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\$900,000 budget cut leaves engineering department in jeopardy

Budget cuts force college to cut classes, leave faculty positions empty

By BETHANY BUCKLES
of The Daily Barometer

Despite enrollment increases at OSU, budget decreases are forcing the college of engineering to cut graduate courses, keep needed faculty positions unfilled, and create unpaid positions for graduate assistants.

“As far as I’m concerned, I haven’t been able to open up new classes, and that’s tantamount to cutting sections, which is the same as cutting potential classes.”

— FOREIGN LANGUAGE
CHAIR JOSEPH KRAUSE

The college of engineering had a total of \$900,000 cut from their instructional budget this year.

After 85 percent of the \$11 million received by the college from state funds and tuition went to salaries, that cut, which was taken out

Pentagon increases military presence in Iraq threefold

Associated Press

AL-JABER AIR BASE, Kuwait — The Pentagon is sending up to 3,000 troops to Kuwait — tripling U.S. ground forces in the country — “to discourage any creative thinking” by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

At the same time, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ruled out any massive military invasion of Iraq. “The administration does not agree with those who suggest we should deploy hundreds of thousands of American troops to engage militarily in a ground war in Iraq,” Albright said in a speech in Washington.

The latest deployment of U.S. ground forces was disclosed by a senior military official traveling in the region with Defense Secretary William Cohen. He said up to 3,000 troops from Fort Hood, Texas, will be sent to Kuwait over the next 10 days or so to help defend Iraq’s southern neighbor.

“The purpose is to ensure the security of Kuwait,” the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. “It’s to discourage creative thinking on [Saddam Hussein’s] part.”

Although Cohen had not formally signed the deployment order, a Pentagon official said Monday “the forces have been requested and that request is being considered and processed.”

They will join 1,500 Army troops who have been using M1-A1 tanks, armored Bradley troop carriers and other vehicles during a scheduled exercise in the desert emirate. The United States deployed 541,000 ground troops during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The armored vehicles were stored in Kuwait after the Gulf War and have been used repeatedly

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of the remaining 15 percent intended for services and supplies, did a lot of damage.

“We’ve been able to meet our obligations as far as teaching the courses, but it’s a very tight

situation,” said the college of engineering interim dean Thomas West.

According to West, engineering also received \$12 to \$15 million from externally

generated funds from private industries. Those funds, however, are for research.

Engineering class sizes have increased due to a 3 to 4 percent increase in graduate enrollment, West estimated, and a 13 percent increase in first-year students. Despite the increases, graduate sections have been cut, while engineering core courses are being protected, as well as primary engineering electives.

“It’s the quality issue that’s the drive. We must not only survive, but we must continue to maintain the quality.”

— COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
INTERIM DEAN THOMAS WEST

“We have not been able to maintain the same number of sections in these courses,” said West, who is predicting scheduling problems as students begin enrolling for spring term.

The college of engineering shares these problems with the college of liberal arts department.

“These cuts are based on real financial problems that the institution is having,” said English chair Robert Schwartz, who calls the problems regrettable.

Schwartz said students are limited when faculty positions cannot be replaced. Schwartz claims the empty spots in the English department are due to a lack of available funds.

“It really is impossible to do more with less,” Schwartz said.

Foreign language chair Joseph Krause expressed repeated concerns at what he approximates is a 25 percent decrease in the income for hiring additional faculty, while enrollment in foreign language has increased approximately 11 percent.

“As far as I’m concerned, I haven’t been able to open up new classes, and that’s tantamount to cutting sections, which is the same as cutting potential classes,” said Krause in response to OSU’s President Risser’s statement that he is not aware of any classes being cut because of budget cuts.

“It’s the quality issue that’s the drive,” West said. “We must not only survive, but we must continue to maintain the quality.”

West said he is cautiously optimistic about engineering doing better next year.

Walking with a purpose



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Members of the Graduate Students Association march into the Administration Building yesterday morning to deliver a petition to OSU President Risser. The petition consisted of 2,000 signatures in protest of recent proposed budget cuts to library funding. Though the proposed funding reductions have been canceled, the petition has been presented in hopes of avoiding future cuts of the same kind.

Oregon State Police cracks down on bikers

By KATIE PESZNECKER

of The Daily Barometer

The increasing problem of irresponsible bicycle use on the Oregon State University campus has the Oregon State Police department anxious to make cycling laws known and obeyed.

According to the Oregon Vehicle Code, “every person riding a bicycle upon a public way is subject to the same provisions applicable to and has the same rights and duties as the driver of any other vehicle.”

This means that bicyclists must obey the same traffic laws as drivers of automobiles.

This includes yielding to pedestrians, driving on the correct side of the road, signaling turns (using conventional hand signals) and obeying stop signs.

These rules are disobeyed by bicyclists each day on the OSU campus, said OSP Officer Joel Ratcliff.

Bikers “just sail right through” the stop signs, Ratcliff said, increasing the risk to themselves and those around them.

Junior in political science Severn Anderson said he considers himself a responsible cyclist, but admits to utilizing the “California stop.”

“I look both ways, kind of pump the breaks a little, and roll on through,” Anderson said.

“All we’re looking for is compliance. I just want to avoid that accident that I think is hiding around the corner.”

—OSP OFFICER JOEL RATCLIFF

According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, bicycle crashes are the third highest reason for emergency room admittance nationwide. Bicycle accidents held the number two spot, until bumped up by in-line skating.

Although no serious bicycle-related accidents

have been recorded in OSU’s recent history, “the potential is there,” Ratcliff said.

Pedestrians and motorists have also noted this as an increasing problem.

“Today I almost got hit by a bicyclist,” said student Renee Lafargue, a senior in exercise and sports science. “The bicyclists are out of control!”

Lafargue was walking across campus with friends when a bicyclist plowed through the middle of their group.

“The girl was heading straight toward us,” Lafargue said. “No warning, no apology, she just cut right through the group.”

“I am worried that there is going to be, eventually, some kind of serious accident,” Ratcliff said. “All we’re looking for is compliance. I just want to avoid that accident that I think is hiding around the corner.”

OSP and Campus Security are located on the second floor of Cascade Hall.

Groups interested in classes on topics such as bicycle laws or registration can contact Ratcliff at 737-3010.

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NEWS

El Nino floods streets of Peru's capital

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — El Nino-powered rains sent a river spilling over its banks into a working-class district of Lima, Peru's sprawling desert capital, filling streets with up to 3 feet of water Monday.

Hundreds of panicked residents dragged their belongings from their homes, while the water of the Huaycoloro River washed away dozens of straw shacks.

Residents of larger adobe or brick buildings waded for help from the roofs or upper floors of their homes. There were no reports of deaths.

The flood marked the first time that this year's El Nino has struck Lima, which normally goes decades without heavy rain.

"I've never seen anything like this in Lima before. The river hauled away mattresses, trunks and plants. Babies were crying and ladies were screaming for help," said Raul Santillan, 19, whose family locked the doors of their house and fled when the flood came, leaving everything behind.

