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Administration makes amendment to Oregon State Alcoholic Beverage Policy

Minor changes focus on permitted areas, permission request submission and Greek system

By BETHANY BUCKLES

of The Daily Barometer

The proposed amendment of the Alcoholic Beverage Policy will be considered in a rule-making hearing on May 28 at 11:45 a.m., in Room 105 in the Memorial Union at Oregon State University.

Changes in various titles and other structural organization were needed to keep up with the times, although the basic guidelines of the policy are to remain the same.

For example, under the amendment, drinking would still be allowed on campus in designated areas, but requests for permission to serve alcohol in those designated areas must be submitted three weeks in advance, instead of two weeks, to Business Services instead of Contract Administration.

"There's nothing significant changing with the rules," director of Student Involvement Valerie Wetzel said. "There's nothing new."

However, Wetzel said the amended policy will clarify that fraternities and sororities, which are not considered part of the campus, will be allowed to host events on campus provided they follow all policy guidelines for alcohol use on campus.

"It was an attempt to sort of streamline some

things that were really more procedural things," said Bill Oye, coordinator for student conduct, adding that part of the reason for the rules is to give groups who intend to consume alcohol a safe way of doing it.

"It seems kind of odd to me that they're changing the [alcohol] policy," said Derek Larsen, a senior in civil engineering. "I don't think these kinds of things really occur to people. The only offense that I could see the majority of students breaking is underage drinking."

Currently, beer and wine only may be served at any event in the parking lots near Parker Stadium or Gill Coliseum, at LaSells Stewart Center, the

CH2M Hill Alumni Center, the Valley Football Center, Parker Stadium Skyboxes, Peavy Lodge, the Agricultural Experiment stations or at the International Forum in Memorial Union East by an insured, licensed vendor, when prior

approval is secured in advance and in accordance with the policy manual. The proposed amendment would also require an OLCC off-site license for any events.

According to the rule summary, the other amendments are necessary to keep the rules consistent with current organizational structure and assignment of responsibilities in the OSU administration.

Another modification states that the changes made to the policy won't be provided in the Student Life Policies and Regulations printed in the fall schedule of classes. Instead, copies of changes will be available through the Student Involvement office.

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Moon lights up the night



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The Moon looms over the Memorial Union Monday evening during one of our cool summer nights.

Oregon State University Mini Baja team victorious in competition



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Michael Gabriel, Doug Powell, Brian Jensen and Kary Olson pose with their "Mini Baja." This OSU team took a prestigious fifth place in El Paso, Texas at the annual Mini Baja competition. This placing is the highest in OSU history.

Group places higher than any other OSU team in history

By ANDREW McCORD

of The Daily Barometer

It looks kind of like a dune buggy, but it's smaller. It's faster and lighter, too, not to mention more durable. And what's more, it was built by Oregon State University students.

Doug Powell, Kary Olson and Michael Gabriel, all seniors in industrial and manufacturing engineering, and Brian Jensen, a senior in mechanical engineering took their vehicle to the "Mini Baja" competition in El Paso, Texas from April 16 to 18. From the competition they emerged utterly victorious, placing a prestigious fifth place overall against 58 universities.

"This is the highest finish for any OSU engineering SAE project," said Powell.

The Oregon State Mini Baja, described as "a light, off-road, really durable vehicle that's to be run in the desert" was designed and built from October 1997 until April 1998 at a cost of over \$8,000. However, in the design process, great care was taken to assure that the OSU Mini Baja could be reproduced at a cost of less than \$2,500 per vehicle if 4,000 were to be produced, as this was one of the categories that the vehicles were judged upon. In this category, the OSU team placed third.

Of the seven events that the groups were judged upon, the one that was the most exciting and had the highest point basis was the endurance race. One and a half miles of desert terrain was run by the 58 different universities and was scored based upon how many laps they were able to complete in the four-hour time allotment. The OSU team placed third in the

endurance event.

"A lot of vehicles rolled," Olsen said. "The course took its toll on 15 vehicles in the first lap."

By the end of the endurance event, only 18 vehicles were left.

On the trip, the group was lucky enough to be able to meet Ivan "the Iron Man" Stewart, a legend in racing, who was also a judge at the competition.

"Ivan spent more time with us than any other group," Powell said. "We were the lightest and probably the best looking [vehicle] there."

"Our philosophy was to 'keep it simple, keep it light but keep it strong,'" Olsen said.

While every team was given the same engines and the same financial requirements, the rest of the structure was left up to each individual team.

