory on cause of ninth-leading killer

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The first group, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are associated with low risk suicide before, after and during the holiday.

Independence Day, Labor Day and New Year's make up the second group. Like the previous three, there is a low risk of suicide before these holidays, but unlike them, there is a high risk after.

American Journal of Psychiatry printed a study that said day-by-day comparisons of the number of deaths by suicide revealed a much higher number of suicides on Jan. 1 than one week later, Jan. 8, and one week earlier, Dec. 25. There was little difference between the number of suicides on Dec. 25 and one week earlier, Dec. 18.

The study claims this is due to the broken-promise effect: people delay their plans of suicide over Christmas in hopes of finding relationship satisfaction, but

when the holidays fail to meet their expectations, they commit suicide upon immediate return to "reality."

However, statistics from the American Association of Suicidology show that the number of suicides is actually lowest in November and December, while peak months for suicide are May and June.

Dr. Bert H. Epstein, interim assistant director of clinical services for University Counseling and Psychological Services, said people with suicidal tendencies are more likely to commit suicide as their stress level increases.

"Whatever is happening at that point in a person's life, it will get worse because the level of stress goes up," he said.

Zerzan and Epstein agree that a holiday can cause as much stress as do finals and relationships.

People with suicidal tendencies have less energy in

the winter, Epstein said, which could be a reason for lower rates of suicides during those times.

However, come spring and summer, "people" with depression notice the difference between their energy and others' energy," he said, which could push people towards suicide.

Based on statistics from the National Mental Health Association, there are 30,000 suicides per year, making it the ninth leading cause of death in the United States. Suicide is more common than homicide.

The Suicide Crisis Center found that men make up 75 percent of all deaths by suicide, but women are more likely to attempt it.

A person commits suicide every 15 minutes, and an attempt is made every minute.

Suicide claims the lives of 5,000 people ages 15 to 24 each year, a rate that has

tripled since 1960, and is the second leading cause of death among college-aged youth.

The most common warning signs of depression and suicide are sadness and anxiety, feelings of guilt and hopelessness, trouble eating or sleeping, withdrawing from social activities, anger and substance abuse.

The National Health Association as well as Epstein said that the most important thing to remember when dealing with someone who is suicidal is to talk to them about it.

Ask direct questions about their thoughts of suicide, he said. "Find out what their specific plans are and do they have the means to carry it out."

Those feeling depressed can call UPCS at 737-2131.

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Weatherford: Will feature modern amenities, live-in faculty members

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ment of \$1.8 million and a support of business plan of \$1 million.

Weatherford renovation project coordinator Dan Larson and UHDS Director Tom Scheuermann tote the OSU Foundation's increased focus on fundraising for the project for its rise in donations. The business and engineering colleges have also teamed up to support the fundraising campaign.

Once all funding has been collected, construction will begin and is expected to be completed in two years.

SERA Architects, Inc. will oversee the architecture, while a construction contractor will be appointed when funding for the project is complete.

Asbestos treatment is scheduled to

begin in January, and seismic restoration will make up a major portion of the construction.

Currently, the building's strongest area is the tower, the only structure sustained by rebar reinforced concrete. The cafeteria located in Weatherford will be torn down, and a library and conference rooms will be added to the fifth floor.

"The intent of the project is to restore and preserve much of its original design, while adding a variety of modern amenities such as phone and cable lines," Larson said.

Faculty members will have offices and some will live in apartments in Weatherford as part of an interactive atmosphere between students and

staff.

When reopened, Weatherford is planned to be a business-oriented hall featuring an entrepreneurship program. Upperclassmen undergrads in business-related fields will be given precedence to live in the hall.

Exact costs for housing have not been determined, but are expected to be comparable to current university housing costs.

For more information on Weatherford, contact Larson at Dan.Larson@orst.edu, or Scheuermann at Tom.Scheuermann@orst.edu.

For tour information of Weatherford Hall, contact Eric Whalen at 713-5128.

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Logo: Intended to be a symbol of OSU's future, strength and diversity

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Currently, concept G, a curved bonding of the orange letters 'OSU' is leading by a strong margin in the online poll, with over 1,600 people participating.

Heather LeMay, a freshman in art, thought the current logo looked old, and was in favor of a more modern look.

Others, such as Alisha Wolfe, a former student at OSU, thought the administration should be focusing more on education than a logo. "I think the university needs to not worry about the logo as much as they need to

worry about the state of the school," she said.

Schuster says a fresh face for the university will stand as a symbol for future changes.

"The logo may not be the most significant work we have ahead of us with OSU 2007," Schuster said, "but it could be a symbol of the work people have done."

When the final logo is chosen, the university will begin to slowly phase out the existing one. As stationary, clothes, envelopes, and other items containing the current logo are consumed, the university will replace them with

counterparts bearing the new one.

The quest for a logo that promotes strength, order, purpose and stability has been a long one, and not without problems, Schuster said.

Mark McCambridge, vice president of finance and administration, said this search for the OSU logo has no specific university funding.

"No specific budget has been set aside for the logo," he said. "It's all been in-house work."

The project, which has been around for some time, originally paid a small

amount to a Portland-based design group to help construct and test design ideas.

Interviews with university constituents revealed a list of core attributes and strengths seen in the university: heritage, diversity, excellence, impact, momentum, community and a welcoming environment, designers said. Given these concepts, the fate of OSU's new logo was passed on to University Publications, in consultation with the graphic design faculty in the art department.

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Sexual assault: Proposed support group may help victims on campus

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sible," she said.

Bess Walsh, interim coordinator for the Sexual Assault Support Service, said sexual assault victims are encouraged to report information, but it is not mandatory. They are hoping to begin a sexual assault support group next term.