Authorities and residents frantically built a wall of sandbags to prevent the water from reaching Acho Plaza, the site of Peru's famed bull-fighting ring.

Civil defense workers used earth-moving equipment to strengthen the river's banks and by midday said that water levels were receding.

"It's stopped raining outside of Lima, so we think we can drain the water quickly," said Peru's civil defense chief Gen. Homero Nurena.

The flood was caused by torrential rains that started on Sunday in the hills northeast of Lima.

Civil defense officials warned that buildings in Lima, many of which are old and made of adobe, are not prepared for flooding and may collapse.

President Alberto Fujimori told reporters late Sunday that El Nino is now in its strongest phase. The rough spell will last "a few days, or perhaps a week or two, more," he said.

Floods and mudslides brought on by El Nino have caused at least 150 deaths and left tens of thousands homeless in Peru since mid-December, according to estimates by civil defense and local authorities. The government has not released official damage figures.

El Nino is a vast pool of warm water — the current one is 1 1/2 times the size of the continental United States — that settles off Peru's coast every two to seven years, altering weather patterns around the world.

Explosions, clashes mar Indian elections

Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — Leftist guerrillas set off a mine Monday that killed five soldiers sent to guard polling stations in India's parliamentary elections. The explosion and other attacks raised the election-related death toll to 29 over two days.

The soldiers were traveling to polling stations in Andhra Pradesh state, where voting in India's staggered nationwide elections picks up again Saturday. Another 37 soldiers were injured.

Police suspect the outlawed People's War Group, who had urged a boycott of the vote.

Balloting Monday in Nagaland and Mizoram, two remote northeastern states, was the third in a six-day election. The first two days, Feb. 16 and Sunday, completed voting for three-fourths of the 543 legislative districts at stake. More than 600 million Indians are eligible to vote.

Tribal guerrillas seeking autonomy called for a boycott in Nagaland, supported by opposition parties and student groups. But election officials said turnout was nearly 42 percent.

Also Monday, a court reinstated a right-wing

Hindu nationalist government dismissed in Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state, over the weekend after two of its coalition partners withdrew support.

The court order came as a boost for the Bharatiya Janata Party, which is widely expected to take the most seats in the election but fall short of a majority.

On Sunday night, the Maoist guerrillas triggered another mine that killed four election officers and two policemen bringing ballot boxes to central collection stations. Another political activist was stabbed to death overnight, United News of India news agency reported.

Violence is a regular feature of Indian elections, with rival parties battling for control of polling stations. Despite the casualty toll, election officials claim violence this year is no worse than usual.

Three men were killed in clashes overnight after voting ended in the eastern state of West Bengal.

Twelve people were killed in voting in nine states on Sunday and 23 died in the first phase of voting Feb. 16.

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by U.S. troops in training exercises.

For its part, Iraq appeared to be preparing for a U.S. attack. Troops of Saddam's elite Republican Guard, for instance, were being scattered throughout the country in an effort to ensure that his government remains in power, according to Iraqi travelers arriving in Jordan.

Iraq also dispatched diplomats to several Arab countries that joined the U.S.-led coalition in the Gulf War, seeking their support.

In Ottawa, Prime Minister Jean Chretien said Canada joins with the United States in supporting the use of military force against Iraq if diplomatic efforts fail to end the impasse over U.N. weapons inspections. He spoke at the start of a special session of the House of Commons called to discuss Canada's possible participation in a U.S.-led military operation.

Cohen flew about 50 miles outside Kuwait City on Monday to visit this desert air base, which is surrounded by the broken and bombed-out remains of concrete bunkers hit by U.S. strike aircraft in 1991 after the Iraqi invasion.

"You are the best and the brightest America has to offer," Cohen told the crowd of mostly U.S. Air Force men and women. "You are great warriors and diplomats."

Walking through the crowd, the former senator from Maine told them, "It's important to look at your faces so when I sign a deployment order I take into account those faces." The defense secretary spent nearly an hour handing out special medals and posing for photos.

"We're locked and loaded," said Col. James Coning, a deputy commander for Air Logistics with the Ohio National Guard, who turned out to hear Cohen. "Just let us loose."

Buck Buckingham, an F-16 pilot from Denver

due to return home in a week with his unit from the Colorado National Guard, said he would be disappointed if military action was ordered after he left.

"Not that we want war, no," said Buckingham, whose jet is armed with Maverick infrared missiles designed to destroy tanks and armored vehicles. "We're trained to protect the United States, and we want to be able to do what we're trained to do."

Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, the top U.S. military commander in the region, accompanied Cohen on the tour.

Deployment of additional soldiers to Kuwait had been rumored for weeks at the Pentagon.

Another senior official traveling with Cohen stressed that the ground troops would not take part in any ground attack against Iraq.

Should President Clinton decide to take military action against Iraq, Pentagon officials have said it would be a substantial airstrike involving combat aircraft based in Kuwait, Bahrain and the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia. There also would be strikes from cruise missiles launched from the Navy ships in the Persian Gulf region.

Cohen has been seeking support for Washington's hard-line stance against Iraq during several days of talks with Persian Gulf leaders.

In Washington, Senate Republican leader Trent Lott said the United States should consider steps in addition to military force, such as support for democratic opposition to Saddam.

In her speech, Albright said: "We do agree fully with the bipartisan leadership of Congress that Iraq cannot be allowed to get away with its flagrant violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions."

Blaming the crisis on Saddam, she said the Iraqi president had pursued a fantasy in thinking he could get economic sanctions lifted without opening suspected weapons sites to U.N. inspections.

NATIONAL NEWS

NATO expansion expected to cost \$1.5 billion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon sharply reduced its estimate of the cost of bringing three former Warsaw Pact members into NATO, reporting Monday that the price tag will be \$1.5 billion over 10 years.

"This reflects more recent and more complete information than the Department's February 1997 ... cost figures of \$4.9 billion to \$6.2 billion," the department said in a statement.

The new estimate parallels one issued in November by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which said it would cost \$1.5 billion over 10 years to let Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic join. The three were invited to participate after a summit in July.

The latest Pentagon estimate is more in line with NATO's because it was revised to include several factors — it covers only three countries, instead of DOD's earlier estimates for four; it now agrees with "more recent and detailed data" that found that potential members' military infrastructures, such as its air bases and rail networks, were not as bad as once feared; and the Pentagon included costs in its past study that will now be born by the new members themselves, the report said.

The \$1.5 billion represents the total "common costs" to

NATO members and would cover such things as improving new members' communications and air defense systems to bring them in line with those of current NATO members.

The U.S. cost will be "the standard U.S. share of about 25 percent," of that amount, said the statement, released at the Pentagon.

The latest figures came as the administration planned to send Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen to Capitol Hill to argue Tuesday for the NATO expansion before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Lawmakers have cited the various cost estimates as part of their concern over whether to approve the alliance's enlargement.

