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Brooks awarded by NAACP for outstanding leadership

By TIRZA JENSEN

of The Daily Barometer

Jody Brooks, a graduate student in public health and a teacher's assistant with intramural sports, will receive an award next month from the Corvallis branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for his outstanding leadership in anti-discrimination work.

The NAACP, which was founded at the beginning of the civil rights movement to fight discrimination and provide support for the black community, is something that Brooks has been involved with since his time as an undergraduate student at the University of South Carolina.

Phyllis Lee, director for multicultural affairs, thinks very highly of Brooks. "He is an outstanding young man who has seen his time here as an opportunity to do a lot of things, and I consider it a real privilege to have worked with him," Lee said.

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— PHYLLIS LEE, DIRECTOR FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

As part of his internship with the NAACP, Brooks, with his fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, organized the "Back to School Jam," which takes place the first weekend of every term. This campus-wide dance was off to a great start, beginning winter term this year, and brought out the most multicultural participation ever on the OSU campus, both in sponsorship and in attendance.

Brooks was one of three keynote speakers at this year's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Breakfast, "Making it Real Beyond The Dream." He spoke about what the work of Martin Luther King Jr., an alumni of Alpha Phi Alpha, meant to him personally.

"Without his work I would not be here," Brooks said. "He sacrificed his life to give me a chance at a better life, and it is an honor to speak about him and his ideas."

Brooks also developed and initiated a petition for emergency loans for international students on campus. The petition would increase student fees by \$2 a term for two years, and is currently awaiting the final okay from President Risser.

"OSU as a campus has a low level of student activism," said



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Graduate student Jody Brooks will receive an award from the Corvallis NAACP for his outstanding leadership in anti-discrimination work.

Matt DeVore, ASOSU president. "It's really encouraging to see [Brooks] spark so much interest in several great causes."

As graduation sneaks up, Brooks has no plans to slow down his work for the minority community. Currently, he is organizing a mentorship program, which would allow him and his fraternity brothers to serve as role models to young black males in Corvallis and surrounding communities.

"Although OSU is not very big in terms of minorities, there are lots of opportunities to get involved and make a difference," Brooks said.

After graduation, Brooks plans to take his service to the Peace Corps. Already accepted by Jamaica to serve as HIV Director, Brooks eagerly awaits his final acceptance by Peace Corps officials.

Reflecting on his accomplishments, Brooks said, "I have succeeded if I have been able to bring to light these issues that effect so many people and caused people to look outside of their bubble."

Brooks will receive his award at the NAACP annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, May 16 at O'Callahan's Restaurant. For further information and to purchase tickets for the event, call the NAACP at 757-8230.

ASOSU Saferide task to force celebrates 10th birthday in Quad

By BETHANY BUCKLES

of The Daily Barometer

Saferide is serving cake in the Memorial Union Quad from noon to 3 p.m. today to celebrate the ASOSU task force's 10th birthday.

Saferide's original mission was providing

rape education programs to the students on campus and living groups in the community. Co-coordinator Rebecca Peterson said the task force has made between 15 and 20 presentations on the myths and facts of rape and other education throughout the past year.

Saferide's wheelchair-accessible van service

started shortly after the task force was founded, and it continues to offer safe transportation for women.

Although 12 men and women are involved in Saferide this term, men are not allowed to drive the vans. The men currently involved act as dispatchers to van drivers.

"We just wanted to provide the safest environment for women, so women are the only ones allowed to drive the vans," Saferide co-

ordinator Katie Young said.

The vans operate seven days a week from 6 p.m. to midnight during the fall and winter terms and from 8 p.m. to midnight during spring term. On average, Saferide receives 60 calls per night. Young recalled evenings when more than 100 women were transported.

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Senior enjoys sunshine



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Senior Ben Hagen and his dog Payton relax in the sunshine on Monday afternoon in the quad.

Head shaving for a good cause

By COLLIN ENGLISH

of The Daily Barometer

It's spring! The earth is bounding forward, verdant and bunny-like. The smell of freshly-cut grass wafts through the long morning light. People are feverishly cleaning things. The sun is out. It's time to rid yourself of the past winter's glum and weight. It's time to make a change, a radical departure, time to come clean and shine in the sun. And what better way to mark the occasion than to take part in an age-old right of passage?

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The prizes include a weekend at the Middle Creek Run Bed and Breakfast near Sheridan, a decorative table from Import Plaza, a Packard-Bell computer and dinner at various restaurants in town.

So revel in the light of spring and give a hand up to the next Jody Foster, David Geffen, Barney Frank, your neighbors, brothers, sisters and your friends. Let your head get naked and shine for a cause.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Clinton won't respond to Gingrich criticism

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under rising political heat from Republicans, President Clinton said Tuesday he would not "waste my time" addressing House Speaker Newt Gingrich's sharp criticism of White House battles with Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

"There is enough negative political talk in Washington every single day without the president adding to it," Clinton said, responding to reporters' questions at a Rose Garden ceremony.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry did not share Clinton's reluctance to respond. He accused the speaker of launching "a rank partisan political attack."

"He was signaling to you that they intend to try to keep alive the swirl of allegations by way of doing political damage to the president," McCurry said. "So this is about politics, it's not about the truth or about telling people to shut up, or whatever."

Gingrich attacked the president Monday night in an address to GOPAC, the Republican political action group that the speaker once led. The partisan audience roared approval.

Gingrich lashed the administration for its attacks on Starr, who is investigating Clinton on numerous fronts. Administration leaders and their allies have portrayed Starr as an extremist engaged in a political vendetta against the president.

Gingrich said Clinton could dismiss Starr at any time since it is the president's attorney general who oversees Starr's authority.

"If he doesn't want to fire Ken Starr, he should tell his staff to shut

up," Gingrich said. "I am sickened by how unpatriotically they undermine the Constitution of the United States on behalf of their client." He said that henceforth, "I will never again, as long as I am speaker, make a speech without commenting on this topic."

