

The Daily Barometer

A Student Publication

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Morning clouds otherwise partly sunny.
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Motivational speaker stresses planning ahead

By ANDREA LANE

of The Daily Barometer

"Success takes off like a rocket," said Patrick Combs, a motivational speaker, and the author of "Major In Success: Make college easier, beat the system, and get a very cool job!" because most of the energy required is used just getting off the ground.

In his lecture last night, Combs spoke about the elements students need in college to acquire post-college success. After being told in college that his most important homework would never be assigned, Combs realized that he needed to do something about his career. The knowledge he gained by trying to find a career developed into a book, on which the lecture he gave was based. Of the tips he gave, internships, loving one's work, and overcoming fear were heavily stressed.

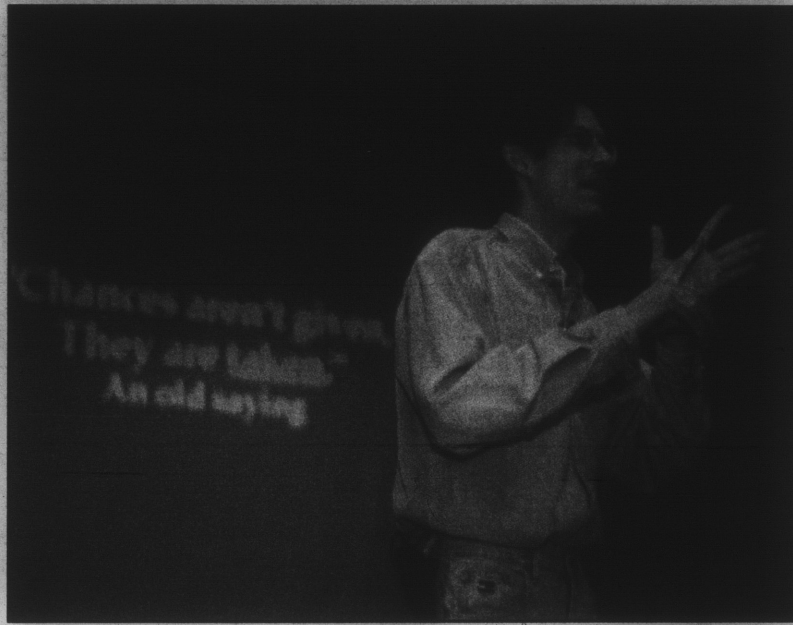
"Don't even THINK about graduating without an internship," Combs said, and then asked the audience to repeat it with him. Internships look excellent on resumes, give practical experience, and can provide future job contacts. Sixty five percent of interns are offered jobs at the company they interned for after their internships are over. Comb suggests getting a minimum of three internships or volunteer opportunities during college. The Career Center (located in Kerr Administration) and "The Internship Bible" are the two sources Comb recommends for finding internships. A resume has six points (name, college attended, major, academic honors, activities, experience) and should be one page long. As Comb discovered his sophomore year in college, his name, college, and major had to be in a very large font to cover an entire page by themselves.

"A great job" is a loved job according to Comb. He believes that while pay is important, desire is supreme. Quoting others Comb explains that 70 percent of a person's waking hours for forty years are spent at work. Knowing this, it is not difficult to understand why all "successful" people have a lot of drive.

Comb advises students and graduates not to be afraid to take chances. Fear can only hinder progress. Fear of failure prevents people from making the chances that can lead to great opportunities. A bold move took Combs to a \$25 an hour job in a field he loved, videoconferencing, at Levi Strauss & Co. He believes that fear is a fabrication of an individual's mind, and acceptance of that can give one the courage to overcome it.

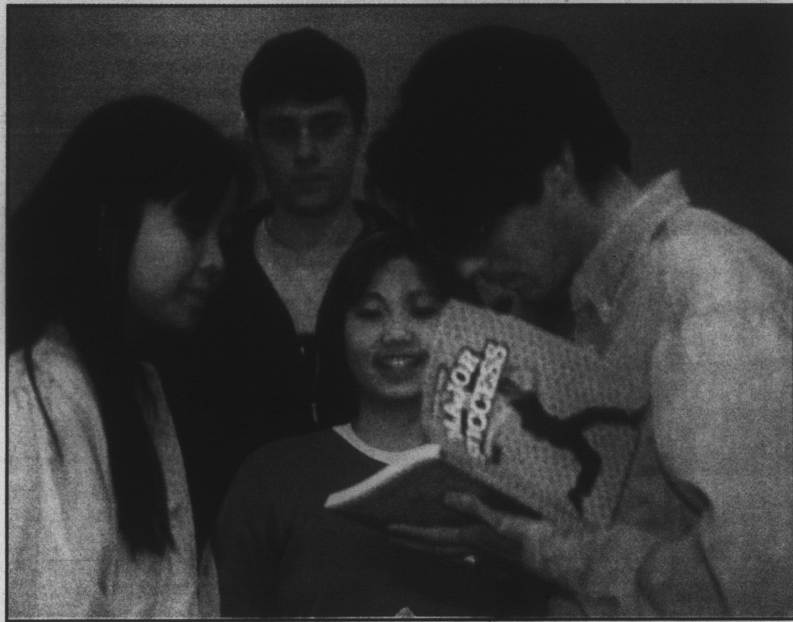
Comb also encourages students to learn computer skills. A person with computer skills is more likely to be hired, and can earn 15 percent more than others.

In addition to his book, Comb has a website (www.goodthink.com) and an e-mail address (pcombs@goodthink.com) to assist students in finding their dream jobs.



(Top) Patrick Combs speaks to a crowded Milam auditorium about how to find the perfect job. Combs' presentation was put on by OSU Career Services and sponsored by VISA.

(Bottom) Alanna Chan, a junior in nutrition, gets her free copy of Combs' book "Major in Success" signed before the presentation.



Health insurance plan in final stages

Current coverage to be reduced

By MICHAEL THOMAS

of The Daily Barometer

A new proposal to reduce the current Student Health Insurance coverage has been passed by the Associated Students of Oregon State University Student Health Insurance Committee and is now awaiting fine tuning before it goes into effect starting in the fall.

The current insurance plan provides 100 percent health coverage for students under the plan with a \$211 premium every term, while the new proposal would call for the coverage to be reduced to 80 percent with only a slight increase in the premium cost.

The proposed cut from 100 percent to 80 percent would mean that the premiums could increase approximately five percent next year, but if the coverage stayed at 100 percent the premiums could increase as much as 15-20 percent.

"It's a big concern of students to be covered and to at least have access to insurance to cover basic needs."