"[Support groups] can be helpful for individuals so they don't feel they are so alone," she said, "it can empower them."

OSU Director of Student Conduct and

Mediation Services Bill Oye feels that a greater impact on prevention is key to lowering the occurrence of sexual assault on campus.

"This is a reality in our community," he said.

Since alcohol is a factor in a majority of the assaults, Oye suggests that students use the buddy system at outings and try not to drink too much. He also suggested that students stay in a group and not get isolated.

"A little bit more sober is better than not being sober," he said.

Communication, he said, is key to prevention.

Words like "if," "when" and "how" should be part of any discussion about sexual encounters, and no one should go on a date and assume that sex will be a part of the evening, he said.

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EDITORIAL

Yeas & Nays

Yea to strippers at San Francisco's only unionized strip club picketing. "Two, four, six, eight, pay me more to gyrate" sounds like a great rallying cry to us.

Nay to Dead Week, possibly more aptly dubbed "Die Week." Please, please, give us just one more paper to write.

Yea to the Movie Review Club on campus. It's a club, they watch movies, could there be any greater aspirations than these?

Nay to this being the last Yeas & Nays of the calendar year. And on that note:

Yea to the end of the term and the beginning of Winter Break. A whole month with which to let our brains rot in a quagmire of Christmas movies, egg nog and fudge.

Nay to the majority of department store Santas being convicted criminals, or at least resembling them. We always knew Santa was a crook ...

Yea to seven Pac-10 teams going to bowl games now that the Seattle Bowl and Silicon Valley Bowl have secured financial backers.

Nay to one of Enron's 'tilted E' stainless steel logos selling at auction for over 10 grand. It's just more proof that corporate corruption sells.

Yea to onions.

Nay to Michael Jackson for naming both of his kids Prince Michael. At least he hasn't given them nose jobs ... yet.

Yea to AIDS Awareness Week. We can all use a little more awareness in the headlines.

Nay to Bush proposing more studies of global warming. As we have all learned (hopefully) from school, studying is great but there comes a time when the paper must be written.

Yea to the Beavers going to a bowl game, even though we don't know where it will be yet. Too bad we can't take the home game chainsaw sound effect with us.

Nay to the lack of snow on the mountains. Like the old proverb says: "When it rains it pours, but when the snow is fake it sucks."

Yea to coffee for making it possible to study for 20 hours per day.

Nay to coffee for making it impossible to sleep for the other four.

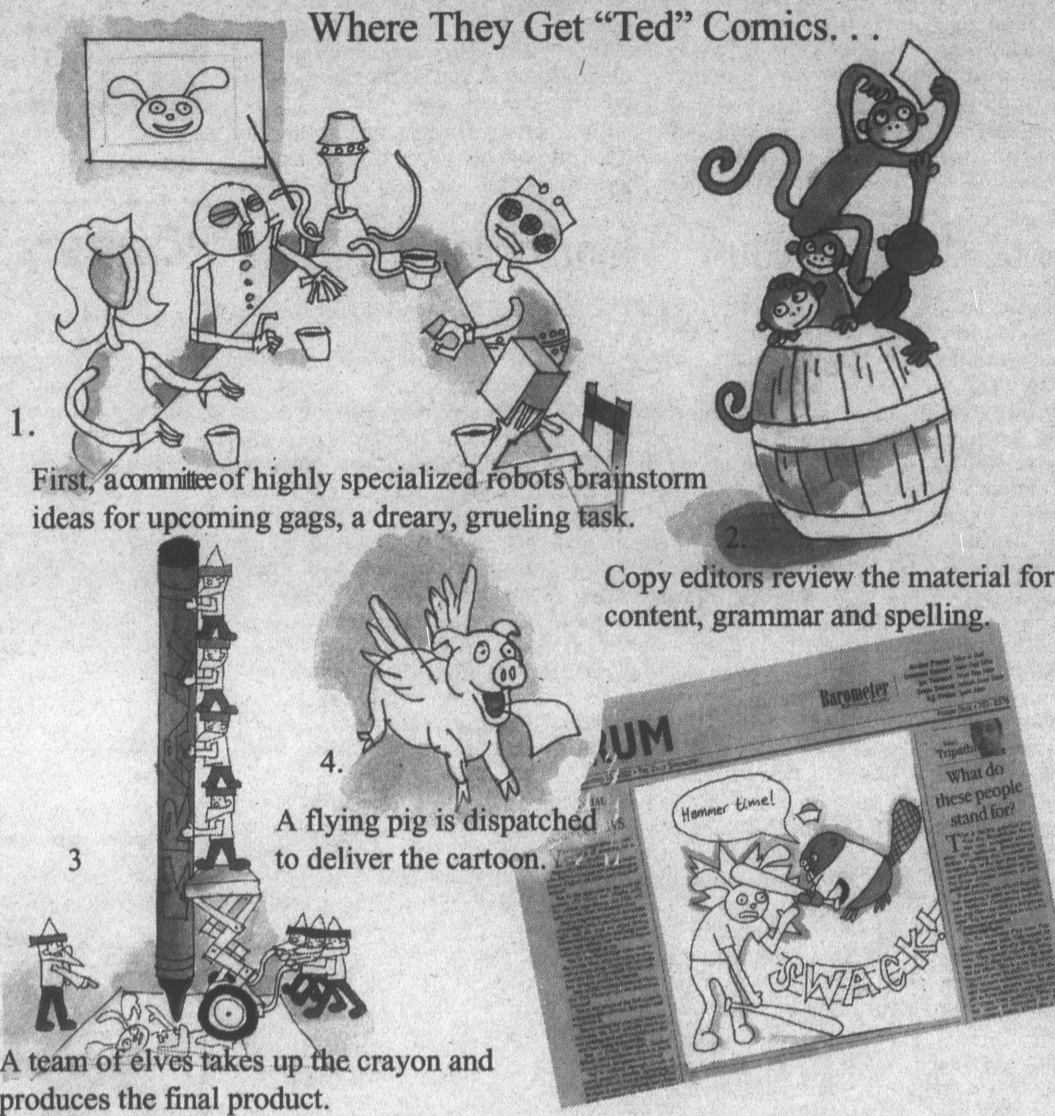
Yea to optional finals. We never thought a possibly lower grade could be so attractive a prospect.

