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Dixon Rec not always first choice to get in shape

Students look to other area fitness clubs that offer more

By MONTE LUDINGTON
of The Daily Barometer

"It's too crowded," moans one OSU student. "The equipment is too old," cries another. For many students, these are their gripes about Dixon Recreational Center. While some are not bothered by these conditions, others have enrolled in one of the three major health clubs located in Corvallis.

The appeal of Gold's Gym, Corvallis Fitness Center, and Timberhill Athletic Club are that they offer state of the art weight-lifting and cardiovascular equipment with less crowds than Dixon.

Also, they are open year round, even during the holiday breaks.

Of the three, the closest to campus is Gold's Gym, located a few blocks east of Avery Park.

Gold's offers both weight and cardiovascular equipment, along with programs for nutrition, aerobics, and weight training.

"About a third of our customers who come in are OSU students," said Mike Downing, the manager at Gold's Gym.

"According to those students, we're not nearly as crowded as Dixon, and we have newer equipment," Downing added.

In addition, if a student purchases a Gold's membership, they can use it at any other Gold's location, an important benefit for students who leave town during the school breaks.

Unfortunately, Gold's does not offer the basketball, racquetball, swimming, or spa facilities that Dixon has.

Gold's Gym charges students \$32 per month, along with the \$45 enrollment fee.

Of the three health clubs, the equivalent to Dixon in facility variety and offerings would be Timberhill Athletic Club.

Timberhill offers the same type of equipment as Gold's Gym, while also providing the basketball, racquetball, swimming, and spa facilities that Dixon offers.

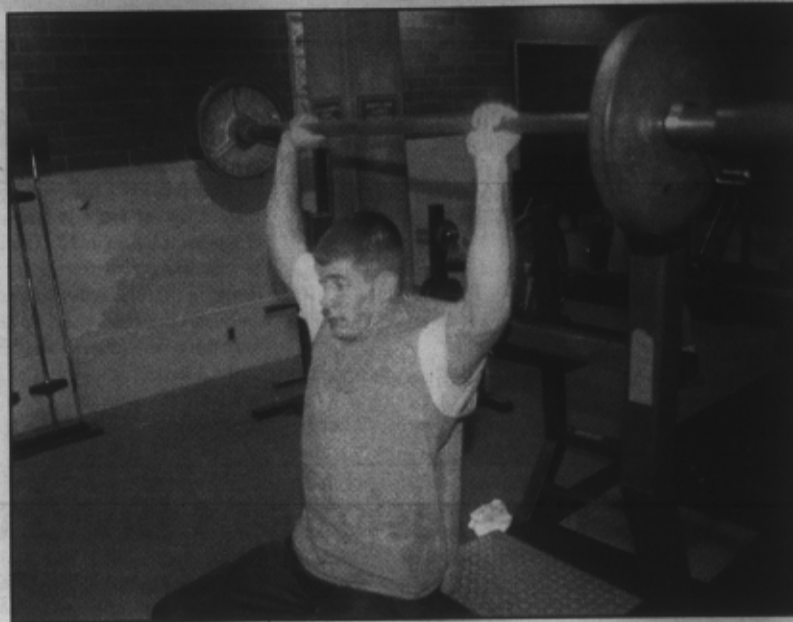
Unfortunately, Timberhill is the farthest of the three health clubs from campus, located at NW 29th street.

Most of Timberhill's members tend to be older adults, or part of family memberships.

"Depending where, and if a student works, they may be able to receive up to a 50% discount on a membership," said Wendy Dillard, a Timberhill employee.

Timberhill offers a variety of memberships, including a full time student membership of \$109 for two months. Use during the peak hours of 4:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. require an additional \$3 fee, while use at any other time is free.

The third health club is the Corvallis Fitness Center, located in downtown Corvallis



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Freshman Jimmy Lucich works out at Dixon Recreation Center late in the evening along with other students. Many students take advantage of Dixon's facilities because they are free to students and because the center is on campus.

on SE 3rd street.

While their facilities include weight-lifting, cardiovascular, and spa, they are missing the swimming, basketball, and racquetball facilities of Timberhill and Dixon.

Like the other health clubs, it is open all year.

Corvallis Fitness Center charges students an average of \$99 per term for a membership.

For any student who is willing to pay the money, they can avoid the crowds. For all others, the next time they go to Dixon they may want to take a book.

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Alliance? You'd be better off making up games

By DAVID EASTMAN
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Ah, it's that time of year again. It's time for the college bowl bids to be handed out. This annual event has sent me spiraling into deep contemplation. Behold the results of this treacherous journey.

First of all, I have a hard time getting past the fact that Division I-A has no playoff system. Yes, this may be beating a dead horse. But, if the animal is already dead, then it won't mind if I kick it a few more times.

As a student at Ohio State, I frequently debated this point with the university president, E.

Gordon Gee. Since he was chair of the Big 10 Presidents' Committee, he had major influence on the conference's resistance to the idea of a playoff.

He argued that this would be too much pressure on the players academically. We can't ask them to play that many games.

Hmmm. My brother played Division III football, and they have a playoff system. Most of them were working on the side to pay for their education, yet they found time for it. Why can't a full scholarship athlete, especially since few of them let class eat up too much of their time?

Even if we reject this notion, let's talk numbers. If a team like Nebraska plays 11 regular

season games and the Big 12 Championship Game and then a bowl game, they end with 13 contests on the year.

Okay, so let's limit regular season play to 10 games, like it used to be. Then we institute an 8-team playoff at the end. To win the national title, a team would still play only 13 games.

Plus, those last 3 games in the playoff could be played during the winter break, instead of at the end of the term or just before finals week.

Am I the only one who sees this?

Maybe. So, I guess I must bow once again to the Bowl Alliance (or, as I prefer, the Evil Empire).

Thus, there is nothing left to do but imagine really cool bowl games that should be played but won't. I propose five such games.

The Has-Been Bowl: Notre Dame v. USC. The Irish definitely deserve a bowl bid, due to that big win over, um, oh, gosh, somebody who is so big that I can't remember the name. The Trojans already beat Notre Dame, who beat someone really big, so they're in, too. Beano Cook and Bob Trumpy will be the commentators and poster children for the game.

The Two-Hand Touch Bowl: Florida v. BYU. This will be a fun game to watch for pacifists, because no one will actually be tackled. Players will be down when touched — oh so gently — by the opposition. Fans may be confused, because both of these teams already play in two-hand touch conferences. The difference is that they will finally get the recognition they deserve.

That's not all. Unseemly gesticulations on the field will be not only allowed but encouraged. And, players will be encouraged to chug disgusting American beer during TV timeouts and then belch in the faces of the opposition.

My guess is that Florida will handle this part of the game better than BYU.

Florida State, from the ACC, would have been the top choice for this bowl, but one of their players accidentally bumped into another student in the cafeteria last week. We can have none of that rough stuff! I've also been tipped by an unnamed source that FSU could actually be banned from the conference for this violent behavior.

The Boring Bowl: Penn State v. Alabama.

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Duke leads pack this week

Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll fared Tuesday:

1. Duke (6-0) did not play. Next: at North Carolina-Greensboro, Wednesday.
2. Kansas (7-0) beat No. 4 Arizona 90-87. Next: vs. Emporia State, Thursday.
3. North Carolina (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Louisville, Wednesday.
4. Arizona (4-2) lost to No. 2 Kansas 90-87. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
5. South Carolina (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Friday.
6. Purdue (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Kentucky, Wednesday.
7. Kentucky (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Purdue, Wednesday.
8. New Mexico (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 UCLA, Saturday.
9. Xavier (4-0) beat Central Michigan 88-54. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Saturday.
10. Iowa (4-0) beat Drake 90-60. Next: vs. Rice, Friday.
11. Utah (6-0) beat Providence 64-58. Next: at No. 24 Wake Forest, Saturday.
12. Stanford (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Georgia, Saturday.