— MIKE CAUDLE, ASOSU PRESIDENT ELECT

"After a lot of discussion, the consensus was to go ahead with the 80 percent coverage," said committee member Allison Lake. "The moves we made this year are to stabilize the future for all OSU students."

Some research done concludes that there has been some overuse of the 100 percent coverage offered by Student Health Insurance at Student Health Services, due to an increase of claims there.

"We're trying to see if students are overusing it and in some cases they are," said ASOSU president and committee chairman Matt DeVore.

DeVore was prompted to send out hundreds of e-mails to students as well as providing written surveys located at Student Health Services to determine what students

OSU student prepares to tackle K2

Ghazarian will tackle world's second tallest mountain directly after graduation

OSU News and Information Services

CORVALLIS — A lot of college seniors have to scale a mountain of term papers, projects and final exams to reach the summit of their studies—graduation.

Zaven Ghazarian, on the other hand, has to get by graduation to get to his mountain.

The day after the Oregon State University forestry major picks up his diploma at the university's June 14 commencement ceremony, he'll leave for the wilds of Pakistan in an attempt to scale K2, the second tallest mountain in the world.

"It is," he said, "a graduation present to myself." Ghazarian will be joined by his life, Heidi Howkins, a noted mountaineer from Corvallis, and Chris Binggeli, an OSU forestry student from Switzerland.

If they are successful, Howkins would become the first American woman ever to climb to the summit of K2, which at 28,250 feet, is considered perhaps the most difficult technical climb in the world.

It has been called "The Savage Mountain" and "The Killer Mountain." In 20 years, Ghazarian says, there have been only 11 successful American ascents of K2. About 140 climbers have reached

the summit.

Nearly seven times that many people have reached the peak of Mt. Everest, the world's tallest peak.

Just getting to K2 will be an adventure.

Thirty hours of flying, a day-and-a-half bus ride from Islamabad to Skardu, five hours of off-road jeep riding, and an eight-hour trek will bring the climbers to Askole, at 10,000 feet, the last village before the ascent. From there, 5-7 days of steady trekking will take them to the base camp at 16,500 feet.

It will take some 60 to 100 porters to bring the gear to base camp, Ghazarian said. Supporting climbing expeditions has become a cottage industry beneath the shadow of K2 and other peaks of the Himalayas — the tallest mountains in the world.

Such an undertaking is not without a cost, emotionally or financial. "When all is said and done, the climb will probably cost us about \$10,000 a person," said Ghazarian.

From base camp, the real challenge begins. Each day, the climbers will venture a little higher and a little farther, learning the route and leaving markers behind. And at some point, when they have become acclimated to the elevation, but haven't yet had their energy stores depleted, they will make an all-out push for the summit — weather, equipment and nerves permitting.

"It is a graduation present to myself."

— ZAVEN GHAZARIAN

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IN BRIEF

Senator Ron Wyden will be holding a Benton County Town Meeting at First Presbyterian Church tonight from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. First Presbyterian is located at 114 SW 8th Street in Corvallis. Also, on Friday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m., Senator Wyden will be kicking off the Tobacco-Free Coalition of Oregon conference at the LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus.

Mike Green, a renowned motivational speaker will be speaking in Gill Coliseum tonight at 6:30 p.m. Green is known nationally for his work with drug and alcohol awareness. This event is being sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and the Greek community. Admission is free.

MEDIA POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

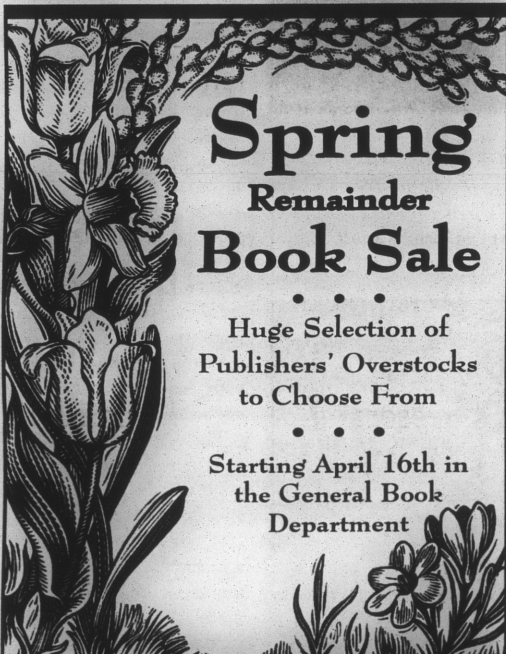
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The above positions are open to any bonafide student at Oregon State University. The terms run from Fall Term 1998 through Spring Term 1999.

To be considered, an applicant must: (1) have earned a g.p.a. of at least 2.0 from Oregon State University, (2) be enrolled for at least 6 academic credits, (3) not be on disciplinary probation, and (4) be making normal degree progress.

To apply, applicant must: (1) complete an application form obtained from the Student Media Office, MU East, room 118, (2) submit an official transcript, and (3) submit a letter of application. Deadline to apply is April 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Applicants for the positions will be interviewed by the University Student Media Committee at meetings April 27 and April 28 at 3:30 p.m. in MU East 120.



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Computer Services	designs websites and email lists, computer troubleshooting (\$200/mo. stipend)
Resources Manager	photographs and videotapes events, serves as historian (\$150/mo. stipend)
Publications	develops Cultural Center brochure and monthly calendar (\$125/mo. stipend)

Dates of employment: Tuesday, September 15, 1998 to Friday, June 11, 1999

Application Information:
Only currently enrolled OSU students can apply and must:
1) have earned a minimum GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing
2) be enrolled for at least 6 credits.

Application Deadline: Monday, April 20, at 5 p.m. to Student Involvement. Applications available at Student Involvement (MU East 149).

Informational Meetings for all interested applicants:
Tuesday, April 7, 5-6 p.m., Friday, April 10, 3-4 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, 6-7 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Memorial Union Room 203 and all applicants are strongly encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cessa Heard-Johnson, Diversity Development Coordinator (737-6341) or at heardjoc@ccmail.orst.edu

NEWS

Teenage McDonald's workers go on strike

Upset McDonald's workers sign Teamsters cards on picket line

Associated Press

MACEDONIA, Ohio — Striking teenage McDonald's workers signed Teamsters cards on the picket line Wednesday.

The workers say they don't like the way managers treat them. About 15 pickets — employees joined by a few friends on spring break — ate fried chicken from a KFC across the parking lot, yelled as cars drove by and used markers to color in picket signs and make new ones. The restaurant, which has about 45 employees, remained open.