"The reason we did so well is because our vehicle was so tough and well-designed," Powell said. "We could plow straight through everything that the track had at full speed."

The OSU Mini Baja is capable of going from 0 to 34 miles per hour in 150 feet in less than six seconds, a feat that earned the team third place in the acceleration category.

The experience of the competition is one that none of the members would trade, and one that they feel will prepare them for their future careers.

"We learned so much," Powell said. "We especially learned never to underestimate the size of a project like this."

Making the 1998 Mini Baja team possible were Chevron Oil Co., the Association for Facilities Engineering, CG Industries, Benchmark Fab & Finish and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

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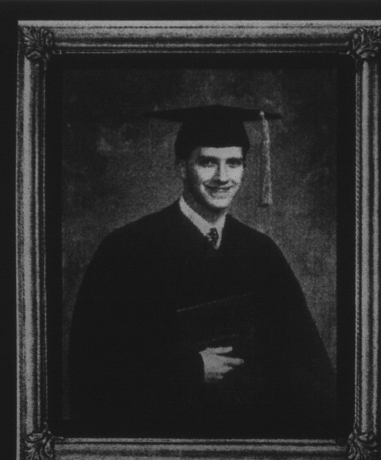
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NATIONAL NEWS

Settlement talks deteriorate as tobacco trial progresses

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Settlement talks in Minnesota's multibillion-dollar lawsuit against the tobacco industry broke off as the start of jury deliberations drew near yesterday.

Tobacco companies, the state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota had been discussing a deal worth more than \$5 billion, but talks collapsed just before closing arguments as the 3 1/2-month trial began.

“*Nobody has unlocked the secret of a safer cigarette.*”

— DAVID BERNICK,
BROWN & WILLIAMSON TOBACCO CORP. ATTORNEY

Andy Czajkowski, chief executive of Blue Cross, said the chances of a settlement were “extremely slim.” One problem, he said, was a tobacco industry demand that companies be protected against lawsuits filed by Minnesota counties.

The state and Blue Cross are suing for \$1.77 billion they say they have spent treating smoking-related illnesses, plus punitive damages.

With negotiators on the sidelines, tobacco attorneys began their closing arguments to the jury. The plaintiffs will get their turn

today.

Peter Bleakley, the lead tobacco attorney, told the jury the state failed to prove the industry misled consumers about the health hazards of smoking.

“The case is not about popularity. Believe me, the defendants are well aware of the fact that they’re not very popular these days,” said Bleakley, an attorney for Philip Morris Inc.

Bleakley denied that the industry manipulated nicotine to hook smokers, targeted minors in advertising, conspired against the development of safer cigarettes or made products that resulted in increased health care costs.

David Bernick, the third of six defense attorneys to address the jury, suggested it was implausible that tobacco companies would conspire to block research that might have led to a safer cigarette.

“The people who populate this industry, they prey on each other. They are all over each other. That’s the bottom line,” said Bernick, an attorney for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.

Despite the release of thousands of formerly secret tobacco industry documents, the state and Blue Cross failed to show that the companies covered up research into smoking and health, Bernick said.

“There will be no silver bullet,” he said. “Nobody has unlocked the secret of a safer cigarette,” he said. “Nobody has unlocked the secret of how smoking has caused disease. No one has withheld details from the marketplace of those critical elements. They’re not here.”

Researcher takes back cancer cure

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nobel laureate James D. Watson is injecting a further note of caution into reports of a breakthrough in treating malignant tumors in mice, denying he told a newspaper that a cure for cancer is imminent.

Watson, the co-discoverer of DNA, had been quoted in a front-page story in *The New York Times* on Sunday as saying Dr. Judah Folkman “is going to cure cancer in two years.” In a letter to *The Times* published Thursday, he denied making that remark, although he did call Folkman’s experiments “the most exciting cancer research of my lifetime.”

The Times said Thursday it stood by its story and the quote, which were picked up by *The Associated Press*.

Watson was one of several enthusiastic researchers quoted in the story about experiments by Folkman, a researcher at Boston’s Children’s Hospital, which have rid mice of malignant tumors. The researchers also cautioned, however, that treatments successful with mice have often failed when applied to humans, and that much work remains to be done.

In his letter, Watson noted that “the history of cancer research is littered with promised treatments that raised people’s hopes, only for them to be dashed when the treatments were put to the test in humans.”

He said he told *Times* science writer Gina Kolata at a dinner party six weeks ago that the drugs, endostatin and angiostatin “should be in National Cancer Institute trials by the end of this year and that we would know, about one year after that, whether they were effective.”