Gingrich said there were two principles "which I am prepared to live and die on. The first is that the American people have the right to know about basic facts. And the second is that we are a nation under the rule of law and no person, including the president, is above the law."

Clinton was asked about Gingrich's attack during an appearance in the Rose Garden after receiving a report about Social Security's long-range financial outlook. The president said Gingrich "said a lot of things last night that I don't think it would serve any useful purpose for me to respond to."

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— PRESIDENT CLINTON

Repeating remarks he often uses to deflect questions about Starr's investigations, Clinton said he wanted to focus on the problems facing the country. Saying he would not respond to Gingrich, Clinton said, "I think it would not serve the American public well for me to waste my time doing it. I think I need to be focused on the public issues that affect them, and that's what I intend to do."

Asked if he thought of firing Starr, Clinton seemed to mishear the question. "Of hiring him?" the president asked. Clinton went on to question Gingrich's interpretation of the law, saying "that's not what the statute says." In any event, he said, he would not respond.

Low income families face housing crisis

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A record 5.3 million American families with low incomes have been bypassed by the booming economy and face a crisis of unaffordable rent, according to a report issued Tuesday by Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo.

Cuomo will try to use the report's findings to persuade Congress to approve President Clinton's pending budget request for hundreds of millions of dollars in additional housing assistance.

"The report makes it clear that the federal government must significantly enhance its efforts to create more affordable housing opportunities," Cuomo said. "The strong economy that has brought prosperity to millions of Americans has not reduced the affordable housing crisis for millions of others."

Cuomo said the 5.3 million low-income households represent some 12.5 million people who are eligible for HUD-subsidized housing but can't get it because of lack of financing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's report found:

—While the overall U.S. economy was good and getting better, American households with acute housing needs grew by nearly 400,000 over five years to 5.3 million in 1995. It has held steady thereafter.

—The number of affordable apartments for people with very low incomes fell by 900,000 from 1993 to 1995.

—The number of poor, working families needing housing assistance increased by 265,000, or 24 percent, from 1991 to 1995.

—The number of suburban households with serious housing needs increased by 146,000, or nine percent, from 1991 to 1995.

The Clinton administration is asking Congress for \$585 million for 103,000 rental assistance vouchers; \$135 million for expanded homeless grants; \$11 million for a new HOME bank to finance affordable housing and an expansion of the low-income housing tax credit.

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Fire sweeps home for elderly; kills seven

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Wash. — A blaze at a home for the elderly went through a fire door that had been propped open with a concrete block and spread thick smoke through the 90-year-old building, killing seven residents.

One person was critically injured Monday night at Arlington Manor. At least 25 others were taken to the hospital, mostly for smoke inhalation.

The fire was probably caused by a resident who was smoking in violation of the rules, Mayor Bob Kraski said.

"They had been smoking in rooms, probably in beds.

Almost every room," Kraski said after touring the home 40 miles north of Seattle.

The blaze at the two-story home was discovered in a first-floor room while most of the 32 residents were in bed.

Black smoke and flames raced up a staircase and spread to a small area on the second floor through an open fire door that apparently had been illegally propped open with a concrete block, Kraski said.

Three of those who died were in the room

where the blaze started. The rest were in two rooms on the second floor.

"Had that fire door been shut, there probably would have been no loss of life on the second floor," the mayor said.

Gene Oakley, one of the residents, said a kitchen worker helped him out of the building.

"One of the ladies in the kitchen came up and started hollering 'Fire! Get out! Get out!' he told KIRO-TV in Seattle.

"They had been smoking in rooms, probably in beds. Almost every room."

— MAYOR BOB KRASKI

"I didn't have time to get scared really. I thought all the way out, 'My God, I should be down on my knees crawling with all this smoke,' but somebody was pulling me too fast. I didn't have time to

do anything." Most of the center's residents are able to walk. Some used wheelchairs.

The fire was contained within 15 minutes after firefighters arrived, said Mike Koonz, an assistant fire chief. But "most of the building had filled with hot gas and black smoke."

Six people were found dead. A 75-year-old woman, Violet McClure, died at a hospital. The names and ages of the other victims were not immediately released.

STATE & REGIONAL NEWS

Palm print ties man to Clackamas slaying

Associated Press

OREGON CITY — A palm print ties a man arrested in a Vancouver, Wash. rape to the slaying of a Clackamas woman, according to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

Spokesman Damon Coates said Monday that the palm print of Michael Wayne Gallatin matches one left at a neighboring apartment that was burglarized the same

November morning that Linda Karlovich was killed.

And sources told *The Oregonian* that preliminary DNA tests comparing Gallatin's blood, hair

and saliva to forensic evidence from the scene point to Gallatin as the killer, although further testing could rule him out.

"The odds are that it's him," said one official with ties to the task force of detectives from Clark and Clackamas Counties.

More conclusive DNA test will be completed in two weeks.

Gallatin, 36, was arrested after an April 6 attack in Vancouver and is in custody in Clark County. He has pleaded innocent to charges of rape, burglary and drug possession.

Investigators, who declined to comment on

the DNA tests, have said in the past that forensic evidence tied the Karlovich slaying to 14 other attacks in Clark and Clackamas counties beginning in 1989.

Coates said Gallatin's palm print was found the day Karlovich was slain at an apartment in the complex where she lived with her husband. She was killed after her husband left for work.

A neighboring apartment had been burglarized, and a baseball cap found near Karlovich's body belonged to the man who lived in the burglarized apartment.

Police found the palm print, but the information was of no use because only fingerprints are cataloged in a national database of convicted criminals. Once they had him in custody, they were able to get a palm print.

"It's a perfect match," Coates said. "There's no probability game with prints."

Because the crimes span two states, he said he did not know when charges would be filed. But he said time is on their side.

"Knowing what we know so far, we have every reason to expect that he will remain in custody and will ultimately be charged in the homicide and rape cases," Coates said.

