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OSU Association for Computer Machinery becomes active again

for The Daily Barometer

The Association for Computer Machinery is the largest professional society in America devoted exclusively to computer science. Oregon State University's student chapter of the ACM strives to present topics of interest to computer science students at all levels.

More concretely, the chapter plans to organize presentations by the CS faculty, and representatives from the computer industry, focusing on different aspects of the profession, from interesting technical innovations to job opportunities.

The main goals of the chapter are to facilitate the interaction between the faculty and students, establish stronger links with the computing industry, and to provide a forum for students to express their ideas and interests concerning anything that has to do with computers, including computer games.

Interested students can find out more about the ACM and its OSU student chapter by attending its next meeting at 7 p.m., Oct. 16 in the Electrical Computer Engineering building, room 102.

The specific topic for this week is "Demystifying the Web."

The presentation will attempt to shed light on the current developments on the World Wide Web and on the future of Web technology.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

To find out more about the national ACM, visit their website is <<http://www.acm.org>>.

Say cheese



CHRISSEY RAGULSKY/The Daily Barometer

Fourty-one Greek chapters gathered on the MU steps yesterday for the annual Greek photo.

Body piercing: the hole story

By ANDREW McCORD

of The Daily Barometer

It used to be so "alternative" to be pierced. People would stare for a moment before they caught themselves when they saw a piece of metal hanging out of someone. According to some, piercing is just another trend, a trend that will die out leaving many people with scar tissue from their past beautification efforts. However, for those people who have gone through the process of being pierced, it is something that they won't forget. Something that for many was a large step on the road to deliverance of individuality.

More and more people are at the point where it's somewhat diffi-

cult to find a person who has serious problems with piercing.

"It's an expression of individuality," said Jennifer Clark, a sophomore in Environmental Science. "It just adds a little more to someone when they've done it (gotten pierced)."

"I think that it's sometimes aesthetic, but not if people overdo it," said Christian Brandebusch, a German graduate student in Forestry. "I especially don't like the tongue piercing because (those who have it) are always playing with it and it makes it hard to concentrate."

Regardless of what people may think about the actual piercing, those who have gone through the actual process will tell you that making the decision is by far the hardest part.

"The worst part about it (getting pierced) was the anticipation," said Ryan Meeker, a junior in American Studies who sports a navel piercing. "But after I got it done, the adrenaline rush was amazing. My roommate and I pulled off on the side of the road and started singing. 'In the navel, you can wear a silver ring, in the navel, you can sport your new piercing.'"

Considering how much anguish some people go through trying to decide if they want to get pierced, the process is relatively simple. First, the area that is to be pierced is sanitized heavily. A clamp is placed onto the area so as to avoid any mistakes, and is tightened.

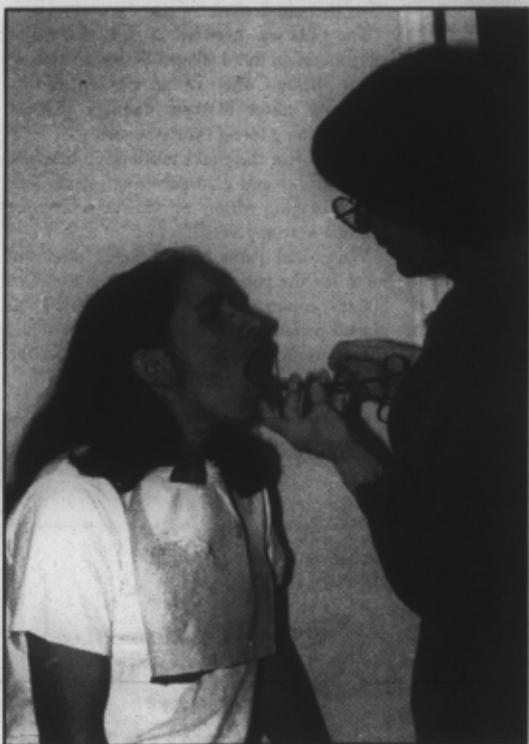
Many people will tell you that the clamping is the most uncomfortable portion of the piercing. Next a hollow needle is slid through the body part that is in question and left halfway out. The jewelry is then threaded through the hollow portion of the needle, which is then pulled out, leaving the jewelry in the body part.

Unfortunately, the actual piercing can be a deterrent for prospective piercees, due mostly to the apprehension of potential pain. The most common question asked, as most people with body piercings can attest to, is, "Did it hurt?"

"It hurt, but I expected it to," said Donna Pratzner, a senior in Psychology who has her navel pierced. "It was awesome to see it after it was done."

Piercing is not cheap, but then considering the effort that the piercer uses when sterilizing their equipment, one wouldn't expect it to be. As a prospective piercee, cleanliness is key. Always make sure that the person doing the piercing uses a new needle. If for some reason there is a recycled needle being used, then perhaps a huge reconsideration should take place.

Just Pierce It, run by Kristin Campbell, is an excellent example of what a good piercing establishment should be. Located in Totally Teries hair salon next to TOGO's on Monroe. It is clean and very friendly. Campbell herself has been piercing for four years, and was trained by the Gauntlet, a premiere piercing establishment in the nation. Her prices run as follows:



RAYMOND FERILLO/The Daily Barometer

Totally Terry's, located on Monroe, offers body piercing services of all kinds. Amelia Dexter, a fearless freshman in Exploratory Studies, has her tongue pierced by Kristin Campbell.