Times spokeswoman Lisa Carparelli said, “We’re confident of the story we ran and don’t wish to be in a position of quarreling with a respected source and authority. We’re glad we were able to let Dr. Watson further explain his view.”

Watson was unavailable for comment at his laboratory in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., but an aide, Wendy Goldstein, said he remains cautiously optimistic about the drugs. He wrote the letter “just looking to set the record straight,” she said.

Goldstein said Watson spoke with Kolata at the dinner party while attending a scientific meeting in California.

Kolata’s article discussed the successes of early tests of the drugs, which choke off the blood supply a cancer needs to grow — an approach Folkman first envisioned 25 years ago. Findings of his lab tests appeared in the journal *Nature* last November.

Among others who have expressed optimism, the director of the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Richard Klausner, was quoted in *The Times* story saying the drugs were “the single most exciting thing on the horizon” for treating cancer. And Dr. James Pluda, who will direct the institute’s trials of the drugs in patients, said he and others were “electrified” by a lecture on the results in mice.

The story ignited a frenzy of interest.

Daily News columnist Mike McAlary, who has colon cancer, wrote a column Wednesday that captured the excitement under the headline “I Cling to This Hope For Life.”

“On Sunday, we opened the newspaper and there was hope on the front page,” McAlary wrote. “Maybe we don’t have to die. Maybe some will live long enough to be saved.”

The company that developed the drugs, Entremed, saw its stock soar in trading on Wall Street earlier this week. And publisher Random House said Thursday it had signed a deal for a book about Folkman’s research by *Newsday* science writer Robert Cooke, tentatively titled “Conquering Cancer.”

Such optimism brought warnings and reminders from many researchers that the drugs remain untested on humans.

“Cure is a four-letter word no one uses. You’re just scared to say that,” said Dr. Noel P. Bouck of Northwestern University.

Dr. Bruce Cheson of the National Cancer Institute said, “It’s an exciting laboratory observation. Hopefully, of course, it will prove meaningful for people, but that is some time off now.”

Random House senior editor Scott Moyers, who signed the book deal for an undisclosed price, said Cooke has access to Folkman and will have his cooperation.

Kolata, *The Times* reporter, and her agent, John Brockman, briefly circulated a book proposal to publishing houses early this week, but Kolata withdrew it Tuesday “after discussing with her editors the difficulty of staying with the story after acquiring a financial stake in the story,” Carparelli said.

Carparelli said *The Times* asks reporters not to undertake books on developing stories that the reporter is still covering.

Kolata referred questions to Carparelli; Brockman did not immediately return a message left at his office.

Two of Kolata’s recent *Times* stories have developed into book deals. In January, William Morrow and Co. published “Clone: The Road to Dolly and the Path Ahead,” and Kolata is under contract to publisher Farrar, Straus & Giroux Inc. for a book on a flu epidemic.

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Dated May 1, 1998

Robert Hardesty Secretary

FORUM

Wanted: Heroes like you

"Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky, they are people who say: this is my community, and it's my responsibility to make it better." - Thomas Lawson McCall

It is spring in Oregon and it is glorious. The majestic colors in bloom are only slightly surpassed by the greenness of the forests and meadows and the crisp clarity of our mountain streams. And while I have spent much of the past six years in other lands with other peoples, nowhere provides the wondrous variety of texture and vitality as this place, during this time.

This column is about maintaining the majesty we have been given. It is about honoring those that labored to make this place better. It is dedicated to those that will inherit this place when our time is past. And it is written with a keen understanding of the struggle we have ahead of us, if we are to do what we all know to be right.

PAUL EVANS

A little over 30 years ago, Thomas Lawson McCall was elected governor of Oregon. During his eight-year tenure, he helped implement amazing changes in the ways Oregonians knew their place — the way they saw their air, their land and their water. Tom McCall was an extraordinary man during an extraordinary time. However, he gave us — ordinary people in ordinary times — the tools to provide for our posterity and ourselves if we have the grit to see things through.

Three weeks ago, our nation, along with many other nations across the globe, gave pause to reflect upon the price of industrial progress. During the many celebrations and speeches that become what we now know as Earth Day, good people tried to make the rest of us understand the stakes of the game — the cliff we are all headed for if we fail to change.

Oregonians used to have a special place among the communities of our nation. We used to have a shared sense of what was needed to make things right with the environment that gave us life. We used to try and right those things we had wronged, and most of all, we used to care.