"It's a perfect match. There's no probability game with prints."

— SPOKESMAN DAMON COATES

Myers says Oregon liquor ban is unconstitutional

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers says the state's ban on liquor ads on TV and radio is unconstitutional, prompting regulators to promise to lift the 40-year-old ban.

"We will change our rules to conform to the law," Pamela Erickson, Oregon Liquor Control Commission administrator, said Monday.

Myers said in an advisory opinion that the OLCC ban violated the state constitution's free speech guarantee.

The liquor industry had urged the OLCC to lift its ban after the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States lifted its own voluntary ban on radio and TV ads in May 1996, following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that banning liquor ads was unconstitutional.

Beer and wine ads already are commonplace on radio and TV, but television stations and national TV networks have been reluctant to run liquor ads.

"We aren't surprised" by the OLCC's decision, said Nigel Wrangham, project director for

the Oregon Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking. "I just hope they're careful and sensitive. We don't have the greatest confidence given the way beer and wine advertising has been targeted toward young people in the past."

Wrangham said Oregonians should expect to see sophisticated ads for booze soon, and they should pay close attention to statistics on underage drinking.

The state will keep its rules against irresponsible advertising, including one that specifically restricts advertising that appeals to minors or that encourages them to buy or drink alcohol,

Erickson said.

However, the OLCC's ability to regulate advertising is limited, because most campaigns are initiated nationally by manufacturers. "We have no control over national media," she said.

OLCC commissioners will vote on whether to drop the ban at their May 18-19 meeting in Portland.

Even if they do, radio and television can refuse such advertising. Some stations aren't eager to annoy long-time sponsors in the beer and wine business by accepting ads from competitors who make distilled liquor.

World War I veteran dies at age 111

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Charlie Williams, one of Oregon's dwindling number of World War I veterans, who attributed his longevity to an active life and a pinch of snuff laced with whiskey, has died at age 111.

Born on Jan. 25, 1887 in Roberson County, Texas, Williams was a Chinese-American whose father came to the United States in 1885 to work on the railroads.

"He was the oldest of seven children: three sisters and three brothers. He's the last. All the others are gone," said his niece, Elpee-Linda Green of Dallas, Texas.

Williams was a U.S. Army veteran and one of the few surviving Oregon veterans of "the war to end all wars."

"There are only 40 to 50 remaining in Oregon, if that many," said Cheryl Lamar, deputy director of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and a trustee of the Oregon Department of Veterans of World War I, an organization that is disbanding because of declining membership.

Williams worked for Southern Pacific Railroad as a Pullman porter before retiring in the 1950s, a decade after moving to Portland.

"He had a lot of good railroad stories," his niece said. "He kept going. The last time he came to Texas was when he was 97, and he

rode down there by himself."

She said that whenever Williams traveled, he went by train.

"He was a retired Pullman porter, so he had a pass. I never knew him to drive."

"He just said the secret to his life was to stay active," Green said.

What about activities?

"He liked to eat," she said. "He loved pancakes and fried fish."

Beatrice Moore, a friend of Williams' since 1962, added that "most of his recreation was the dog and the horse races. And he dipped a little Copenhagen snuff with a pinch of whiskey in it."

Green said that another thing that kept him going was following the Portland Trail Blazers.

Williams was not the oldest person in the state, said Jeff Miller of Oregon's Senior and Disabled Services Division, "but he was certainly in the top 10."

Williams married in 1960. His wife, Altha Lydia Williams, a nurse's aide 22 years his junior, died in 1992.

He is survived by a daughter, Darlene Carrington of Hempstead, N.Y. and a granddaughter.

"There were several generations, so there are tons of nieces and nephews," Green said.

Port proposes second terminal at PDX

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The Port of Portland is considering a consultant's recommendation that a second terminal eventually be built at Portland International Airport at a cost of more than \$3 billion, including \$1 billion for additional land.

The proposal includes an 11,000-foot runway through existing cargo and military areas and across two or three golf courses.

The proposal, along with a less favored plan for a satellite area of plane gateways

west of the current terminal, will be open for public comment this week.

The Port is not expected to adopt its Master Plan for the airport until August or September.

Public comment will be taken on the preferred plan — and the alternative which the P&D Aviation Team of consultants did not choose — at a series of drop-in or open-house style meetings.

They will be held in the U.S. Bancorp Building lobby from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Vancouver Mall from 6 p.m.

to 8 p.m. Thursday, and at Lloyd Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

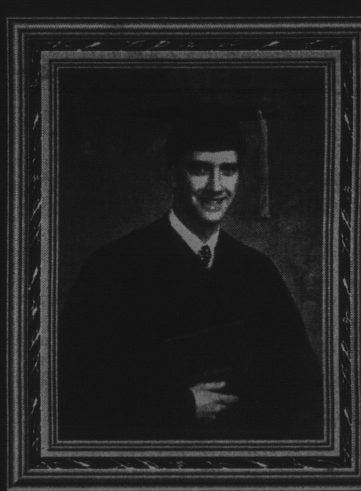
Comments collected at those meetings will be reviewed, the draft master plan possibly amended, and another round of public sessions is possible.

Port spokesman Darrel Buttice said Monday that actual growth, not anticipation, will trigger any construction.

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A PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

An open letter to Dr. Andrew Hashimoto

Concerned student addresses priority registration for athletes

As a student who is concerned about the prospect of early registration for athletes, I'm not going to tell you about all the extracurricular and co-curricular activities in which I participate. That always comes off as self-aggrandizing whining, and I'm sure you've heard enough of that. Also, I'm not going to talk about those many students whose commitment to family, work and community service make the rigors of attending school and playing sports look downright simple. Finally, I shall not speak about the concerns of many students who feel betrayed and devalued by an institution that, for some reason, has chosen to value its athletic students over those who display no particular athletic prowess.

Op-Ed

Of course, as you have probably deduced, I do feel strongly that what I state above is true; I do feel betrayed. But that is not what I want to talk about.