13. Connecticut (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Wednesday.
14. Mississippi (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Long Island University, Friday.
15. UCLA (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 New Mexico, Saturday.
16. Fresno State (3-1) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Temple, Tuesday, Dec. 9.
17. Clemson (3-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Maryland, Thursday.
18. Arkansas (5-0) beat Bethune-Cookman 108-42. Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.
19. Florida State (5-1) beat Florida Atlantic 90-52. Next: vs. Jacksonville, Saturday.
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NBA league leaders stats

The Associated Press

Through Dec. 2
Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Jordan, Chi.	16	167	102	441	27.6
Malone, Utah	16	141	119	401	25.1
Robinson, S.A.	17	139	132	410	24.1
Rider, Port.	11	91	36	251	22.8
Rice, Char.	15	119	83	336	22.4
Walker, Bos.	16	134	68	355	22.2
Richmond, Sac.	17	130	90	377	22.2
Robinson, Mil.	16	145	53	350	21.9
Iverson, Phil.	12	102	41	258	21.5
Sprewell, G.S.	14	110	70	299	21.4
Miller, Ind.	14	96	83	298	21.3
Gugliotta, Minn.	15	116	84	317	21.1
Abdur-Rahim, Van.	18	136	108	380	21.1

Jones, LAL	15	113	58	316	21.1
Ewing, N.Y.	16	124	84	332	20.8
Webber, Wash.	14	123	26	285	20.4
Cassell, N.J.	16	102	119	325	20.3
Drexler, Hou.	14	93	75	278	19.9

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Barkley, Hou.	11	53	90	143	13.0
Rodman, Chi.	16	73	131	204	12.8
Williams, N.J.	16	108	95	203	12.7
Mutombo, Atl.	17	60	148	208	12.2
Robinson, S.A.	17	77	125	202	11.9
Sabonis, Port.	16	40	146	186	11.6
Garrett, Den.	14	61	99	160	11.4
Duncan, S.A.	17	45	146	191	11.2
Marshall, G.S.	14	64	88	152	10.9
Malone, Utah	16	46	126	172	10.8

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Kelley would need to collect 1,860 valid signatures, of registered Corvallis voters, in order to challenge the ordinance. In addition, the Oregon Restaurant Association has filed an injunction against the City of Corvallis and the Tobacco Ordinance. At time of press, a Corvallis Circuit Judge was reviewing the case for a possible trial date.

There will be an informational meeting Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Corvallis Public Library to answer any questions Corvallis residents might have.

For more information regarding the Tobacco Ordinance, contact the City of Corvallis Police Department at 757-6924.

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OSU sophomore Kat Stinson, the MUPC Holiday Special Events Organizer and the organizer of the Holiday Party.

Stinson thinks that there is too much holiday commercialization. She said that the main focus of the party is the spirit and warmth of the holidays and the importance of family.

The holiday party is geared towards the children of students and of OSU faculty, but the general public is invited to attend. There will be no entrance charge.

The activities will be for children ages five to 11 years old. Registration will begin at noon. Photos with Santa Claus will be held from 12 to 1 p.m. The cost will be \$1 per polaroid.

From 1 to 3 p.m. the children will be divided into 15 groups by age. They will then be led from activity to activity by OSU



ERIK DIETZ/The Daily Barometer

Garry Weyrich, manager of the Peacock has his cigarette outside. With the non-smoking ordinance passing, soon all smokers will be smoking outside.

volunteers dressed as elves. Every 20 minutes they will rotate activities.

The activities they will be able to participate in will include cookie decorating, storytelling, ornament making, card making, and breaking a pinata.

Beginning at 3 p.m., there will be a magic show, music and snacks for the children and their families.

Portland magician Tim Alexander, who has performed at the Holiday Party in previous years, will be returning.

The OSU jazz choir, Blacktie, will provide the music for the crowd.

Later in the afternoon, Sen. Ron Wyden plans to attend the party to interact with the children.

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under the former Vice Provost for Information Services Joy Hughes, who has since resigned.

During this time, IS exceeded general funds and other revenues to such an extent that the 1997-98 fiscal year opened with IS \$5.6 million in debt.

Many factors contributed to the outrageous debt. First of all, IS had no budget process for salary increases and new positions. Second, many new services and functions were undertaken by IS without any planned funding support.

According to the memorandum, an additional reason the debt accumulated was, "the Information Services centralized budget structure where funds were held without line-item budgeting while authority to expend funds was vested in a large number of senior and middle managers within IS."

The proposed solution

In accordance with the proposed solution to paying back the deficit, the university covered the IS deficit at the end of the fiscal year 1996-97. IS has budgeted to pay back the deficit over a six year period.

"I'd like to see this paid off sooner," Pederson said.

Information Services is in the process of forming a committee comprised of students, faculty, administrators and IS staff to prioritize the importance of IS services, and uncover which services are most valuable and least valuable to the OSU community.

One proposed cutback that has received widespread criticism is the proposal to eliminate the modem pooling.

Currently, Information Services sustains the modem pooling in order to provide for campus users who are dialing in from an off-campus location.

Without the funding to increase the modem pooling system, and with the modem pooling already over-used, it is not feasible to Pederson that the current state of the IS budget could sustain this service.

"If we leave the modem pool at the status quo, we can't provide good access to students," Pederson said.

One of the main priorities of forming the IS committee is to seek out alternatives that are more cost-effective and productive than the current modem pooling system.

"If there is an alternative that is more efficient, I want to find it," Pederson said.

A trend in many universities is to faze out modem pooling, allowing off-campus users to access campus accounts through internet service providers. This process is favorable to commercial internet providers, who resent off-campus users who share free modem pooling access with non-paying friends and family members.

Other proposed cuts for paying back the deficit include cutting the staffing IS service desks. This includes the computer consulting desk, the library circulation desk, the library government publications service desk, the media center equipment scheduling services desk, the photographic services desk, multimedia production services desk, the computing labs' desks, and library reference desk.

IS will also propose cuts to their workshop series, eliminating programs that are offered already through the local community college or the commercial sector.

Another controversial proposal is to reduce the library's book

buying budget to one third of the annual 12,000 books normally purchased.

"We're cutting the book budget by approximately \$340,000," said Associate University Librarian Scharlene Grass. "This wasn't expected."

Class reserves and faculty requests will receive precedence over other book purchases. According to the memorandum, texts often go out of print quickly, which will very likely result in some titles never appearing in the Valley Library's collection.

Also, beginning in the fiscal year 1998-99, the library will once again consider cutting back journal expenditures.

The Faculty Senate responds

On Thursday, Nov. 6, Pederson visited the Faculty Senate meeting, and for 90 minutes fielded questions from both sympathetic and embittered senators.

"We had Vice Provost Pederson meet with the Faculty Senate at the November meeting, and that was a long meeting," said Faculty Senate Chairman Tony Wilcox. "I think it went on for an hour and twenty minutes. That was a productive meeting."

Wilcox feels that Pederson left the meeting with, "a much higher sense of the priority the faculty places on the library as a very essential element of the university and the need to protect that as much as possible."

Wilcox said that a majority of the concerns expressed by the senators were in relation to the cuts to Valley Library book purchases, although another topic of discussion was the proposed modem pool elimination.

"Another area of concern was the impact on access to parts of our instruction that are available through the internet if the modem pool is eliminated," Wilcox said.

At the November senate meeting, Wilcox announced that he has formed an ad-hoc senate committee to investigate the \$5.6 million deficit, as well as the proposed pay back plan.

"They [the Faculty Senate] are really interested in the \$52 technology resource fee, audits, and they want to know, how did this happen? How did our department overspend \$5.6 million in 2 years?" Pederson said.