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OSP, OSU groups present 'Walk the Line' tonight

By KATIE PESZNECKER

of The Daily Barometer

Tonight at 7 p.m. in Milam Auditorium, Helping Our Peers Effectively, Student Health Services and Oregon State Police are presenting the annual educational program "Walk the Line," sponsored by the Oregon State University Interfraternity Council.

Walk the Line is a unique presentation geared toward new students regarding the effects of alcohol on the individual. Event planners encourage all interested participants to attend.

The first portion of the evening will be an educational presentation by HOPE.

As the second item on the agenda, OSP will be administering field sobriety tests to four of-age individuals whose blood alcohol level has been brought up to a predetermined range.

Three females and four males were selected to participate in the event, with four scheduled to make an appearance at the presentation and three in the reserves as alternates.

The height and weight of the individuals has been analyzed already so that they are aware of approximately how much alcohol they can consume before reaching the legal intoxication level in Oregon of 0.08.

Two of the females may consume 2.5 drinks before reaching this level, and the third may consume 2.75 drinks.

For the male participants, the amount of approximated consumption before legal intoxication ranges from 4-5 drinks.

The goal of this is to attempt to bring the participants as close to 0.08 as possible.

"Knowing that everyone metabolizes alcohol at a different rate, and knowing that everyone's experiences with alcohol are different, it is important to show the differences between men and women," said Clay Torset, Coordinator of Greek Affairs.

The individuals will be drinking at an off-site location, picked up by police and transported to the law enforcement center where they will be administered a breathalyzer test. Then

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NEWS

Gay-rights advocates jump on the offensive

Associated Press

SEATTLE — For 20 years, opponents of gay rights in Washington state warned that such measures would give preferential treatment to homosexuals and create quotas.

This time, gay-rights activists anticipated the attack.

They have written an anti-discrimination ballot measure unlike any of those already on the books in 11 states.

The measure on the Nov. 4 ballot would ban workplace discrimination against gays. But it would also explicitly forbid preferential treatment, quotas or partner benefits.

It could become the first gay rights measure passed by citizen initiative rather than by legislators.

"On the one hand, they are setting up homosexuals to be a protected class. But in the language of the initiative itself, they say clearly that they aren't looking for special rights," said Ken Mulligan, who monitors state ballot measures for Free Congress Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington D.C. "I think politically it was a very smart move."

The deliberate wording hasn't stopped opponents from raising the issue of preference.

The only way to prove gays aren't being discriminated against is to hire them, said Bob Larimer, head of the Vancouver-based No Official Preferential Employment. Businesses would be forced to adopt workplace rules that "honor diversity, which actually means honoring and legitimizing homosexuality," he said.

In a fund-raising letter, foes were more pointed: "They still want your kids, and Initiative 677 is another move toward that goal."

Supporters of the measure call the criticism "stereotypical misinformation and verbal gay-bashing."

"There are not quotas about how many Jews or Buddhists or Christians someone has to hire," even though discrimination based on religion is illegal, said Laurie Jinkins, a Tacoma lawyer.

The measure would apply to government and private jobs. It would exempt religious organizations and businesses with fewer than eight workers.

Backers say the measure would not only protect people from being fired and losing out on promotions, but could also ease the hostile work environment many gay people face.

"In this culture, we define ourselves through work, and if we are having to be afraid we'll lose our jobs ... or we can't be open about our lives, it has a major impact on how we look at ourselves," said Jan Bianchi, head of Hands Off Washington, a gay rights organization in Seattle.

That fear is familiar to David Biviano, who was fired 12 years ago as a Spokane County probation supervisor because he is gay.

"I lost my job, my ability to support my six children, my ability to maintain a home," said the 56-year-old Centralia man. "It was devastating."

Workplace discrimination against gays is illegal under statute in California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

Times publisher insists editorial integrity will be maintained

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Publisher Mark Willes insisted Monday that the editorial integrity of the *Los Angeles Times* will be maintained under a reorganization plan that calls for editors to work closely with advertising executives in newsroom planning.

Some journalists and industry observers have criticized the plan, made public on Thursday, saying editors may be pressured to compromise accuracy and aggressiveness to please advertisers.

"The real test will come when the editorial department comes up with a story about some major advertiser. But clearly they don't intend for any interference to come," said John Morton, an analyst with Morton Research in Silver Springs, Md., and a former editor for Dow Jones and Gannett Co. Inc.

"The reason that wall was there is you don't want editors even thinking about what the advertisers think. It's all going to depend on how they do it," he said.

Willes, also chairman and chief executive officer of parent Times Mirror Co., said in an interview with *The Associated Press* that editors will retain control over story selection and content.

"I'm not surprised that people have raised the question. What I am surprised about is that they have immediately rushed to judgment, saying all kinds of terrible things are going to happen, without a scintilla of evidence," Willes said.

"I don't think anybody can point to one single example in two years when I've done anything to cross this important line."

Willes' plan for closer coordination of editorial and marketing activities is the latest in a series of changes at the *Times* since he became publisher last month with the retirement at age 53 of Richard Schlosberg III.

The plan was unveiled as part of a major reorganization that included the resignation of editor Shelby Coffey. Coffey was replaced by managing editor Michael Parks, a Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign correspondent.

To facilitate the closer relationship between ad executives and editorial departments, four new managing editors for various newspaper sections were appointed.