What concerns me most about early registration is the very fact that administrators think student-athletes require special treatment in order to meet the minimal requirements of the NCAA and this institution. I worry about the state of our athletic programs if just to attend school full time and make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree, athletes require specialized, and indeed preferential, treatment. By giving athletes access to early scheduling, the university is in effect saying, "Because you as athletes are unable to fulfill the requirements placed upon most average students, we will allow you certain privileges to which no other student has access."

"Because you as athletes are unable to fulfill the requirements placed upon most average students, we will allow you certain privileges to which no other student has access."

If I were an athlete (and I did at one time consider the prospect), I would be greatly offended. Unless my commitment to sports was so overpowering — so lopsided that my university attendance was just the by-product of my athletic participation — the lowering of any academic standard, however minutely, would be completely unacceptable. If I were an athlete and had been coddled through all four years of my education, could I be sure that employers wouldn't look upon my academic record and judge it to be inferior to that of a student who made it through without assistance? Does OSU want to start offering two sets of degrees: regular and athletic?

Coaches should also be worried. Evidently, according to the supporters of early scheduling, practices and games have become so intrusive upon student-athletes' academic priorities that athletes have little choice but to beg admittance to already closed courses, or worse, to seek out preferential treatment by the registrar. If I were a coach, this would not be the sort of situation I'd like to present to future athletes and their families. I wouldn't want to say that OSU's athletic programs intrude so far into students' lives that they can not succeed without special assistance.

I understand that backers of the priority registration program have two main reasons for bringing this issue, Dr. Hashimoto, to your attention. They say that priority registration would assist recruiters in bringing top notch talent to OSU, and that all other PAC-10 schools currently offer this perk. I agree, to a certain extent, that telling a new recruit that he or she would be eligible for special, early registration might momentarily augment the recruiters' bargaining position — it may make OSU seem more "athlete friendly." However, we should not deceive ourselves. Whether or not offer preferential treatment to athletes, it is the caliber of our programs — OSU's position in the national rankings — that will attract nation caliber talent. As for their second reason — that everybody else is doing it — I think we all know that that argument is no justification for doing anything at all. Conforming with other PAC-10 schools should not be our goal because, after all, aren't we trying to be better than them, to distinguish ourselves as a top quality academic and athletic institution?

"What concerns me most about early registration is the very fact that administrators think student-athletes require special treatment in order to meet the minimal requirements of the NCAA and this institution."

My one solution to this problem is this: if all the mitigating factors I have mentioned above — the betrayal of non-athletic students, the interest of athletes in obtaining a high quality education that is as inviolable as any other students, the interest of the coaches in appearing to give athletes the time they need to attend classes and indeed the interest of the university in distinguishing itself among its peers — if these values are to be ignored, then along with athletes, regular students who can demonstrate a significant and unbreakable commitment to outside-school activities (i.e. work) should have access to the same early registration. It is the only fair way to implement early registration without betraying the trust of regular students and without stigmatizing the student athlete.

"Treat students-athletes exactly as they deserve to be treated: first as students, and second as athletes."

As you said in your interview with *The Barometer*, Dr. Hashimoto, diversifying the early registration process necessarily would result in the watering down of its benefit. I agree. If everyone is registering early then early registration does not become much of a perk. Perhaps, then, the best thing we can do is to continue to treat student-athletes exactly as they deserve to be treated: first as students, and second as athletes. It is in the interest of the university, and perhaps more importantly, in the interest of the student-athletes to continue to do so.

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of James Donnelly, junior in english.

LETTERS

Athletes seek degree

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the opinions expressed by Robert Shivers printed Tuesday, April 20. As a student-athlete at Oregon State, I felt great resentment toward some of the statements Mr. Shivers made in his letter. Not only were his statements offensive, but he made extreme generalizations that all student-athletes put a ball before their education. As a student-athlete who has achieved a 4.0 GPA for the last two terms, on a team who has an overall GPA of 3.15, don't tell me that all student-athletes put a ball before their education. I cannot speak for the entire student-athlete population at Oregon State, but I know I am speaking for a good majority when I say students'-athletes' ultimate goal is to get their degree.

I understand Mr. Shiver's frustrations. I don't even know if I feel priority registration is completely fair to the other hard-working students at this university. However, student-athletes do face an extremely rough schedule that we have no control over. Coaches give us a schedule that we must work around, no questions asked. I am not trying to take away from any other student at this university, because I know that everyone has a tough schedule as well.

Regardless of the fairness of priority registration, I ask Mr. Shiver to consider some of my points before he makes such harsh judgements about a group of people he obviously doesn't know as well as he thinks. I am trying to see it from Mr. Shiver's point of view, and I ask him to do the same. Just because Mr. Shivers feels frustration toward the issue of priority registration, that gives him no right to take something away from the student-athletes that work so hard at, and take such pride in, their education.

Brandi Bonnarens,
Sophomore, health care administration, member of the volleyball team

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

OSU hosts Northwest Concert Band Festival

By BRAD CABLE
of The Daily Barometer

Music filled the LaSells Stewart Center Monday and Tuesday as 52 high school and middle school bands from Oregon and Washington performed in the Northwest Concert Band Festival. The 20-plus hours of performances that took place over the course of the festival were directed by OSU's director of bands, James Douglas. The Northwest Concert Band Festival was put on in an effort to stimulate concert band programs in Pacific Northwest high schools by providing an excellent opportunity for young performers and their directors to hear other bands.

Both students and directors agreed that the festival was a valuable experience and served a good purpose. "It's good for kids to see other bands, what else is out there. It's also good for them to perform in front of judges who will pick apart everything they do," Dana Demant, director of the Springfield High School band, said.

"The point of us coming is to let the judges tell us what we're doing right and wrong and make us a better band," Jodi Joranger, a junior and member of the Springfield High School band, said. "Plus, we get to show off."

