

Should we be screening our OSU criminals?

By DYLAN FISCHER

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of The Daily Barometer ate crimes, sexual assaults and other violent acts that

have taken place on OSU's campus over the last two years has left many student's asking why? Why crimes of hate? Why acts of violence? And for some crimes involving students with criminal histories, why didn't

OSU screen them out? OSU currently has no policy on screening students for criminal histories.

"It's not something we specifically address in the admission process," said OSU Office of Admissions director Bob Bontrager. "If someone has committed a crime and paid the consequences, we generally have no basis to prohibit them from the

university. "How we handle it would be typical of how colleges and universities handle it nationally.

But do students think OSU should screen other students for

criminal backgrounds during application?

"It's not an easy yes or no question," said OSU student C.J. Ferario. "If you ask that [of prospective students] you also have to ask what steps has that person taken to change ... how do they view what they've done [now that it's over]."

Shouldn't the safety of the student body come first?

OSU STUDENT STEPHEN M. BIGBEE. Many students agree with the university, and think screening

shouldn't be done "What does that [criminal history] have to do with educa-

tion?" said OSU student Steve Miller.

"If those people went to jail [or whatever] and now they're working towards a degree. That's what we want them to do right," said student David Krause.

Certain students have, however, expressed concern over the

"Obviously it's a threat to the student body," said Stephen M. Bigbee. "Shouldn't the safety of the student body come first? I don't think an education is what they [students with criminal histories] are looking for."

Certain violent crimes, however, do go against university rules of student conduct.

"[Committing one of these crimes] would be a violation of the agreement made between the university and the student at the time of admission," said Student Conduct coordinator Bill Oye.

Oye also said many of the recent crimes around campus were not committed by persons with previous criminal backgrounds. Additionally, many of the hate crimes that have plagued OSU in the last two weeks were committed by people not enrolled in the university.

"In some of these cases it's non-students who are the instigators....we [also] have some community education that needs doing," Oye said.

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Freshman Angela Healow does her good deed for the day and donates blood in the Memorial Union Tuesday afternoon. The blood drive continues today.

Students give a little, save a life

By ANDREW McCORD of The Daily Barometer

he Red Cross Winter Blood Drive at Oregon State University was in full swing during its first day yesterday. The chairs used for waiting were full, and every cot supported a

steady stream of OSU students donating their blood. "We have a goal of getting 800 units [of blood] a day for the Pacific Northwest region," said Douglas Tracy, senior consultant for donor services with the Red Cross. "We can usually [attain] that goal, but there have been times where we've been on yellow alert to bring the supply back up. It's not easily done. But this is the biggest drive that

we have in the Northwest region. Today alone we got 294 units of a 260-unit goal." In the United States, one out of every 10 hospital patients receive

blood, that's one patient every two seconds. If the OSU blood drive goals are met, up to 3,400 patients could benefit from the donations. One out of three people will need a blood transfusion in their lifetime, yet only one out of 20 eligible people donate.

In order to be a donor, individuals must be at least 17 years old, at least 105 pounds and in good general health. Grounds for a deferral include if the individual is ill, has taken an antibiotic within the last 48 hours, has received a tattoo within the last year or has received a non-professional body piercing.

Each donor will give roughly a pint of blood. Most people have between 10-12 pints of blood in their bodies, and after the donation the plasma (the liquid part of the blood) will be replaced within 24 hours

"One of the best things you can do before you donate is to eat well and drink a lot of fluids," Tracy said. "Beer doesn't count." People with type-O bloods are encouraged to donate as more than 50 percent of blood transfused is of that particular type. O-positive is

the most common type of blood shared by approximately 40 percent of the population and O-negative can be transfused to patients with any blood types in case of emergency. One of the largest deterrents of donating is the possibility of pain.

In the donation process, the needle is inserted in the Cephalic vein in the arm. A slight sting will be felt, but this is mostly due to the anticoagulents and preservative that are contained in the bag to keep the blood fresh for up to 42 days.

"People are mostly squeamish about it," Tracy said. "It's just like a little pinch or sting.

"I haven't been able to do this for three years since I have tattoos," said Brooke Patriarcha, a junior in sociology. "The reward of it [givng blood] is good. Saving lives is good."

For each pint of blood that is donated, it is estimated that three to

More college students say yes to pot

Associated Press WASHINGTON -Much like their parents a generation ago, today's college students are just saying yes to marijuana and are increasingly sup-portive of its legalization.

I'm not surprised students think it should be legalized because it's the most accessible thing out there next to liquor. - AMY KIM. FRESHMAN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF

"It's out there, but it isn't a big deal. If you don't smoke, you just disregard it," said Amy Kim, a freshman at the University of Arizona. "I'm not surprised students think it should be legalized because it's the most accessible thing out there

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next to liquor." Craig Brooks, 18, a freshman at George Washington University in Washington said "Cigarettes are worse. We all know that."

Fellow freshman Michelle Rubinstein piped up, "We just don't make an issue of it. Marijuana is accepted."