Back then we understood responsibility, and we fought for what was right. The people of Oregon supported McCall because they believed he had their best interests at heart. They recognized leadership when they saw it, and they responded. In short, they understood the need and decided to act.

The people of Oregon helped McCall give us land-use planning. They helped him give us a strengthened Department of Environmental Quality. And they helped him give us, with the help of Richard Chambers, the bottle bill.

Throughout the course of McCall's tenure, the people of Oregon helped him give us the open beach law, a cleaned-up Willamette, and a philosophy of activist government that was a model for the nation, and for the world. For them, Tom McCall was a hero, a man to believe in because he gave Oregon a just cause to fight for: a legacy of intergenerational livability.

Somewhere, sometime over the past 30 years, we have lost the will to fight the good fight. Today we see growth and the effects of poor planning, and we curse, moan and complain. Instead of using the tools at our disposal, most of us would rather watch from the sidelines hoping that things work themselves out. Unfortunately, things just don't work that way; the sooner we recognize this fact, the better for us all.

Right now, we face enormous problems. Our salmon are dying. Our forests are at risk. Our land is being consumed by development at alarming rates, and our very livability is at stake. Most of us understand the problems but remain unwilling to invest ourselves in helping implement solutions. The time has come to renew our commitments to this place we call home or recognize and accept our responsibility for the effects of complacency. It is time for a regeneration of the spirit, a new chapter in the "Oregon Story."

I think we need a few more heroes. And while it would be nice to have someone like Tom McCall to lead us, I

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Student efforts save Affirmative Action

In what many deemed the most critical vote on higher education in the 105 Congress, late last night the House of Representatives voted down an extreme measure sponsored by Representative Frank Riggs (R-Calif.) that would have eliminated affirmative action in higher education. After several weeks of intense grass-roots pressure and fierce lobbying by college students, civil rights organizations and higher education associations, the Riggs amendment was defeated by a substantial margin of 78 votes.

Op-Ed

Sending a loud and clear message that affirmative action is still necessary, Democrats and Republicans refused to allow the resegregation of colleges and universities. Citing statistics from the University of California and the University of Texas systems where the dismantling of affirmative action has led to dramatic and disturbing declines in the number of African-American and Latino students, numerous members spoke vehemently against the Riggs amendment and its threat to college diversity.

Students played a crucial role in pressuring swing votes to oppose the amendment and should be proud of their victory.

In another important victory for students and for diversity, the House also voted down an amendment by Rep. Tom Campbell (R-Calif.) that would have eliminated a small but important federal affirmative action program, the Minority Science and

Engineering Improvement Program (MSIP). This program is designed to improve science and engineering education at predominantly people-of-color institutions (such as historically black colleges and universities, tribally controlled colleges, and "hispanic serving institutions") and to increase the participation of under-represented ethnic groups, particularly women of color, in the fields of science and technology.

Like the Riggs Amendment, the Campbell Amendment would have eliminated access for many students in higher education. Moreover, it would have denied critically needed funds to historically black colleges and universities, tribally controlled colleges, and hispanic serving institutions. The Campbell amendment failed by a vote of 227-189.

After defeat of both anti-affirmative action amendments, the House voted on final passage of their reauthorization bill (H.R. 6) and, with overwhelming bi-partisan support, passed the bill by a vote of 414-4. Students should be very pleased with many of the student benefits that we as students from across the country, according to the United States Students Association, were able to secure in this bill. A more detailed summary of the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H.R. 6) will be coming to you very soon.

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of Saji Prelis, ASOSU vice president and executive board member of the United States Student Association.

Priority registration contradicts OSU's commitment to diversity

I would like to submit yet one more opinion regarding priority registration for student athletes. The issue appears to go beyond whether or not one student has more pressure and time constraints than another. The underlying debate in priority registration rests on the platform of diversity, a foundation upon which OSU has constantly put forward as its desired image or role. I thought this university prided itself in its efforts to single out no one based on their rank or status in society, but to give all equal opportunity. If such a foundation holds true, then priority registration for student athletes has become the exception to the rule.

Op-Ed

I am a spouse and mother of three children who has chosen to return to school to complete my degree in health promotion and education. The obstacles are many (such as getting into closed classes), as are tired days and mounds of stress. I have never, however, expected preferential treatment due to my situation, as it is my choice to be here and my job to succeed. My pain or difficulties are my own, and each person's struggles are relative to their situations. To say my problems or challenges are more difficult than someone else's puts my situation above theirs — a bit ridiculous in a world full of mountains to climb and goals to attain.