The workers — who were six strong when they started what may be the first strike in the United States against McDonald's — say managers yell and cuss at them when they make mistakes.

"You get called jerks and stupid," said Melissa Dowdell, 17, whose sign said "Honk for support." "There's a lot of profanity."

A spokesman for McDonald's said the workers still have their jobs and the fast-food chain wants to end the dispute.

"We want to get this resolved and get everybody back on schedule, serving our customers hot hamburgers from satisfied employees."

— MIKE HENRY, A REGIONAL MARKETING MANAGER

"We want to get this resolved and get everybody back on schedule, serving our customers hot hamburgers from satisfied employees," said Mike Henry, a regional marketing manager.

Dwight Bungo, a consultant for Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald's, on Tuesday said he would work with the employees to resolve problems.

The strike began Sunday, in part because workers said the company ignored the requests of some to be off on Easter.

About 20 McDonald's workers in all, most in their teens, signed cards asking to be represented by the Teamsters.

A planned meeting Wednesday between McDonald's management and the workers fell through when restaurant executives wanted to exclude two local Teamsters leaders from the session, said Bryan Drapp, who organized the strike.

Dominic Tocco, president of 1,400-member Teamsters Local 416 in Cleveland, said the Teamsters heard about the walkout and feared the teen-agers would be intimidated by management.

"The issues these kids are interested in are minor. McDonald's could wave their hand and make it all right," he said.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Scholarships awarded

CORVALLIS — The 1998 Loene P. Guthrie Endowed Scholarship has been awarded to Lori Kelley and Tom Burt, both music students at Oregon State University.

The scholarship was established after Guthrie's death in 1994 to aid music students in Benton, Linn and Lincoln counties who plan to teach piano, vocal, or orchestral music. She taught piano in Corvallis for many years.

Kelley is an OSU senior majoring in vocal performance who attended South Albany High School. She is studying voice with OSU faculty member Richard Poppino.

Burt is pursuing a degree in music education, and studies voice with Paul Guthmuller. He attended Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis. Both are members of the OSU Chamber

choir and are well-known local performers.

The Guthrie Scholarship is administered by the Benton County foundation upon selection of award winners by the Linn-Benton Chapter of the Oregon Music Teachers Association. Applications for the 1999 scholarship will be available in November from local high school and college music teachers, and members of the Linn-Benton OMTA chapter.

Committee meetings

Corvallis rental housing code steering committee meetings are scheduled for April 28, May 12, May 26, June 9, and June 23.

The location for all meetings is the OSU LaSells Stewart Center in the Ag Sciences Room. The meetings are scheduled from 7-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Lee March, at 757-6929.

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thought about a potential decrease in their coverage.

"Roughly 60-80 percent of the returned surveys were in favor of the 80 percent coverage," DeVore said. "We looked for a number that would get a significant cost reduction and 80 percent seemed to be that number."

The proposed changes in the current plan should not be confused with health fees according to Lake, which every student at OSU must pay. The actual proposed changes will only affect the approximately 2,000 students who sign onto the insurance plan and will not increase health fees.

The overall cost for students under the new plan will be weighted heavily on how many times students use their insurance.

"Heavier users [under the new plan] may find that they will be paying more out of their pocket," Lake said.

Newly elected ASOSU president Mike Caudle, who will officially take over on May 19 and later sign the proposal, has been keeping up on the new proposal.

"My biggest concern is keeping a low cost," Caudle said, adding,

"The overall cost will be a little lower because of the lower premiums."

Reducing the overall cost is especially important to international students attending OSU according to newly elected ASOSU vice-president Melanie Spraggins.

"We want to keep the prices down," Spraggins said. "ASOSU is trying to have a low cost for international students, since it is required by federal law for them to have insurance."

"It's a big concern of students to be covered and to at least have access to insurance to cover basic needs," Caudle said.

The next step for the proposal and the committee will be on April 24 when representatives from the Chickering Group will meet with them to assess the proposal and make any additional changes.

"We will talk more about the changes with them and then they'll come to us with a new premium amount," DeVore explained. "We're doing our best to keep premiums around \$200, but it will probably have to rise."

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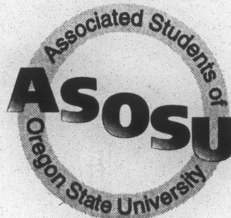
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Paid ASOSU Leadership Positions Available

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Applications Due April 27th 5:00pm

STATE NEWS

Fifteen families accept \$5,000 settlement from school district

Associated Press

MCMINNVILLE— Fifteen families of girls subjected to a strip search at a McMinnville middle school have accepted a \$5,000 settlement offer from the insurance companies representing the city and the McMinnville School District.

In addition to the checks, the families will be reimbursed for up to \$1,250 in legal fees and are being offered up to \$1,000 for counseling.

Nineteen families have yet to say whether they would accept the offer, said Mark Rauch, senior staff attorney for City County Insurance Services. One family has rejected the offer.

In all, 36 girls were subjected to the search January 29 at

Duniway Middle School after the girls' locker room was ransacked during a gym class and none of the seventh and eighth-graders in the class admitted responsibility for the theft.

Each family had the option of accepting the \$5,000 in return for agreeing not to sue the city or school district.

The offer was not extended to seven girls who were detained in the gym but were still awaiting their turns when the search was halted. Nor was it offered to a family whose daughter was not searched, but alleges that she was coerced by police to lie about the incident.

Some of the 15 families could receive their checks this week, Rauch said.

Impotence drug Viagra in high demand in Oregon

Associated Press

PORTLAND— Just three weeks after FDA approval, doctors and their patients in Oregon are finding that demand is high for a pill that promises to relieve male impotence.

Men holding prescriptions for the drug Viagra already are either getting the pills or being told supplies will be in any day. Major Portland pharmacies report they either have a supply or expect to have the drug before the week is out.

Meanwhile, primary-care doctors are calling urology colleagues to bring them up to speed on the new medicine. The Center for Men's Health in Lake

Oswego, which specializes in sexual dysfunction, is advertising it and dispensing it, as well as taking hundreds of calls.

Even though the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Viagra late last month, men have heard about favorable studies on the drug and have been pestering doctors.

"We are all waiting to see it," said Dr. Don A. Young, a urologist at The Oregon Clinic in Portland, who was just about to

write a prescription for a 60-year-old patient.

"The other things we had before were just what we would call stiffeners, and didn't do any more than that," Young said. "But this is supposed to enhance what is already there in terms of erection."