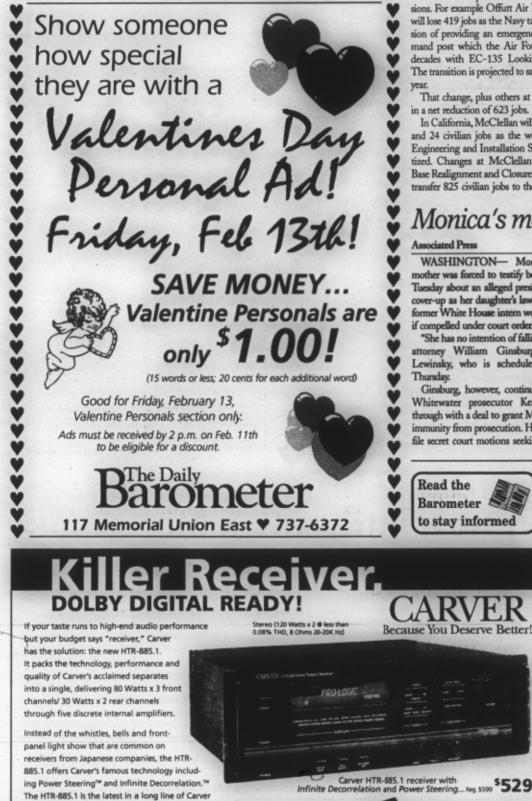
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Air Force cuts bases in California, Texas, Nebraska

NATIONAL NEWS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Air Force nnounced a series of cuts and consolidations Tuesday at domestic bases, including some directed by Congress, that will cost thousands of jobs in some states but add jobs in others.

Among the hardest hit will be California, Texas and Nebraska.

Georgia will be among the gainers as it inherits depot maintenance and other jobs from McClellan Air Force Base, Calif., and Kelly Air. Force Base, Texas.

The changes are the latest in a series of adjustments the Air Force and other military services have made since the end of the Cold War to reduce the size of the armed forces, achieve savings in operations and closing bases

Air Force headquarters at the Pentagon said it had no estimate of the overall cost savings expected from the changes, some of which have been in the works for years.

Some of the adjustments reflect decisions by the Defense Department to reassign key mis-sions. For example Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., will lose 419 jobs as the Navy takes over the mission of providing an emergency airborne command post which the Air Force had done for decades with EC-135 Looking Glass planes. The transition is projected to save \$250 million a

That change, plus others at Offutt will result in a net reduction of 623 jobs.

In California, McClellan will lose 290 military and 24 civilian jobs as the work of the 938th Engineering and Installation Squadron is privatized. Changes at McClellan required by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission will transfer 825 civilian jobs to the Army Depot at Tobyhanna, Pa.

Overall, changes at McClellan will result in a net lost of 1,494 military and 3,596 civilian jobs. Also, California's Onizuka Air Station will lose 257 jobs.

In Texas, Kelly Air Force Base will lose 290 military and 24 civilian jobs as the 838th Engineering and Installation Squadron is inacti-vated. Streamlining of the Air Intelligence Agency at Kelly will take away 41 military and 53 civilian jobs.

Kelly's loss of C-5 depot maintenance work will cost it 1,057 civilian jobs, and further reductions in work at Kelly through fiscal year 2001 will result in a loss of 4,160 military and 6,500 civilian jobs.

That will be partly offset at Lackland Air Force base, which will add 3,778 military and 2,070 civilian jobs through 2001 as a result of some Kelly activities shifting to Lackland.

In Utah, changes at Hill Air Force Base required by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission will add 280 military and 1,620 civilian posts through 2001.

undergo a series of adjustments and cuts that will result in a reduction of 358 military jobs but an increase of 1,096 civilian jobs.

Although Moody Air Force Base will lose 24 A/OA-10 aircraft through fiscal year 2000, resulting in the loss of 542 military jobs, it will add a fighter training mission in r 2000 and gain 238 jobs.

Changes at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., as required by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, will add 614 military and 2,479 civilian jobs through 2001.

Monica's mother testifies to grand jury

Associated Press

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WASHINGTON- Monica Lewinsky's mother was forced to testify before a grand jury Tuesday about an alleged presidential affair and cover-up as her daughter's lawyer suggested the former White House intern would testify herself if compelled under court order.

"She has no intention of falling on her sword," attorney William Ginsburg said of Ms. Lewinsky, who is scheduled to testify on Thursday.

Ginsburg, however, continued to insist that Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr go through with a deal to grant Ms. Lewinsky total immunity from prosecution. He was expected to file secret court motions seeking to put off any

ppearance until the issue is resolved. He and his client weren't even expected to rrive in Washington until Friday. The former White House intern "will appear

before the grand jury whenever she is ordered to appear before the grand jury," Ginsburg told reporters in California. "She will not defy either federal court order or a subpoena." Ms. Lewinsky's mother, Marcia Lewis, spent

nearly three hours before the grand jury after being ordered to testify by U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson. She was expected to return for more testimony on Wednesday.

"Part of what she is feeling is a lot of pain for her daughter," said her lawyer, Billy Martin. "She'd like not to be here at all."

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STATE & REGIONAL NEWS Shifting sand dune may destroy some townhomes on Oregon coast

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OCEANSIDE - More than 150 people crowded into a church hall today to express their views on whether to pile boulders along the shore to save dozens of luxury townhomes teetering on a crumbling cliff.

Tillamook County commissioners say the crisis threatening the Capes development may warrant bending Oregon's strict laws that mandate open beaches and prevent such fortifications.

But some who on either side of the exclusive gated community fear that shoring up the cliff in one area will simply shift the erosion problems onto their beachfronts.