Bands competed in two events. The first performance consisted of 25 minutes of challenging con-

cert band literature, and the second was a sight-reading skills test.

Latasha Adams, a sophomore band member at Springfield High School, pointed out that not only was the material for their performance difficult, but that one piece had to be learned by the 40-50 member band rather quickly because of some confusion surrounding whether their school would be attending the festival or not.

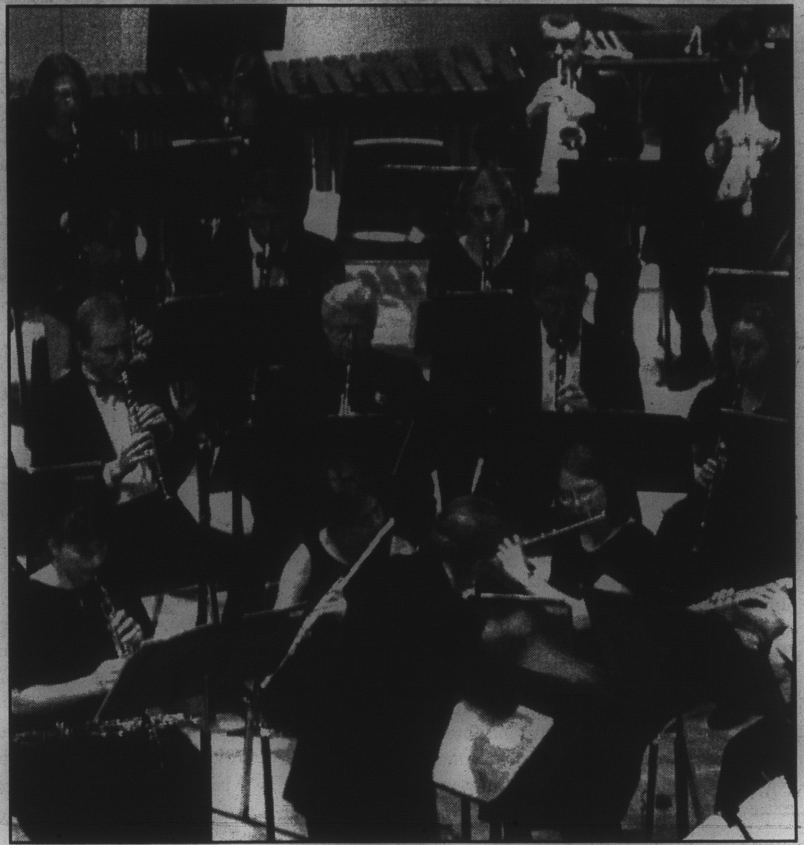
"Usually it takes a couple of months to learn a piece, but we did it in three weeks," Adams said.

But, after the performance Demant only had good things to say about their beautiful execution of the works "Light Eternal" and "Encanto."

"They are a well-disciplined group and really focused. They were very excited to perform and did really well," Demant said.

The hundreds of instrument-wielding students who made their way in and out of the concert hall as the afternoon wore down on the final day of competition were a great monument to music, its power and popularity.

"There are so many kids here involved in band because music is a great thing, and no other reason," said Demant. "It is part of culture, life, everything we do, part of our inner soul. It is what makes us different from computers. It's been around forever, at first a prehistoric human beating a rock, and now this."



SEUNG-HO HONG/The Daily Barometer

The OSU Symphonic Band gave a performance yesterday at LaSells Stewart Center as part of the OSU Northwest Concert Band Festival.

Roth lacks energetic brilliance of past novels in 'American Pastoral'

AMERICAN PASTORAL

By Philip Roth

423 pages, Randomhouse Vintage International, \$14

By KEVIN STOLLER

of The Daily Barometer

Thirty-eight years after his debut novel "Goodbye, Columbus" collected the National Book Award, Philip Roth has added another honor to his vast collection. Recently, Roth's 1997 novel "American Pastoral" was awarded the year's Pulitzer Prize. His 22nd book and 18th novel, "American Pastoral" may well be Roth's most ambitious project. For me, at least, it is also one of his most problematic.

The book begins with Roth's literary alter ego, Nathan Zuckerman, preparing to attend his 45th high school reunion. But Zuckerman soon becomes merely the narrative voice through which Roth tells his real story. After learning that the seemingly invincible hero of his high school youth, the blue-eyed athlete Seymour "the Swede" Levov, has seen his fabulously self-assured stride through the American Dream derailed by a series of incredible misfortunes, Zuckerman spends the next 340 pages attempting to imagine what could possibly have gone wrong. Using patches of information elicited from "the Swede's" family, Zuckerman's

imaginative powers stitch together, with a willful determination, a modern parable of the good man malignantly overthrown.

After narrowly avoiding World War II conflict duty, "the Swede" marries a Miss New Jersey, is poised to inherit his father's profitable Newark glove-making business and has a beautiful young daughter. Moving into an ancient stone house in the old American countryside, "the Swede" seems poised to blend harmoniously into the bedrock of American stability. Suddenly, everything changes. "The Swede's" daughter Meredith ("Merry") becomes involved in the radicalism of the late 60s. With swiftness, she claims responsibility for a bombing that killed innocent bystanders, and she vanishes into the seamy underside of American society. "The Swede" and his wife are never able to come to grips with this seemingly undeserved tragedy, and their lives spiral into miserable, emotional decline.

Zuckerman/Roth eschews any true narrative directness, utilizing a series of meditations, recollections and emotional conversations to convey his tale. Through it all, Roth seems to burn with enormous rage and sadness. Memories of "the Swede's" and Zuckerman's youth are gilded with a deep nostalgia, and Roth wants Levov's fall from "the longed-for American pastoral into the indigenous American berserk" to be emblematic of an overall societal

decline. Roth desperately proclaims that the American dream of living the decent life has become the most unstable of fantasies. This places Roth (once considered America's most controversial novelist) in the unusual position of eulogizing an unjustly aligned tradition of middle-class solidity.