Nay to the Eastern Washington University student body president being arrested for committing a drive-by shooting while under the influence. Friends don't let friends shoot drunk — next time take the keys ... and the gun.

Yea to coffee. Oh wait, did we say that already? We need more coffee — an IV would be nice.

Nay to the attempt to find a new logo for OSU. What's wrong with the old one? First Benny, now the logo, what's next, Risser? Oh wait, yeah.

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Warring with war

Some may call it a lack of moral conviction, but they would be wrong. As a columnist, I feel obligated to understand everything that goes on in the world. Of course this is impossible.

I have to admit; I don't know what I believe the United States should do in Iraq.

That isn't a bad thing for me to say. It is awkward for columnists, who are supposed to be knowledgeable and insightful at all times, to admit uncertainty on any issue. Most of them will subconsciously synthesize some crazy and wrong theory to fill up their weekly space, rather than admit ignorance. It is painful to read.

Here is what I see, from which I can make scant conclusions:

A conglomeration of foreign and American scientists created an atomic bomb in 1945. In the proceeding years, a number of other countries attained that ability. Most of them were friendly to American interests, like England and France. Others, like the Soviet Union and China, seemed threatening to us. They were however, too large and strong for us to "regime change" them.

Later still, more countries joined the nuclear family. Israel was and is considered an ally. Pakistan and India are not perceived as imminently dangerous. Iraq however, is considered hostile. It may or may not have nuclear weapons, and it may or may not want to use them on the United States.

Then there was Sept. 11. This is related to Iraqi military capacity ... somehow.

I don't see how. The connection between al Qaeda and Iraq is only in the American public's perception. They are both Muslim, they both dislike the United States and now, they both frighten the American public. That is about it.

The Bush Administration has tried to enforce the perceived connection between the two, but they have offered no evidence and no longer even claim to have any to link the two. Thus, in the many arguments for war that start out with the phrase, "In these times ..." or "In the context of 9/11 ..." they are making a false association.

The War on Terror has no logical connection to Iraq.

That is not to say that Iraq doesn't sponsor terrorists. They are open about their payments to families of Palestinian suicide bombers.

But our "war on terror" is not exactly that. It is a war against those who threaten the United States with terrorism. We will openly form alliances with countries like Pakistan, which harbors terrorists who attack India but not the United States.

The purpose of our war, as we seem

Getting it up and getting it on

Dear Readers,

This is the last column of the term as The Daily Barometer is not printed during finals week — the staff needs to study for their exams, too. If you sent me a question but have not seen a response in the column, that is because I get too many questions to print them all. If this is the case, I'll get back to you over the break, if not before. Your question may end up in next term's column if I don't start getting questions right away. Enjoy your winter break and read on for this week's questions.

Dear Dr. Sex:

My girlfriend and I are sexually active but recently I have not been able to "perform" due to no erection. There's no problem during foreplay but when it comes to intercourse, things die down. I didn't know where to turn with this problem, and I hope you don't mind me asking you, I would appreciate any kind of help.

Signed, Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:

What you are experiencing is a form of erectile dysfunction. But it is important that you understand that erectile dysfunction is defined as the inability to get and maintain an erection sufficient for intercourse to the satisfaction of both partners. I think most people see erectile dysfunction as a medical

Kathy Greaves

ASK DOCTOR SEX

condition that requires surgical or drug intervention, particularly with the public recognition of Viagra. The chance that you have erectile dysfunction due to physical reasons is pretty slim. Usually, men who have erectile dysfunction due to physical reasons are older and have serious medical conditions, or are taking certain medications that interfere with the sexual response cycle. Keep in mind, it is estimated that 30 million men experience erectile dysfunction due to physical and psychological causes.

I am confident that you are having trouble maintaining an erection for psychological reasons. Your use of the word "perform" is a hint. You may be having trouble maintaining the erection because you are too preoccupied wondering if you are doing everything right — the pressure to "perform" is getting to you. You did not mention it, but many young men also have problems with premature ejaculation or cumming too quickly. If that was the case with you, maybe now you are preventing yourself from having an erection for intercourse because you do not want to cum too soon.

Obviously you cannot cum too soon if you do not even have an erection to begin with. So, in an effort to avoid one sexual problem (cumming too soon), you have created another sexual problem for yourself (erectile dysfunction).

Now that you have experienced erectile dysfunction a number of times, it has become a self-fulfilling prophecy — your fear that it might happen guarantees that it will happen. One solution is to take a whole different approach to sexual activity for a while. The two of you should agree that, for the next five sexual encounters, intercourse is off limits. Just focus on touching each other and feeling the sensations. If you do get an erection, DO NOT USE IT. This will prove to you that you can get and maintain an erection without the expectation that you have to perform. It takes the pressure off and allows you to feel comfortable as a sexually active person.

Try it — you may like it. You may also discover the wonderful sexual opportunities that exist outside the standard penile-vaginal intercourse that is so over-emphasized.