"I feel sorry for them, but they shouldn't have built there in the first place," said Joyce Goss, 70, a retired school teacher from Tillamook

Many of the locals warned developers when the Capes was first proposed in the 1980s that homes are built on the local garbage dump and a sand dune that's known for shifting.

"Whatever they do," she said, "they need to protect the people who have lived there for years."

Gov. John Kitzhaber last week initially told The Capes homeowners they were out of luck. But the governor later said he would give emergency permission for the barrier, or riprap, if the county asks for it.

Inside the meeting today in Tillamook, experts spoke about a crack that's opened up in the 150-foot-tall dune that could open up and send 32 homes crashing into the ocean at any time. The

county has already posted evacuation orders on the threatened homes, some of which cost up to \$400,000.

Outside the meeting, Capes homeowner Noel Newhard has already cleared out of his retirement townhome and is wondering if he will ever see it in one piece again.

The 70-year-old former banker said the county bears some of the responsibility for allowing the complex to be built on the dune, and now must help save it.

"The county approved it, the state approved it, everybody approved it," he said. "We didn't know it was a dump."

Former Sen. Mark Hatfield owns one of the homes in the gated community, but Kitzhaber's office said Monday neither politics nor Kitzhaber's friendship with Hatfield played any role in the vernor's new stance.

"We didn't realize right away that we had the power to grant them a declaration of emergency," said Kitzhaber spokeswoman Leslie Carlson.

Building a temporary buttress would require digging a trench and placing more than 30,000 cubic yards of rock on the beach in front of the crumbling dune.

County commissioner Jerry Dove said earlier he is dismayed that Kitzhaber has left it to the county to decide whether to allow the reinforcement project.

"I'm very disappointed in the governor," Dove said. "It's going to be very political, and people need to wipe away the politics and make decisions based on the facts."

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Two more women join sexual harassment lawsuit

Associated Press

SEATTLE - Two more women have joined a lawsuit against Starbucks Corp., alleging they were sexually harassed and then retaliated against for reporting the complaints

Angela Parke and a woman identified only by her initials, DKF, are plaintiffs in an amended lawsuit filed Monday in King County Superior Court. They join former Starbucks employee Rebecca Hom, who filed the original lawsuit last week.

Their lawyer, Yvonne Kinoshita-Ward, said two more women who are former Starbucks employees have agreed to testify that they were victims of or witnesses to sexual harassment at the company. But they don't plan to join as plaintiffs for fear of retaliation, Kinoshita-Ward said.

"There's a pattern of harassment. The harassment starts and they [the complainants] don't want everyone to know about it. They just want to work in peace so they report it, and then they become the targets of retaliation. That's the pattern," Kinoshita-Ward said. Starbucks spokesman Alan Gulick said Monday night he had not

seen the amended lawsuit and the company had no immediate com-

In the amended complaint, Parke, 27, said she was sexually harassed by a male employee starting in October 1996, while she was a shift supervisor at the Starbucks store in Monroe in Snohomish County.

She said the employee first cornered her in a supply room and rubbed her shoulders and face. The abuse allegedly escalated into physical assaults. Finally, on Oct. 20, 1996, the employee came up from behind, grabbed Parke's breasts and squeezed them hard, the lawsuit alles

Parke said she told the manager the next day what happened. She said the manager told her she was "overreacting, too emotional, and could not let things go."

Parke said she went to Starbucks' human resources department

and again was told she was overreacting. She said management later transferred her to another store and told her it would be "in her best interest" to not talk about the harassment, according to the complaint

Parke said she was fired from her new store, in Lake Stevens, on Feb. 4 of this year, allegedly for giving apple juice to a group of skiers. DKF, who worked at Starbucks' corporate offices on contract as

a graphic designer, said a male designer continually harassed female workers by touching them. DKF said she went to her director, who told her to "shut up.

DKF said she quit last November because of a hostile workplace and after Starbucks reneged on a promise to hire her as a "partner" with full company benefit

The lawsuit also says DKF and another woman witnessed sexual harassment and retaliation against another female manager, identified as CH.

CH contends that the same director whom DKF approached with her complaint tried to get her to come to his home for a barbecue while his wife was out of town. She said when she declined, the man began verbally harassing her, and later, grabbed and shook her violenth

CH said she went to human resources but her complaints were ignored. She said she was fired on Jan. 16 after a performance review

Parke and DKF join the harassment and discrimination lawsuit filed last week by Hom, an Asian-American woman recruited by

hied tast week by Hom, an Asian-American woman recruited by Starbucks two years ago for its menu-development department. Hom alleged that her supervisor inappropriately touched her and made sexually suggestive comments. She said when she pressed for an independent investigation, the company's vice president for human resources threatened to fire her. Hom resigned Jan. 7. Starbucks Chairman Howard Schultz has said an independent impression of the acceleration of the second s

investigation found no substance to Hom's allegations.



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A PLACE FOR DISCUSS

Deconstructing the Valentine Box

I am working on a Ph.D in Education, but I don't know if teachers are still taught the most important thing there is to know: how to make a Valentine's Day Box for the classroom.

I remember my first school Valentine's Day. The classrooms had all been decorated with with cut-out hearts and cupids that we tacked onto bulletin boards, or hung from light fixtures and window mouldings with string. This was so soon after World War II that the post-war economy had not yet been fully retrofitted to domestic needs, and stuff like Scotch tape was not readily available. So we tacked and we strung.