Just as the student athlete would like each of us regular students to walk or run a mile in their shoes, so, too, should they step into ours. Only

then would they be justified in saying their daily struggles are greater than any of the other students. The issue of getting into prerequisite classes in order to achieve graduation could certainly be handled by strong advising on the ins and outs of getting into a closed class. I certainly think that Mr. Walker could have been advised and aided somehow on getting into Comm 114. To say he hasn't been able to get in for two years does not illustrate obstacles presented by the university related to registration, but shows an extreme lack of ingenuity on Mr. Walker's part. It takes time and effort, but my advisors and instructors have always accommodated me when trying to get into a required class.

I would like to ask the coaches to provide this guidance for the athletes, and possibly develop an alternative plan of guiding them toward graduation. Instead of playing follow the leader in the Pac-10, strive to be pioneers. Develop an athletic program that helps its own, rather than expecting a life line from OSU's general population.

To embrace diversity on this campus means to stop dividing ourselves by complaining that "my needs are greater than yours." Diversity abhors preferential treatment and embraces equality. Priority registration is preferential treatment, pain and struggles are relative, and priority registration will become the fault line in OSU's foundation of diversity.

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of Dorothy A. Sandoval, senior in health promotion and education.

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Friday, May 8

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Friday, May 8

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'Seinfeld' farewell marks five years since 'Cheers' last round

Associated Press

NEW YORK — This much we know: "Seinfeld" is coming to an end, and with all the ballyhoo of Viagra hitting town.

Now here are some things we don't know:

1. How the affairs of Jerry, George, Kramer and Elaine will be put in order.
2. Which show will inherit the hallowed slot next season.
3. How any sitcom will ever again match "Seinfeld" for humor and cultural impact.

Of course, to ponder these matters at length would be a grand waste of time. After all, we need only wait just a few more days to learn the answer to Question No. 1. (Even if you choose not to watch this Thursday's "Seinfeld" sayonara, don't bet on escaping talk about it Friday.)

Then next week, when NBC unveils its Fall 1998 schedule, we'll find out the Must-See successor to "Seinfeld."

To penetrate the third question ... well, let's take a historical approach. Five years ago, it was "Cheers" that was overwhelmed by hoopla and hand-wringing, as it prepared to abdicate its Thursday-at-9 p.m. throne. So let's compare that beloved sitcom, which ended an 11-season run the night of May 20, 1993, with "Seinfeld," about to bring the curtain down on nine seasons.

— "Cheers:" Its protagonist is a good-looking bachelor who has chronic problems with intimacy. "Seinfeld:" Its protagonist is a good-looking bachelor who has chronic problems with intimacy.

— "Cheers:" Began life as a low-rated series with dim prospects on a struggling NBC, before catching fire three years in. "Seinfeld:" Began life as a low-rated series with dim prospects on a struggling NBC, before catching fire three years in.

— "Cheers:" Was still a hit when its star decided to quit, which was gravely announced Dec. 7 (1992). "Seinfeld:" Was still a hit when its star decided to quit, which was gravely announced Dec. 25 (1997).

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Granted, there are also differences between the two shows.

On "Cheers," everybody knew your name. All Jerry and his pals know is the jargon they make up.

"Cheers" forgave us for the flaws we shared with its otherwise nice characters. By contrast, "Seinfeld" nails us for any traits we might share with its Upper West Side popinjays.

Here's one more difference: "Seinfeld" takes its leave with NBC in first place. "Cheers" left the network in third.

In his post-finale monologue, "Tonight" host Jay Leno tweaked NBC as being even sadder than its fans that "Cheers" was gone. "Cheers" is not just a TV show," cracked the NBC star — "it's all we've got, ladies and gentlemen. This is it."

Warren Littlefield doesn't argue the point. "There weren't a lot of other things going on," recalls NBC's entertainment president. "We had 'Seinfeld,' but most people questioned whether that would be anything other than a fringe series, just a tiny little blip on the screen."

History will record that "Seinfeld" became one of the biggest blips the TV screen ever had, a fringe sitcom the mainstream embraced as a cultural lodestar.

What can ever replace it?

"I think it's fair to say that we've eliminated a half-hour 'Dateline' as a contender," Littlefield jokes when asked about that looming 9 p.m. void.