The man in the middle

With this enormous deficit affecting many aspects of Information Services and Oregon State University, one cannot help but wonder who is to blame.

Many feel that Pederson, who has assumed the massive position as Associate Vice Provost of Information Services during its darkest hour, is definitely not to blame.

Before taking over IS after the resignation of Joy Hughes, Pederson was the State of Oregon Chief Information Officer for three-and-a-half years.

Since coming to OSU, he has had to deal with a budget in shambles, and cope with the pressures of finding solutions that will keep everyone happy. When it comes down to it, he is the head of a department attempting to continue providing good services while having less resources due to the deficit.

Jokingly, Pederson draws on an analogy when people ask him how he's handling the situation.

"I sleep like a baby," Pederson said. "I wake up every two hours crying."


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A PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

Settle for more

Many thanks to Paul L. Evans for the continued clarity of vision he expresses in his writing ("Individual Responsibility," Dec. 2, and "Re-serfing of America," Nov. 24). This is the sort of social commentary that really cuts to the chase. I'm thrilled and hopeful that this kind of writing is a sign of the times.

As an amateur social theorist myself for a good many years, I'd like to add a comment or two. I agree that it will take time and energy to renew America. However there are some structural issues which must be understood before we decide what actions are necessary to correct the dangerous imbalances present in our system.

Op-Ed

I believe the most ominous imbalance we face today is the usurpation of our democracy by the moneyed influence of greedy entities called corporations. Corporations were initially granted "charters" by the People, allowing their existence in order to serve specific needs deemed desirable by society. Over the decades though, corporations have mutated into monsters.

Unfortunately, we've seen all too many times that the public trust has been abused, all of us suffering as a result. They have wantonly squandered and raped the public's natural resources, raided the public treasury through corporate welfare, and succeeded in the most vile crimes against humanity. Remember the half-trillion dollar Savings and Loan bailout? I don't remember anyone getting anything more than a slap on the wrist for that outrage. Think of the wondrous things that would have been possible with all that dough! Meanwhile, some poor person gets the book thrown at him if they receive one lousy dollar more than they're entitled!

I assert that corporations have subverted democracy, buying "protection" from those whom you thought were YOUR representatives. Big Business fears the public's imposition on their profits so much that they unleash countless millions onto lobbying campaigns to get their way in lawmaking. They also detest dealing with unnecessary frills and costly details of such non-essentials as "environmental laws," "labor unions," "healthcare legislation," etc.

Corporations feel they have been granted a sort of "artificial personhood" under corporate law, that they have the same Constitutional Rights, such as freedom of speech (as in freedom of the checkbook), as you and I. Of course this unnatural person is conveniently exempted from going to jail for criminal endangerment of others, or for theft. And as for their constitutional rights, well I looked at my copy of the Constitution, and it says "We the People," not "We the Rich and Privileged Corporate Mucky-Mucks!"

Corporate funding of any political office should be a crime akin to treason, as it is a subversion of the power of the people, the people's representation ... (remember "taxation without representation"? It started a revolution once). I perceive that is what Paul Evans is implying (Nov. 24) when he wrote "our nation is on the precipice ... Something must give, or something will happen." I think he is a student of Jefferson, like myself. My point: that if present trends continue, there won't be much left of democracy, or the country, to worry about its reform.

Corporate charters should come under intense review periodically. Corporations would have to prove their worth to the community and to the public good, or be dismembered and nationalized. Answering only to money-grubbing shareholders (who may not even be citizens) just does not cut it anymore. You must take back the authority they have stolen from you because they will not return it easily.

To allow the situation to proceed unchecked from here guarantees the future you will pass on to your children. One of ever declining living standards, a polluted environment, a wealthy and encapsulated aristocracy surrounded by a horde of, as Evans says, "pawns for the powerful in a new age economic feudal system."

In future elections, look at who you are voting for carefully. Are they pretending to see things your way until they are in office? Do they depend for their appeal on single issues of high emotions? And most important ... who is funding them? I endorse people-powered organizations like Project Votesmart to help us sort out our political rut. Seems to me that Republicans and Democrats are not really so different anymore.

I wish it were not so, but I am afraid they could all use a nice long vacation in their home district where they will stay out of trouble while active citizens get things back in order! Really REALLY question authority when you consider whom your vote goes to ... they WILL listen if you show them how to use your power. And remember ... "Settle for more."

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of Drake Van Praag, senior in liberal studies.

Non-smoking bars in Corvallis stink

Did you know that by June 1998 Corvallis may have only non-smoking bars? This would mean the Peacock, Squirrel's, and a host of others will be non-smoking only. If you want a cigarette you'll have to go outside to puff, and mind you, along with no smoking in bars, there will be a ten foot corridor in front of every entrance and exit of a public place where smoking will be illegal. Now whether or not you yourself smoke isn't that important. What is important is how this proposed law will affect you.

First, let us deal with smokers and non-smokers who frequent our town's bars. Smokers will no longer be able to have a cigarette after they have had a couple drinks or socialize while in the act of smoking. This may not sound bad to non-smokers, but imagine if there was something you really liked to do and all of a sudden during a couple year's time that activity went from being legal almost anywhere to being legal only in your car, your house, and maybe the middle of the street. This probably wouldn't make you very happy. Now you can see the dilemma faced by smokers. They want to be able to do things like anyone else but increasingly they are told they can't smoke in a restaurant, in a club, in a bar, on the sidewalk, and in some places out in public period.

Now let's look at cigarettes in relation to the alcohol industry. Both are individual choices as to whether you will or won't consume these products. Once you have reached the designated age of 21 it is legal to do both. One of the arguments used in support of this ban is that it will curb illegal smoking. Come on, who are you kidding?

First of all, people in the bars are over 21 therefore it is legal to smoke. If a bar does have people under the age of 18 in it there are some serious fake I.D.s going around and maybe they should do something about that instead.

Second, if it is legal to smoke and the purpose of a bar is to relax and socialize with people on an individual level in an eased atmosphere, there should be looser controls than in, say, a restaurant where the main purpose is to eat. I can understand not wanting cigarette smoke wafting over your food and palate, but having a pleasant conversation and a drink in the bar is a vastly different environment. People have to eat somewhere but you can make the choice to have an alcoholic beverage somewhere else if you don't like that place's atmosphere.

Third, if this ban is a way to get people to stop smoking, which I think it is seeing as it was initiated by a healthcare provider, the way is through the education of our society's children and not through the repression of those who grew up with a different set of ethics and morals.

Let us also look at this proposed ten foot corridor. Almost all sidewalks pass by public entrances and exits. If there was a ten foot area where smoking was banned could you get a ticket for smoking on a public sidewalk? I don't see this as a very viable option. Am I going to have to walk in the gutter or street in

order to have a measly cigarette?

I'd rather see someone smoking on a sidewalk than getting run over by a car in a vain attempt to satisfy their craving. What about those little R2D2-looking ash trays? Where will they go? If they keep them they will have to put them out of that ten foot area. This could lead to congested walkways and that is also unsafe. If they got rid of them where would smokers put out their cigarettes? On the ground? That is unsanitary as well as environmentally unsound. It also looks disgusting. Without proper receptacles what do smokers do? I think you know the answer to that one. There will be thousands of butts littering our ground. For this reason alone I could justify repealing this ban.

This initiative was not a popular movement. Rather it was brought up by private interests and the city council. Before someone tells me I have to abide by a rule I like to see that the majority of people think this rule is justified. In this case it wasn't brought to a popular vote and I believe that if it had, there would have been considerable debate and some of the problems inherent in the present initiative may have

"I can understand not wanting cigarette smoke wafting over your food and palate, but having a pleasant conversation and a drink in the bar is a vastly different environment."

been resolved. I would like to know what you think and whether you think it should be put to a vote. I think that the city council is somewhat guilty of enforcing their own personal ideas of what is right or wrong and not considering the vast number of people who indulge in this legal product.