Dear Dr. Sex:

My boyfriend and I see each other only on weekends because we live so far from each other. We hadn't had sex in two weeks until last weekend. When he started to

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Rapoza Column

There are true Christians

This is in response to David Rapoza's column ("Get Off the Jesus Bus, People," Barometer, November 26).

Rapoza's column complains that Christianity has lost its attraction or worth because Christians are not severely persecuted in the United States.

Persecution does not guarantee the nobility of a cause, but only weeds out those who are not dedicated. Seventy-six percent of the country probably would not say that they are Christian if Christianity were illegal, but there are true Christians in the country who would be willing to die for their faith. When you ask a person if he or she is a Christian, and that person says 'yes,' you have only found out what the person believes. After asking the question, the true test is how the person acts. Combining the affirmation with the actions allows us to separate those who are sincere in their beliefs from those who only believe. True Christians live by the beliefs of Christianity and are identifiable by their behavior, whether under persecution or not.

It should not be thought that persecution of Christians is nonexistent. There are countries in the world where Christians are regularly harassed or even killed. There is always a call for support and missionaries in such countries. Christianity has grown in the presence of this persecution, but martyrdom is not required for it to grow.

Mr. Rapoza writes, "[Christianity] was born out of the blood of One, and it must be sustained by the

blood of its people in order to survive." Christian doctrine holds that Jesus' blood is sufficient and does not need replenishment from more deaths. Jesus' blood covers sins for all time; no one else's blood can perform this task.

DOUGLAS DAVIDSON,
Senior in anthropology

Civil War Behavior

Intensity to be expected

We are writing in response to Melanie Pile's letter to the editor concerning fan behavior at the 2002 Civil War (Barometer, Dec. 3). Maybe it's her lack of experience with Civil War tradition, but she obviously doesn't understand the intense rivalry between the Beavers and the Ducks. While we don't condone that specific gentleman's harsh words to the female Duck fan, we are amazed at Melanie's scolding of the OSU fans for being too enthusiastic and "overdressed." FYI Melanie, Beaver fans can NEVER be too overdressed! In addition, it's unfortunate that you were so offended by the use of the word "bullsh-t," but you should have been more offended by the bad call! Have some school spirit, for God's sake! As attendees of last year's Civil War in Eugene, we can tell you that the Beaver's behavior this year was mild to that of the Duck fans in their territory. We even witnessed a Duck fan attempting to urinate on a Beaver fan! So before you try to reprimand your entire school for their behavior, realize that we take great pride in our school, and our football team, and will support them all the way. Try and realize we are not behaving any differently than any

other loyal college fans. Since it's your first Civil War game as a student, we understand the intensity may be a bit overwhelming, but toughen up! You're a Beaver now. Better to have too much school spirit than none at all. GO BEAVS!

MARCI HANSELL,
Junior in business AND
RACHEL WADSWORTH,
Sophomore in business

Monroe Store Closures

OSU Bookstore remiss

As a Corvallis resident, and former OSU student, I must say that I am greatly disappointed in the actions the OSU Bookstore will be taking in the months to come. The closure of multiple businesses along Monroe will not only be a blow to the people of Corvallis who frequent these shops, but especially to the owners and employees who support themselves by working there. The action of the bookstore, no matter how expected it may or may not have been, comes as somewhat of a shock to me, a former owner of the store (since it is "student-owned"). I don't remember ever being asked what my opinion, or the opinion of any other students, might be for such action, and it was my understanding that the owners of businesses usually have a say in the action a business will take. My advice to OSU students and Corvallis residents, frequent the shops on Monroe between Kings and 21st and let them know that you have appreciated the business they provide and will continue to support them as long as they remain at their current locations.

SARAH FUDGE,
Corvallis Resident

Department of Homeland Security is unreal solution

DAILY TROJAN

LOS ANGELES — George W. Bush is a man on a mission. He was hell-bent on creating a Department of Homeland Security, which he finally pushed through the Senate last month. The central agency is in charge of coordinating intelligence gathering and analysis under its director, former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge. Creating this new department, a knee-jerk reaction to the events of Sept. 11, is misguided and shortsighted, however.

I'm not saying the defense and security of this country should not be a top priority. As someone who grew up in San Diego, where the presence of the Navy is constant, and high school classes were routinely interrupted by fighter planes taking off from Miramar, I know and appreciate the commitment of the military and the importance of its duty.

Bush thinks he can prevent another Sept. 11 attack by creating this department, because when it came to sharing intelligence, America failed. It sounds like a good plan, until one realizes the CIA, the FBI, the National Security Agency and the National Security Council are supposed to perform that job.

Sept. 11 happened because our intelligence-processing system did not retrofit after the Cold War. The CIA was left holding the bag after Sept. 11 because it didn't have enough "human intelligence" in the Middle East. Human intelligence consists of informants and contacts placed in organizations that provide information. Also, the CIA and FBI did not communicate nearly enough, nor did they talk to the INS.

Creating another cabinet level position and department is not useful because of all the bureaucracy it pro-

duces in the process of handling information that the CIA, FBI and NSA already have. A new department complicates an already inefficient system. And besides, we thought Republicans wanted less government.

What is necessary is a restructuring of our normal system of intelligence. The CIA, FBI and NSA need to coordinate their intelligence gathering efforts. There should be a central database where all the information can be stored, accessed and updated. The United States should also coordinate more effectively on an international level, with the British and particularly the Israelis.

We have advanced much in the last year when it comes to combating terrorism. The grandiose blustering that accompanied our initial declaration of "war on terror" has thankfully subsided. Unfortunately, the oratory of our current president does not cause one to shiver in one's boots. One does not combat fanatical, absolutist, guerilla terrorists by declaring to the world that you are coming after them.