He ticks off a now-familiar list of bona fide candidates. There's "Friends," which currently kicks off Thursday evening. "Just Shoot Me," a sophomore sitcom now slotted between "Friends" and "Seinfeld." "Mad About You" (now on Tuesday) or "3rd Rock from the Sun" (now on Wednesday).

But probably the favorite is "Frasier," the 5-year-old "Cheers" spin-off now airing on Tuesday. After all, for a decade Dr. Frasier Crane had a thriving practice on Thursday night.

"I think smart money says an established show," Littlefield adds, "but I walked off the stage after we shot the Nathan Lane pilot ('Encore!') and it's a pretty wonderful comedy." He also mentions "All My Life," a new sitcom starring Christina Applegate of "Married ... With Children."

"We have some pretty interesting choices here," Littlefield says.

So do NBC's rivals, which, sensing Must-See TV has seen better days, may try to compete on Thursday with a vigor they haven't shown in some time.

"Because NBC has been so dominant there, the other networks

Jazzin' up the MU



Dan Balmer, a contemporary jazz artist and leader of the Dan Balmer Trio, performed in the Memorial Union Lounge Thursday afternoon. This is the third time the trio has performed for Oregon State University.

THE TOP TEN

The Associated Press

HARDCOVER FICTION

Publishers Weekly Best Selling Books

1. "N Is for Noose" by Sue Grafton (Henry Holt)
2. "You Belong to Me" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
3. "Message in a Bottle" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
4. "Black and Blue" by Anna Quindlen (Random House)
5. "The Street Lawyer" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
6. "Pandora" by Anne Rice (Knopf)
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8. "The Long Road Home" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
9. "A Patchwork Planet" Anne Tyler (Knopf)
10. "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier (Atlantic Monthly)

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Publishers Weekly Best Selling Books

1. "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
2. "The Millionaire Next Door" by Thomas Stanley and William Danko (Longstreet)
3. "Simple Abundance" by Sarah Ban Breathnach (Warner)
4. "Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt (Scribner)
5. "The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom" by Suze Orman (Random House)
6. "Talking to Heaven" by James Van Praagh (Dutton)
7. "Triumph of Justice" by Daniel Petrocelli with Peter Knobler (Crown)
8. "We Are Our Mothers' Daughters" by Cokie Roberts (Morrow)
9. "The Gifts of the Jews" by Thomas Cahill (Doubleday)
10. "There's a Hair in My Dirt" By Gary Larson (Collins)

TOP SINGLES

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1. "Too Close," Next (Arista) (Platinum)
2. "My All," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
3. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury) (Gold)
4. "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Gold)
5. "Body Bumpin' Yippie-Yi-Yo," Public Announcement (A&M) (Gold)
6. "It's All About Me," Mya featuring Sisqo (Interscope)
7. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Gold)
8. "The Arms of the One Who Loves You," Xscape (So So Def)
9. "All My Life," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA)
10. "Let's Ride," Montell Jordan featuring Master P & Silkk the Shocker (Def Jam) (Platinum)

TOP ALBUMS

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1. *Before These Crowded Streets* Dave Matthews Band (RCA)
2. *City of Angels* Soundtrack, (Warner Sunset)
3. *Titanic* Soundtrack, (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
4. *One Step at a Time*, George Strait (MCA Nashville)
5. *Big Punisher*, Capital Punishment (Loud)
6. *Let's Talk About Love*, Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
7. *Backstreet Boys*, Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)
8. *Savage Garden*, Savage Garden (Columbia) (Platinum)
9. *Faith*, Faith Hill (Warner Bros.)
10. *Come On Over*, Shania Twain (Mercury) (Platinum)

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Jada Pinkett Smith's 'Woo' not worth seeing

Associated Press

The movie: "Woo." Worth seeing? Nooooooo. Jada Pinkett Smith plays the title character, an aerobically scantly clad knockout who depends on her transvestite astrologist for romantic advice.

Some premise, huh? And that's just the first five minutes of "Woo." (Why 'Woo?' Don't know. Like much of the film, it's just there.)

A blind date matches Woo with Tim Jackson (Tommy Davidson), a lonely wannabe lawyer who spends way too much time watching women's exercise shows. They go out on the date from hell. It's all predictably downhill from there.

Mismatched couple-does-Manhattan is an old premise, best handled by Martin Scorsese in 1985's "After Hours." But "Woo" doesn't just recycle premises; it recycles jokes.