It certainly is a far cry from his previous novel, the National Book Award winning "Sabbath's Theater" (1995), a novel of terrifyingly spectacular obscenity, self-loathing and anger. A comic novel of earnestness, this was Roth at his most shocking. While controversial (and understandably so), "Sabbath's Theater" was not only one of Roth's richest books, but one of the most stunning achievements in modern American fiction.

"American Pastoral" seems to consciously counter the literary weight of "Sabbath's Theater." Roth's patient, almost Jamesian, gifts of description and his lovely prose are on full, generous display. The man is a phenomenal writer. The novel is undoubtedly a little slow, but how many writers could make detailed, multi-page descriptions of glove making convey thoughts on tradition, family, beauty and work with such beautiful literary skill?

However, I ultimately find this side of Roth to insufficiently stand on its own, and I often found myself wishing for the lustfully energetic brilliance of the Zuckerman of the past. Indeed, what is most blatantly missing from "American Pastoral" is Roth

himself. His characters are fleshed out with consummate technical skill, but I could never shake the impression that he was writing about matters beyond his actual experience. The loathing he feels for 60s radicals is so complete that it ends up seeming like the general irritation of an old man. Everyone seems out to get "the Swede," who can only ask, in futile anguish, "What the hell is wrong with doing things right?"

I am admittedly somewhat jaded, having launched into "American Pastoral" with the great Zuckerman trilogy and "Sabbath's Theater" paramount in my mind. Ever since I bought "Portnoy's Complaint" in order to demonstrate (ah, intellectual folly) to a skeptical friend that suburban puritanism was not insurmountable, but is the unpredictable, guiltily brilliant aspects of Roth I have most cherished. Therefore, "American Pastoral," while undoubtedly complexifying Roth the literary figure, was disappointing on its own. Roth is one of the great American novelists, and his power carries the reader along. Yet I must suggest that anyone newly approaching Roth could find far superior and more fitting introductions to his body of work with "Goodbye, Columbus," "Portnoy's Complaint" or "Zuckerman Bound." These reveal with endless hilarity and satisfaction why Roth is one of the most important and intelligent voices writing today.

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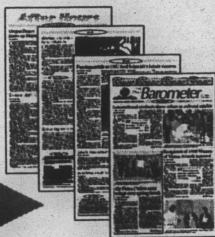


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SPORTS

Blazers stay alive with win over Lakers, 99-94

NBA playoff wrap-up

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Damon Stoudamire has his first playoff victory, and the Portland Trail Blazers are still alive.

Stoudamire scored nine of his 18 points in a fourth-quarter surge Tuesday night as the Blazers overcame Shaquille O'Neal's 36-point, 16-rebound performance to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 99-94.

The Lakers still lead the best-of-5 first-round series 2-1, but the Blazers can pull even with a home-court victory in Game 4 on Thursday night.

Walt Williams scored 17 points as the Blazers' reserves outscored their Lakers' counterparts 26-12. Isaiah Rider had 18 points and 10 rebounds. He was only 6-for-19 from the field, but sealed the victory with four free throws in the final 8.1 seconds.

O'Neal was 16-for-23 from the field, including 6-for-7 in the fourth quarter, but made only four of 12 free throws, including two misses with 59 seconds remaining and the Lakers trailing 94-90.

In fact, all the Lakers were just 19-for-35 from the line.

After a miserable offensive night, Portland's Rasheed Wallace came alive in the fourth quarter to score nine of his 11 points, but he missed two free throws with 58 seconds left and the Blazers up 94-90.

Derek Fisher made one of two free throws with 15.7 seconds remaining to slice the Blazers' lead to 94-91.

Williams, a 91 percent free-throw shooter in the regular season, made one of two with 15 seconds left to boost Portland's lead to 95-91.

Eddie Jones threw the ball away trying to get it to O'Neal on the next possession, and Rider put the game away from there. Fisher's 3-point bank shot with 15 seconds was the Lakers' lone field goal in the last three minutes.

Brian Grant had 13 points and 12 rebounds as the Blazers dominated the boards 52-38. Rick Fox scored 15 for Los Angeles.

Stoudamire, traded to his hometown of Portland from Toronto in February, scored seven consecutive points during a 14-3 run that put the Blazers up 84-77 with 7:55 to play.

With nothing else working, the Lakers kept pounding the ball into O'Neal.

His dunk with 4:29 to play cut Portland's lead to 88-87 with 4:29 remaining.

But Wallace, whose 3-pointer tied it 84-84 earlier in the quarter, scored inside, and Arvydas Sabonis followed with a dunk, on a pass from Wallace, to put Portland up 92-87 with 3:20 to play. O'Neal's inside basket with three minutes to go made it 92-89.

The Lakers sputtered from there.

Fox scored eight in the third quarter, when the Lakers led by as many as five. They were up 72-69 entering the final quarter.

O'Neal had six dunks while scoring 22 in the first half. Sixteen of the Lakers' 20 first-half field goals were layups or stuff shots. Still, Los Angeles led only 50-48 at the half.

Portland, which complained about the officiating after the Lakers shot 31 more free throws than the Blazers in Game 2, were 26-for-34 from the line Tuesday. Los Angeles was 19-for-35.

Timberwolves 98, Super Sonics 90

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves are growing up quickly, and now they're one game away from knocking the Seattle SuperSonics out of the NBA playoffs.

Playing with all the poise and confidence they're supposed to lack, the seventh-seeded Wolves stunned the playoff-tested Sonics on Tuesday night with a 15-4 fourth-quarter run on the way to a 98-90 victory and a 2-1 lead in the best-of-5 series.

Minnesota, which made its first trip to the Western Conference playoffs last season and won its first postseason game at second-seeded Seattle on Sunday, can win its first series Thursday night at home.

Game 5, if necessary, would be Saturday in Seattle, and if the Sonics don't rally, coach George Karl's seven-year tenure could be over.