Willes and Parks believe there's plenty of room for the paper to grow, setting a goal of 500,000 copies over its current 1 million. *Times* market penetration is now 23 percent, a figure they consider woefully low in a metropolitan area of more than 11 million people.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

President preaches gospel of open trade, prosperity for poor

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — At a monument symbolizing South America's struggle for freedom, President Clinton preached the gospel of open trade Monday but said more must be done to alleviate poverty and "give everyone a chance to be a winner in the new economy."

The hillside slums overlooking Caracas' skyscrapers are dramatic evidence of the economic inequality in this oil-rich country — which has become the United States' biggest petroleum supplier. Eight of 10 Venezuelans live in poverty, according to government estimates.

"For all the progress we have made together to advance democracy, free markets and full citizenship, we must acknowledge that a great challenge remains to make these forces work to the benefit of all our people," Clinton said.

The president said no nation, including the United States, has found "the perfect formula" but that education is an important ingredient.

Clinton spoke from the steps of the National Pantheon, the church-like burial place for South American liberation hero Simon Bolivar and many of Venezuela's founding fathers. Bolivar led the fight to end Spanish colonial rule in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Panama and Peru.

Apparently for security reasons, a tall screen encircled the courtyard, blocking it from surrounding buildings and cutting off any breeze on a hot day.

Clinton delighted the crowd of several hundred people by experimenting with Spanish, to say, "Todo está chevere en Venezuela!" Roughly translated, it means "Everything is cool in Venezuela." His audience cheered.

From Venezuela, Clinton flew to Brazil, second stop on his week-long visit to South America that will include Argentina.

Before a state dinner at Brasilia, Clinton told President Fernando Henrique Cardoso that Brazil and the United States, as the two largest nations in the hemisphere, have an obligation to lead "this historic revolution underway in the Americas" of democratic and market reforms.

"America reaches out to Brazil with the hand of friendship and the pledge of partnership," Clinton told Cardoso at the foreign ministry.

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A delighted Cardoso, who made a state visit to Washington just two years ago, reminded Clinton, "There's no substitute for first-hand knowledge and contact ... with a country."

Like Venezuela, Brazil also suffers severe economic inequality, fueling a growing undercurrent of social unrest among the poor. Even before Clinton arrived, Brazilians fumed at a U.S. Embassy commercial guide posted on the Internet that said corruption was endemic in the country.

The embassy apologized and struck the word "endemic." Wrapping up his stop in Venezuela, Clinton and President Rafael Caldera witnessed the signing of agreements to strengthen cooperation in energy development and combating drugs.

The drug accord gives Venezuela more than \$11 million in patrol boats and surveillance planes to spot smugglers. The United States and Venezuela also will establish a joint intelligence center to share information and coordinate anti-drug operations.

The United States agreed to give Venezuela \$500,000 for a study of greenhouse gases, and to expand Fulbright scholarships to Venezuelan students to study energy and the environment.

Last year Venezuela replaced Saudi Arabia as the top U.S. oil supplier.

"For the last 80 years, Venezuela has been a rock of stability, staying out of the oil embargo (in 1973), stepping in to boost production in moments of crisis from World War II to the Gulf War," Clinton said.

Because of lingering differences, the two countries were not able to conclude agreements on investment and taxation, considered important for foreign trade.

Open trade is the central theme of Clinton's trip — as well as his campaign back home to win congressional approval for stronger "fast track" authority to negotiate foreign trade deals.

The president said that open markets hold the promise of more jobs and higher living standards. But he added that no nation, including the United States, has found "the perfect formula for growing a free economy while preserving and extending the social contract for all our people."



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While Hamas marches, Israel frees more Arab prisoners

Associated Press

NABLUS, West Bank — Hamas activists dressed as suicide bombers marched in a display of menace and triumph in the West Bank town of Nablus on Monday, white death shrouds covering their heads and fake explosives lining their belts.

Even as 4,000 people cheered at the rally celebrating the freeing of Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin, Israel released nine more Arab prisoners as part of a deal cut with Jordan over a bungled attempt on the life of another Hamas leader.

The prisoners, all Jordanian citizens, were flown by helicopter to Jordan, where sources said none would go to prison. None was a Hamas member or had been involved in attacks on Israelis, government spokesman Moshe Fogel said. Most were jailed for security offenses.

But a Jordanian official speaking on condition of anonymity

said Jordanians convicted of carrying out attacks in which Israelis were killed could be among the 20 to 30 prisoners still to be freed.

In its part of the deal, Jordan has released two agents from Israel's Mossad intelligence agency who were involved in the Sept. 25 assassination attempt on Hamas political strategist Khalid Mashaal.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who authorized the widely lambasted operation, stayed away Monday from a special parliament discussion about the embarrassing operation.

"There is no doubt that he is evading this debate and degrading the Knesset and himself," said opposition leader Ehud Barak of the Labor Party.

Mashaal addressed marchers at the rally in Nablus via telephone from Jordan.

"Netanyahu wanted to give

my head to the Zionists as a present," he said. "But the arrow shot back at him."

Yassin addressed the rally as well, by telephone from his home in the Gaza Strip. He urged students at An Najah University, a Hamas stronghold, to commit themselves to their studies, saying "only the educated can build the nation."

He did not mention violence, but the marchers clearly alluded to it.

Eight activists marched with red headbands tied over white hoods to symbolize blood. Another eight, representing Hamas gunmen, wore military fatigues, masked their faces and swung fake assault rifles made of wood.

Hamas has carried out more than a dozen suicide bombings in Israel since 1994.