The Senate is expected to vote on the expansion next month.

In the past, U.S. officials have estimated the cost of incorporating the three countries could range from \$27 billion to \$42 billion.

In the fall, NATO officials said their cost figures were based on a sophisticated military analysis carried out by the supreme allied commander in Europe, Gen. Wesley Clark, his staff and the NATO Military Committee, the alliance's military think tank.

At least 38 people dead as devastating tornadoes plow across central Florida

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — An 18-month-old toddler was sucked from the arms of its father. A pickup truck ended up on its nose inside a wrecked living room. Retirees lost nearly everything they had.

Florida's deadliest swarm of tornadoes in at least 50 years killed at least 38 people Monday. The six to 10 twisters smashed hundreds of homes and businesses but missed Walt Disney World and the two other major theme parks in the Orlando area.

At least 11 people were reported missing, and rescue workers used bloodhounds to look for bodies in rubble-strewn neighborhoods.

"Debris is piled up so bad, it may take a while to find any survivors," said Doug Braswell, a spokesman for the Seminole County Public Safety Department.

More than 250 people were injured, including a 16-year-old girl who was blown 150 feet out of a window into a pasture.

David Myers had a broken foot after being hurled against a wall.

"I'm just lucky to be alive. I've been thrown off of horses and out of airboats, but that's the hardest I've ever been slammed," he said.

The pink playhouse he built for his 6-year-old daughter, Brittany, lay in a pile amid the shattered glass of a bedroom

window. Brittany was sent to stay with relatives while Myers and his wife and brothers cleaned up.

El Nino-fueled thunderstorms storms blew in off the Gulf of Mexico just before midnight Sunday, spitting out tornadoes from the Tampa Bay area on the Gulf to Daytona Beach on the Atlantic Coast. Georgia also was affected, with floods closing roads and schools Monday after as much as 5 inches of rain fell Sunday.

In this retirement haven for thousands from the Midwest and Northeast, Josie Wolfe searched for her medicine amid the scraps of wood, metal paneling and pink insulation that remained of her mobile home.

"It's all gone," cried Mrs. Wolfe, who moved from Dayton, Ohio, in 1983 with her husband, Ned. "This was our whole life. I'm 73 years old and you can't start over at 73. What good is it? You work so hard and now there's nothing. I wish it would've killed me."

She and her husband both escaped unharmed. She eventually found her medicine, along with her wallet containing \$4 she won at Bingo earlier that night.

One man was holding his 18-month-old baby in his arms in his mobile home near Kissimmee, about 15 miles south of Orlando, when a tornado roared through before dawn.

"The baby was in the father's arms, and it got sucked out into the tornado," said Osceola County Fire Chief Jeff Hall. The child had not been found by afternoon; no one could say if it was a boy or a girl.

It was the deadliest round of tornadoes in Florida since the National Weather Service started keeping detailed records a half-century ago. And it was the state's most deadly day since Hurricane Andrew struck in 1992, killing at least 32 people in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas.

"The level of devastation I saw here is equal to Hurricane Andrew, even if in a more narrow area," said Jeff Hall, fire chief in Osceola County.

Some of the tornadoes may have had wind speeds as high as 210 mph, said Bob Ebaugh of the weather service.

More than 135,000 people in central Florida lost power at the height of the storms.

President Clinton sent representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including FEMA director James Lee Witt.

The weather service said the destruction was caused by six to 10 twisters.

"To have that number of strong and violent tornadoes concentrated in a small geographical area is unprecedented for Florida. It is a historical event. It's of that caliber," meteorologist Dave Sharp said.

Near Kissimmee, the Ponderosa Park tourist campground was unusually full because the annual Silver Spurs Rodeo had wrapped up Sunday and spring training for baseball's Houston Astros was just getting under way.

Thirteen people were killed in the park, including a man whose body was blown onto the Florida Turnpike.

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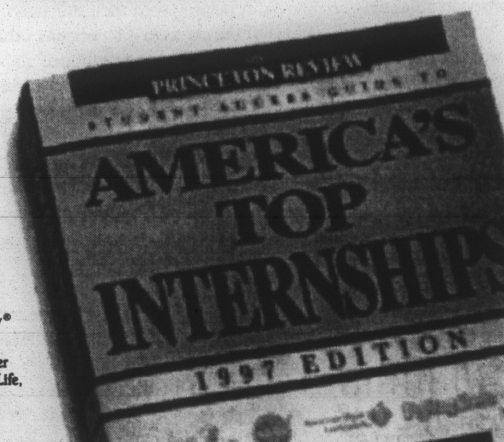
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BRIEFS

Eating disorder seminar

A seminar will be held concerning eating disorders among men in the Student Health Services on Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 1:30 to 2:20 p.m. in room 206.

Scholarship information

The University Honors College will have scholarship information available from 6-9 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Affirmative Action Day

Tuesday, Feb. 24, has been designated as a national day to raise awareness about affirmative action. Activities include: 9-12 p.m. Information table at the MU Quad.

12-1 p.m. Open forum to speak out for/against affirmative action MU main lounge.

4-5 p.m. Campus Conversation on race, MU Learning Lounge.

5-6 p.m. Affirmative action and race dialogue, MU Learning Lounge.

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A PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

The principles of decision-making when going to war — or not

For the moment, it appears that war with Iraq has been averted (once again). And while we all should take a moment and enjoy the newfound breathing room that UN Secretary-General Annan has negotiated, I believe that we as a nation should use this time to take stock of our institutional decision-making that almost nearly — and may still — lead us to war.

Last week, THE QUESTION of the moment was, "when?" Somehow, the "what" — that the United States of America was going to commence overt military activities against the sovereign nation of Iraq — was a forgone conclusion. The decision to strike Iraq had been promoted as an attempt to bring about "unfettered" compliance with formal United Nations resolutions regarding the production of weapons of mass destruction.

PAUL L. EVANS

Many associated with the decision also believed then, and likely still, that it is also necessary to target and then displace (by the use of air, sea, and ground forces) the Hussein regime. Obviously, the size and scope of these interconnected but different policy objectives have even yet to be fully resolved. Those in favor of replacing Hussein believe that any campaign will not and would not have been a long-term solution so long as he remains in power.

History is replete with examples that prove that saying things are always easier than implementing them — and it is this second, more controversial objective that has proven difficult in our dealings with Hussein. Simply put, any overt operation to oust Hussein will require a much larger commitment than any nation (even the U.S.) is willing to admit.

I will not disclose in this essay, nor in any other public forum, my personal views on whether the use of force in this specific circumstance is necessary should the negotiations flounder. However, I adamantly reject the notion that military force is or ever should be the instrument of first choice for international diplomacy.

This issue is something very personal to me. I spent four months in Kuwait last year, and I understand the situation fairly well, at least the mechanics. I am concerned for many reasons not the least of which is that I still have friends and former colleagues in the region, and while I know they are prepared for what may come, I am still hopeful that it will not.