There is also a whole economic side to this as well. Bars, by their own estimates, say they may lose up to 25 percent of their business for two to four months. This should not be taken lightly. If their business drops that substantially, I'm not sure that bars make so much money that they can easily get through this period of lost revenue. If bars start to close, how will this affect not only our university community but the Corvallis area as a whole? Where can people go to let off some stress and enjoy themselves in a nice environment? Under the initiative, bartenders will have to become, in a way, police in regard to their efforts to get people not to smoke in order for the bar to escape being fined. I'm sure if they had wanted to be an officer of the law they wouldn't be tending a bar. They would be going to Monmouth, which is a dry town incidentally, to become a police officer.

I would like to hear some of your opinions on this issue and if possible I may go to the City Council and talk to them as to how they will solve some of the problems I mentioned above. I think it rather strange that an issue so profoundly affecting many people has not had hardly any debate or public dialogue. I'll bet half of you reading this article didn't even know this initiative was going to happen. If you have any thoughts or ideas you can respond via the Letters section of the *Barometer*. Remember, if you don't take responsibility for the things around you, you can't expect to have things the way you want them to be.

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

LETTERS

Let the courts judge

To the Editor,

Before passing judgment on Mr. Michael Clausen let us give him his right, his day in court. Too often in our society we pass judgment through hearsay and via the media. The recent alleged (alleged being defined by Webster's as 1. to declare; to affirm; to assert with positiveness; as, to allege a fact. 2. to assert or declare without proof) rape incident is just that, alleged. This incident has not yet had its day in court.

MUPC President Jenny Smreker stated, "this incident should bring to everyone's awareness that rape is still around and continues on this campus. The fact that it occurred with a high profile student is all the more reason to take notice." (Baro 4DEC97) or as ASOSU President Matt DeVore stated, "especially now, no one can ignore the fact that sexual assault occurs at OSU." (Baro 4DEC97)

Both of these statements are judgments to the implied guilt of a human being without his RIGHT to a trial by jury. Being college educated members of society do we not know our own Constitution, Amendment VI [1791] states:

"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed ..."

We, as the public, are to be impartial until all the facts have been displayed. As to date there have been no facts displayed, only an allegation and a one sided story by John Lovdoken of *The Daily Barometer*.

Having four sisters, two mothers and a girlfriend, I am quite aware of the fear of rape in women. It is sad in our society that a woman can't walk the streets at night without being afraid, and that in many cases she must carry a form of protection or travel in pairs.

However, being a man I am also afraid of being falsely accused of something that I didn't do with regards to the opposite sex. Remember two years ago when an OSU football player/pledge of a fraternity was accused of a sexual offense, he was raked through the coals by the media and then acquitted by the jury of impartial peers.

Not once was there a retraction or an apology by the media for the hell he was put through by them. Have we not learned from our past mistakes and others like it? Don't pass judgment until you know all the facts.

I know neither the alleged perpetrator or the alleged victim but what I do know is that it is not our right to pass judgment on someone before hearing both sides of the story and before our judicial system has had time to do its job.

To the alleged victim,
I am truly sorry that you must endure this hardship and I pledge my support to your recovery.

To Mr. Clausen,
I will not pass judgment on you until you have had your right, a trial. If you are found innocent may your life be filled with joy and

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FORUM

Where is this university going?

To the Spice Generation, my time at Oregon State is through, and this is my last writing for the Barometer. And I ask the question, is this school in better shape now than when I first started five years ago? Well Spice children, truthfully, the school is in a sorry state of disarray. Oregon State has lost its heart and lost its soul, and is in for a bleak future unless students, staff and community don't start shaping up. Yeah, we have a newly remodeled football stadium with the Valley center and luxury boxes, and we have a new football coach who, like his predecessors, promises to improve the program. But we all know the Beavers will never have a good football program. We have a new library, but lack the funds to fill it with books. A library is useless without books.

OP-ED

As other schools' journalism programs thrive, ours, well ... we don't have one. By not having a journalism program, the progress of our media departments is retarded, and so is their reputation. This is not to say that the *Barometer* is not a good paper, because it is, but the quality would be greatly increased if we even had a smidgen of a journalism school.

Oregon State is becoming a campus of job preparation and not a campus of learning and broadening students' horizons. When the need to fill positions at local businesses overrides the need to provide an education, you know something is wrong.

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happiness, if found guilty may you receive the just punishments you deserve and hope that God may have mercy on your soul.

To the Media,
I agree with Darci Stocking that hopefully your coverage of rape will encourage more women to come forward. With regards to your coverage, I feel that if you protect the alleged victim why not protect the alleged accused until after the trial. If people want to know the accused

Oregon State is slowly but surely becoming a corporate campus, with the Coke monopoly on soft drinks and the corporate donations which keep programs such as business thriving. Other programs such as liberal arts are not so lucky, struggling just to stay alive.

Corporations, with their increased gratuity, will continually expect more from Oregon State, as far as the school directing its programs to suit the needs of corporations. We can't expect the generous donations are just to ease the tax burdens of these businesses.

When I first arrived at this school there was an atmosphere of a fun community, where students worked hard and played hard. This fun has been stifled by a community who has outcast students for having fun. Fun meaning events, not just parties. A college experience is about students learning to make decisions, both good and bad. It is about learning to think for yourself. But with the school continually, controlling more and more social aspects of the college experience, the choices can't be made.

Students deserve more for the education dollar than a new football stadium, a library with no books, corporate classrooms, and school-controlled social events. The school is here for the students, and for that reason, students need to take charge of their campus experience. If not, someone else will.

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of Rob Wille, retired reporter for *The Daily Barometer*.

or victim's name they can go down and look at the police reports.

To the Public,
Let your Constitution do its job first, then pass judgment. Don't allow yourself to be put in a position where there is any doubt of what took place. This goes for both men and women.
Chad Humphrey
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The 17th Annual Holiday Market begins today in the MU Ballroom, sponsored by the OSU Craft Center. The yearly event houses hand-crafted gifts by local Northwest artists from Corvallis, Portland and Eugene. Above: Last year's Holiday Market drew nearly 8,000 shoppers to browse through a variety of booths over the two-day event. A wide display of pottery, sculptures and ornaments were among the holiday favorites. Below: Heather Engelman, owner of Thistle Dew Farms Inc. in Philomath displays her handmade wreaths and statice bouquets for an eager buyer.

Flaming Lips CD 'Zaireeka' an octophonic sound experience

By ROB WILLE
of The Daily Barometer

It started as an experiment with multiple car stereos, and now has surfaced into an album, *Zaireeka*. The Flaming Lips' new album is less an album and more an experience, one that started off as an experiment.

The experiment, now known as "The Parking Lot Experiment," is a symphony of sorts that Dave Coyne, the brain and brawn of the Flaming Lips, composed and recorded to be played simultaneously by up to 50 car stereos. The idea came to him after he walked through a parking lot after a concert and was enamored by all the different sounds coming

out of all the cars. The "experiment" goes like this: Up to 50 cars are assembled in parking garage. Coyne hands each car a different audio tape, which contain different frequencies and different sounds. Coyne stands with a bullhorn and shouts the magic command to start. And, "what resulted, with varying degrees of non-success, was a sort of surround sound, inner sound, random-precision, tape deck performance ... well, a kind of mutated symphony where the musicians are the tape decks," Coyne describes in *Zaireeka's* liner notes.

The experiments were a totally new innovation is listening to music. Traditional instruments were tossed aside in lieu of car stereos. Coyne was experimenting with the combination of sounds and the effects of mixing abstract noises with music.