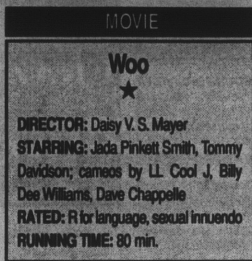
The classic Woody Allen bit from "Bananas" — where the Woodman taunts his assailants from the safety of a subway car, only to have the doors reopen and admit the bad guys — is redone by Davidson.

Rent the original.

There are bad jokes, and tasteless jokes and unfunny jokes. "You're about as fine as frog hair," passes for comedy. A lengthy scene in which Davidson's three pals accidentally pop into a transvestite bar is sooooo predictable.

There are some funny cameos: LL Cool J as Davidson's ultrasuave neighbor, Billy Dee Williams (to the theme from "Mahogany") as Davidson's conscience, Dave Chappelle as a man with a bizarre Colonel Sanders fetish.

But overall, "Woo" is sophomoric, stupid, plotless, pointless. Stay hooooome.



SEINFELD, from page 4

haven't really put anything strong up against it," says Steve Sternberg, an analyst with TN Media. "In recent seasons, the other networks have kind of given up the night."

Look for that to change. One oft-repeated rumor has Fox moving its animated cartoon hit "King of the Hill" to 9 p.m. from Sunday. If so, history might repeat itself. In 1990, Fox dispatched "The Simpsons" from Sunday to do battle against NBC's powerhouse "Cosby," which suffered heavy damage.

"Thursday is the only night NBC wins on an ongoing basis," says Sternberg, though he adds there's no cause for the network to panic: "It's not like they're going to fall out of first place overall, or even lose the night."

But will something be lost to viewers after "Seinfeld?" And not just the heart of Thursday night, but an irreplaceable sensibility?

That was a concern as "Cheers" neared its network farewell. The bygone-era wistfulness of its opening titles had never seemed so poignant. And when barkeep Sam Malone voiced the series' final line — "We're closed" — there were viewers who took it not just as the passing of a TV show, but of an era.

"In the unruly new TV world where scores of channels scrap for

the viewer's affection," wrote a choked-up Associated Press TV critic, "no broadcast series may ever again win the wide and long-term favor 'Cheers' did."

Piffle. Not only did life go on after "Cheers," but so did a "Cheers"-worthy sitcom in its former slot. "In the last five years, the number of programming services available to the American viewer has increased by 59 percent," NBC's Littlefield says. "Despite that, we have once again broken through."

But "Seinfeld" notwithstanding, Littlefield might also have mentioned that broadcast networks continue to lose audience share. Since the 1995-96 season, the Big Four's piece of the action has shrunk from 65 to 56 percent. Meanwhile, no one has launched a breakout hit since NBC's "Friends" and "ER" four interminable years ago. Sure, another series might strike a chord with viewers in the all-embracing way "Seinfeld" did. It might even do so in the show's old berth, and as soon as next fall.

But looking beyond this Thursday, we can say just one thing for sure: To paraphrase George's put-down that no one could understand, "The sitcom store called, and they've run out of 'Seinfeld.'"

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

CORRECTION

In the Thursday, May 7 issue of *The Daily Barometer*, it was reported that "Letters to Thien," one of the events of Asian-Pacific Heritage Month, would be showing on May 11 at 6 p.m. The correct time for the showing is 4 p.m. in Cordley 1109.

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CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, MAY 8

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. Jill Anthony presiding with Jim Barbour as Toastmaster and Eric Greene and Kim Nguyen. All other attendees speak in "Table Topics".

Speakers
Career Services, 10 am-8 Kerr Admin. Bldg. Interviewing Skills Workshop. Learn how best to prepare for an interview. Components of an interview and strategies for success will be presented. Rhodes Scholarship Committee, 1:00-2:00 pm, Kidder 128, College of Science. Dr. Knute Buehler, OSU's first Rhodes Scholar, speaks about Rhodes Scholarship Program.

Pre-Med Society, 2:00-3:00 pm, Kidder 128. Dr. Knute Buehler, orthopedic surgeon and OSU's first Rhodes Scholar, will speak to premed students.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Events
OSU Department of Music, 3:00 pm, 303 Benton Hall. Flute recital featuring music student Jon Haek; Angela Carlson, piano.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, 12:00-5:00 pm, MU Quad. Asian/Pacific American Heritage Fair-there will be music, performance, and food.

African Student Association, 5:00-11:30 pm, MU Ballroom. Africa Night is an annual event organized by African Student Association. Food from different

SPORTS

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beating ourselves up here (in the Pac-10). This conference is crazy."

Vecchione isn't secure about Oregon State's position right now.