We as a nation must realize that military operations are by

design destructive, not constructive. Military solutions are inadequate to the demands of diplomatic problems; war is not so much a therapy for a cancer but a radical mastectomy — war should remain the last, least favored option.

War creates an uncontrollable contextual framework that in turn creates more problems than it usually solves. Should this latest agreement fail, we will be revisiting square one. And if we choose then to force Hussein from power (either through air strikes or more covert means), then there must be something, some plan to re-invent that framework which has been destroyed — if we break it, we must be prepared to recast its image in a more favorable form.

If we opt for military engagement there should be a strict adherence to the established standard for the employment of military force. That standard compels our nation when finding itself in situations where there exists "a clear and present danger" to its present or future, to remain prepared to act, and act decisively when absolutely necessary — but only when absolutely necessary, not merely convenient.

“War is not so much a therapy for a cancer but a radical mastectomy.”

In those situations, and only in those situations, should we formally declare war and then set about making war. Either we make war, or not — the semantic notions and amorphous phrases that have been developed to make war sound less brutal must cease. If we feel the need to act then we must understand the stakes and then proceed ethically; this means declaring in Congress that which is occurring in the field.

As a student of political history, and as an American that expects better, I am not a believer in presidential discretion when it comes to the full-scale deployment of troops and material. I am also not a believer in a wait-and-see Congress, passively waiting and watching to see which way the wind blows. Often the Congress intentionally stays out of the process until it is time to claim credit or find fault.

The fact is that in 1964 we took a wrong turn. The Vietnam War was illegal; it was illegal because we never formally committed ourselves to the process of making war. Presidents in turn

took it upon themselves to continue the war without a clear national commitment. This cannot and must not occur again. We must learn the lessons of the past and apply them.

There must be a principled approach to our employment of military might. If there are battles that simply must be fought, we must fight them together — one nation, working together for self-preservation. We just cannot in good conscience send our young men and women overseas without a clear mandate, without a national commitment.

I firmly believe that there are tenets of appropriateness that, taken together, form a coherent principled approach to the application of military power. As a whole they provide a shared reality. These consist of stated achievable objectives, a formal declaration of war — a formal national commitment, and the rules of reason.

First, the proposition of military application must be capable of achieving the stated objectives. In other words, what we do must complete the task — if we fight, we fight to win — whatever the costs.

Second, we must have a national declaration of war before we engage in any/all military operations, unless we are attacked. Only the right of self-defense should preclude a formal debate and vote on military action.

Third, we must recognize the seriousness of military hostilities. We must apply the rules of reason whenever confronted with a potentially hostile situation; often other avenues are available if we look before we act.

These principles are necessary because war is the manifestation of our worst tendencies. We must understand that war means killing people. There is no sanitary, surgical war — people die, and that is the objective. If we are not committed to these objectives enough to declare war, then we have no business engaging ourselves in the first place.

The point of this essay is not to discount the current situation. Iraq is an imminent threat to its neighbors and the world. And to be honest, I am not a fan of Saddam Hussein — or any of the other so-called "Rogue State" dictators. However, we know there are other nations acting similarly; does this mean that we, and we alone, must seek each out in turn, and if so where next?

How we answer this question is important. It is important to me because I believe in the men and women that do the job and defend our nation — the people behind the uniforms. And quite frankly, I am concerned about our present "over-reach." While I want a secure world, I know first-hand the limitations our military must live with: too few people with too many worldwide missions. We must choose our battles wisely, something that has proven difficult for us to learn.

If the United States of America is to retain even a portion of the power we once wielded, it will be the result of our learning patience, prioritization and unity. This means we should reserve judgement on Secretary Annan's settlement until we know all the details. Then, with all the facts in mind, we as a nation must decide whether we can accept it. Ultimately, we must accept that there are things we cannot change. We must prioritize and emphasize the things we can. And we must approach each and every use of force as an act of the national will.

Watch the news. Listen to what your elected leaders say. Remember their actions. The great strength of a democracy lies in the willingness of the polity to act rationally. What we as a nation choose about Iraq over the course of the next few weeks and months matters; it matters because that decision is a reflection upon us all. The choice is yours.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Paul L. Evans, columnist for *The Daily Barometer*.

Ski Team accusations false and slanderous

This op-ed is a rebuttal to the slanderous op-ed that was submitted by Breanne Priest in the Friday edition of *The Daily Barometer* ("OSU ski team discriminatory"). Through this column I only hope to clear up some of the so-called facts and allegations. Were these made-up or is there actually some basis? I was also wondering where her quotes came from, perhaps just hearsay? Or was there ever a formal interview?

OP-ED

Breanne quotes the OSU men's team as bragging to other ski teams that we "didn't have a women's team so we wouldn't have to get up early in the morning for the races." Where did this quote come from? Breanne alludes that she has actually been to the races and heard one of us say this. I thought she was upset because she had not been racing.

Breanne also claims that she has been trying to be involved since September. This is far from the truth. October was the first we had heard from Breanne. During our phone conversation I personally told Breanne we were holding a meeting to explain the team to prospective members and to get help with our fund-raiser (an advertisement for this meeting was printed in *The Daily Barometer*). Breanne did not go to the meeting and showed absolutely no interest in helping with the fund-raiser.

She makes false allegations of the ski team discouraging other women from participating. At the meeting I mentioned above there were three women that showed up. We explained that even though our team is a club sport, we compete on a level comparable to the fully funded teams in our league. Upon hearing this the three women admitted to never racing and at the meeting decided that they would rather just ski than race. These women voluntarily showed no further interest in fund-raising or racing. Where are they now? They made the decision not to help and not to race and they seem comfortable with their decision.

The three women chose not to participate. Breanne would say that this is because of our influences. What about the men that simply get cut from the team. We have tryouts to maintain our varsity level of competition, and some competitors are not good enough to take along on our tight budget. I myself got cut from the team my freshman year. I did not make accusations of discrimination, I trained harder so that this year I could legiti-

mately take a spot on the team. It was not like the team discriminated against me because I am a farmer.

Breanne states that, "The team started out with \$1,100 in school funds this year and they did one sweater sale." This quote is true and Breanne wonders where this money went. I will answer this question. The proceeds from the sweater sale were only enough to cover our entry fees into the league, leaving us with only enough money for tickets, gas, and hotel fees for two races (We usually drive our own cars because the Motor Pool charges us for a van).

Breanne mentions these two races. In her self-proclaimed expertise she has forgotten that the racing season includes three races; two of the three races are three days long. Let's do some math: we can afford two races but the season lasts for three. So, Breanne, where did the money come from for the third race? My parents donated their house and supplied food for use by the team at one of the races. Had it not been for my parents' hospitality, the expense of racing would have hampered the team long ago.

Breanne states that the ski team is "looking for more funds." In this statement she is falsely implying that we are soliciting to the community. This, as with most of Breanne's letter, is false. The ski team had applied to the Student Foundation for money to go and compete at Regionals in Park City, Utah. The receiving of this grant has been slowed by Breanne's false accusations but the ski team has not been "determined to be inactive" as she claims. Now the ski team is forced to support itself from the members, who have already paid dues.