Coyne took these experiments from the cold

garages into the studio and arrived with *Zaireeka*, a four-disc, octophonic masterpiece. *Zaireeka* is a four-disc set with the same songs on all four discs. Each disc, however, contains different versions of the songs which are meant to be played simultaneously on four different CD players.

The experience sounded intriguing, so I tried it. I assembled four CD players and inserted *Zaireeka*, and the experiment began.

The sounds that were mixed ranged from barking dogs to screams as ghoulish as a haunted house. Probably the highlight of the experience was a drum solo, which echoed from all eight speakers. The musical styles ranged from lounge to jazzy hip-hop, all the while

remaining experimental. By name, *Zaireeka*, which is the combination of the words Zaire and Eureka, means chaos and genius. And when these two spheres combine, they produce the byproduct, *Zaireeka*. Coyne has created an experience that has elements of genius; who would have thought to produce an electronic experimental symphony to be played on different CD players? At the same time, because of the randomness of the sounds and the nature of the experiment, there is a sort of chaos.

Because CD players play at different speeds, and the sequences are likely to be thrown off, each listening experience will be different. Which means, each listen will be a totally different performance. *Zaireeka* offers a chance for the listener to be part of the experience.

Annual Holiday Market opens with festive gifts for the season

By TERRY COLEMAN
of The Daily Barometer

The days of holiday shopping in the malls among wall to wall people who are likely to have bought the same gift for their special someone as you just did, are over.

A healthy new alternative has been established that provides the opportunity for creative gift ideas that are as unique as the person you will give them to. An alternative that allows consumers to shop with the peace of the holidays in their hearts, and delightful music to put a glide in their step. The best part is that you don't even have to leave Corvallis to find it.

The 17th annual Holiday Market, sponsored by the Oregon State University Craft Center, is back this year with live music and 55 booths to choose from some of your favorite arts and craft designs.

Like always the Holiday Market will kick off its shopping extravaganza Friday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and will run through Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Market coordinators are estimating around 8,000 attendants over the two-day period. The Holiday Market is a free holiday craft fair open to everyone and features the hand-crafted works of local Northwest artists from Corvallis, Eugene, Portland, Salem and Washington. This year's festival will include some of your old favorites whose work can only be found at the Holiday Market.

"There are participants in this market who have

been here for years and continue to draw large crowds," said Debbie Weber, OSU Craft Center director.

There will also be some new artists that will surely have what you're looking for to complete your holiday gift list. Artists are selected months in advance by students, staff and faculty to attend the fair.

The Market, in its 17th year of spreading holiday cheer, has become an OSU holiday tradition, presenting a unique selection of ornaments, pottery, jewelry, glass, baskets, clothing, toys, woodwork and more.

Shuttle transportation will be provided from Gill Coliseum to the parking lot. For those of you with small children, there will be a free children's party in the MU Lounge from 1-3 p.m. Pre-registration will take place from 11 a.m. to noon in the MU lounge.

The Holiday Market will have live music to enhance your shopping experience. Performing Friday will be Gloria Foster, Beth Strohmeier, Philomath Elementary School Choir, Dave Feinberg, and the Inner Strength Gospel Choir just to name a few.

Saturday's performers won't skip a beat as the Corvallis Madrigal Society, Marion Co. Sheriff Bagpipers, Ancient Ways, and Another Dave take the stage.

The Holiday Market has everything you could hope for in a fall shopping experience, so don't be left out in the cold by missing out.

Holiday events this season to beat wintertime blues

By RORY LEWELLING
of The Daily Barometer

Christmas trees, Christmas gifts, Christmas lights, Christmas cookies, Christmas ornaments ... Christmas is in a world of its own. The most important part of Christmas, though, is the break that we students get to take from school. Twenty-two days of rest and relaxation ... well, for most of us, that is.

There are some students, though, that just can't get enough of Corvallis and choose to stay here up until Christmas when they finally depart to meet up with family and friends and celebrate the holidays. But what can one do on a Friday night when the campus is deserted and bowling has lost all its allure? Here is a quick rundown on just some of the activities coming to the area:

Tonight at 7 p.m. the OSU-Corvallis Symphony Orchestra, OSU Chamber Choir and University Singers are presenting their holiday concert in LaSells Stewart Center. Tickets are \$14 for general admission and \$6 for students. They are available in Corvallis at Rice's Pharmacy, Gracewinds Music, The Emporium, and the OSU music department, and in Albany at Sid Stevens Jewelers.

Also tonight the Community Center for the Performing Arts in Eugene will host "An Evening with the Austin Lounge Lizards." Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show starts at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door, available at CD World, EMU Main Desk, House of Records, La Tiendita & Taco Loco, Record Exchange and WOW Hall.

Tonight through Dec. 20, the Albany Civic Theater presents "It Runs in the Family," directed by Jon Marvel. The performance starts at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 for people under 18 or over 60, and are available at Rice's Pharmacy as well as at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany. The play is set in a hospital and is filled with mayhem as a prestigious doctor finds out the morning of an important lecture that a youthful encounter has produced a son.

Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Majestic Theater (115 SW Second St. in Corvallis), Kevin Burke's Open House — a combination of Eastern European, Latin American, Appalachian, Scandinavian, British and Irish dance and song — will perform. Tickets are available at Grass Roots Bookstore and Rice's Pharmacy; \$11 in advance, \$12 at the door. There is a \$1 discount for Corvallis Folklore Society members and OSU students. This event is sponsored by the Corvallis Folklore Society and the OSU Department of Music.

Thursday, Dec. 11, in Eugene at the Community Center for the Performing Arts (291 W. 8th St.), Andy Summers will be jazzing it up. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the performance starts at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door, and are available at CD World, EMU Main Desk, Green Noise, House of Records, La Tiendita & Taco Loco, Record Exchange and WOW Hall.

Saturday, Dec. 13, at 9 p.m. at the Roseland Theater in Portland, The Andy Summers Group will perform. Tickets are available at all Fred Meyer Fastix locations, Music Millennium, or call 224-TIXX to charge by phone. Andy Summers, formerly of The Police, plays jazz, with elements of electric as well as stripped-down guitar.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 9 p.m., the Roseland Theater will present Five Fingers of Funk to ring in the New Year. Tickets are \$15 in advance and are available at Fred Meyer Fastix locations, Music Millennium, or 224-TIXX to charge by phone. Five Fingers of Funk takes traditional rap lyrics and puts them with old school funk rhythms to produce a funky sound. This show is 21 and over only.

These are just some of the theatrical and musical events coming to town, but there is a lot more in this town to do. Students stay here for nine months of the year, sometimes 12, and we haven't died of boredom yet, so Corvallis is doing something right. Of course we sure could use more places that are open 24 hours, but that's another story.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Alien: Resurrection' has more gore, more slime, but what's with Winona?

By DAN MAGILL

of The Daily Barometer

Ahh, at last, another "Alien" movie has finally been released. Hopefully, it will finally conclude yet another great series that has been run into the ground by Hollywood. "Alien: Resurrection" is a fast paced film compared to the other three, and it has substantially more gore, slime, and despicable characters than all the other movies. It also runs on more effects, less plot, and consequently, less of the believability of the other films.

In all the other films, "the company" looms over everything like invisible vultures, never showing their faces but always seeming to be in control. Until, of course, the aliens decide it's time for all the people around them to die. In the fourth installment, the company is suddenly gone, replaced by the military, which wants to breed an alien army. So they find some of Sigourney Weaver's blood from her death in the last film, and make a clone from which to extract the queen that was inside her. Later, they end up with twelve aliens sitting in little rooms with a toy chest in the corner. The government guys then attempt to train them. This is the best part in the film, because it is the silliest. Do you think the aliens escape? Well alright, you got one.