Israel moved to exact retribution for the latest of those attacks Monday, saying it

would demolish the homes of three Islamic militants who carried out two suicide bombings in Jerusalem this summer. The home of a fourth assailant is to be sealed.


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A PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

Radiation Center fails to unravel a-tomic screwdriver mystery

Farmer guy finder of people

Oregon State University (I begin ponderously) is a Land Grant Institution, which translates roughly into "it's gotta be useful." It cannot be an ivory tower of self-indulgent intellectuals, but a source of service to the people of the state of Oregon, which means things can get interesting. "OSU Statewide" has been in some sort of effect forever, and here is a true story about scientific outreach. All my stories are true.

JUDY RINGLE

A guy in farmer clothes showed up at the OSU Radiation Center some many years ago, asking for help. The director, who took service seriously, commanded a couple of Radiation Center scientists. Let's call them — oh, let's call them Art and John.

What can we do for you? asked Art and John, who were always eager to get away from the regulatory hassles of running a research reactor.

Wellsir, said their guest, wellsir, I am a person who is able to find people. Sort of like a dowser, a water witch, finds water, I can find people.

People?

Yessir, missing people, lost people. Bodies. But I don't use a forked stick, I use my screwdriver.

Screwdriver?

Yessir, my screwdriver points to where the person is, and I find 'em.

“ They went and got a Geiger counter from the Radiation Center's store of Impressive Instruments, and followed the man out to the parking lot. ”

So how can the Radiation Center be of service to you?

Wellsir, I don't really know just why it works, my screwdriver, and I wondered if it might be something — you know — a-tomic. My screwdriver, he added, gesturing, is out in my pick-up.

Art and John found this too good to pass up, and forthwith offered to help. They went and got a Geiger counter from the Radiation Center's store of Impressive Instruments, and followed the man out to the parking lot.

It was an old pickup truck, one that had seen heavy service. The visitor reached inside the cab and produced — a screwdriver.

Was it an unusual looking screwdriver, I asked, when they told me about this. No, it was just an ordinary medium sized screwdriver, not new.

But was it a-tomic? Art and John had to determine this, so they scanned it with the Geiger counter with utmost seriousness. No, nothing unusual, sir, your screwdriver is not radioactive, nor is it contaminated with anything radioactive.

Brief moment of reflection. Gotta think about that.

Wellsir, it's more than the screwdriver. In order to find anybody, the fellow explained, he had to have an item of that person's clothing. Then, inspired: I know! I'll show you how it works. I just happen to have a pair of my wife's underpants here

in the cab.

Rummage, rummage, and he produced a pair of ladies' underpants from under the seat of the cab. Did they look atomic? I asked. No, no, recalls John, they were of a solid neutral color, nylon, and fairly large. To tell you the truth, says Art, I was sort of embarrassed to look at them.

So the visitor took his wife's capacious nylon underpants and rubbed them vigorously against the screwdriver. Then, ceremoniously, he held the screwdriver out in front of himself, pointing more or less west, but then — mysterious! — the screwdriver moved around as he held it until it pointed more or less south. A skeptic might say that he just pointed it in a southerly direction, but the man was satisfied.

There! he exclaimed, triumphant. I told you it worked! My wife's in Eugene today, went down to do some shopping. And there he stood in the Radiation Center parking lot, screwdriver in one hand, wife's underpants in the other, awaiting a scientific verdict.

Art and John were speechless. Well, thank you, sir, that is really impressive, but we just can't help you figure out what makes it work.

OK, it was worth a try, but if the screwdriver ain't a-tomic, it ain't a-tomic. The man tossed the underpants and screwdriver

back into the cab, climbed in, and drove away. He left his name awaiting further developments.

Fast forward many months. During our season of heavy rain, a person fell into the Long Tom River and was lost. For days and days, searchers and dogs tried to locate the remains, but could not, and finally, to the despair of the grieving family, gave

up the effort. We all followed the harrowing events in the paper as they unfolded.

A couple of weeks later, a person offered to help. It was the guy with the a-tomic screwdriver. He said that he could find the body, and asked for an item of clothing from the missing person. Far, far down the muddy Long Tom

River, long away from where the earlier searchers had determined that the body might have drifted, the guy with the a-tomic screwdriver found the remains.

A subsequent newspaper article featured his story. Indeed he and his screwdriver had a long history of finding people, dead or alive, and he was very modest and unassuming about it. Only thing was, he didn't know how it worked.

Frankly, my dears, I don't think OSU is equipped to handle some kinds of questions in our outreach. All we know is — it wasn't a-tomic.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Judy Ringle, columnist for *The Daily Barometer*.

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The Dalai Lama (Jamyang Wangchuk) meets Heinrich Harrer (Brad Pitt) for the first time in the TriStar Pictures and Mandalay Entertainment presentation, "Seven Years in Tibet."

Undeveloped cultural depictions make 'Seven Years in Tibet' less than epic

By DAN MAGILL

of The Daily Barometer

When news of Brad Pitt releasing a new movie with the word "seven" in the title began to hit a few months ago, it begged the question of whether it was a sequel to the thriller by the same title. Unlikely, and in fact "Seven Years in Tibet" bears much more resemblance to "Dances With Wolves" than anything else in recent memory. It chronicles the journey of an Austrian mountain climber who in 1939 set out to conquer the ninth highest mountain in the world, located in the Himalayas.