Hawks 96, Hornets 64

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks were in no mood for another Charlotte comeback.

After blowing double-figure leads to lose each of the first two games, the Hawks turned up the defensive pressure on Glen Rice and the Hornets, who matched the lowest-scoring playoff game in NBA history in a 96-64 loss Tuesday night.

"We played to our strength," said Steve Smith, one of six Hawks in double figures with 15 points. "Our strength is defense. We decided, 'Let's go out there and play defense. If the offense isn't there, at least the defense will be there.'"

Charlotte, now leading the best-of-5 series 2-1, tied the record for fewest points set by Portland in a 1996 postseason game at Utah and equaled by Orlando against Miami last year.

Heat 91, Knicks 85

NEW YORK — In what has become the "Cutthroat Series," the Miami Heat are now wielding the knife.

The Heat overcame foul trouble, a hostile crowd and Alonzo Mourning's lack of offense to regain control of their first-round series, taking an early lead and holding on the rest of the way for a 91-85 victory Tuesday night and a 2-1 lead over the New York Knicks.

Miami even rubbed it in a little as Eric Murdock made a throat-slashing gesture late in the fourth quarter — the same one that Chris Childs of New York made late in Game 2 — after making a 3-pointer with 4:15 left that put the Heat ahead by nine.

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Women's golf team qualifies for NCAA West Regionals

19th-ranked Beavers earn fifth consecutive post-season bid

The Daily Barometer

After a seventh-place finish last week at the Pac-10 Championships, the Oregon State women's golf team waited to hear the word.

Yesterday it came.

For the fifth consecutive year in head coach Risé Lakowske's eight seasons with the Beavers,

the team will advance to the NCAA West Regional tournament to be held May 7-9 at the Stanford Golf Course in Stanford, Cal. The best finish for the Beavers was in 1994 when they finished 14th.

OSU is one of 20 teams invited to the regional tournament consisting of an appropriate field of stiff competition, including No. 1 Arizona, No. 2 Arizona State, No. 4 Tulsa, No. 6 Stanford, No. 9 Oregon, No. 11 Texas A&M, No. 12 Oklahoma State, No. 13 Texas, No. 14 USC, No. 15 TCU, No. 20 UCLA, No. 23 New Mexico State, No. 25 Texas Tech, No. 26 San



Risé Lakowske

Jose State, No. 28 New Mexico, No. 29 Missouri, No. 30 Northern Arizona and BYU.

The top 11 schools will advance to the NCAA Championships, held May 20-23 at the University Ridge Golf Course in Madison, Wisc. In addition, the two best scores from individuals whose teams did not advance will also qualify for the Championships.

The Beavers are led by juniors Kathleen Takaishi and Anjeanette Dabbs.

Takaishi earned second team All-Pac-10 with a scoring average of 76.4, which lands her ranked No. 32 nationally. She had six top-10 finishes this season, including being a medalist at the Northwest Invitational in Corvallis last fall.

Dabbs finished the regular season of play with a scoring average of 77.1. She had two top-10 finishes during the season, including a first-place finish at the Pepperdine Wave Invitational last November. Dabbs is individually ranked No. 75.

OSU begins crucial week of softball with Civil War

Six games this week could decide tournament berth

By SCOTT JOHNSON

of The Daily Barometer

This could be the most pivotal week of the season for the No. 22 Oregon State softball team.

After dropping seven of their last eight games, the Beavers will have to make up some ground with six games this week. The climb back up the mountain toward an NCAA Tournament berth will start tonight with a doubleheader against No. 25 Oregon. The first game will start at 3 p.m.

The road doesn't stop with Oregon, as the Beavers (25-20 overall, 6-12 Pac-10) will play doubleheaders this weekend against UCLA and No. 3 Washington.

SOFTBALL

No. 22 OSU 25-20, 6-12

WHAT: Doubleheader at No. 25 Oregon

WHEN: Today at 3 p.m.

NOTES: OSU is 2-2 so far this year against the Ducks ... The Beavers are currently 8th place in the Pac-10

The Beavers are looking for their first ever NCAA Tournament berth, but fell to an eighth-place tie with Arizona State in conference play after four

losses to the Arizona schools last weekend. Their five-game losing streak is the longest of the season.

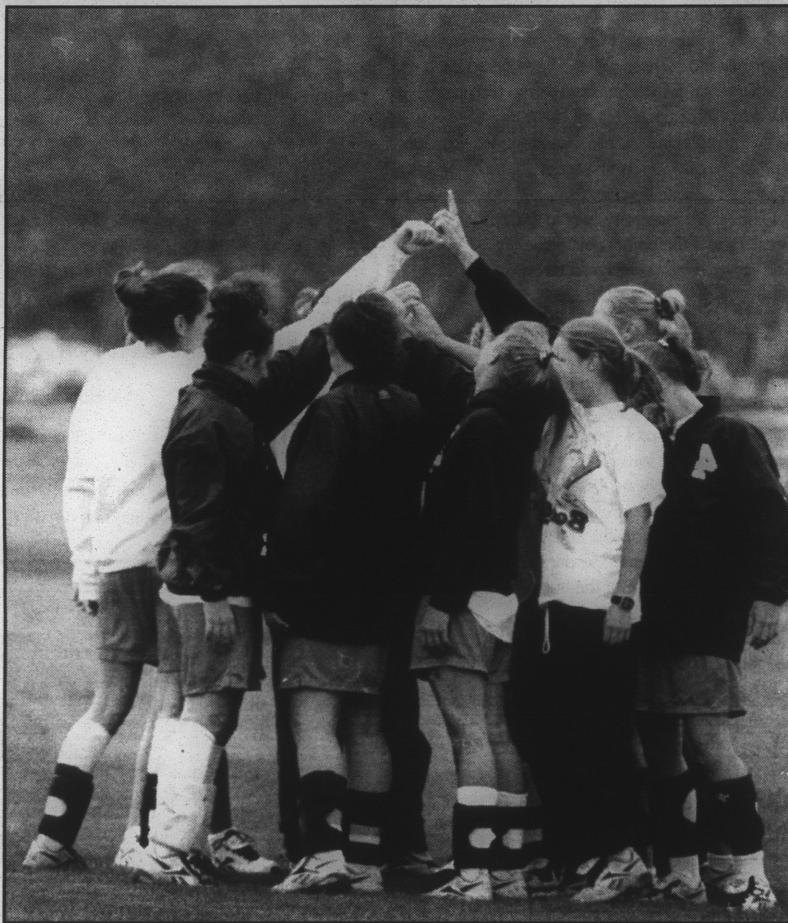
Oregon State needs just three wins in their final 10 games to finish with their first winning record since 1984. They must break the .500 mark to be considered by the NCAA for one of the at-large bids in the national tournament.