JUDY RINGLE

On Valentine's Day, we each brought little Valentines for everybody in the class. The teacher collected them - hey, where did they go? When recess time came ("break" to '90s !ids), we were dismissed into the playground. When the bell rang for us to come back in, we had to pass other classrooms, and I peeked in and saw, in each room, a large box covered with red and white and pink stuff. Something splendid was going on in those other classrooms, lucky them. We went into our room, and WO! WE HAD ONE TOO! A vision of red hearts and white paper doilies and frilled and twisted crepe paper bunting, it was beyond splendid. Clearly, no mere mortal could have constructed this. Schools of Education turned

out angels! Of course, the

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teacher had put all our Valentines into the box, and it was

from the box that they were distributed. My favorite Valentines were the ones with a little flap that you opened up, unfolding a red honeycomb tissue-paper heart. Some Valentines had a lollipop attached. And some were extremely special because they were from A Boy.

Even as little, little girls, we knew that affection from A Boy was highly to be desired. I think it worked both ways. When My Favorite Undergraduate was in kindergarten, the doorbell rang one evening, and there, in proper dress-up clothes, was a fine little Boy, bearing a rose. Not from his own yard, but a florist's rose. He had told his parents of his love for My Favorite Undergraduate, and they, to their credit, did not make fun of him. They showed him how he could earn enough money, get all dressed up, go to the florist, and buy a rose. His Daddy walked him to our door, and the Boy presented the rose, squeaking something like "Here, I got this for you."

I never forgot that, and remembered it when that Boy was killed in a car crash a couple of years ago. At the memorial service, I again thanked his grieving father for honoring the little guy's crush on our daughter.

Our need for love is so gut-basic and desperate that we substitute all sorts of other things in hopes of obtaining it. I just heard on the radio (now get this!) that the mother of the kid who fathered Mary Kay LeTourneau's baby (he was the sixth grader, she was his teacher) has said that that it was "true love" between Mary Kay and her little box.

True love? Whatever else "true love" involves, it has to involve a heartfelt wish for the well-being of the beloved. Exploitation and power-domination schemes need not apply. (Mr. President, leave the White House Interns ALONE).

What sort of Valentine did Mary Kay put into the classroom Valentine Box?

Who's my favorite student? Nothing to it: You're a little stud, c'mon, let's do it. Signed, Mrs. LeTourneau

Too weird.

Not weird, but of deep concern, are little kids who find out later that they are gay. They have spent years exchanging Valentines with other-sex kids, and at some point, it comes to their awareness that these are not the love notes that make their little hearts go pitty-pat. Researchers are examining this coming-to-awareness process (not coterminous with comingout), with an eye to minimizing the pain and trauma experienced by our gay brothers and sisters as they look into the

mirror and hear the world's taunt: "Oueer!"

> Last week, a beautiful gay kid from Corvallis

High School was beaten up in broad daylight by a handful of miserable, despicable creeps with whom the rest of us should not have to share the planet. What was this young man's crime? Maybe he sent Valentines to the wrong people — like other guys. As for his attackers, I'd like to sic my dog on 'em. You who have met my dog will appreciate that thought. Except, it might make poor Rocky sick to bite into human garbage, and who wants a sick dog on Valentine's Day?

So let's do this. Let's construct a gigantic box in the MU Lounge, and cover it with snowy paper and red hearts and white doilies and crimped pink crepe paper bunting — bows, too, and fat-heart balloons, and confetti. Everybody can put their Valentines into the box, and all expressions of love are welcome. Love is not so common that we may belittle love messages from anybody to anybody else. There ain't never enough love.

So here's my message, from me to your Happy, and loving, Valentine's Day.

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Hate trend infecting Corvallis T don't even know how to begin this editorial other than to say that what I have seen hate-related crimes. I know that Corvallis already has such legislation on the books, but

I ial other than to say that what I have seen happen in our city and in our university in the last few months makes me very afraid. I am confused and concerned, I feel personally threatened, I am disgusted and horrified at some of the events that have transpired and yet do not know how or when to respond. I am, to say the least, deeply disturbed. If you aren't feeling the same way then ... well, to put it frankly, you aren't very perceptive.

SCOTT PALMER

During the last few months, the environment of this community has been coming apart at the seams. I have lived and worked in this community for some time, and I can honestly say that I have never seen Corvallis quite so ... threatening. The examples to support this change in our atmosphere read like a shopping list for hate-mongers:

"Take Back the Night" marchers are taunted and verbally harassed, making what should have been a moment of triumph in the face of violence against women a mockery of that effort.

"Students of Color are verbally harassed at the "Colours" conference, in the LaSells Stewart Center, including the use of racial slurs and epitaphs.

"A few days ago the used clothing store on Monroe, owned by a bi-racial couple, was vandalized and racist graffiti was painted on the building.

*Vietnamese students in the MU Recreation center were harassed by a group of Philomath high school students and a violent incident ensued.

*Last week, Paul Miller, a gay Corvallis High School student, was beaten by five young men as he walked

home from school. Two local residents walking near the incident left the scene rather than assist Paul. One of the offenders said, just before the assault, "We get to have a fag-bashing."