America won the Cold War and maintained national security because of deterrence — the idea that if the Soviet Union acted up, there would be serious consequences. We need to use deterrence again. One does not deter terrorists by creating bureaucracies. One deters terrorists through precision, effectiveness and surprise.

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Greaves: It's all about lubrication

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enter me it hurt a lot like I wasn't open enough. After a little bit it felt normal, but when we finished I noticed that I was bleeding a little. I haven't bled since I lost my virginity a couple years ago. Is this because we don't have sex all the time now and I have to get used to him all over again each week? Is there something I can do so that this doesn't happen to me? Is this normal?

Signed, Curious

Dear Curious:

Chances are you were not aroused enough to be lubricated enough. If you are not lubricated enough, there will be friction between the skin of the penis and the skin of the vagina. This friction can cause the delicate tissue of the vaginal wall to tear a bit. My guess is that that is why you were bleeding.

My advice is to take your time when you are with your boyfriend after some period of absence. Your zeal to get

down to business is impressive, but if you are not ready (as in lubricated) it is going to be painful every time. If you insist on jumping right in (well, I guess it would be your boyfriend who would be jumping in), get yourself some lube. And speaking of lube ...

Dear Dr. Sex:

How much lube is too much?

Signed, Slippery When Wet

Dear Slippery When Wet:

You know you have too much lube if you keep sliding off the bed, slipping out, or slipping off, depending on what exactly you are doing.

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Tripathi: Could you pull the trigger if we waged war against Iraq?

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to understand it, is simply to make us safe. However, it seems strange that we would attack Iraq. Contrary to popular belief, Saddam Hussein does not want to attack the United States. At least, he has shown no interest in doing so and there is no compelling reason for us to believe that he does.

If the United States hadn't forcibly reversed his 1990 invasion of Kuwait, he would probably still be considered an ally in the region. Even now, we would not have to fear Iraqi weapons if Hussein didn't feel emasculated by the U.S.-ordered no-fly zones and trade embargo. Neither he nor al Qaida hate us because of our freedom, as some people claim. They simply hate the economic, cultural and military power we project in the region.

Therefore, we would be acting counter to our own safety, at least in the short term, by invading Iraq. The Iraqi dictator has absolutely no reason to use the weapons of mass destruction he is alleged to have, unless he is forced to defend his own regime.

Despite all that, there are some good reasons for the United States to dethrone Hussein. It seems obvious, but there are those who have grown so cynical of the U.S. government and our self-centered society that they don't believe that Saddam Hussein really is a bad guy. They are more apt

to assume that the military-industrial complex or the media have invented his crimes for the sake of oil. The general distrust of the powers that be is warranted. But while George Bush seems to have Montgomery Burns planning his domestic agenda, there is no good explanation how a war in Iraq could be "for oil."

This impasse has been coming for a long time. Ever since the invention of nuclear weapons, it has been a slow but steady course to a time when a "rogue nation" acquired the bomb. As if to underscore the idea at a critical time, North Korea just recently claimed to have it. Every American president knew of this inevitability for over 50 years, yet none has created a plan to deal with it. So the current President Bush shouldn't be blamed for the current situation, although his father could.

Those who today say we must show strength and unity because we are "at war" are sadly mistaken. They seemed to have missed the last century of history when the civilized world decided that Hitler's and Machiavelli's ideologies were not workable models for international relations.

Conversely, the peaceniks that say, "war is never the answer," seem to have missed the same history classes.

The morality of war with Iraq is certainly difficult to understand, and any conscientious citizen should be forgiven if they doubt both sides of the argument. It looks

like a similar situation to the first Gulf War. Then, the country did wage war for oil, but freed a conquered people in the process. This time we are waging a war to satiate our own overblown anxiety, and may free the Iraqis from their dictator in the process.

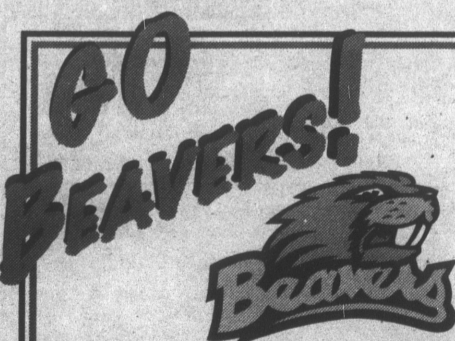
Perhaps the best measure of the morality of a war is whether we would feel justified in personally pulling the trigger. Most Americans, especially those who aren't poor, don't serve in the military anymore, and modern war mostly isn't fought with rifles. But the test is good nonetheless.

The casualties in the war against Iraq won't be the ones who are responsible. Saddam and his posse will hide in bunkers while draftees and unarmed Iraqis will feel the bombs. If our reasoning is sound, then we should feel justified in this.

President Bush has thus far managed the campaign fairly well. His leadership style is one of seemingly oblivious certainty, which is perversely effective in leading a confused democracy.

Whatever happens, I hope our grandchildren, in this country and every other, can look back and say we did the right thing.

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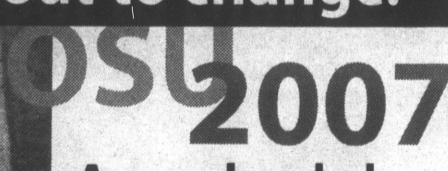
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Inspectors search palace; Iraq will declare 'no weapons of mass destruction'

► In a display of power, United Nations officials enter presidential quarters

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BAGHDAD, Iraq — International weapons hunters went straight to the heart of Saddam Hussein's regime on Tuesday, searching the rooms of an opulent presidential palace in a show of U.N. power, just when Washington was openly questioning their ability to do the job.