With the onset of WWII, however, his entire party of Germans and himself became prisoners of war in British India. They finally escaped into Tibet, which contained a rich cultural lifestyle based on the Dalai Lama before it was conquered by Communists in the mid-1940s. Pitt's journey began as an escape from the responsibility of fatherhood, as he left his pregnant wife in Austria. He soon became immersed in the novelty of his new surroundings and found favor with the young Dalai Lama, who wanted to learn of western technological wonders.

The film attempts to display their relationship as it grows in the midst of political and territorial struggles. Problems with the film arise from the onset, as it takes over an hour of screen time just to reach the point where the two meet each other. Much of this time

was wasted on material that seems to have no relevance to the story, such as showing Pitt and his partner trying to survive the harsh conditions of the terrain. Long movies often are more impressive, but this one does not use its time to adequately develop the characters, as you never really identify with Pitt during his quest. When he finally meets the Dalai Lama, they have a few superficial interactions, but then the film becomes entrenched in the Communist invasion, and Pitt's character virtually disappears.

What was supposed to be a character study of an angry Austrian climber who is profoundly impacted by Tibetan culture is a film that never finds its focus, and never really climaxes with regard to his change. That is, there is no definite point at which the viewer can clearly see that Pitt has become a "new man." Whether this is Pitt's fault or the director's or the script's is to be decided by the viewer, but the facts remain that very little emotion arises from the story.

Part of the problem is the over-abundance of scenery and cultural depictions. While realism and beauty in exploring a forgotten culture are excellent goals for a film, by themselves they cannot deliver an excellent film. The epic feel and grand scale of the time is spectacular in its display, but the lack of emotion and focus in the story and in the characters take away from what could have been a standout role for a talented actor. What a Pity.

Two stars. PG-13.

Country girls shine in music scene

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — When Patsy Cline and Dottie West were in their prime 30 years ago, the country music industry called them "girl singers."

The guys were the real stars. Some radio stations even limited the number of females on their playlists.

In the 1990s, "girl singers" are called women, and they may be Nashville's best hope for the future.

Distinctive artists like Deana Carter, Martina McBride, Trisha Yearwood and Shania Twain are much more interesting than most of their male peers, who have formed faceless groups or sound like George Strait wannabes.

Matraca Berg and Sara Evans deserve to be added to the list of top female talent. Both have released stunning CDs that are struggling for the attention of radio programmers.

Berg entranced the audience

at last month's Country Music Association awards show with her ballad, "Back When We Were Beautiful," which she sang before Garth Brooks was named best entertainer. Earlier, Evans helped induct songwriting great Harlan Howard into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Evans, 26, sang Howard's "Tiger by the Tail" as a tribute. He helped her land a recording contract with RCA in 1996 after hearing her version of his classic.

Berg, 33, joined an exclusive club, that includes The Tractors and Mary Chapin Carpenter, who were given prominent performance spots on the CMA show before scoring a major hit. "Every now and then, a slot on that show is booked because the board or the producer thinks there's a lot of artistic merit," said Holly Gleason, Berg's publicist.

Berg's fourth album, *Sunday Morning to Saturday Night*, was released on Rising Tide Records after her three efforts for RCA went nowhere. Though her albums have received little

recognition, Berg has for years been one of the best sources of hit material for top female country singers.

Among her hits as a writer: "Strawberry Wine" and "We Danced Anyway" for Carter; "Everybody Knows," "XXX's and OOO's" and "Wrong Side of Memphis" for Yearwood; and "Wild Angels" for McBride.

The daughter of a backup singer and guitar player, Berg wrote her first No. 1 song, "Faking Love," when she was 18. It became a hit for T.G. Sheppard and Karen Brooks in 1982.

Instead of letting McBride or Yearwood record songs like "Along for the Ride" and "The Resurrection," Berg sang them herself. The resulting CD combines the thoughtfulness and fun of Carter's smash album *Did I Shove My Legs for This?* with a vocal power that reminds you of McBride.

Berg knows the music industry is fickle — "Huge today, gone today," she says —

and is undaunted.

"I've seen so many projects seem so obvious for what we

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SPORTS

Stewart makes most of opportunity in week seven

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Perhaps it was just a coincidence, but Jacksonville's running game never took off last year until James Stewart was sidelined with a sprained toe and Natrone Means got more involved.

And perhaps there will be some measure of atonement if the same thing happens again — only with Means on the sideline with an injury.

After Means suffered a high ankle sprain on the first drive of the game, Stewart gouged Philadelphia for 102 yards on 15 carries Sunday in a 38-21 victory, scoring a team-record five touchdowns.

Stewart became only the fourth player in league history to rush for at least five touchdowns in a game — one more and he would have tied Ernie Nevers' record of six set in 1929.

"I told him he needed to go in there and get the record," Means said Monday before getting treatment on his ankle. "I don't think he realized what was going on at the time."

Still, Stewart had the savvy and the class to give Means the ball from his fifth touchdown. "Hopefully, he'll get back soon and we'll be doing the same thing," Stewart said.

Coach Tom Coughlin said it still wasn't clear how long Means would be out. The high ankle sprain is similar to what backup quarterback Rob Johnson sustained against Baltimore in the season opener. Johnson was out nearly a month, although Coughlin said Means' injury wasn't that bad.

Still, Stewart can expect the bulk of the load during the toughest stretch of games the Jaguars (5-1) will have all season — a three-game road trip starting Sunday at Dallas.