Soon there are aliens running all over the ship, and most of the military guys evacuate, leaving a crew of smugglers on board with Weaver and a couple soldiers. This crew is supposed to mimic the crew from the first film, it seems, for it has almost an identical make-up of gender and ethnicity. Enter Winona Ryder, who attempts to star in her first action film. Unfortunately, she fails miserably,

although it was more the fault of the story than her abilities.

It attempts to be a scary film, and in certain scenes, some real suspense is brought out. Some scenes, like a scene underwater, are beautifully filmed, and these appear often enough to keep the film interesting and fun to watch. The problem is that not one character is likeable. All the military guys are sadistic, cold, heartless fanatics, but all the smugglers are spiteful, egocentric, greedy, and repulsive. It is difficult to feel much remorse when they die, because before the aliens stepped in, it often seemed as though they would have killed each other on their own.

Many things made the first two films far better than the last two, and one of those was the characters were real people with real emotions and reactions. They did not act stupid around the aliens, but they used what resources they had to beat the incredible odds the aliens would stack against them. In the second film, it was really amazing when they actually fired their guns at the aliens. Even more amazing was that they even hit a lot of them. In this film, every character is fully loaded, and yet they hardly ever shoot.

The mostly no-name cast does not do much to enhance the film either. Most of them have only a few lines, and the audience learns very little about them when suddenly they splatter on the window. Weaver does a fair job in trying to play out the new hybrid nature of her character, but most of the best performances come from the aliens, who even though we still have no idea how they actually eat, they abound in slime, sharp teeth, and slime. The producers create some visually stunning scenes, but as far as the cast and the writers go, they are still looking for a few good men, or women.

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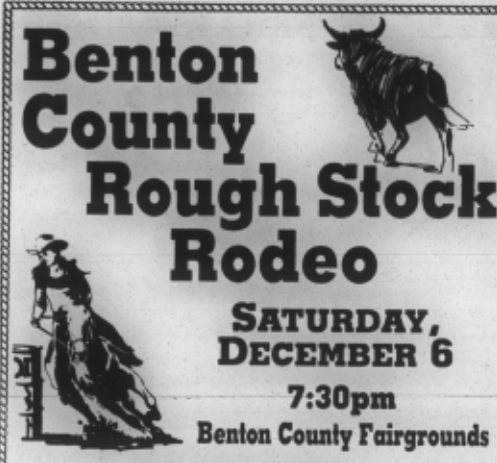


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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kapinski has insight to peace studies

By ROB WILLE

of The Daily Barometer

The phrase, "Peace on earth, and Goodwill to men," is used frequently during the holiday season, but it hardly seems like a reality. With conflict abundant in many parts of the world, like the Middle East and Bosnia, it is apparent that violence is all around, and there isn't peace on earth. Pawel Kapinski, the acting director of Peace Studies, thinks this can change. And with two peace study courses offered this winter, Kapinski hopes to share these ideas, and teach students about the importance of conflict resolution and peace studies.

The Peace Studies program is in its 12th year at Oregon State, but recently has lost its prominence. It is a discipline that has had a lot of success in Europe, because, "people are much more aware of the need to cooperate with each other, to understand each other, and live in peace," Kapinski said. There are also prominent programs on the East Coast, including American University, in Washington DC, where Kapinski completed his graduate work.

Kapinski is a native of Poland, who has had first hand experience of conflict. It is from these experiences, and seeing conflict resolution work first hand, that has given him personal insight into peace studies.

"There is a lot of violence everywhere," Kapinski said. "What peace studies scholars, and researchers believe is that violence can be elimi-

nated, can be obsolete." Kapinski is going to gear his courses around this theme, that violence can be eliminated through mediation, and conflict resolution. He hopes to teach students alternative way to deal conflict, by looking at the causes of conflict, and dealing with those conflicts.

"We realize conflict will exist, but violence doesn't solve the conflict, it perpetuates it, and leads to escalation," Kapinski said. "Violence leads to violence."

Conflict resolution can be applied in many instances, anything from global conflicts, to campus conflicts. Kapinski stresses that conflict resolution, though it can work on a global level, needs to start on a personal level, or on an individual level.

"Students will learn long term tangible skills for everyday life situations to work out conflict," Kapinski said.

This winter, Kapinski, will be teaching two Peace Study courses: PAX 201 Peace and Conflict Causes, and PS/PAX 407 Conflict and Cooperation. "201 will focus on practical skills of conflict resolution," Kapinski said. PS/PAX 407 will, "focus on the Gulf Region because, as seen in the last few weeks, it remains an important and sensitive area," Kapinski said.

According to Kapinski, these courses should offer a good opportunity for students to learn skills that will impact their lives, and the lives of those around them.



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Associated Press

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Opening Dec. 19, "Titanic" is the most expensive movie made in recent years. About \$40 million of its record \$200 million budget was devoted to special effects, and the film was delayed from its original summer opening so Cameron and his effects team could complete the hundreds of digital tricks.

Cameron and his crew built a 775-foot, nine-tenths scale "Titanic" model near Rosarito Beach, Mexico, on Baja California's northwest coast and equipped it with exact replicas of the real ship's fittings.

Yet many of the film's most spectacular effects were filmed not on this gargantuan set but on a much smaller, museum-quality 45-foot model. The miniature was so detailed that its lifeboats were filled with 24 tiny oars, a fact lost on audiences because the lifeboats were covered by tarpaulins.

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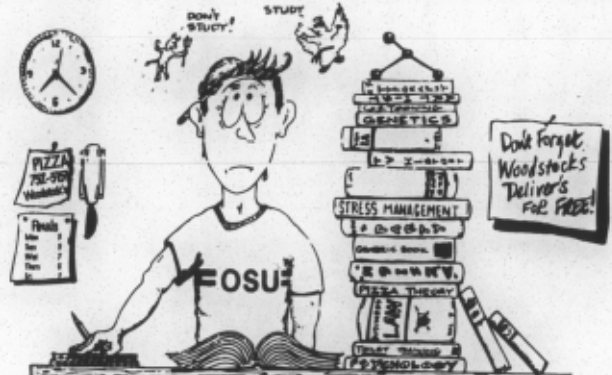
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FRIDAY

Meetings

Palo Club, 7:00. OSU Horse Center Practice. Peace Corps, 10-2, Career Services. Friday is International Volunteer Day. Ever consider joining the Peace Corps? Come to Career Services in Kerr Administration Building to see what the Peace Corps has to offer.

Events

Health Promotion & Education Club. Canned food & clothing drive: please bring your donations to Dixon Recreation Center thru Dec. 13th.

Bea Theta Pi, 10-4pm. MU Lounge. A "giving tree" located in front of MU lounge for the

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Events

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Meetings

Palo Club, 3:00. OSU Horse Center Practice. OSU Newman Center, 5:30pm. St. Mary's Church, 501 NW Tyler. Newman Mass, organized & facilitated by college students.

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SPORTS

Nelson takes over for Cleamons as Mavs regroup

Associated Press

DALLAS — Jim Cleamons is out and Don Nelson will soon be in as coach of the Dallas Mavericks.

Cleamons was fired today after the Mavericks lost 12 of their last 13 games. He is the first NBA coach to lose his job this season.

Assistant coach Charlie Parker will coach the team tonight against the New York Knicks. Then Nelson, a three-time NBA coach of the year and the sixth-winningest coach in league history, will take over the league's worst team of the 1990s on Saturday when the Mavericks play Houston in the first regular-season game in Mexico.

Cleamons, whose overall record with Dallas was 28-70, received a four-year, \$5 million contract when he was hired in May 1996 to become an NBA head coach for the first time.

The Mavericks also fired two assistant coaches — Butch Beard, a former New Jersey Nets coach who was Cleamons' top aide, and Sonny Allen.