The unique feature of Viagra

work for everyone, and it's not magic.

"Technically, it is not an aphrodisiac, but indirectly, it may make men want to have sex more often because they know they can get a good erection," said Dr. Michael Kaempf, a urologist and researcher at The Urology Clinic in Portland.

So even though Viagra does not affect sexual desire, it might reassure men that they can be successful in sex. "Then, after they have been successful for a while, their own spontaneous erections may be good enough that they won't need to take the pills," Kaempf said.

Viagra should be used only once a day at most, doctors advise, because long-term side effects are as yet unknown. For that same reason, the drug should not be used by men who don't really need it, said Dr. Shammai Rockove, assistant professor of urology at Oregon Health Sciences University.

"But when you deal with issues of sexuality, there are going to be people who say, 'I want to be better than I am,

better than normal. I want to be super normal,'" Rockove said.

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— DR. MICHAEL KAEMPF, A UROLOGIST AND RESEARCHER AT THE UROLOGY CLINIC IN PORTLAND

is that it plays on a man's response to sexual stimulation by enhancing the smooth-muscle relaxant effects of nitric oxide, a chemical normally released in response to sexual arousal. This relaxation allows increased blood flow to the penis, leading to an erection.

Doctors have had to disappoint some eager callers by informing them that Viagra is only for medically diagnosed erectile dysfunction. It will not

Opponents call marijuana initiative a ruse

Associated Press

EUGENE— Supporters haven't begun to gather signatures yet, but opposition is appearing to a proposal to allow some medical patients to smoke marijuana.

The latest attack came Tuesday during a meeting of the Oregon Police Chiefs Association in Eugene. Speakers blasted the initiative as a "ruse" to legalize all drugs.

"They are using the sick and the elderly to get their foot in the door," said Richard Romley, district attorney of Maricopa County, Ariz., where a citizens' initiative legalized drugs for medicinal use.

Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., who attended the meeting, said he is trying to get Congress to block federal funding for medicinal marijuana.

Similar laws in Arizona and California "resulted in pot shops opening up. That is not what we want in Oregon," he said.

Smith said he is worried that more youngsters will be tempted to smoke marijuana if it is approved as a prescription drug.

Representatives of a drug company that makes Marinol, a legal marijuana derivative, called efforts to allow medicinal uses of pot "backwards," equating them to a doctor telling a patient to chew on tree bark to cure a disease.

"We used to do that 100 years ago," said Lonnie Bristow, former president of the American Medical Association and now a consultant for

Roxane, which produces Marinol.

Bristow said the issue has been championed by people who want marijuana legalized for recreational use. "What they've managed to do is piggyback their agenda on the medical marijuana issue," Bristow said.

The chief sponsor of Oregon's medical marijuana initiative said his critics are missing the point.

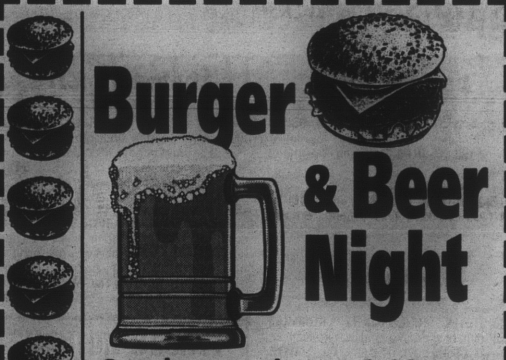
"The Oregon Medical Marijuana Act is really not about the legalization of any drugs," said Rick Bayer, a Portland area doctor. "It's about patient rights. Patients, and their chosen personal physician, should be able to discuss all treatment options."

Smoking marijuana has been found to be an effective treatment for a number of severe ailments, Bayer said.

Its primary use is for AIDS patients suffering from "wasting syndrome," in which they lose their appetite and drop weight dramatically. Marijuana stimulates the appetite, according to some evidence.

Cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy sometimes smoke marijuana to relieve the nausea that accompanies the treatments.

Marijuana is classified as a Schedule 1 drug, thus cannot be prescribed by doctors. Bayer would like it reclassified as a Schedule 2 narcotic, putting it in the same category as morphine, which can be prescribed for pain.



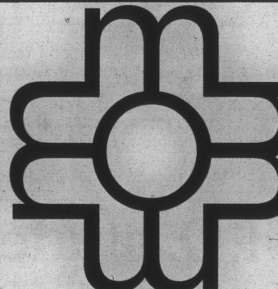
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A PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

Eliminating UMAS scholarship endangers minority admissions

On March 21, *The Oregonian* announced that all state universities in Oregon will no longer offer the Underrepresented Minority Achievement Scholarship (UMAS) to freshman applicants. Instead, state schools will be required to open the scholarship money that was specifically set aside for African American, Latino and Native American students to all applicants. In theory, the money set aside for the UMAS scholarship will still be available to these underrepresented minorities through scholarships to be determined by each individual institution.

STAFF EDITORIAL

At first, making this money available to all students seems like the right decision. All of us can agree that allowing some students special advantages simply based on race is wrong. While this may be true, a crucial hidden premise must first be stated: In order for some students to have special advantages, all students must first have equal opportunity to a university education.

Looking around our state, we can all see that this is not the case. A Native American student living on a reservation with a 40 percent unemployment rate does not have the same access to a university education that a white student going to a private high school in Portland does. An African-American elementary student attending Humboldt Elementary School in Northeast Portland, where 95 percent of students qualify for free or assisted lunches because their families are too poor to feed them does not have the same opportunity that a white student attending a comparable school in suburban Beaverton does.

What we have is a sociological problem that many of us refuse

to recognize. We say everybody in America has an equal chance to do anything they want, but the fact remains that where we are born and what race our parents are makes a huge difference in what opportunities are open to us. In other words, some of us are born more equal than others.

The UMAS scholarship was put into place to remedy some of these problems. By offering a scholarship solely to students that might not otherwise be able to attend a major university, administrators hoped to — in the words of Lyndon B. Johnson — “bring everybody up to the same starting line.”

“Without a scholarship specifically devoted to underrepresented minorities, this group of people will easily slip through the cracks once again.”

Looking at the statistics, it appears that the UMAS scholarship was definitely a step to making this a reality. From 1986 to 1998, the percentage of minorities represented in the UMAS scholarship that attended state universities increased from 3.4 percent to 6.2 percent, almost doubling the percentage of minorities at state higher-ed institutions in Oregon.