"You don't want to see anybody get hurt,"

Stewart said. "We both know we're here for a reason, and that's to help us win games. You can look at last year, when I got hurt and Nate came in and did what he did."

He had 716 yards until spraining his toe in the second quarter of the 12th game. He didn't play in three of the last four games and had only one carry the rest of the year.

Means slowly found his groove, getting his first 100-yard game in the last game of the season, then rushing for 175 yards and 140 yards in playoff wins at Buffalo and Denver.

Was it the offensive line finally coming together, or was it Means?

“ He worked on everything he could to make himself a better running back. ”

— GREG WIDELL, JACKSONVILLE CENTER

"Both," Coughlin said. "A guy would make a play, then Nate would make a play. The offensive line would get excited and do something good, and Nate would get excited. They kind of fed off each other."

"We were trying to find ourselves in the first part of the season," Stewart said. "Then I got hurt, everybody came together as a team and everything blossomed out of that. It was disappointing in that had I not got hurt, the situation might have been different."

"Instead of just accepting being a backup player, James went into the offseason and worked on his body, worked on his balance, worked on everything he could to make himself a better running back," said center Dave Widell.

Stewart scored on runs of seven, eight and two yards in the first quarter alone, when the Jaguars built a 21-0 lead. He dived over the pile from a yard out in the third quarter, and trotted around right end for his fifth score early in the fourth.

"The offensive line created the touchdowns," Stewart said. "I just got credit for them."

Women athletes honored

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Soccer sensation Mia Hamm dedicated the award to her deceased brother, who inspired her to play sports.

Sprinter Gail Devers is determined to go for an unprecedented third straight gold medal in the 100 meters at the 2000 Olympics.

On Monday, they shared the honor of Sportswoman of the Year at the Women's Sports Foundation's 18th annual dinner.

Hamm, the captain of the 1996 gold-medal-winning U.S. soccer team, was chosen in the team category. Devers, a two-time gold medalist at the Atlanta Games, won in the individual category.

Hamm dedicated the award to her parents and her older brother Garrett, who died in April of a rare blood disorder, aplastic anemia.

"I think he probably was the best athlete in the family," said the 25-year-old Hamm. "But because of his illness, his senior year in high school, he couldn't play sports. When he was at the Olympics, I saw all the joy in his eyes just watching me compete."

"When I think my training is hard, I think of what he had to go through every day. It keeps things in perspective. You can't devalue the importance of sport and the importance of what it can do for other people."

Hamm is a member of the U.S. women's national team, which won the U.S. Women's

Cup tournament this year and is preparing for the Women's World Cup in 1999.

The ultimate team player, Hamm reluctantly accepts the title of the best female soccer player in the world.

"For me, my team is everything," she said. "This award should have them all standing up there, not just myself."

"We won the world championship in 1991, and when we came off the plane at JFK (airport), there were four people there to greet us," she said. "One was a media person. At the Olympics, it was unbelievable the number of media just at our games. I think it shows how much women's sports has grown."

A record 76,481 fans watched the U.S. team beat China 2-1 for the soccer gold in Athens, Ga.

"There's definitely an audience," she said. "Young girls want to see female role models."

Devers overcame near-crippling Graves' Disease to win gold medals in the 100-meter dash in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics. She joined Wyomia Tyus, the 1964 and 1968 gold medalist, as the only woman to successfully defend the 100-meter title.

In Atlanta, she also ran a leg on the gold-medal-winning 400-meter relay.

"I want to keep going," said the 30-year-old Devers. "The 2000 Olympics is definitely in my plans right now. It's a goal of mine to get three back-to-back golds."

Marlins just one win away from Series

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Florida Marlins can't pitch Livan Hernandez again Tuesday in the National League championship series, so they'll settle for their ace instead.

Kevin Brown will take the mound in Game six against the Atlanta Braves.

Finally, Probably.

Brown was unable to pitch Saturday or Sunday because of a viral infection. Now, barring a relapse, he has a chance to deliver the Marlins into the World Series.

Despite feeble hitting and a wave of injuries and illness, Florida returns to Turner Field leading the Braves three games to two.

"Three down, one to go," slugger Gary Sheffield said.

"If you want anyone on the mound in a big game, it's Kevin Brown," teammate Jeff Conine said.

Brown, a 16-game winner during the regular season, beat the Braves and Greg Maddux in Game 1. This time he'll be opposed by Tom Glavine, who allowed just three hits to defeat Florida in Game 2.

All the Marlins want from Brown is the same sort of performance the 22-year-old Hernandez gave them Sunday: a three-hitter with an NLCS-record 15 strikeouts. It was a gem that had fans still buzzing Monday in South Florida — and beyond.

In Island of Pines, Cuba, where Hernandez grew up, his mother monitored the game's progress thanks to frequent phone calls from friends in Miami. A neighbor with a radio also provided

updates, shouting them out his window, and the good news spread from there.

"In Cuba," Hernandez explained, "everybody is following the Marlins."

An improbable path has left them within one win of the World Series.

The Marlins lead the NLCS even though they're hitting just .177. Conine, Moises Alou, Charles Johnson, Devon White and Edgar Renteria are a combined 9-for-75 (.120).

Braves pitching will do that.

But the Marlins have managed to come up with just enough clutch hits. On Sunday, Conine drove in the go-ahead run with a seventh-inning single, breaking an 0-for-13 slump.

"It seems like every night, it's somebody different," Conine said. "We keep plugging away, and we find some way to score runs."