And there are other things, less blatant but still encouraging of a hostile environment, happening. Each of these individual incidents concern me, but when taken together they make me sick. Thinking that these are individual incidents, unconnected to each other, is short sighted and erroneous. No ... these incidents were not perpetrated by the same people. No ... they did not all happen in the same place or at the same time. However, when taken together they all point to a very disturbing trend in our community: an increase in hate and a loosening of our vigilance. What is going on in our community?

What is going on is that we are all receiving a very demanding, very clear, very urgent call to action. I am not one to toss about bumper sticker activism ... I will not say things like, "Hate is not tolerated in our town" and ask that everyone put a sticker on their door. I support the sentiment, but I feel frustrated at the lack of action such calls represent. We must act, decisively and quickly, to take back lost ground and to forge ahead to create a community in which people can feel safe walking home from school or operating a local business. Here are a few suggestions:

*Increase the civil and criminal penalties for Student Advocacy.

OP-ED POLICY

Op-Eds (opposite editorials) give *The Daily* Barometer readers the opportunity to speak out on campus issues and concerns.

Op-Eds may either explore an opposing point of view about an issue already presented on *The Daily Barometer's* editorial page, or provide additional information of interest to the OSU community about an issue that has not recently been covered by the newspaper.

hate-related crimes. I know that Corvallis already has such legislation on the books, but increased consequences for those who commit these crimes may be helpful as a deterrent. *Increase the available educational resources

"Increase the available educational resources for all of Corvallis' children ... including increased services for the homeless and the unemployed. Some of the young men who attacked Paul Miller were "transients." The question becomes what are we doing to support young people with no place to live, who don't go to school, and who aren't being taught the consequences of their actions?

*Lobby Corvallis High School to recognize the Gay Straight Alliance as a legitimate, school sponsored organization. Encourage local educators, school board members, and administrators to attend the "Opening Doors" Conference at the end of the month where they can learn about the unique struggles facing g/b/t students. "Increase the visibility of our diverse com-

*Increase the visibility of our diverse communities. People of color, gay and lesbian community members, and their allies must no longer sit back and hope that everything will be okay or believe that quiet little Corvallis will stay safe forever without constant vigilance. Become involved in your school board, your city council, your neighborhood watch, attend meetings, donate money or time, and increase your visibility. As long as we do nothing, as long as we continue on the same course, these events will continue. Creative and highly visible activism is needed to turn the tide.

"The OSU Administration should propose a comprehensive strategy to deal with the increases in hate-related activities on this campus. I know that there is a Presidential Commission on Hate Crimes, and that we

have regulations deal-

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ing with student conduct issues ... unfortunately, these current steps are obviously NOT having their intended effect ... students of color are still being threatened and

harassed. Stronger more forceful steps are necessary, and the university has a moral and ethical responsibility to its "clients" to provide a safe and secure environment for all students. The university is not doing this, and I am calling upon the president and the president's cabinet to tell us all, students and staff, what they are going to do to help our community be safe.

This is not an exhaustive list of steps. Clearly, there are other things that we can do and I am certain that other members of this community have their own ideas. Start talking about those ideas ... and more than talking, start acting on those ideas.

What will have to happen to motivate you? Does your sister, mother, or daughter need to be assaulted? Do you need to be the victim of a hate crime, have your own property vandalized, or your own heritage or lifestyle threatened? Do you need to be bashed? Called demeaning names? If that is the case, then just wait ... that will happen soon enough. If you would like to avoid that, then act. Get involved. Protect yourself and your community. We owe it to each other.

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of Scott Palmer, ASOSU director of Student Advocacy.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Name a black country singer other than Charley Pride. If you can't, don't feel too bad. There wen't many.

"If this generation passes, it's a possibility that there will be no African-Americans interested in country music at all, because there are no role models," laments Dr. Cleve Francis, a heart surgeon from Washington, D.C., who recorded for Liberty Records in the early 1990s

That's partly because there is a false belief that only whites like country music and blacks have no history in it, he said. He's looking to change that.

Francis is one of the forces behind From Where I Stand, a new three-CD package highlighting the contributions of blacks to coun-try music. His single, "Love Light," appears on Disc 3. As the album documents, blacks have played a part in country music since its inception. The set features black string bands from the

1920s, versions of country songs sung by Ray Charles, The Staple Singers, The Supremes and oth-ers, and singles from black country singers like Pride.

With 29 No. 1 hits from 1966-1989, Pride is, by far, the most successful black performer at all, because there are in country music history. Still, even after 30 years, he

hears the same question: Why would a black man choose a

country music career? He and Francis have the same answer: They grew up in the South, heard the music and liked it.

no role models.

"I don't know why more haven't come along. Perhaps they didn't want to put up with the laughing and so forth," said Pride, who early in his career put white audiences at ease when he joked about his "permanent tan."

Francis realized how wrongly blacks perceive country music when he performed for a black audience in San Antonio, Texas, about five years ago

"Before I finished three numbers, out of like 500 there were 50 people left in the room," Francis said. "They walked out because they were insulted by the music. They associated country music with racism and all this kind of stuff."

After returning to medicine, Francis took his idea for From Where I Stand to the Country Music Foundation, the historical arm of the Country Music Association.

It turned out the idea for such a project had been on the back burner for a decade. At Francis' urging, the CMF and Warner Bros. records released *From Where I Stand* this month.

The album features 50 black artists who've left a mark on country music. It starts with DeFord Bailey, a Grand Ole Opry star who performed from 1926-41.