Nelson, who was hired as general manager in February, had been lobbying for Cleamons' dismissal for months and owner Ross Perot Jr. finally agreed. Nelson has said all along that he didn't want to coach, but Perot apparently made the final decision.

Perot squashed talk of Cleamons' dismissal in April, but rumors swirled again in recent weeks as the team continued to sputter. Cleamons reportedly was to be fired after tonight's game, but he instead got the word before a morning shootaround.

"We wanted to be fair to coach Cleamons and deal with it with as much integrity as we could given the difficulty of the situation," team president Terdemus Ussery said. "Given that the decision was made, what was the need to drag it out?"

Players were told of the changes just before the shootaround. Cleamons then spoke to them one last time.

"He told them to play hard and be professional," Parker said. "I think that's what we all have to do. It comes as a tremendous loss, but we all have to be professional."

Nelson overhauled the roster since being hired in February, stocking it with players best suited for his up-tempo style and not Cleamons' slow, methodical offense.

With Nelson returning to the bench, the players will finally be allowed to run.

"We're going to try to push the ball a little more," said guard Erick Strickland, signed to a six-year, \$14 million contract by Nelson this summer but made a reserve by Cleamons.

Cleamons, a former Chicago Bulls assistant, insisted on sticking with the triangle offense, a complicated scheme best used by the NBA champions. But he clearly did not have the likes of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, and the triangle offense alienated him from the Mavericks players.

Their inability to grasp or embrace the triangle led to embarrassments, such as a 45-point loss to Portland, a franchise-low 62 points against Milwaukee and a 33-point loss to Atlanta — all within the last few weeks.

Cleamons is the fifth coach this decade unable to lead Dallas to a winning record and the second unable to install the triangle offense. Quinn Buckner was fired after going 13-69 in 1993-94.

He had spent the previous seven seasons as an assistant with the Bulls, taking part in four championships. He had a fifth ring from the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers, whose NBA record of 69 wins lasted until being broken by Cleamons' final Bulls team.

Cleamons got off to a good start, winning his first four games before internal strife ripped last year's team apart. The foundation of Jason Kidd, Jamal Mashburn, and Jim Jackson was traded, with Cleamons the driving force behind the Kidd deal.

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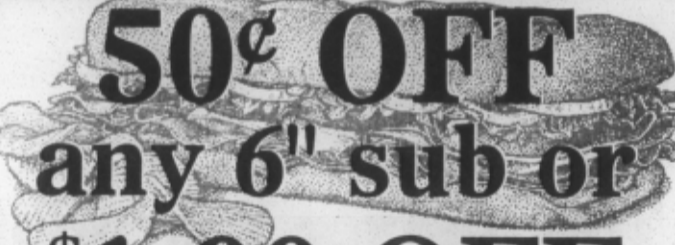
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Sprewell makes Pippen look better

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It took only a few days for somebody in the NBA to step forward and make Scottie Pippen look good. The trick will be to keep it from becoming a parade.

On Monday, Latrell Sprewell, a three-time All-Star with Golden State, attacked his coach — not once, but twice. Sprewell had been feuding with P.J. Carlesimo since training camp and apparently wanted out in the worst way. But attempts to accommodate him with a trade were stalled.

So when the first-year coach got on him in practice one more time for being lackadaisical, Sprewell came up with a way to kick-start the process.

And this is where he went Pippen several steps better: According to news accounts, instead of simply demanding a trade, Sprewell put Carlesimo in a stranglehold and told him, "I'm going to kill you. You better get me off this team, or that's what I'm going to do."

Twenty minutes later, Sprewell returned to the court. He took another swipe at Carlesimo's head before teammates could pull him away. Within hours, the Warriors suspended Sprewell without pay for at least 10 games, which will cost him \$940,000. Then they threatened to invoke a morals clause in the standard players contract and cancel what remains of the four-year, \$32 million deal he signed two summers ago.

But both Carlesimo and general manager Garry St. Jean insisted that a "dialogue" with Sprewell might still, somehow, convince them to lessen the penalty.

The league front office hasn't said much, either. Rod Thorn, the NBA executive in charge of disciplinary matters, said the incident appeared to be a team matter and that the league's investigation was continuing. Commissioner David Stern, on hand Tuesday night for the opening of a new arena in Washington, D.C., simply stated the obvious: "We recognize that sometimes people step over the line, and sometimes they step very far over the line. This one looks — without having all the facts — that someone went into the stratosphere."

More to the point was something Charles Barkley said: "There is never an excuse to hit a coach. Sometime you might want to, but

there's never an excuse for it."

Then Barkley added, "The main thing he has to be concerned with now is being blackballed."

Which might be a good place to start.

Since coming into the league in 1992, Sprewell has proven himself the worst kind of prima donna in a league increasingly loading up on them. With this latest rebellion, he can now claim to head the class of talented young malcontents who respect no one in authority and nothing that even hints of discipline. Sprewell has now defied three of the four coaches the Warriors hired during his tenure and helped force the trades of Tom Gugliotta and Tim Hardaway, both of whom went on to become stars elsewhere.

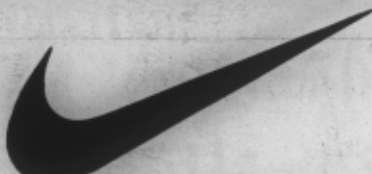

That's what people mean when they call the NBA "a player's league." Because of how much money is now at stake, and because one great player can make the difference between feast and famine, he often holds sway over a franchise. And if a franchise is desperate enough, a player like Sprewell, who puts up great numbers playing only for himself, gets to call a disproportionate number of the shots.

The sad thing is that this lesson was supposed to have been learned a few years ago. That's when Michael Jordan went off to play baseball and a league-wide panic set in to come up with replacements. The clubs threw fat, guaranteed contracts at players like Sprewell, Isaiah Rider, Derrick Coleman, Kenny Anderson, Chris Webber, etc., and the NBA star-making machine went into overdrive. Accorded a status they didn't deserve, paid a salary they didn't earn, and tolerated even when they act out, many of those players developed a warped view of life.

The scary thing is it could get worse before it gets better. Richard Lapchick, who heads Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society and helps the NBA run its rookie orientation programs, says the league's discipline problems will grow as its average age keeps dropping.

"You've got more and more kids who grow up living on the edge," he said, "and they come to like it, because it's what they know."

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Jim Litke syndicated columnist for *The Daily Barometer*.

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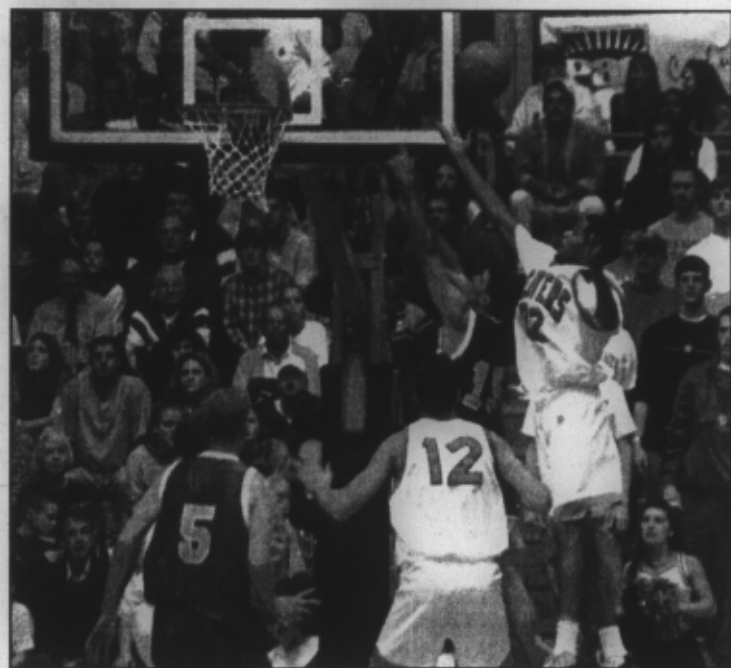
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Long, strange trip leads Pierce to Beaver glory

By DAVID EASTMAN
of the Daily Barometer

As a 7th grader, Sissel Pierce never imagined she would be playing college basketball.