Breanne ends her editorial saying, "when Brian Roberts ... was asked why he was discouraging women from being on the team, all he had to say was, 'Well I guess I should have called her back.' Intelligent answer Brian!" Speaking of intelligence, last time I checked it was not very smart to draw quotes that are not from an interview or written documents. I do not think printing slander is intelligent at all!

We will gladly welcome the addition of a women's team for next season: a women's team that will show up at the beginning of the year, help with fund-raisers, and try out, rather than show up halfway through the season, expecting a free ride.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Paul Aubert, sophomore in horticulture.

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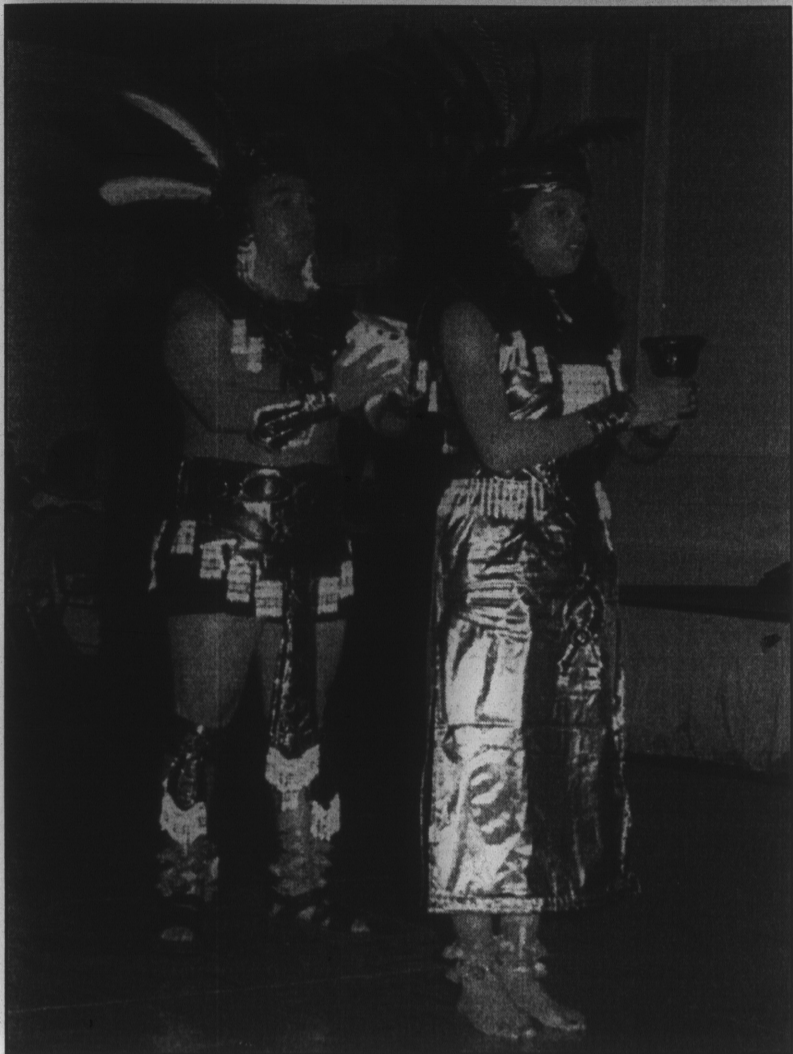
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Students celebrate culture in Latin Night '98



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David Bacio, senior in public health and Leticia Flores, M.S. in business administration participate in an ancient Indian ritual to dispel bad spirits Saturday night at CH2M Hill Alumni center in celebration of Latin Night.

By STEPHANIE DICKSON
of The Daily Barometer

"Raza! How I love my people. My people. Your brownness is in the beauty of the song, the beauty in the beauty. Brown love ... Raza!"

These words, spoken by poet and OSU Latin American Students Association member David Bacio, fell over the hushed audience like a blanket of snow during Latin Night '98, held last Saturday in the CH2M Hill Alumni Center Ballroom.

Bacio was but one of the 35 LASA student performers who donned his nation's regional attire, showing indigenous native clothing, agricultural, and *Huaso* or Chilean cowboy garments and headwear. As part of Bacio's performance with the Mixitlan Dance y Teatro indigenous dancers, he wore a highly decorated metallic outfit and headdress in reference to ancient traditional rites.

Other outfits that took their look from national and regional styles of dress were showcased in a Desfile de Modelos, or fashion show of eight different nations. Each couple made their way to the front stage where they highlighted the clothing's function or unique style. In addition to the easily recognizable sombrero, there were several other eye-catching ensembles and matching hairstyles.

For instance, model Patricia Garcia wore her hair in a distinctive style of braids with ribbons woven into them to match the colors of the Mexican flag. Also, a young woman's marital status can be conveyed through various colored accessories. A Guatemalan female demonstrated this by tying a red sash around her waist.

From styles of dress to styles of dance, there were plenty of styles to absorb as the night progressed. Several of the LASA performers demonstrated their ability to captivate the audience with their sense of rhythm

and dance techniques.

Setting the tone of the evening celebration was guest acoustic guitarist/singer Irene Farrera, natively Venezuelan. She sang with a great deal of emotion to the receptive group that nearly filled the newly constructed CH2M Hill Alumni Center ballroom. Farrera's repertoire reflected the sentiment of "among many, we are one." She provided some commentary between songs to give the audience a chance to reflect on the meaning of her lyrics. "We're one people here in America; the Latin [American] people."

The crowd cheered and applauded Farrera's statement as eagerly as they dug into the meal provided by MUPC Catering and Dining Services, a multi-national Latin American feast.

Every aspect of the decor and entertainment fit the theme of "What is Latin America?" as introduced by Masters of Ceremonies Lori Holbrook and Francisco Rodriguez-Ruiz.

"We're one people here in America; the Latin [American] people."

— VENEZUELAN SINGER IRENE FARRERA

Holbrook emphasized the diverse origins of the representative nations present, yet maintained the ideal of a single American nation, one that shouldn't be divided or misrepresented by fast food commercials looking for a source of humor. In fact, the spoof was continued by a skit named "El Mercado de Otavalo," in reference to the Otavalo marketplace in Ecuador: two dictionary-toting tourists asked some natives where the marketplace was and later joined in their fiesta.

Another fun activity was the "Trivia Latino," trivia about Latin American places, customs and myths. Cheered by the crowd, every participant was able to correctly answer questions designed to stump those unfamiliar with the Latin American culture. It seemed appropriate that the crowd supported every individual that performed as a part of the beautiful oneness created by a diverse and rich culture. The Latin American culture is in us all.

Helen Hunt: Mad about movies, 'Mad About You'

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — What Helen Hunt should do with her career seems obvious to everyone — except, it seems, Helen Hunt.