Improved health has the Marlins feeling better about their chances. Alou is back in the lineup after missing two starts with a sore wrist, and Bobby Bonilla has recovered from the flu.

Florida is well aware that last year, the Braves trailed St. Louis three games to one in the NLCS, then outscored the Cardinals 32-1 in the next three games and advanced to the World Series. Brown will try to prevent another Braves comeback.

"We have our ace going," Johnson said. "But I don't think Atlanta is shaking in their boots."

If the Braves can beat Brown, the advantage will swing to them, with postseason veteran John Smoltz pitching in front of the home crowd against Marlins rookie Tony Saunders in Game 7.

"We've only got to win one game, but it's a big one," White said.

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think country radio would want and it didn't do anything," she said.

"And nobody knows. Nobody knew Deana was going to do what she did ... You just have to do the best work you possibly can and hope."

Evans grew up poor in rural Missouri and started performing with her family band at age 4. She first recorded in Nashville when she was 11, which got her publicity back home but nowhere else.

She continued singing, got married and settled in Oregon in 1992. Sara Evans and North Santiam (named after a river in Oregon) were a popular regional band, opening for Willie Nelson, Tim McGraw and others.

In 1995, she returned to Nashville. Howard's praise of Evan's version of "Tiger by the Tail" led to the RCA record deal.

The album *Three Chords and the Truth* was overseen by Pete Anderson, longtime producer of Dwight Yoakam. It harkens back to classic sounds from the past, just as Yoakam's albums sometimes do. And it features songs by old-timers Justin

Tubb, Bill Anderson and Buck Owens.

"I have been called retro a lot. It irritates me," Evans said.

"It was my goal and Pete's goal for it to be a timeless thing. I want to wear dresses that could be worn today or could've been worn in the 1950s, and I want to have music that could've worked in the 1950s and still works today, too."

The first two singles from *Three Chords and the Truth* made no dent in the charts. Joe Galante, chairman of RCA Label Group-Nashville, said he isn't discouraged.

He points out country great George Jones recently hand-picked Evans to open a concert in Nashville, and that led to a guest spot for her on the Grand Ole Opry radio show.

"At the same time the guy that's doing the CMA Awards TV show saw her and put her on the CMA awards," Galante said.

"So, people see her and are absolutely blown away, and the fact is that we just have to keep working on that process."

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Men's soccer battles to a 0-0 tie with Stanford

Beavers end six-game losing streak with draw

OSU Sports Information

It wasn't a win, but Oregon State was happy Sunday after playing 10th ranked Stanford to a 0-0 tie in MPSF Mountain Division men's soccer on Paul Lorenz Field at Patrick Wayne Valley Stadium. The draw ended a six-game losing streak for the Beavers (2-8-2 overall, 0-1-1 in division). Stanford is now (10-0-2, 1-0-1).

"Today, our goal was to increase the intensity," said OSU co-captain Jer Dodson, a key part of the Beavers' defense. "Jimmy

(Conway, head coach) didn't say to play with skill or tell us to kick the ball around. He said we needed to play with intensity and that we'd play well if we did."

The performance was a marked difference from Friday, when Oregon State fell 3-1 to California. Against Stanford, the Beavers were more organized when they managed attacks, won at least their share of balls at midfield and had goalkeeper Bryan Hill record his third shutout of the season.

"It was a hell of a game," said Conway. "I

think we did something we haven't done for the entire season — everybody made an effort and our work rate was high. We were playing a team that was 10-0-1 and I felt we deserved to be there. The kids did really well, and hopefully this is the start of something."

Stanford owned a 15-11 edge in shots, but as the game wore on it was the Beavers pressing the attack. In the second overtime period, OSU outshot the Cardinals 4-3 and had a 5-1 advantage in corner kicks.

OSU also finished with more fouls by a 22-6 count, and that was partly by design.

"The kids did really well, and hopefully this is the start of something."

— JIMMY CONWAY, OSU HEAD COACH

"They're a California team, and California teams are finesse teams," Dodson said. "You kick them and they whine and get frustrated. They can't play finesse ball when you take them out of their game."

"We'd like to have won, but on defense we held them to zero and we were waiting for a goal, so we're satisfied with the draw. We outplayed them and outfought them."

Now with their losing streak over, the Beavers will try to end their eight-game winless string when they play host to Willamette at 4 p.m. Wednesday. OSU will try to combine effort with offense in that non-league game.



JESSICA ROACH/The Daily Barometer

Josh Dodson, a forward for the Beavers, evades two Stanford defenders in Sunday's match that ended in a scoreless tie.

"We probably gave the ball away too much," Conway added. "We have to handle pressure. First things first, though. Today our

effort was good and our keeping the ball was not too good. Now we need to do a better job of that."

OSU women get shut out by both Washington schools

OSU Sports Information

The Oregon State women's soccer team got shut out twice over the weekend as they took on the Washington schools in Pac-10 conference action.

On Friday the Beavers took on the Cougars of Washington State and came away with a 2-0 loss that was caused by a couple of breakdowns. Both goals for the Cougars were scored by Deka DeWitt and were unassisted. The first came in the 40th minute and the second came in the 50th minute.

"It was a great game, the best team we've played all season," said OSU coach Tom Rowney. "We made two silly mistakes, the kind we've made all season, that gave them two goals, and that was the end of it."

Rowney cited Jona Maukone, Allison

Hamada, Coral Slater and Lindy Brown as keys to the Beavers' overall improvement.