Highlights include an incendiary version of Webb Pierce's "There Stands the Glass" by Ted Hawkins, four RCA hits by Pride, and Leadbelly's "Midnight Special" and "Rock Island Line."

Bill Ivey, director of the CMF, said Leadbelly is a good example of performer who was mislabeled because of his skin color. Known as a blues great, Leadbelly actually was closer to folk and country, he said.

"Even though commercial, social and even academic forces have long conspired to keep American roots music falsely segregated, our

country's singers and musicians have always managed to borrow from each other across virtually all boundaries," Ivey said. There are some new black country performers on the horizon. Pride recently recorded a duet with Trini Triggs, and the group Wheels is working on its debut album.

Francis wished them luck. He doesn't harbor any ill will toward Nashville, but still wonders if he

would have been more successful if he were white. possibility that there will be no African-Americans interested in country music

"You can't say the only reason I didn't make it in country music was because I was black," he said. "Tons of people go to Nashville and there are reasons that they don't make it. "I was older — like 45 years

- DR. CLEVE FRANCIS old - but I had a very good voice and I was on a major record

label. But there was this undercurrent that was always there - Why would a black person get into country music? "I was sort of looked at like the singing seal, you know, the odd

man out."

Elsewhere in country music

ARE YOU AN EVERLY?: There's a search in several cities for actors to play Phil and Don Everly in a stage show to run at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium starting in May. Auditions are Feb. 15 in Atlanta; Feb. 16 in Lubbock, Texas; Feb. 17 in Dallas; Feb. 19 in Cincinnati; and Feb. 20-21 in Nashville. For information, call (615) 251-6265.

REISSUES: The latest country releases from Sony's fine Legacy series are retrospectives of Ricky Skaggs, Jimmy Dean, Billy Swan

and bluegrass greats Jim and Jesse. All are recommended. BOOKS: Reba McEntire's sister, Susie Luchsinger, has released an autobiography and companion gospel music CD, both titled "A Tender Road Home." The first three titles of Avon Books' "For the Record* series of talking history books includes one on Sun Records by John Floyd. The others are on Black Sabbath and Sam and Dave.



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SUPER-G, from page 8

The silver medalist in the 1994 Olympic downhill, Street finished in 1 minute, 18.02 seconds to edge Michaela Dorfmeister of Austria by onehundredth of a second. Alexandra Meissnitzer won the bronze medal in 1:18.09.

The seven-hundredths of a second separating the top three made it the closest finish in Olympic Alpine history. The previous tightest finish among the medal winners was nine-hundredths in the 1992 women's downhill.

The closest 1-2-3 men's finish was a tenth of a second in the 1992 men's downhill.

"I made a mistake about midway through the course," Street said. "It made me mad and I just went for it."

Seizinger, the dominant women's skier in the world the past two years, blamed the course in part for her sixth-place finish.

"For sure, the course was very soft when I came down. But I cannot blame only that for my defeat," Seizinger said. "I expected Picabo to do well on this course. She's quite crazy and can be very good, especially in one-day races."

The race was run in picture-postcard weather — a clear blue sky serving as a backdrop to snowcovered mountains. It was the first Alpine medal awarded in the Nagano Olympics, which have been plagued by snowstorms that postponed several races.

Street is the second straight American to win the women's super-G, following Diann Roffe's

BLOOD, from page 1

four lives are saved.

"I'm at the gallon point," said Julie Stevens, a junior in business. "That's 40 lives that I've helped save."

After donating, replenish your body fluids as soon as possible. Some may feel light-headed after donating, though it is very rare that people will pass out or vomit. Before donors are sent on their way, they are encouraged to visit the canteen where cookies, juice, water and doughnuts are served to get fluid and blood sugar levels back up. gold medal at the 1994 Lillehammer Games. Roffe, a TV commentator at these Olympics, was at this race.

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"It's unbelievable. It's the best thing that could have happened," Roffe said. "If I could have given my crown to anybody, it would have been to her. It's wonderful to keep it in the family."

It was the first time Street had ever really skied the course. She missed a 1997 World Cup downhill on the Hakuba slopes while recovering from the left knee surgery, but skied down the mountain on the back of U.S. assistant coach Andreas Rickenbach. That run allowed Street to visualize the race - something she's replayed hundreds of times in her head during the past year.

times in her head during the past year. "Tve waited a long time to be able to attack the course," she said.

And it paid off handsomely.

fresh snow.

"I don't have so much pressure on myself in super-G. I think some of the other people expect more of themselves in super-G than I do," she said. Street's comeback nearly was derailed on Jan. 31 when she crashed in a World Cup downhill race in Are, Sweden, leaving her bruised, sore and with headaches that still bothered her on the eve of the

Olympic super-G. On top of that, Street thought she was doomed when she drew the second starting spot in the race. With all the recent snow, there was a good chance of the course getting faster as skiers pushed off

"This is my fourth time donating," said Jennifer Rowe, a junior in natural resources. "It makes me feel good to help other people. And I want the free doughnuts."

"We are continually pleased with the support that the university gives us," Tracy said. "To the students, faculty and staff we extend our appreciation."

The blood drive will be going on today and tomorrow in the MU Ballroom. If you have any questions, the nurses at the drive will be glad to answer them.

MARIJUANA, from page 1

The student comments underscore a growing trend among American youth.