For these reasons, we believe the UMAS scholarship continued a worthy cause. Because of the society we live in, certain minority groups sometimes need an extra hand in order to have a truly equal opportunity. Some people argue that assisting minorities through

affirmative action programs such as this one are unnecessary. “We don’t own slaves anymore, and the Jim Crow laws, forced assimilation of Indians, and expansionist wars against Mexico are all gone. What’s the problem?” Furthermore, they might add that all the civil rights movements that have taken in America since the fifties have actually made the world a hostile place for white Americans.

Nobody is going to argue that times have changed and the racial structure and tensions that exist are much different than they used to be. But as a nation, we cannot brush 300 years of minority oppression under the carpet because of forty years of expanding civil rights. The racial inequality that has always been a part of American history is still with us today. Programs such as the UMAS scholarship help to balance out a small portion of these past injustices by giving historically oppressed minorities a small step up.

Eliminating the UMAS scholarship is a terrible idea. Without a scholarship specifically devoted to underrepresented minorities, this group of people will easily slip through the cracks once again. By simply changing the name and opening the scholarship money formally available for UMAS scholarships to all students, we make it more difficult for these minorities to get into Oregon universities. Do we really want to turn back the clock to a darker age of silent repression? Those of us at *The Barometer* don’t, and we strongly urge the administrators of Oregon State University and the officials of the Oregon University System to reinstate the Underrepresented Minority Achievement Scholarship.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of *The Daily Barometer* editorial staff. Please address any comments to Luke Leahy at leahyl@ccmail.orst.edu.

Ask the Sexpert: PH.D. student explores human sexualities

In an effort to address a wider variety of issues concerning college students, *The Daily Barometer* is introducing a new, weekly column: “Ask the Sexpert.”

“Ask the Sexpert” will be written by Kathleen Greaves, a doctoral student in the department of human development and family sciences. She is also the instructor for HDFS 240: Human Sexuality. Her column will be published every Thursday in *The Daily Barometer* forum.

KATHY GREAVES

After teaching more than 1,500 students in her Human Sexuality Course, it has become apparent to Greaves that a vast number of college students have not had an adequate sexual education.

Greaves’ goal in writing this column is to help improve relationships, because “when people approach relationships based on misinformation, the resulting effect can be quite negative,” Greaves said.

“Ask the Sexpert” will attempt to answer a diverse number of sex-related questions, including those regarding sexual health, the human anatomy, gender issues, sexual assault, and sexual response.

Greaves is currently in the process of setting up an e-mail account specifically for those who would like to submit sex-related questions. Questioners’ names will be kept confidential, and Greaves’ new e-mail address will be published in her next column.

Dear Kathy:

Can a penis when erect go straight up pointing to the ceiling or do they always point straight out? If they are straight up to the ceiling is that normal? Which way are they supposed to go?

Signed, Which Way Is Up

Dear Which Way Is Up:

Penises can point up to the ceiling, but they can also point straight out. In fact, they can even, when fully erect, also point towards the ground. The overall cause of this is very simple: Age. The younger a man is, the more his penis will point towards the ceiling. A boy who has just reached puberty and is just starting to experience orgasms will have a penis that points more towards the ceiling. Yet, the older he is, the more likely his penis will point towards the ground. A man in his 70s is still quite capable of participating in a variety of sexual behaviors including intercourse. However, when his penis is erect, it may appear visually to only be semi-erect due to the angle at which it points.

Dear Kathy:

I am female and have been having sex with my boyfriend for two years. In that time, I have never had an orgasm during intercourse? What is wrong with me?

Signed, Failure at Sex

Dear Failure at Sex:

Nothing is wrong with you. On the contrary — you are quite normal. It is a common misconception that the process of penile vaginal intercourse brings about an orgasm for women since it does so for men. For most women, clitoral stimulation is necessary to bring about an orgasm. Yet intercourse provides little if any clitoral stimulation. For most women, clitoral stimulation resulting in orgasm occurs through manual stimulation, oral stimulation or

the use of a vibrator. Manual stimulation or vibrator stimulation can be provided by her partner or herself. As I am sure you can imagine, oral stimulation can only be provided by her partner.

There are some intercourse positions that are more conducive to clitoral stimulation because they allow either her or her partner to reach the clitoris with their hands. These positions include most rear entry positions like doggy style or side by side. Another position that works well is the woman on top. In addition to being able to stimulate the clitoris manually, she has more control over the motions of intercourse. Remember though that every woman is different in terms of what is sexually stimulating to her. There is no one way to bring a woman to orgasm. Some women enjoy direct clitoral stimulation while others feel that direct stimulation is too much and prefer indirect stimulation. That is why it is important for couples to communicate about what feels good and what does not.

“Can a penis when erect go straight up pointing to the ceiling or do they always point straight out?”

Dear Kathy,

Do any of the sex lotions for men really work? I have heard of a lotion that men put on their penis to prolong sex, to help men not have orgasms too soon.

Signed, Wants to Last Longer

Dear Wants to Last Longer:

Those sex lotions do work in the sense that they do enable some men to participate in intercourse for longer periods of time before having an orgasm and an ejaculation. However, the reason why they work is important. The active ingredient of these lotions is basically a substance similar to Novocaine, the drug used to numb your gums at the dentist. Therefore, all these products in question do is numb the skin surface of the penis. In turn, this makes stimulation less noticeable so the man does not get aroused enough to result in orgasm. However, this is only temporary and the lotion needs to be used every time the man wants to last longer. I see this as problematic because there are other ways to learn to last longer, thus making the need for such a product obsolete. One method is called the squeeze technique. The premise is that as the man learns to anticipate an orgasm, he will also be able to postpone it. The procedure is as follows: first, when the man senses the ensuing orgasm, he stops stimulation. Next, either he or his partner gently squeezes the penis just below the head. Continue applying pressure until the feeling of wanting to orgasm goes away. When the feeling has subsided, continue with sexual stimulation. When the feeling of ensuing orgasm occurs again, squeeze until the feeling goes away. Do this a number of times during each sexual encounter. After a number of encounters, the man will be able to avoid orgasm simply by stopping stimulation in time. The squeezing will no longer be a necessary step. It is much like the psychological premise of Pavlov’s dog. In the beginning one stimulus followed by a second stimulus results in the desired response.

After some training, the second stimulus is no longer required to bring about the response.

Dear Kathy,

Why does everyone assume that women masturbate? I am a woman and I truly mean it when I say that I do not masturbate. Also, none of the friends I keep masturbate either. Why do people automatically assume we as women do that?