A senior Iraqi official, meanwhile, said Baghdad will reaffirm in a crucial upcoming U.N. declaration that it has no weapons of mass destruction despite U.S. and British claims to the contrary.

Melissa Fleming of the U.N. nuclear control agency in Vienna, Austria, said the Iraqis were expected to submit their report to the U.N. office in Baghdad on Saturday — one day before the deadline mandated by the Security Council.

The unannounced visit to the Al-Sajoud palace was the biggest test yet of the arms monitors' authority under a new U.N. resolution, which led to resumption of inspections here last week after a four-year break.

Seven minutes after the inspectors rolled up to the palace entrance, the towering front gates swung open, allowing them access to the palm-lined compound. Inside, they found a sprawl of ostentation and luxury, but there was no word they found anything else.

"Our inspectors were able to inspect every corner of the presidential palace," said their spokesman, Hiro Ueki. The chief Iraqi liaison, Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, said the Iraqis were cooperative and "the inspectors were happy."

Video from inside the palace, obtained by Associated Press Television News, showed inspectors, clipboards in hand, quickly moving through darkened rooms with flashlights, stopping occasionally to peruse, for example, a utility room or a refrigerator. "Marmalade," one announced after looking over a jar.

The visit by 17 U.N. inspectors lasted just 11/2 hours, hardly enough for an exhaustive search of scores of rooms and the vast grounds.

But it bore a symbolic message: that this time,

unlike in the 1990s, the U.N. teams have a free run of Iraq, under a Security Council mandate requiring Baghdad to shut down any chemical, biological or nuclear weapons programs.

President Bush alleges the Iraqis have retained some chemical and biological weapons — missed during previous inspections — and haven't abandoned their nuclear weapons program. In a speech Monday, Bush contended that so far "the signs are not encouraging" that the Iraqis will "cooperate willingly and comply completely" in the inspection process.

The inspectors, however, report the Iraqis have fully cooperated thus far. In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan underlined that point. "There is a good indication that the Iraqis are cooperating, but this is only the beginning," he said Tuesday.

The declaration the Iraqis are required to submit by Sunday — reporting on any weapons of mass destruction, along with chemical, biological and nuclear activities they say are peaceful — will help shape the inspectors' future work in Iraq, as they seek to verify Baghdad's claims.

Gen. Amin indicated the report, which may run to thousands of pages, would include "new elements," but "those new elements don't mean that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. Iraq is free of weapons of mass destruction."

The U.S. administration is expected to dispute that. The Iraqi report "must be credible and complete," Bush declared Monday.

The United States has threatened war against Iraq — with or without U.N. approval — if in its view Baghdad is not stripped of weapons of mass destruction.

Other governments say only the U.N. Security Council can authorize such aggression in the absence of a situation of immediate self-defense.

Turkey's foreign minister said Tuesday that his country would allow the United States to use military bases on its soil for an attack against Iraq — if the United Nations approves military action.

Yasar Yakis spoke after meeting with U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, who was in Turkey to lobby for support of an operation against Iraq.

Hundreds of staff officers of the U.S. Central



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Journalists visit the foyer of the Al-Sajoud palace, one of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces along the Tigris River, after it was visited by U.N. weapons inspectors in Baghdad on Tuesday.

Command were gathering in the Persian Gulf emirate of Qatar, meanwhile, for a major "war game" beginning next week that could provide models for any eventual conflict with Iraq.

Tensions flared at the head of the Gulf on Tuesday. An Iraqi vessel traded fire with two Kuwaiti coast guard speedboats near the two countries' maritime border. Kuwaiti officials reported no one was wounded.

The U.N. inspectors of the 1990s eliminated tons of Iraqi chemical and biological weapons and the equipment to make them, and dismantled Iraq's program to build nuclear bombs. Those inspectors suspect they didn't find all the weapons, however.

That monitoring regime broke down amid disputes over U.S. spies in the U.N. operation, and over access to sites, including presidential palaces, when suggestions arose that the Iraqis

might be hiding doomsday weapons in Saddam's grandiose homes.

It took personal negotiations in 1998 between the Iraqi president and Annan to reach an accommodation under which inspectors could visit with diplomatic escort and advance notice. Teams did eventually inspect eight disputed palaces, including Al-Sajoud, and found nothing.

The U.N. resolution adopted last month overrides such previous arrangements and mandates unrestricted access.

The arrival of the inspectors' half-dozen U.N. vehicles at Al-Sajoud on Tuesday sent gate guards scrambling and security men radioing for instructions. But their speed in allowing the inspectors inside indicated they were generally aware they might receive a U.N. visit any day.

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Women's hoops: Team wants to continue improving

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Guard Jessica Kellogg is the squads second leading scorer, averaging 12.3 points per game. Junior Tatiana Taylor, a 6-0 forward is averaging a double-double this season with 10.7 points per game and 11 rebounds per game.

As San Jose State improves,

the fanfare follows behind, and head coach Janice Richard is leading the parade.

Richard laced up the sneakers and took to the blacktop Tuesday afternoon, beating Joe Natoli, publisher of the Bay Area's Mercury News by a score of 11-8 in order to raise funds in the United Way Fund Drive.

Richard knows her team is gaining respect on the court, but she wants respect off the court as well.

San Jose looks to give the Beavers a run for their money.

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Gjurgevich: He's trying to win the MVP on every play

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son looks much smoother in dreads and you will not be MVP this year.

Next, you have a couple of lightning quick running backs who are currently in a two-man battle for the rushing title.