On Sunday the Beavers were unable to bounce back as they once again were shut out, this time 7-0 to Washington. The Huskies wasted little time as they scored just three minutes in and never looked back.

"We just didn't have the athletes to compete," said Rowney. "They were just too strong and too quick. The girls worked hard and we had some good spells, but they were stronger, fitter athletes."

"Now it's back to the drawing board on Monday, and we'll give it our best shot."

The Huskies outshot the Beavers (2-8-1) 27-7, while allowing no corner kicks.

The Beavers will now return home to Paul Lorenz Field to host USC on Friday at 3 p.m.

"Now it's back to the drawing board on Monday, and we'll give it our best shot."

— TOM ROWNEY, OSU HEAD COACH

Top 25 football team results

Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in *The Associated Press'* college football poll fared Saturday:

No. 1 Florida (5-1) lost to No. 14 LSU 28-21. Next: at No. 8 Auburn, Saturday.
 No. 2 Penn State (5-0) beat No. 7 Ohio State 31-27. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.
 No. 3 Nebraska (5-0) beat Baylor 49-21. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
 No. 4 Florida State (5-0) beat Duke 51-27. Next: vs. No. 25 Georgia Tech, Saturday.
 No. 5 North Carolina (6-0) beat Wake Forest 30-12. Next: at North Carolina State, Saturday.
 No. 6 Michigan (5-0) beat Northwestern 23-6. Next: vs. No. 17 Iowa, Saturday.
 No. 7 Ohio State (5-1) lost to No. 2 Penn State 31-27. Next: vs. Indiana, Saturday.
 No. 8 Auburn (6-0) beat Louisiana Tech 49-13. Next: vs. No. 1 Florida, Saturday.
 No. 9 Tennessee (4-1) beat No. 13 Georgia 38-13. Next: at Alabama, Saturday.
 No. 10 Washington (4-1) beat California 30-3. Next: at Arizona, Saturday.
 No. 11 Michigan State (5-0) beat Indiana 38-6. Next: at Northwestern, Saturday.
 No. 12 Washington State (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. California, Saturday.

No. 13 Georgia (4-1) lost No. 9 Tennessee 38-13. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
 No. 14 LSU (5-1) beat No. 1 Florida 28-21. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.
 No. 15 Texas A&M (5-0) beat Iowa State 56-17. Next: at No. 22 Kansas State, Saturday.
 No. 16 Stanford (4-2) lost to Arizona 28-22. Next: vs. Arizona State, Saturday.
 No. 17 Iowa (4-1) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Michigan, Saturday.
 No. 18 UCLA (4-2) beat Oregon 39-31. Next: vs. Oregon State, Saturday.
 No. 19 Air Force (7-0) beat Navy 10-7. Next: vs. Fresno State, Saturday.
 No. 20 Oklahoma State (6-0) beat No. 24 Colorado 33-29. Next: vs. Missouri, Oct. 25.
 No. 21 Brigham Young (3-2) lost to Rice 27-14. Next: vs. Hawaii, Saturday.
 No. 22 Kansas State (4-1) beat Missouri 41-11. Next: vs. No. 15 Texas A&M, Saturday.
 No. 23 Virginia Tech (5-1) beat Boston College 17-7. Next: at West Virginia, Oct. 25.
 No. 24 Colorado (2-3) lost to No. 20 Oklahoma State 33-29. Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.
 No. 25 Georgia Tech (4-1) beat North Carolina State 27-17. Next: at No. 4 Florida State, Saturday.

Fired Michigan coach Fisher defends record

Former coach talks about the events leading up to his departure

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Fired Michigan basketball coach Steve Fisher broke his silence Monday, criticizing the university for not letting him see an outside study critical of him before it was made public.

The investigation cited three NCAA violations the university termed minor. The university-sanctioned study was made public Thursday, and Fisher was fired Friday.

Fisher said he also made the mistake of not being more assertive in defending himself to school officials.

"I've done nothing that needs defending," he said. "When the truth comes out, I'll be fine."

Fisher was fired by new Michigan Athletic Director Tom Goss,

who said the basketball program needed a new direction.

Fisher told reporters Monday that he remained silent after the report by a Kansas law firm was released because the school asked him not to comment.

Published reports said the firm, Bond, Schoenck and King, specializes in investigating college sports programs facing potential NCAA sanctions.

Its staff includes several former high-ranking NCAA enforcement officials. Michigan State University hired the law firm to oversee a two-year investigation that headed off severe NCAA penalties against its football program last year.

"I was asked by our administration when the whole process broke in March — to allow one voice to speak for the university and athletic department," he said. "I thought that voice should be mine. I've always been a team player, and that's what we should do."

He said he would make up for his silence from now on.

After the report was commissioned, Fisher said, university president Lee Bollinger said Fisher would get a chance to review it before it was released.

"I was told when the report came in, I'd be the first to get a copy of the report," Fisher said. "Bollinger told me I'd be able to review and react before it became public record."

When the time came, however, Fisher was not given a copy until after it was made public, he said.

The report also called into question Fisher's role in arranging complementary tickets for booster Eddie Martin.

Martin, a retired auto worker from Detroit, has been at the center of the investigation into the basketball program after published reports said he provided cash and gifts to several Michigan players.

Martin has denied the allegations. He refused to cooperate with the investigation.

Fisher said Martin received complementary tickets in a way that conformed to then-applicable NCAA rules.