She was pestered for years by her "Mad About You" co-stars, especially Paul Reiser, to try her hand at directing an episode of the NBC sitcom. She resisted.

Conventional wisdom has Hunt, with her "As Good as It Gets" Oscar nomination in hand, waltzing away from "Mad About You" after six years and into a movie career unfettered by TV obligations. She's torn.

"I'm faced with one of the toughest decisions I've ever had. I think everybody thinks it's already figured out and we're not telling," Hunt said.

"The truth is, Paul and I are really struggling in a very honest way with whether it's right to end it here or whether one more year is what it [the series] wants."

Or what Hunt wants. And, hey, what about the viewers who've developed a fondness for Paul and Jamie Buchman and their marital ups and downs, and who have only recently met baby Mabel?

"Mad About You" may lack the pop culture cachet of top-rated comedy "Seinfeld," but it does rank near the top 20, reaching some 10 million households who value the show's take on romance and its singular couple.

As one hint of Hunt's future, she did cave in on the directing issue. Her maiden effort, to be shown at 8 p.m. EST Tuesday, put her in charge of veteran director Sydney Pollack, guest starring as the ideal therapist.

"We had our [script] read-through and Sydney was introduced. I looked at our writers like, 'Apparently I'm nuts,'" Hunt recalled. But the experience turned out to be "pure joy."

"I feel like I've been a creative person my whole life, but I also feel I have a very strong right-brain side to me. When you're directing you use both sides, completely," said the wholly cerebral Hunt, who comes across as more solemn than her TV character.

So just what was the hang-up about becoming an actor-director hyphenate?

"I hate to be part of any kind of norm, and so many actors say they want to direct. I never said that until I absolutely couldn't stand it one more second," Hunt said.

"The verdict is, sadly, I want to direct movies. Just one more person who wants to direct," she confessed.

And act, of course, but where? While Hunt clearly doesn't need

television anymore, TV — or more specifically NBC — needs her. With "Seinfeld" lost to the network, "Mad About You" looms even larger in its schedule.

The generic babies playing Mabel can be switched at will, but Hunt and Reiser are irreplaceable. No Helen or Paul, no show.

While the idea may be enough to make tough NBC executives weep, Hunt is focusing on issues other than their emo-

tional well-being.

"I'm talking to Paul and the executive producer, Victor Levin, feeling our way into what stories might be done for next year, making sure they'll get us excited," she said.

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WINTER OLYMPICS

Nagano watches Olympic exodus with sadness, relief

Associates Press

NAGANO, Japan — The games are over and the athletes have scattered. Still, many Nagano residents haven't gotten over the idea that the Olympics actually came to this mountain-ringed city.

For Fumitake Takemura, the Olympics seemed to touch everyone he knows.

His daughter was one of more than 36,000 people who worked as volunteers. His employer was the games' official bank. Virtually all his friends were involved in some way or other.

And now that an Olympic exodus has begun, the city is beginning to feel that post-party mix of joy, sadness and relief.

"I never imagined that a place like this out on the countryside would ever be the focus of such excitement," he said. "We all were so caught up in it.

It will be hard to see it all quiet down here again like it was before."

Nagano's transformation to the quiet town it was before the games, which ended Sunday, is already well under way.

The main train station, which had become a gathering place both for thousands of arriving tourists and an odd mixture of scalpers, hawkers and street performers, is again quiet at night.

The stage at Central Square — where more than 100,000 people gathered during the two-week games to watch athletes receive their medals — is now empty and silent.

As the games left town, they left behind lingering concerns over their cost.

The games brought a massive infusion of public spending money into Nagano. The area now has a major super-express railroad link to Tokyo, new highways and wider roads.

But most of the venues for the games had to be built from scratch. The construction bill for Nagano city stands at \$693 million.

Just how well this city of 360,000 will be able to put those facilities to use remains to be seen.

"To be honest, it worries me," said Takao Nakazawa, a middle-aged office worker. "I feel like the party is over, and now all we are left with is the bill."

Even so, the Nagano Games were far better than many Japanese expected.

The organizing committee, which had been deluged by disputes and criticism before the games, earned high praise

from IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Samaranch called these games the "best-organized" Winter Olympics ever — meaning that while they might not have been better than Lillehammer, they were worthy of the nation's pride.

The performance by Japan's team also helped. Japan won five golds, its best Olympic showing. Each golden moment has been broadcast repeatedly, and the replays dominated the airwaves Monday.

Hiroyasu Shimizu won Japan's first gold by skating to victory in the men's 500-meter sprint. For him, the overriding effect of the games was clear.

"The Olympics seemed to unite the whole country," he said.

"I never imagined that a place like this out on the countryside would ever be the focus of such excitement."

— FUMITAKE TAKEMURA, NAGANO RESIDENT

Salt Lake celebrates arrival of Olympic flag

City to host 2002 Winter Olympics

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Only 1,446 more days.

That's how much longer Utah will wait for the Winter Games.

But Olympic boosters did not delay their celebration; it began with the closing ceremonies in Nagano, Japan, on Sunday and culminated Monday afternoon as the Olympic flag arrived in Salt Lake City, host for the next Winter Olympics in 2002.

Cannons shot water in Olympic colors over the jet carrying the flag as it taxied to a stop and the sounds of the University of Utah marching band and cheers of 1,500 people echoed off the walls of the Delta hangar. Fireworks went off after an honor guard unfurled the white Olympic flag with five interlocking rings.

The flag arrived via Delta Flight 2002, a special charter flight, just after its scheduled 3:30 p.m. MST arrival.

"We're about to witness history," said master of ceremonies Steve Young, the San Francisco 49ers quarterback and a graduate of Brigham Young in Provo, Utah. "For the first time on Utah soil, the Winter Olympic flag."

"What more can one say than wow!" said Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini, who was presented with the Olympic flag during the closing ceremonies and carried it home.

"The eyes of the world now turn from Nagano to Salt Lake City," she said.

"What an exciting moment for all Utahns," said Lt. Gov. Olene Walker. "This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the state of Utah."

A motorcade carried the flag to the City and County Building, where a Salt Lake 2002 flag will be flown while the real thing goes into a bank vault for safekeeping until 2002.

The procession included Eric Bergoust, an Olympic gold medalist in freestyle aerials; Shelley Looney, a member of the gold-medal winning hockey team; and Bill Demong and Johnny Spillane, members of the Olympic Men's Nordic Combined team.

Former Olympic skiers Stein Ericksen and Holly Flanders and aerialist world champion Trace Worthington were also among the athletes on hand.

The flag was a long time coming.

Utah began its quest for the Olympics in 1966, but lost bids to Sapporo, Japan, for the 1972 games; Innsbruck, Austria, for 1976; and Nagano for 1998.

The Nagano decision in 1991 was the toughest, because the IOC vote was a close 46-42. Salt Lake stayed in the hunt, however,

applying again four years later for the 2002 Games and this time succeeding on an unprecedented first ballot. It will be the first Winter Games for the United States since Lake Placid, N.Y., in 1980.