OSU will be playing its ninth and 10th straight games away from Ropes-Fetrow Field today.

This will be OSU's third doubleheader with Oregon (35-22, 7-11). The Ducks took two from the Beavers in Eugene before conference play began, and then Oregon State won both conference games at Ropes-Fetrow Field on April 11.

Head to head this season, the intrastate rivals are evenly matched. The Beavers are hitting .260 against the Ducks, while Oregon is batting .252.

Tarrah Beyster, who hit three homers in four



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

The OSU softball team comes together just before practice last week. OSU plays the Ducks at Oregon tomorrow. The Beavers are 2-2 versus the University of Oregon this season.

games last weekend, is hitting .556 in Civil War action this season with two home runs. Kelli Kranz is batting .444 against the Ducks. Beyster has a 1.24 ERA against Oregon with 30 strikeouts.

For the Ducks, Kelly Planche and Jennifer Apfelbaum are leading the offense, hitting .500 and .400 respectively. Jennie Cook is 1-1 on the mound with a 2.33 ERA.

Oregon is coming off of a two-game sweep of Arizona State. They are the second-best hitting team conference with a .298 team batting

average.

For the season, Jill Robinson has a .354 average with 31 runs scored and 31 RBI. Apfelbaum is second on the team with her .353 average. Freshman Triawn Custer has 34 RBI while hitting .344.

Cook leads the pitching staff with a 20-13 record.

The Beavers will get an added boost from senior second baseman Denise Brown, after she missed 12 games with a bicep injury. She was 4-for-9 last weekend.

OSU wrestling inks third recruit this spring

The Daily Barometer

The Oregon State wrestling team signed Jake Huffman to a national letter of intent, announced OSU wrestling coach Joe Wells Tuesday.

Huffman, a graduate of Scio High School, was a three-time Class 2A state champion.

"Jake will be a very big addition to our program," said Wells. "He'll be one of the people providing some competitive challenges to those guys in the 174- and 184-pound classes.

Huffman won his three titles for the Loggers in three different weight classes: 171 pounds as a senior, 160 pounds as a junior and 151 pounds as a sophomore.

"Jake will be a very big addition to our program."

— HEAD COACH JOE WELLS

Huffman was also a three-time Tri-River Conference all-league in football and a two-time All-Tri-River pick in baseball.

"He's a good athlete. He's been very committed to the sport and done well. He's a good student and a bright kid," Wells said.

Huffman is the second Logger to choose OSU

Beavers drop one spot to seventh

Arvidson leads OSU going into tomorrow's final round

The Daily Barometer

True freshman Anthony Arvidson shot a 3-under-par 69 and has moved into fourth place after three rounds of the Pac-10 Conference Men's Golf Championships at the Orinda Country Club, east of Berkeley.

"Anthony Arvidson played extremely well, but we need some help," said Head Coach Mike Ketcham. "The guys didn't play poorly, but they need to step it up."

The Beavers, as a team, have slipped from sixth place to a seventh place to tie with Washington State at 1108.

Arvidson has shot two 69s in three rounds of play. He now has a 54-hole total of 4-under-212, just four shots behind Cal's Dan Arroyo.

Arvidson finished Monday's first two rounds of play in fifth place and is contending for the first top-four finish by a Beaver since 1994 when Charles Kingsbaker and Birk Nelson finished fourth and second, respectively.

No Beaver has won the Pac-10 Championship title since 1971, and Arvidson is still in contention for the crown.

Other OSU golfers competing are David Crowell in 26th place, Chris Janson at 35th, Justin Johnson and Eric Fiskum tied at 46th place and Alex Palm, who shot a 78 in the third round but was disqualified in the first round.

California is currently leading the field as a team. The Golden Bears, who are ranked No. 45 nationally, have surprised the competition with a team total of 1083 after three rounds, which could be attributed to their home course advantage.

No. 15 Arizona State trails closely behind Cal with a team total of 1088, followed by No. 4 Arizona in third place with a 1090 team total.

The final round begins today at 8 a.m.

Team Scores

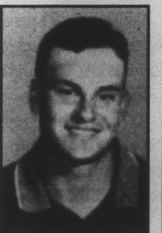
California, 360-356-367-1083; Arizona State, 369-368-351-1088; Arizona, 362-357-371-1090; Stanford, 360-371-365-1096; Oregon, 370-365-365-1100; UCLA, 364-378-358-1100; Oregon State, 362-377-369-1108; Washington State, 371-375-362-1108; Washington, 374-368-367-1109; USC, 373-384-364-1121

Top Individuals (Par 72)

Dan Arroyo, Cal., 71-65-72-208; Joel Kribel, Stan., 69-70-70-209; Jin Park, ASU, 72-72-66-210; Anthony Arvidson, OSU, 69-74-69-212; Brian Nosler, UW, 70-67-76-213

Other OSU Scores

David Crowell, 72-75-75-222; Chris Janson, 71-77-76-224; Justin Johnson, 74-78-75-227; Eric Fiskum, 76-77-74-227; Alex Palm, DQ-74-78



Anthony Arvidson