Call it a shift from reefer madness to reefer gladness, as use of marijuana rises along with support for its legalization, according to recent surveys of student attitudes.

The affinity for marijuana flies in the face of growing conservatism in other areas, according to surveys that show today's college freshmen are more apt to favor restricting abortion rights and are less accepting of gay relationships than students in recent years.

Support for marijuana legalization has grown among college freshmen from just 16.7 percent in 1989 to 35.2 percent in 1997, according to a study by the University of California, Los Angeles, for the Washington-based American Council on Education.

Marijuana use among high school seniors also is rising. More than 50 percent of seniors say they have smoked it, compared to 33 percent who admitted to its use in 1992, according to Dr. Lloyd Johnston, author of an annual report on youth trends involving drugs for the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Reasons vary, according to experts. Some say the debate over medical marijuana and possible beneficial effects for some ill people have softened its image.

image. "The perception of risks in smoking marijuana is eroding. They don't see it as dangerous," said Dr.

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Lloyd Johnston, program director at the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research.

Others point to the fact that many parents of today's crop of college age smokers are no strangers to marijuana use themselves during the pot-filled days of the 1960s and '70s.

"More people are going by their own experiences," said Keith Stroup, founder and executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

"For a long time, the government put out these reefer madness reports, and they molded opinions. But now, when a third of the population have experience with marijuana, they don't believe the government."

Steve Dnistrian, senior vice president of Partnership for a Drug-Free America, said he is disappointed by the survey results but not surprised.

The 1980s saw new laws allowing the forfeiture of property seized during drug arrests and an expansion of drug testing for public and private work places in addition to first lady Nancy Reagan's "just say no" to drugs campaign.

But those days are little more than a hazy recollection for some.

"We had the media focus. We had the government focus," Dnistrian said. "Kids were exposed to the message and decided it wasn't worth it to <u>smoke.</u> We burned out giving the message and the public burned out on hearing it."

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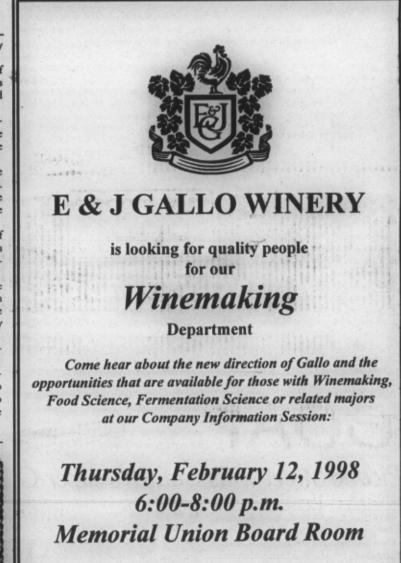
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Recruiters drooling over junior pitcher Mark Newell

Outstanding marks has scouts looking closely at OSU pitcher

By ROBIN McFETRIDGE

of The Daily Barometer

Baseball America Magazine features a players-to-watch section which includes four players from OSU baseball's current roster. Of those four players, pitcher Mark Newell definitely is one to keep an eye on.

Newell with a record of (8-0) last season has been playing baseball most of his life. "I've been playing baseball since I was five," Newell said. "My

father was my coach my sophomore year in high school."

From this comment one could say baseball ran in the Newell family. "My father played for Stanford in the '60s," he said. He also had a great-uncle that pitched in the Pacific Coast League in the early 1900's.

With this much experience in baseball it's no wonder scouts have been inquiring about Newell since high school. "There's been a steady flow of scouts," Newell said. "Some just want information and others show interest."

The list of scouts this year alone, Newell said, were the Florida Marlins, California Angels, L.A. Dodgers, N.Y. Mets, Minnesota Twins, Toronto Blue Jays, Chicago White Sox, Chicago Cubs and Cleveland. "Virtually every team has contacted me since high school," said Newell, "except Tampa Bay and the Yankees."

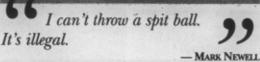
Newell has to complete his junior year before an offer can be made from a professional ball club. "I'd definitely consider that," Newell said in regards to turning

to profesional baseball in what would be his senior year. "But if the

opportunity arises and I'm ready to advance to the next level, I'd jump at the chance — it's chasing your dreams." He chose OSU because of the baseball program here and the

quality of programs academically. "There is some advantages to staying - of course, education is very important," Newell said. "The college atmosphere is something you can't replace.

Newell said he's always been a Giants fan but would go any-where he had an opportunity to play and where he would have an opportunity to enhance their program. "You don't really have much of a choice," Newell, said. "It is what it is, a draft. Some teams pick first and others pick later. You don't have any say in which teams you get drafted in."



Newell commented he would like a team that knows his skills

Just what he can bring to the table is his pitching ability. "Strike,"

was Newell's response to the question of his favorite pitch. "As the

He said he throws, during the course of game, a curve, sinker,

"A pitcher has a significant impact on the game. The other thing

The last two years OSU baseball has finished second behind

slider, a change-up and a fast ball. "It varies based on a left or right-

saying goes ... the best pitch in baseball is strike one," he said.

"I can't throw a spit ball," Newell said. "It's illegal."

handed hitters," he said,. "or what ever is working that day

you have to have is talent, and this team has the talent."

and what he can bring to the table.

Newell can throw just about every pitch.

these guys are winners." Newell said the team has both chemistry and focus. He

all this has a lot of experience

"This year we have a better

than excellent chance to win

this Division," Newell said.