Both Priest Holmes and LaDainian Tomlinson have had breakout years, each adding their contributions to the always entertaining SportsCenter "Plays of the Week," ushering in the new breed of NFL running back as old horses like Emmitt Smith wind down their career.

While these guys are a joy to watch, and will be for years to come, they will have to wait their turn to wear the golden crown and silk sash that comes with being MVP.

The way I see it, this year's race comes down to two guys, whose teams are not only playing well, but whose individual performances are quickly becoming legendary.

With Rich Gannon of the Oakland Raiders, what you see is what you get.

With his classic drop-back style, Gannon has honed his skills over his thirteen-year NFL career and is now reaping the rewards.

With a little help from first-ballot hall-of-famer Tim Brown, as well as the greatest football player ever to live, Jerry Rice, the Raiders appear to be back on track for an AFC title, and a long-awaited return to the Super Bowl.

Gannon is also on pace to break some rather large NFL records, including Dan Marino's single season passing yard total, which could catapult him to shoe-in status for the MVP.

With any MVP debate however, you have to have your wild card, and this year, that man is the Atlanta Falcons' Michael Vick.

More than just your average quarterback, Vick's uncanny ability to scramble run with

the speed and moves of a running back makes him as dangerous as an elderly woman behind the wheel of a gasoline truck.

Atlanta's season began with a somewhat disappointing 1-3 record, but since their last loss to conference rival Tampa Bay, they have surged to an eight-game unbeaten streak, whose only flaw was an overtime tie to Pittsburgh.

Those wins have seen some great performances out of Vick, and though his passing numbers may not be the largest in all the land, the fact that he also leads his team in rushing yards will make defenses think twice about giving him any room to run like the swift caribou he is.

Just ask the Vikings, whom Vick lit up for 173 rushing yards, including the game-winning 46-yard jaunt into the end zone during overtime.

Simply put, Michael Vick is a freak.

His new commercial should have him launching a football 130 yards into the stands, and then running to catch it himself.

He's not simply a quarterback and not quite a running back.

He is the omni-back, and he will change football.

Now the question is, will this season be the first in a long career of MVP's?

Or will Mikey have to wait for next year, when Rich Gannon breaks his hip slipping on the bathroom floor?

That is, of course, for the powers that be to decide in a few more weeks.

What I do know is this—with the old horse Gannon leading the aging Raiders in the AFC and Vick dashing through the NFC, perhaps only a Super Bowl Sunday will be able to prove who the real MVP is this season.

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Starkey: Swim team set to go to Seattle this week

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tional.

"I'm already nervous for them. We taper for both of those meets."

On Pac-10's Starkey said, "freshman year, it was a little overwhelming, because there were people breaking world records and that doesn't make you feel too good."

"People weren't really respectful to us in the pool, even during warm ups," Starkey said. "They'd just cut you off if you were wearing a Beaver cap."

Since then, times have changed.

"I felt like we didn't belong there as a freshman, but last year we beat UW and WSU and people respect us a lot more," Starkey said.

However, neither of the large meets tickles her fancy.

This year, Starkey is looking forward to the UW dual meet saying, "We have never beat

them (as a team), and the last two years we have been really, really close."

Outside the pool, Starkey lives with four other swimmers and seems to have fun just hanging out around the place before going to practice.

"The alumni came back last week, and that was pretty fun," Starkey said. "But other than that, we just hang out."

While eventually Starkey does get everything done, she admits it is sometimes a battle.

"It's funny because you can squeeze everything in, but like homework, you just don't want to do it."

Don't be mistaken though. Majoring in Construction Engineering, Starkey has plenty of homework to do and plans on staying at OSU next year to obtain her degree.

Starkey currently holds two

school records and is part of three record-holding relays.

But don't count on Starkey leaving everything in the dust.

Starkey has built a number of friendships on the team, but attributes much of her success to fellow senior Naya Higashijima.

"Naya, I love Naya. I'd say 30 percent of my success here, I'd give to her, just for watching her and being her teammate."

Although you won't be seeing her churning up the water with the OSU swim team next season, Starkey would like to continue competing at the club level.

"I'm not ready to give it up quite yet."

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OSU places four on All-Pac-10 first team "D" and one on "O"

► Barnett, Manning, Weathersby and Seigler selected on defense while Jackson was lone Beaver on Offense

BAROMETER WIRE REPORTS

Nick Barnett, Eric Manning, Dennis Weathersby, Richard Seigler, and Steven Jackson have been selected to the 2002 Pacific-10 Conference First Team, it was announced Monday. The five representatives from Oregon State equal the most first team honorees of any conference school (Washington).

Terrell Roberts was the lone Beaver on the

second team, with Dwan Edwards, Mike Kuykendall, James Newson, Bill Swancutt and Kirk Yliniemi earning honorable mention.

Barnett will conclude the season leading the Pac-10 Conference with a 9.3 tackles per game average, and shares the overall mark with Arizona State's (13 games) Jason Shivers with 112 stops. Barnett, who will compete in the East-West Shrine Game in January in San Francisco, is also fifth in the conference for tackles-for-loss with 19.

Manning is one of 11 student-athletes on the team to be named to the first team for the second time. He has started a co-team-high 35

consecutive games and also will be competing in the Shrine Game. The defensive tackle, often a victim of double teams, had 32 tackles for the season.

Weathersby achieved a rarity by being selected to the athletic and academic first teams. The cornerback holds the OSU record for passes broken up with 56. He was one of 14 individuals on the Jim Thorpe Award list throughout the season, given annually to the nation's top defensive back. Weathersby is the third Beaver who will be participating in the Shrine Game.