"I hated the game," she remembers. "I was tall and lanky and totally uncoordinated. I just wanted to go home."

Pierce's father, who played college hoops, encouraged her to "Stick it out." She did, and the rest is history, still in the making.

She came into her own at Wishkah Valley High.

Her talent captured the attention of then Montana State Coach Judy Spoelstra. After visiting the campus, Pierce signed a letter of intent to play for the Bobcats.

The day before her high school graduation, she was shocked to learn that Spoelstra had taken the job at Oregon State.

"I decided that I wanted to go with her," Pierce said. "She's a good motivator. She can get you to do things you don't think you can."

What followed were several weeks of mayhem, for Pierce had to deal with NCAA red tape to back out of her commitment to MSU.

The choices were few and simple. She could

take a year off school completely and come to OSU with 4 years' eligibility, or she could enroll at any school, even a community college, and lose a year of eligibility.

She chose the former. Pierce lived at home, coached JV girls' basketball, and worked as a secretary in an auto parts store. She may not have been a starter, but she could have sold you one.

Thus, when she arrived on campus last year, the 6-foot-4-inch center was ready to make the most of the opportunity. However, after playing in the exhibition games, Pierce went down with a stress fracture.

She returned for the opening Pac-10 game against Oregon. The difference in level was more than she expected.

"It was like being unprepared for a hurricane," Pierce reflects.

She vowed to be more ready for this year's campaign, focusing on strength and conditioning in the summer months.

Her work has been paying dividends. The sophomore posted a double-double (12 points, 10 rebounds) in the first regular season game against Northern Arizona.

This past weekend at the Diet Coke Shootout in Santa Clara, Pierce exploded. In 2 games she scored 39 points, grabbed 23 rebounds and was



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Sophomore Sissel Pierce is coming off an all tournament performance at Santa Clara where she averaged 19.5 points and 11.5 rebounds. Pierce hopes to keep the streak alive in her next game versus the Portland Saints tonight at 7:05 in Gill Coliseum.

honored as an All-Tournament selection.

The Interior Design major still dreams of extending her basketball-playing days past her career at OSU.

"I'd like to go to Europe or Australia to play, or

wherever the road leads me," she said.

Pierce's next opportunity to work toward that goal comes tonight, when the Wave hosts the Portland Saints at 7 p.m. in an exhibition game. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

Four years and two educations later, it's time to move on

By BRIAN SHAY
of The Daily Barometer

As I drove into the Finley Hall parking lot over 4 years ago as a Southern California transplant, I couldn't help but ask myself, what am I doing here? You see, if you didn't already know, Corvallis isn't exactly the place where dreams are fulfilled and careers are made in the sports world. That is unless you are A.C. Green, Gary Payton or Brent Barry.

I mean as much as I would have loved to lace up my sneakers and get the opportunity to play major college athletics, I was a victim of gravity, or as some experts call it, "white man's disease." I only stood a mere 5 foot 7 and weighed about 135 pounds and had a solid 25 inch vertical, not exactly what you need to guard a Jason Kidd or Damon Stoudamire. So, as I looked in the mirror and realized I was a destined Dixon rat-baller by nature, I had to try and find another way that I could be involved with sports and not embarrass the hell out of myself in the process.

After I wasted my freshman year sleeping in and putting on the famed freshman fifteen, via many cans of Hammzeweizen (which

by the way is better on tap according to my roommate), I decided to take a crack at journalism. I mean why not, you get to go games for free, talk to athletes and see future superstars in the process. Not a bad gig if you are a sports fanatic like myself. So I headed down to the paper and see what I could do. I figured hoops was cool: men's or women's would be fine and both would be great. Unfortunately I had to settle on women's gymnastics, rough second choice.

When I got the job, I obviously was very apprehensive. I had no prior writing experience and since they were one of the best programs on campus, I knew I had to do a great job in the coverage I gave them. So I plugged along and tried to the best I could, not knowing what was going to come of this new hobby I had attempted.

The next year I was fortunate to be allowed to go with the team to the National Championships and witness the realization of what I wanted to do with my life. Who would have thought that all those tests, papers and changing majors three times would have absolutely no impact on what I wanted to do, but 6 days in Tuscaloosa, Ala., was all I needed. Maybe I should have just gone to a Reba McEntyre concert and a NASCAR race and saved some tuition money.

Nowadays, I am an inch taller (probably from standing on my tippy toes trying to talk to real athletes), 160 pounds (hey, just because a man finds a career doesn't mean he stops getting thirsty), and still can't jump.

So as I write my final words as a member of Oregon State and *The Daily Barometer*, I look back on my transition from ignorant beat writer to sports editor and wonder how all this came to be. To my fellow co-workers and reporters that gave me guidance and did good work for me, I appreciate all the effort. As for the athletes and coaches that made it all possible, I say thanks for your support and for answering even the dumbest of questions if not just to humor me. You have given direction to a college student that needed it and future employment to a soon-to-be-broke college graduate.

As for being an OSU fan the last four years, it has been tough. To cover sports and try to eliminate all bias towards teams that haven't been as successful as I and they had hoped, and to try to keep the articles positive, has been difficult. However, in my time here I may have not seen a ton of success and postseason play, but I do know that OSU is on the way up and it frustrates me to know that transition to consistency won't have my byline on it. Go Beavs.

Up Up and Away!



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Corey Benjamin soars near the cheap seats versus Sacramento State for the score. The Beavers play Saturday in the second game of a road trip at Santa Clara.

Basketball headlines winter IM's

By MONTE LUDINGTON
of The Daily Barometer

With the Fall Term championship games over and bragging rights decided, the preparation for Winter Term intramural sports has begun.

The intramural sports office will be offering 12 activities in seven different sports, including basketball, water polo, swimming, wrestling, team pocket billiards, bowling, and indoor soccer.

"It's [intramural sports] open to all levels of play with both competitive, and recreation oriented leagues," said Noel Mango, assistant director of Intramural Sports.

Some of the activities are free, while others require entry fees ranging from \$10 to \$36 per team.

Requirements of participants are that they be at least a part-time student, six credits minimum, or faculty member.

The only other restrictions are that participants cannot be varsity athletes.

As rosters are submitted to the IM office, teams are divided into both A and B leagues according to the skill levels, and preferences, of each term's players.

"The B league only plays a regular season — it's more recreation oriented — while the A league teams have playoffs," Mango said.

In the two leagues, brackets of six teams each are formed. Each team's regular season opponents come from their brackets.

Normally greek and independent teams play in separate brackets. However, the A league championships has the independent winner play the Greek winner.

Each team will play one game at the same time and day of every week, which helps to limit scheduling conflicts.

Many play IM sports for fun and recreation, but the competitive spirit still emerges.

"We had a lot of fun, even though we lost," said Kevin Shannon, a sophomore in pre-engineering, of his IM flag football team.

During Fall Term, Intramural sports had 120 flag football teams and 80 volleyball teams.

While recreation is the major reason most participate in IM's, there are other benefits.

"Through intramurals, I got a job officiating, which led to a job in supervising," Mango said.

All intramural games are officiated by students, who are all first aid and CPR certified.

For those that want to play IM's, but do not have a team, they can place their name on the free agent list. Free agents are then matched with teams that need extra players.

If any free agents are not picked up, they will be combined to form a new team.

For more information, or to pick up rosters, applications, the intramural sports office is located on the first floor of Langton Hall. Their phone number is 737-4083.

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