Signed, Frustrated, But Not Sexually

Dear Frustrated, But Not Sexually:

The assumption that women masturbate comes from the fact that many women do. It is important to remember that your experience may be different than the experience of others. The vast majority of men masturbate and the majority of women do as well. However, it is more socially acceptable for men than for women. As a result, women are less likely to admit to doing it. It may be that some of your women friends masturbate and you just don’t know about it. They may not tell anyone because they don’t want to suffer the consequence of being evaluated negatively. Masturbation in and of itself carries a negative connotation suggesting that the partaker lacks self-control or is such a loser that they cannot find a partner. This is not the case. If a person has sexual energy that needs to be released, doing it through masturbation is not an indication of low self control, but merely an alternative to sexual activity with a partner. Equally, just because someone masturbates does not mean they do not have a partner. Many individuals masturbate when their partner is not interested in sexual activity at the time. Additionally, many couples masturbate in the presence of their partner as part of their sexual activity. The fact that you do not masturbate is your choice, but understand that the majority of the population does.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Symphonic Band travels abroad

By BRAD CABLE
of The Daily Barometer

Several years of planning came to a climactic end over spring break as 80 performing band members, five delegates for trade negotiations, and Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives Lynn Lundquist traveled to Taiwan in an effort to promote trade negotiations and bring magnificently performed melodies to the ears of the people of Taiwan.

From March 21-28, the Oregon State University Symphonic Band performed a series of concerts on university campuses and at some of Taiwan's most prestigious concert halls. The planning and organization of the trip were conceived in the mind of James Douglas, OSU director of bands, in response to an invitation from the Pacific Cultural Foundation in Taiwan, and the Oregon State Alumni in the Taiwan Power Company.

"We wanted to do two things; promote the image of the university in Taiwan and also promote the state, in this case agricultural products in the state," Douglas said. "Also, we wanted a learning experience for the students as well as get a chance to perform music people in other cultures could enjoy."

The journey spanned four major cities — Kaohsiung, Taichung, Taipei, and Yehliu with the crowning glory being the performance at

the National Concert Hall in Taipei. "It was the best part of performing," said Matt Smith, a sophomore in business and trumpet player in the OSU Symphonic Band, "It is one of the most prestigious concert halls in the country. Not just anyone gets to play there, and there we were."

The concerts were played in front of crowds mostly made up of the general public, but also included OSU Chinese Alumni, Oregon/Taiwan government officials, and members of the Trade Delegation that accompanied the band. The diverse set of musical pieces included "Golden Festival Overture," by James Barnes, "Dance of the Comedians," from the "Bartered Bride," and marches by John Philip Sousa. Solo performances by Lisa Taylor, on clarinet, Soprano, Michelle Pedersen, and trumpeter, Jay Chen were well received. Also included in the concerts were performances by the "Spirit Band," which is made up of basketball band players. These appearances finished up each show and got great reactions from the crowds.

"Everyone's favorite thing was the Spirit Band," said Smith. "Everyone enjoyed it, but it especially appealed to the younger crowd. They even came up and asked for our autographs afterwards. It was exciting."

This isn't the first trip the band has taken. In 1995, they took a similar trip to Costa Rica.



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

The OSU Symphonic Band, which traveled to Taiwan over spring break, will perform a spring concert May 31, 1998, at LaSells Stewart Center.

Band members are hopeful that there will be more trips in the future.

"This trip was a great chance to get a taste of a different culture as well as give all the band members a chance to get to know one another.

It was truly an experience I'll never forget," Smith said.

The OSU Symphonic Band will be performing a spring concert on May 31, 1998 at LaSells Stewart Center.

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Ghazarian says they do not underestimate the hazards of high altitude climbing.

"Oxygen deprivation can make the simplest tasks an ordeal," he said. "Figuring out which boot goes on which foot can become a challenge. The higher you go, the more your body begins to eat itself up. You cannot eat enough to keep you from losing weight. You don't really feel like eating, but you have to eat constantly and you have to force yourself to drink a lot of water. For days, you are sleeping on ice and snow, and you can't really sleep well because your body needs more oxygen than is available."

"We hope to keep a journal as we climb," Ghazarian added, "but we expect there will come a point when we no longer will be able to write."

Of the four climbers, Howkins has the most high altitude experience. She has reached the summit of Gasherbrum II (26,470 feet), and the base of the 27,500-foot summit pyramid of Kanchenjunga (28,208), the third highest peak in the world.

Ghazarian, who has climbed several peaks in the 14,000-foot range, says he isn't fazed by the challenge of climbing twice that high.

"When you train for a marathon," he said, "you rarely run 26 miles first. I've gone on 100-mile bicycle rides having only trained on 20- or 30-mile routes. When race day comes, you find out that you have it in you."

Still, Ghazarian acknowledges that climbing K2 is something special - and not quite in the same ballpark as training for a marathon. The three climbers have done exhaustive research, secured all of their licenses and permits, and worked out the complex logistics for the trip. Now they are in the process of raising funds and, of course, trying to get into shape.

During their planning, they have been inspired by the mountain climbing legacy of OSU students, Ghazarian said. In 1963, Willi Unsoeld, an Oregon State graduate, became one of the first Americans to scale Everest and, in fact, planted an OSU (OSU was then Oregon State College) flag at the summit. And in 1988, former OSU student Stacy Allison became the first American woman to reach the top of Everest.

This June, they'll have their chance to carry on that tradition. "I think we always need challenges in life," Ghazarian said. "A person can grow immensely as an individual by meeting and overcoming the challenges that life presents."

"And this," he added, "will be one heck of a challenge."

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16
Meetings
Order of Omega, 4:45 pm, Delta Delta Delta. Highway clean up! Meet at Tri Delta to carpool out to our section.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 to 10 pm, Women's Center. Student Night. Anyone with a desire to stop drinking is welcome.

Speakers
Career Services, 2:00 pm, 8 Kerr Admin. Bldg. Orientation to Career Services. Open to students and alumni. Learn about services available from Career Services and how to register to participate in the on-campus interviewing program. Call 737-4085 or stop by Career Services to sign-up.

Events
University Counseling and Psychological Services, 3 to 4:30 pm, MU Board Room. Workshop: Procrastination: Problem or Plus? Presented by Dr. Rebecca Sanderson.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
Meetings
Oregon State Toastmasters Club No. 3722, 12:00-12:55 pm, OSU Crop Science Bldg., Rm 119, SW Corner, 30th & Campus Way, OSU Campus. Eric Greene and Kim Nguyen give featured speeches. Lara Martini presides, while Jennifer Gilden conducts Table Topics, and Carlos Wickliff acts as Toastmaster.