Seigler will likely finish the season seventh in the conference with a 7.8 tackles per game

average. The junior linebacker is tied for third for the team in tackles-for-loss with 12.5 and is second for quarterback hurries with six. Seigler has also started 35 straight games.

Jackson concluded the regular season leading the conference for rushing yards (1,556), and touchdowns (17), and is second for all-purpose yards per game (150.6). His rushing total, which is a single season record at OSU, includes three 200-yard plus games. Prior to this weekend's games, Jackson ranks fourth in the nation with a 138 rushing yards per game average.

The Pac-10 All-Conference team is determined by a poll of the league's head coaches.



BARRY SCHWARTZ | OSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Senior Suzanne Starkey spends a lot of time in the pool and it has paid off for her and Oregon State. She currently holds two individual school records and three relay records.

Beavs' Starkey making waves

► The senior is looking to continue building OSU's swimming program

By KYLE DOVER
BAROMETER SPORTS WRITER

Senior Suzanne Starkey is a swimmer, and while she is training that is about all she does.

"I don't have a life outside of swimming," admitted a laughing Starkey.

A typical practice week for Starkey, who is a sprinter, includes six days of training. Monday through Saturday, she spends two hours of her afternoon in the pool, swimming lap after lap.

"I'm in the sprint group, so I do a little less than everyone else," Starkey.

Three days out of the week, she practices for an hour and a half in the morning as well as her nightly workout. In addition, on those three

days, she spends around 45 minutes lifting weights before hopping in the pool.

However, Starkey enjoys perfecting her stroke at practice.

"I'm starting to like practice a lot more," Starkey said. "As sprinters, we do a lot of fun stuff like cords and parachutes."

Spending over twenty hours a week in the pool is a huge commitment and many wonder how swimmers have time for anything else.

To Starkey, it isn't a big deal.

Since she was young, swimming has been a way of life.

At Thurston High School in Eugene, she lettered four years and was 4-time most valuable swimmer.

In her senior year, Starkey's times in the pool began to plateau and she knew she had a chance to become a collegiate swimmer.

When it came time to choose a college, Starkey looked into Cal State-Bakersfield, North Dakota, Indiana, and as Oregon State.

"You get five recruiting trips, and you have to take them," Starkey said.

Starkey ended up staying close to home and chose OSU for the experience of being a Pac-10 person and the familiarity of some of the people at the school.

Four years later, she is pleased with her decision.

"When I got here, I started improving and haven't stopped," said Starkey.

Last summer, Starkey took part in Nationals at Florida under Corvallis' Rick Gunther and witnessed a world record.

However, the most intense meets for Starkey have proven to be Pac-10's and the Husky invita-

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OSU heads out of state for the first time in 2002

► The San Jose Spartans will prove to be a tough match for the women's basketball team

By ROBBY MARSHALL
BAROMETER SPORTS WRITER

The Beavs are on their way out of state for the first time this season.

Women's basketball coach Judy Spoelstra leads the Beavers (3-1) into California to take on San Jose State (1-2) Wednesday.

Women's Basketball
Wednesday: OSU (3-1) at San Jose State (1-2)
When: 7 p.m.

The Spartans are coming off an impressive 17-11 season in 2001-2002, including

twelve conference wins.

San Jose State is a team on the rise, improving in every statistical category as each year passes.

Two years ago, the Spartans recorded a ten win improvement from the previous season, four school records, 11 Event Center records, their first WAC tournament win in school history and the first win in Hawaii.

The Spartans beat Cal State Northridge 76-51 in their season opener, but lost to Baylor and Northern Illinois over Thanksgiving break.

Cricket Williams, a 5-foot-7 junior guard is the Spartans go-to player; she is averaging 19.7 points per game, while adding three rebounds and four assists.

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CARLU PIERCE | BAROMETER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman guard Mandy Close puts on the defensive pressure in a recent game against Western Oregon. OSU is on the road today.



Experience vs. agility: which will win?

With the National Football League playoff speculation beginning as early as the shopping season again this year, it's only proper that the NFL MVP chatter begin right along with it.

Early season no-brainer Eagle quarterback Donovan McNabb saw his season shortened due to injury. A slew of new candidates have taken his place, attempting to seize the league's top prize and all the free lobster dinners that come along with it.

There's talk of Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre winning again, and how his gritty play and sheer determination seems to will his team to victory — an important quality in an MVP.

Sure, Favre is a game, he always has been, and I'm sure watching him gut it out week after week is truly inspiring to all of the cheeseheads out there.

But this season has hardly been equal to his MVP-esque seasons of years past. Each of his big 300+ yard games have come against the Pack's just plain sorry conference opponents — Chicago, Detroit and Minnesota.

Their losses have been against potential powerhouses New Orleans and Tampa Bay, and somehow they lost at Minnesota, where Brett threw three interceptions.

So, put a nice red line through Brett's name ... who's next?

Ricky Williams in Miami is another name on many people's short list of MVP contenders.

This has been Ricky's finest season — a healthier year enabling him to finally fulfill the potential that seemed so bright after he ran through college faster than Doogie Howser.

But this season has been tough for Ricky's Miami Dolphins, whose loss of Jay Fiedler early in the season compelled the Dolphins to hand over the starting quarterback job to Ray Lucas — a man who truly proves you can't spell "crappy" with out an "i," an "a," or a "y."

Williams, however, has been the bright spot for the Dolphins, rushing for a career high and franchise record 228 yards, and breaking the Dolphins franchise record for single yards in a season with 1,284.

While these records may sound impressive, you must remember this — the Dolphins have never had any good running backs, ever.

Williams' numbers are solid, and a 2-3 record with Captain Horrible at QB isn't bad, but I'm sorry Ricky, Beaver running back Steven Jack-

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