"First of all we have motivation

and we have desire. Second of

Washington.

added that it also has "excellent pitchers, a quality coaching staff and those that swing the bat."

You can listen to this week-ends Florida games on KLOO-AM 1340. OSU baseball sports

information assistant director, Kip Carlson will be calling the action.

Opening day of baseball was cancelled for Oregon State University against San Jose State University last weekend due to heavy rain in Northern California. Opening day for OSU baseball will now begin with a tournament this Friday in Florida.

The Beavers will play Friday Feb. 13 through Sunday Feb. 15 against South Florida, Florida Atlantic and Central. OSU has never played Florida Atlantic or South Florida before.

The tournament will include OSU, Washington and Santa Clara each playing the Florida schools.

Baseball America Magazine has ranked all of the nation's Division I teams. Oregon State is ranked 48. In its players-to-watch section, Collegiate Baseball also named senior pitcher Andrew Checketts, senior third baseman Ryan Lipe, senior catcher Ben Bertrand in addition to pitcher Newell.

Former olympic gold medalist suggests unity through diversity

Picabo Street wins women's super-G

time.

failed to catch her.

By CHAK RAMANUJAM

of The Daily Barometer

Former olympic gold medalist Billy Mills spoke to a fully-packed audience at the Lasells Stewart Center last night.

+. The program commenced with Bob Adams, Benton County Commissioner, providing a brief background on Mills' life and accomplishments. Mills, who won the Gold in 1964 for the 10,000 meter run, has won many awards over the years, including inductions into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1984 and the U.S. Olympic Sports Academy in 1986. Most recently, he won the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997.

In his presentation, Mills spoke of his dysfunctional childhood and difficulty in growing up. He urged youths to follow their dreams and reach for their goals. He spoke repeatedly of a "secret" that he followed throughout his life.

"Everybody who follows the secret achieves the greatest quest of all, the quest for happiness," Mills said. "I want to share with you how this secret helped me."

Mills is a Lakota Sioux Native American from South Dakota. His mother died when he was seven years old, his father when he was twelve. Sent away to boarding school, Mills became interested in sports. In 1960, he went out for the U.S. Olympic Team. Although he didn't make the cut, Mills tried again in 1964. In training for his try-outs, between 1960 and 1964, Mills ran about 75

miles per week. This time, he easily made the team. Last night's program was an opportunity for Mills to teach youths about how to accept defeat, not failure, while performing at the highest potential possible. Mills did this through a series of sto-

HAKUBA, Japan - Picabo Street, the master

of the unexpected, pulled off her biggest surprise

yet - a gold medal in a women's super-G featur-

Street, a downhill specialist coming back from

knee surgery and a crash in late January, was the

second racer to come down the hill Wednesday

(Tuesday night, EST), and then watched in

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ing the closest 1-2-3 finish in Olympic history.

Associated Press

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Throughout his life, Mills was discriminated against because of his culture and background. He wants to see this discrimination stopped, but until then, he feels that people should continue striving

for their goals and never give up. "I want to talk about unity through diversity," Millss aid. "Find yourself a mentor, whom you can

look up to." Mills' speeches have not gone unheard. Community members all around are being impacted by his words.

Helen Rarick, a senior at Crescent Valley High School (CVHS), particularly feels that Mills is an incredible person. "My dream is the Olympics also ... hearing him talk gives me a lot of motivation," said Rarick. "I'm really going to use it [his philosophy].

Ryan Parmenter, also a senior at CVHS, feels that Mills opens people's eyes. "I thought his con-cept of unity by diversity was interesting," he said. "It was a nice point made."

Crystal Mullins, a junior at Corvallis High School, agrees. "He affected me on a much more personal level, inspiring me to further myself."

Mills' presentation was sponsored by the Benton County Health Department. According to many, the investment was well worth it.

"OSSOM youths brought Bill in here because he has a big impact on young adults," said Elizabeth Rich, OSSOM County Coordinator. "He has had a phenomenal impact on kids, with words and actions ... he really cares."

Billy Mills just wants everyone to strive for the pest. "A true warrior assumes self responsibility, humbles himself or herself to all creation, and learns the power of giving," he said. "Bravery is not the toughest kid on the block but the one that has

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Gold medalist Billy Mills pictured here at a reception Monday night, spoke in the LaSells Stewart Center on his motivations that allowed him to reach his full potential, and how everyone can do the same. He also spoke on how to commit to being alcohol and drug free.

Greatwood added to USC staff

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Steve Greatwood, who spent 15 years as an assistant coach at Oregon, has been hired by new USC coach Paul Hackett to handle the Trojans' offensive line.

sive line coach at Maryland, and the two years prior to that working with the offensive line and tight ends for the St. Louis Rams.

A three-year starter and guard for Oregon in the late 1970s, Greatwood served as a graduate assistant with the Ducks for two years before joining the staff fulltime.

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With the hiring of Greatwood, which was announced Tuesday, Hackett has just one more spot to fill on the Trojans' staff. Hackett replaced the fired John Robinson as the USC coach after last season.

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amazement as the world's top super-G skiers "I don't believe what I'm seeing," she exclaimed in the finish area, then pumped her fist and screamed in delight as favorite Katia Greatwood, 39, spent last season as the offen-Seizinger of Germany was unable to beat her