Speakers
Women's Center, 12:00-2:00 pm, Women's Center. Genevieve Vaughan, author of the book "For-Giving: A Feminist Criticism of Exchange" will be speaking. Joining Ms. Vaughan will be several women from different countries to discuss their perspective, also Ms. Vaughan's Earth & Sky Peace Caravan, a moving museum.

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OSU Special Motor Fitness Clinic, 7:00 pm, Benton County Fair Grounds. A night of country western dancing. A fundraiser for the Arc of Benton County's adaptive/therapeutic horseback riding. Advanced tickets are available. 753-1711

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Personals
MERRIT: Did you hear about the Sorority Open House? It's on April 19th from 11am-4pm in the MU. I think it would be fun to meet new people and see what Greek life is really about. I really want to go, so I'll meet you on the steps at 10:45 to sign up!
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SPORTS

NFL, from page 8

and defensive back Charles Woodson of Michigan, the Heisman Trophy winner. Then it's on to Marshall's Randy Moss, who would be in the same class if not for his off-field troubles.

Beyond them is considerable depth, perhaps 100 players who have the potential to be NFL starters.

Start with the QBs.

Manning has the genes, the reputation and, by most accounts, the intelligence and intangibles to become one of the game's great quarterbacks.

He's the son of Archie Manning, the No. 2 overall choice in 1971, when quarterbacks went 1-2-3 (Jim Plunkett was No. 1, Dan Pastorini, No. 3).

Peyton entered Tennessee touted as a future Heisman winner. He never won the award, finishing second to Woodson last year, but did just about everything else and would have been taken first by the New York Jets had he entered the draft last year.

Leaf did leave school a year early after convincing some scouts that he was as good as Manning, if not better. He weighs 254 pounds, 25 pounds

more than Manning, his arm is stronger and he's more athletic. Leaf is 6-5, Manning 6-5 1/4.

Colts president Bill Polian, who built contenders in Buffalo and Carolina, is said to prefer Leaf, who has more natural ability. But Polian also suggested this week that Leaf's arm is not much stronger than Manning's and noted that Manning has a quicker release.

So things being relatively equal, he may defer to new coach Jim Mora, who spent 10 1/2 seasons as coach of the Saints, with whom Archie Manning spent 12 of his 14 NFL seasons before Mora got there. Peyton sometimes ran the scout teams for Mora while still in high school.

"I know Archie well and I know Peyton," Mora says. "He has everything you'd want in a quarterback and he's way ahead of most coming out of college."

Beathard and the Chargers, who traded two No. 1s, a second-rounder and two players to Arizona to move up one spot, will take whichever quarterback the Colts don't.



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Brooke Hofstetter and Jenni Jodoin perform a ritual handshake before the start of an inning against the Vikings in yesterday's doubleheader. The Beavers won both games 2-0 and 3-0.

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Benjamin left off. They also could send Ron Grady to the No. 6 spot off the bench.

Both Steinthal and Petraitis, junior college transfers, will add experience and maturity to the team and Eddie Payne is also heard to currently be pursuing some big men.

Although appearances may be deceiving,

Payne will begin next season with a better nucleus of players than he had two years ago when he was credited with the ninth best recruiting class in the nation for one poll and No. 13 in another.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Troy Foster, Sports Editor of *The Daily Barometer*.

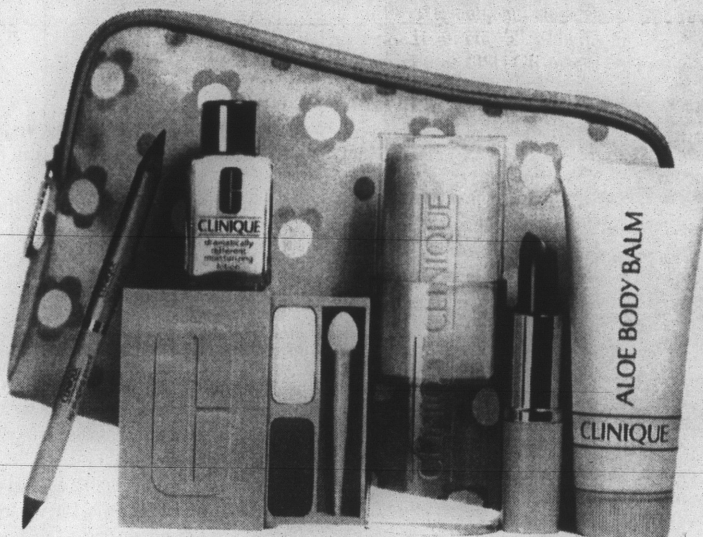
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Rutschman followed with a single. After a walk to Amber Anderson, Hedding hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded to score Jodoin. Chmielewski immediately followed with a single to right to drive Rutschman home.

Seibert kept Oregon State in check from then on.

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Three more players abort OSU basketball program

Bickerstaff, Greene and Walton transferring

The Daily Barometer

The number of Oregon State men's basketball players leaving the program early totals four now as head coach

Eddie Payne announced that John-Blair Bickerstaff, Nick Greene and Ronnie Walton have elected to transfer to other institutions.

"These things happen all the time in the world of college basketball," Payne said. "John-Blair is leaving

due to personal reasons, and Nick and Ronnie are leaving in search of additional playing time."

Rumors of the three latest athletes to depart have been floating around campus for weeks, but the official announcement from OSU did not surface until Wednesday.

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— HEAD COACH EDDIE PAYNE

Bickerstaff leaves OSU after playing two seasons for the Beavers. He plans to redshirt a season where he transfers to gain experience and even his age at the norm for a college junior.

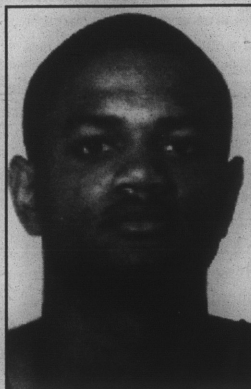
Bickerstaff was the youngest player in Division I basketball as a freshman at 17.

The six foot six guard averaged 8.6 points and 4.7 rebounds last season, helping the Beavers to a 13-17 record. For his career at OSU, he averaged 6.9 points and shot 52 percent from the field.

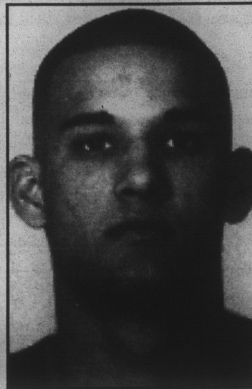
Bickerstaff graduated from East High School in Denver, Colo. and earned Colorado Player of the Year honors from *USA Today* and the

Rocky Mountain News.