Frank Joklik, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, told the crowd that Salt Lake — like the people of Nagano — can exceed everyone's expectations and put on a triumphant Olympic Games.

"They provided ideal conditions for competition by the athletes," he said. "The Japanese people lived right up to the Olympic ideals."

"Nagano is behind us now. It is now Salt Lake's turn. It is a tremendous opportunity and a challenge. We can succeed if we all pull together, without divisiveness."

Young, who has a home in Utah County, said, "In the end, the citizens of Utah — all of us — will be the heart and soul of the 2002 Winter Games."

The Olympic flag, Young said, should come to "reflect who we are and who we can be."

The 10-foot by 8-foot Olympic Games flag first flew over the Oslo, Norway, Games in 1952. A separate flag flies over the Summer Olympics.

"The eyes of the world now turn from Nagano to Salt Lake City."

— SALT LAKE CITY MAYOR DEEDEE CORRADINI

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MONDAY, FEB. 23...

Eating Disorders: Signs & Symptoms, 10-11 am, MU 105, Rebecca DeGraaf, Ph.D.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24...

HOPE Information & Media Booth, 5-7 pm, Dixon Rec. Center. Information on eating disorders; continuously shown videos including: "Emme: Size 14 Beauty" and "The Hidden Addict."

Don't Weigh Your Self-Esteem, 11 am-2 pm, MU Counter A (next to Burger King) Information on eating disorders and a free fortune cookie affirming your intrinsic worth. Sponsored by HOPE.

Body Images, Noon, MU Lounge. Powerful poetry about body image. Stephanie Dunn, doctoral student & visiting faculty member.

Eating Disorders Among Men, 1:30-2:30 pm, MU 206. Mark Wagener, Ph.D. and Douglas Smyth, Ph.D.

Knows Dieting, 4-5 pm, MU 208. Could weight-loss activities lead to an eating disorder? Learn how dieting can impact the body & self-esteem. Janet Beary, Ph.D., R.D.

Dying to Be Thin

7 PM, MILAM 213.

Learn the dangers of preoccupation with food & weight and the related health issues. Dr. Jean Rubel, founder and president of an internet-based eating disorders support organization - www.anred.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25...

Selling Beauty: Starving Body: Ethics & Eating Disorders, Noon, MU 208 Discussion about how cultural views of the body contribute to eating disorders. Courtney Campbell, Ph.D., Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Philosophy.

Help for Family & Friends of Those with an Eating Disorder, 2-3 pm, MU 105. Georgine Thompson, MSW & Sandy Tsuneyoshi, Ph.D.

HOPE Information & Media Booth, 5-7 pm, Dixon Rec. Center. Information on eating disorders; continuously shown videos including: "Emme: Size 14 Beauty" and "The Hidden Addict."

THURSDAY, FEB. 26...

Behind the Scenes: Pressures Related to Disordered Eating Among Athletes, Noon, MU 105. Athlete Panel: Stacy Mix, Chari Knight, Dan Hicks, Jason Buce; moderated by Lisa Hoogesteger.

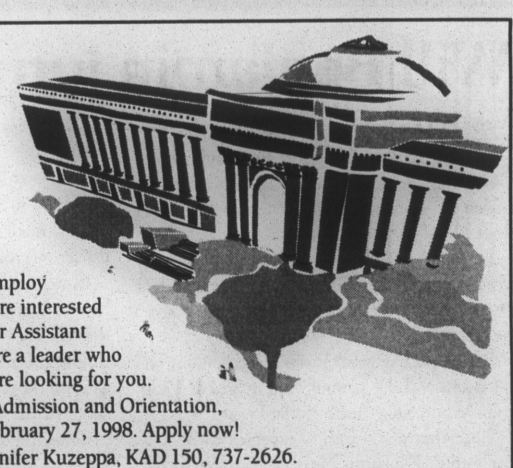
Slim Hopes: Body Image Workshop, 3-4 pm, MU 105. Mariette Brouwers, Ph.D. & Ellen B. Taylor, Ph.D.

Puppet Strings: A Video & Discussion, 3:30-5 pm, Women's Center. Susan Longerbeam, M.A.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27...

Medical Issues of Eating Disorders, Noon, MU 105 LaDonna Johnson, D.O.

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Five players not included for Wheaties display

Associated Press

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. — To see the entire U.S. women's Olympic gold medal hockey team, you'll have to look someplace other than the breakfast table.

Five of the 20 team members will not be pictured on the Wheaties box because they have college eligibility, and under NCAA rules they cannot accept commercial sponsorships if they want to continue playing in college.

The remaining 15 will be on the box, unveiled Sunday by the General Mills company. Those excluded by the NCAA rules are Tara Mounsey, Sara DeCosta, A.J. Mlęczko, Angela Ruggiero and Jenny Schmidgall.

Even though the players won't necessarily make money from being on the Wheaties box, NCAA rules prohibit college athletes

from allowing their photos or names to be used for financial gain by someone else.

"It's hard on these five players," U.S. coach Ben Smith said. "This truly has been a team in every sense of the word and it's hard for them not to be with their teammates at this moment. But it gives you a tip on their age and their future."

General Mills doesn't feature amateur athletes often, but the eligibility issue came up when the U.S. women's gymnastics team was on the Wheaties box after the 1996 summer Olympics, spokesman Greg Zimprich said Monday. Gymnast Kerri Strug, who still had college eligibility, appeared on the box because she turned professional.

"Every time we do a box we have to be aware of eligibility issues," Zimprich said. "I think we felt it was unfortunate that we couldn't

picture the whole team ... but I think the box honored the achievement of the entire team."

Ruggiero, the youngest member of the team and a senior in high school in Harrison Township, Mich., could get a full college hockey scholarship, depending on which school she chooses. Schmidgall of Edina will attend the University of Minnesota in the fall.

"I'm kind of jealous," Schmidgall said. "I'm a little sad. But I still know it's my team, and I wouldn't want to take this away from anyone else. The picture is really great. In spirit, we're all on that box."

Mounsey and DeCosta both have three more years of college, Mounsey at Brown and DeCosta at Providence, while Mlęczko has her senior year left at Harvard.

The box will be in stores next Monday.

OSU back-up quarterback Moran arrested

The Daily Barometer

Steven Moran was arrested Friday night on charges of Assault IV (Domestic) and Attempted Kidnap II.

Police received a call from an apartment around 7 p.m. for a reported domestic disturbance.

Upon arrival at the residence, the police came in contact with a female victim and Moran whom both live in the apartment.

Moran allegedly assaulted the victim and used physical force in an attempt to force her upstairs and into a bedroom.

The victim had been struck several times on the back of her head and fought off Moran's attempt to force her upstairs.

Moran was arrested and taken to the Benton County Correctional Facility.