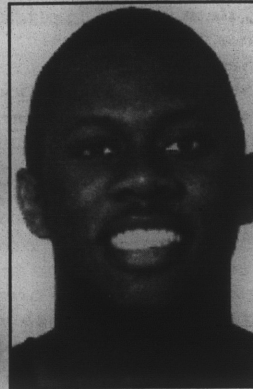
Greene, a six foot six forward, redshirted his first year with the program and has been bothered by injuries throughout his two years at OSU. He averaged 4.3 points and shot 56 percent from the field this past season. Greene



J.B. Bickerstaff



Nick Greene



Ronnie Walton

played a total of 24 games and spent much of the latter part of the season on the bench.

Greene played with Arizona's Mike Bibby at Shadow Mountain High School in Phoenix and earned first team all-state and *USA Today's* Honorable Mention for the state of Arizona.

Walton, a freshman, played 21 games this season averaging 1.6 points in 135 minutes of

action. He was a three-time All-Capitol League selection, earned All-CIF acclaim and was MVP of the league as a sophomore in high school.

Bickerstaff and Greene have two years of eligibility remaining after they transfer and Walton will have three.

"I wish all three the very best," Payne said.

Beavers pick up two shutout victories over Portland State

Beyster ties single season win mark

By SCOTT JOHNSON

of The Daily Barometer

Portland State was no match for Beaver pitching.

Both Tarrah Beyster and Brooke Hofstetter threw complete game shutouts as Oregon State (24-13 overall, 5-5 Pac-10) took two non-conference games from Portland State yesterday at Ropes-Fetrow Field. The Beavers took game one 2-0, and won the nightcap 3-0.

With Beyster's win in the second game, she tied

Joan Harvey with the most wins by a Beaver in a single season with 19. Harvey accomplished the feat in 1984. The sophomore All-American also moved into third place on the career wins list, as well as advancing into fourth place on the OSU career strikeout list with her nine strikeouts.

Beyster has been sick recently, and didn't practice the last two days due to the illness.

"We didn't know where she was going to be at today. She was feeling better, antibiotics are taking control," said Beaver head coach Kirk Walker. "Overall she did a nice job. She had to mix up her pitches a little bit more because she couldn't depend on the rise ball. I thought that made her more effective."

Junior rightfielder Jodi Chmielewski took third place on the OSU career hits list with a 2-for-3 performance in the first game.

The Vikings (21-18) only had six hits on the day, Hofstetter giving up four and Beyster two, and never was a big threat on offense. Only one PSU player reached third base throughout the doubleheader.

"Good for us in our win column, and we played pretty well. Nice to see both pitchers throw well," Walker said.



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Brooke Rutschman points in disbelief as the umpire calls her out in game one of yesterday's doubleheader. The Beavers went on to win both games 2-0 and 3-0.

After a 40-minute rain delay between games, the Beavers took a 1-0 lead when shortstop Tasha Hedding singled to drive home Kelli Kranz. Kranz added a sacrifice fly in the following inning to boost the advantage to two runs.

Oregon State was held scoreless until the sixth, when catcher Kim Herman drove a ball through the middle to score Chmielewski.

Beyster started aggressive, striking out the side in both the first and third innings. She moves her record to 19-7 after her eighth

shutout of the season.

Beth Stidham (11-9) took the loss.

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The pitchers were in control of the first game as well. Brooke Hofstetter's shutout was her first of the season and evened her record at 6-6. Portland State's Shevaun Seibert allowed two unearned runs while taking the

loss. Her record is now 10-9.

Both Beaver runs came in the second inning. Jenni Jodoin reached first on an error, and Brooke

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Basketball fans: take your finger off the panic button

So now we've lost Bickerstaff, Greene and Walton.

"It's over!"

"Oh well!"

"Great!"

"We're screwed!"

No we're not.

One can sense panic in fan circles, but the latest news of OSU's three latest departures isn't the end of the world.

First off, the program has now freed up three scholarships and quite frankly, the loss of these three players is not much of a loss. Greene and Walton are not even cut out to continue playing Pac-10 basketball.

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The departure of these three opens up room for new recruits and more opportunities for the Beaver program to continue its rebuilding path without taking a step backwards.

Nick Greene had a good work ethic, crashed the boards hard and showed athleticism. But unfortunately, Greene was what you'd call a "tweener," meaning he was too tall to be a guard, and too short to be a post. Greene didn't develop the necessary ball handling skills or footwork and he was not a threat to score with his back to the basket.

From watching freshman Ronnie Walton's behavior on court, he was visibly unhappy playing in a Beaver uniform. He didn't get much playing time and his frustration was noticeable every time he was sent back to the bench.

Walton often did show aggressive defense and at times could spark the ball up the court, but his erratic shooting and lack of offensive know-how didn't cut him out for Pac-10 basketball.

Bickerstaff's shooting and ball handling were also erratic at times. He'd make up for his shooting woes with hustle and take the ball to the basket, but top-notch teams could shut him down.

Back in the day, when an athlete signed with a school and accepted a free ride, one would simply assume that they were committed to playing all four years.

Quite frankly I've enjoyed watching Bickerstaff, Greene and Walton play for OSU but if they're not willing to wear an OSU uniform, than I welcome their replacements.

So far the men's basketball program has signed Josh Steinthal and Ramunas Petratis who will easily pick up where Bickerstaff and Corey

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NFL DRAFT '98: Manning, Leaf and then intrigue

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even Bobby Beathard knows nothing. He only suspects the Indianapolis Colts will take Ryan Leaf with the first pick of the NFL draft, leaving him to draft Peyton Manning for San Diego.

"I don't know why," the Chargers' general manager says of his suspicions. "You hear something different every day, but that's my feeling."

If that feeling is right, it will disappoint Leaf, who left Washington State after his junior year knowing he'd be one of the top two players drafted.

He'd prefer San Diego, although he's not trying to influence the Colts as John Elway did 15 years ago when he forced a trade to Denver.

Nonetheless, it's still unclear who will be the first pick after commissioner Paul Tagliabue takes the podium at noon Saturday at Madison Square

Garden. But almost everyone agrees on who will be the top four players taken.

It starts with Manning and Leaf, who would be the first quarterbacks to go 1-2 since 1993, when Drew Bledsoe and Rick Mirer were the top two picks.

It continues with two potential superstars: defensive end Andre Wadsworth of Florida State

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