Steven Moran

Grizzlies say they'll stand by West

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Vancouver Grizzlies are committed to guard Doug West, who said after his trade from Minnesota that he will seek treatment for depression and alcohol abuse.

"We support him totally in his pursuit of correcting the problem and admire his courage," Grizzlies coach Stu Jackson said Monday. "We look forward to having him in a Vancouver Grizzlies uniform."

West said he would enter treatment this week outside Minnesota with the help of the NBA Players Association. Jackson said he expected West's treatment to take about three weeks.

West, 30, acknowledged a substance abuse problem and depression for the past nine years in an open letter to friends and fans that was released Sunday night. He said he tried to cope with it him-

self but lapsed into what he called the "lifestyle" because of injuries and reduced playing time.

He said he hit "rock bottom" after the trade.

Jackson said the team couldn't void the trade if it wanted to, apparently because NBA policy wouldn't allow it in such a situation.

The Timberwolves sent West to Vancouver on Wednesday for guard Anthony Peeler. West initially balked at the trade, saying he had endured too many losing seasons in the Wolves' early years to do it again. He finally reported to the Grizzlies on Friday night and passed a physical Saturday, completing the trade.

Both teams said they were unaware West had a problem before the trade. Jackson said he had no reason to doubt the Timberwolves on the point, and he also said he didn't believe West was trying to spoil the trade by revealing his problem.

Will Benjamin jump to NBA

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State sophomore Corey Benjamin says he'll wait until after the season to decide whether to enter the NBA draft.

Benjamin, a 6-foot-6 guard, leads the Beavers in scoring at 19.8 points per game and already is one of the most talented players in the Pac-10 Conference.

But he said he won't make a decision until he sits down with his parents, Sonny Sr. and Vicki, and Oregon State coach Eddie Payne.

Since this year's draft is expected to be relatively thin, Benjamin likely could go higher in

the draft this summer than if he waited until 1999.

"I have to be a first-round pick, and it's been my dream to be a lottery pick," Benjamin said. "I doubt I would come out if I would be picked in the second round."

Either way, Benjamin likely has played his last home game of the season for the Beavers (12-15 overall, 2-13 Pac-10). He suffered a strained abdominal muscle at Washington State Feb. 14 and sat out last week's games against Arizona and Arizona State.

Benjamin is questionable for this Saturday's home game against Oregon.

Astros shocked by tornado

The Associated Press

Normally, spring training is fun and games. That all changed for the Houston Astros on Monday.

Houston called off practice after a tornado swept by their facility at Osceola County Stadium in Kissimmee, Fla.

A tornado shredded the Ponderosa Park campground behind the stadium early Monday, killing eight people. From there, it dipped down beside the Astros clubhouse, smashing a batting cage and ripping up two sections of artificial turf.

Shane Reynolds, likely the Astros' opening day pitcher, was one of six Astros players staying in homes nearby in Lakeside Estates along with starting pitchers Mike Hampton and Chris Holt, outfielder Ray Montgomery, and infielders Bill Spiers and Tim Bogar.

"If the tornado had gone a little to the left of its path I don't think a lot of us would have been here," Holt said. "We would have been pummeled. I've been in and around tornadoes before but I've never seen anything like this."

Bogar and his wife Wendy, who is pregnant, went to Spiers' home during the night because their roof was leaking. When the tornado neared, they all huddled in a closet.

Bogar's rental car was smashed into his pickup truck.

"I had never been in one before and I don't ever want to be in another one again," Spiers said. "It was awful. I get chills just talking about it. It was like something you'd see on CNN. It's amazing what one of those things can do."

In Clearwater, Fla., J.D. Drew's holdout — he rejected a multimillion offer from Philadelphia — has cost the Phillies' 1997 first-round draft choice more than just money and a year's development.

The outfielder is losing the respect of his would-be teammates.

"He's in dangerous waters right now," Lenny Dykstra said. "He's a good player, but you make it hard on yourself when you've got people going against you."

"I think a lot of guys resent him. Wouldn't you?" Mark Parent said. "I wouldn't cover his butt."

In Fort Myers, Fla., the Boston Red Sox were talking about Danny Tartabull.

The outfielder got \$2.2 million from the Phillies last year, broke his foot on opening day and had seven at-bats the entire season.

So it's hard to believe a team was even considering signing him. Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette appeared to say no Monday.

"I'm not expecting him to call back. I'm not expecting to call him either," said Tartabull's agent, Steve Schneider.

The seven outfielders on Boston's 40-man roster have a total of just 99 career homers. Tartabull, 35, has 262 homers in 14 seasons.

Boston is the team Tartabull probably could help the most, according to Schneider.

"He's ready," the agent said. "I think it would be a great fit for him."

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Oakland manager Art Howe was anxious for exhibition play to start later this week.

"We're ready to get out of here," Howe said, referring to the move from the minor-league complex to nearby Phoenix Municipal Stadium. "We're ready to start playing games, and it's nice to change scenery, too. It gives you a shot in the arm," he added. "We'll move on Wednesday and play the intrasquad game there."

At Mesa, Ariz., Sammy Sosa arrived at the Cubs training camp and predicted a reversal for Chicago.

"I think this year it's not going to be 0-14 like it used to be," Sosa said, referring to last year's record-setting losing streak to start the season. "People probably are going to play a different way, and we'll see what happens."

Sosa, who starts a \$42.5 million, four-year contract, hit .251 with 36 home runs and 119 RBIs last year.

"It was a bad year for me last year with all that happened," Sosa said. "If we play as a family, we can win a lot of games."

At Tampa, Fla., New York Yankees relief pitcher Mike Stanton was day-to-day after re-injuring his lower back Sunday. The left-hander already missed four days after irritating back muscles Feb. 14 during fielding drills.

"It's not as bad as it was the first time, but he did it in the same manner," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Stanton is the second key bullpen member slowed by injury. Graeme Lloyd, recovering from double hernia surgery in December, has been hampered by a hip flexor injury. Although Lloyd has been working out, he hasn't thrown from the mound since Feb. 17.

Elway's shoulder surgery successful

Associated Press

DENVER — John Elway, one month removed from his first Super Bowl victory, had minor surgery on his right shoulder Monday and should recover within six weeks.

"It was routine, and it was successful," Broncos spokesman Paul Kirk said.

Elway, who has not said whether he will return for his 16th NFL season, will have better range of motion and less pain when he throws, Denver trainer Steve Antonopoulos said.

The surgery, the third on Elway's right shoulder, was a clavicle resection to remove debris and "clean up stuff," Antonopoulos said.

Elway, 37, injured the shoulder when he was thrown to the ground during a game in October, but did not report the injury until after the Super Bowl.

He has not decided whether to repair a torn biceps muscle in his right arm. The biceps was torn during a preseason game last year but did not bother Elway during the season.

Speculation about Elway's return began before Denver's Super Bowl victory over Green Bay on Jan. 25, and Wednesday's surgery is a good sign for Broncos fans. Elway reportedly has said he would not have the surgery if he was planning to retire.