"I said from the beginning that (we have) ten games left. We need to win five. Now we've won two of the six."

She thinks the Beavers need to be more aggressive this week, but at the same time play mistake-free softball.

"Being aggressive at the plate, but being selective. We have to learn to be more disciplined as hitters and get a pitch that we can drive," Vecchione said. "A lot of times we get hurt on mistakes — those extra opportunities that we give the opponent because we don't make the play."

The Beavers split a doubleheader with the Golden Bears earlier this season, suffering a 10-inning no-hitter by Whitney Floyd in the first game.

Although California doesn't have one batter hitting over .300, they do have four hitting .285 or better. Lisa Lancin tops the team with her .297 average, and is fol-

SOFTBALL
OSU 27-24, 8-16
FRIDAY: at California at 1 & 3 p.m.
SATURDAY: at Stanford at 1 & 3 p.m.

lowed closely by Jenny Ackley, at .296.

Floyd is 16-13 this season with a 1.53 ERA.

Stanford also split with Oregon State earlier this season, two-hitting the Beavers for a 1-0 win in the nightcap.

The Cardinal is led by its defense. The team leads the conference with a .972 fielding percentage, and is second-best in the league with a 1.35 team ERA.

Becky Blevins has a 1.19 ERA while compiling a record of 20-8.

Michele Acosta leads Stanford at the plate, accounting for team-highs in average (.325) and RBI (30).

The pairing for the NCAA Division I Softball Championship will be announced at a press conference at 6 p.m. Sunday night.

Crew teams to face defending champions

The Daily Barometer

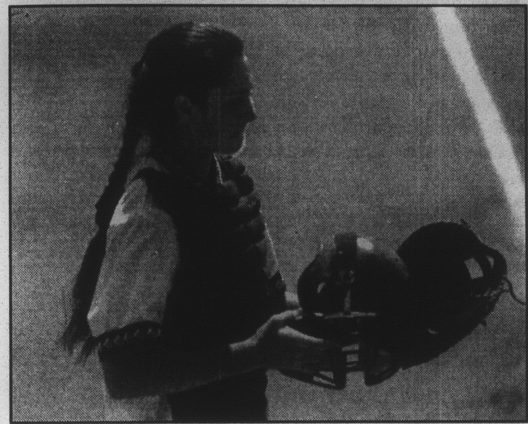
The Oregon State University men's and women's crew play host to top-ranked and defending national champion Washington this weekend at Vancouver Lake in Vancouver, Washington, starting at 10 a.m.

Coaches Dave Reischman of the men's team and Charlie Owens for the women are both looking forward to facing the best in the nation and testing their speed.

"We don't get that many opportunities to race against the best in the country, so this will be a good indication of how fast we are," said Owens.

The men have made a few changes in their varsity line-up, in hopes to improve their rhythm and make them faster.

The women's boat is hoping to be within 10 seconds of the varsity eight boat and are doing well after beating Washington State University.



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Catcher Kim Herman and the Beavers will be squaring off in two doubleheaders this weekend versus California and Stanford. The Beavers are looking for their first NCAA tournament bid.

SKEI, from page 8

Coming in at 5-feet-6-inches, he is a good size for a coxswain, but can not compete with the average 6-foot-2-inch oarsman.

But once they are on the water, Skei gets total respect from the team.

The competition for the position of varsity coxswain is a daily fight with fellow coxswain, senior Eric Richardson.

"It is great competition. He really keeps me on my toes," said Skei.

Though Skei is only in his second year, his experience in high school has really helped him to measure up to Richardson.

When Skei is in the boat he loves the thrill of moving away from another boat.

The tough part to that is starting with a solid rhythm and not having to find it too far into the race, he said.

One thing Skei misses from his high school days is having the home course actually at home. This is the one thing he would like to change about the program.

"It would be great to be able to take the boat out of the house, into the water and back," dreamed Skei.

When asked about the oarsmen's feelings about mistakes, he calmly replied that some men are known to hold a grudge, but come race time everything is put aside.

Skei seemed a little nervous about going up against No. 1 Washington this weekend, but who wouldn't be?

"Washington is," he pauses for the right words, "a great crew."

Speed is a concern, but he feels the Beavers will do well against them and wants to take advantage of competing against the very best.

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"Men seem to pull for themselves while the women pull for the boat," she replied.

Seaton stated that the women also never hold grudges against each other. The "power of nine" is the mentality of women's crew and the coxswain is that ninth person.

The psychology major is able to use personalized calls, such as "happy birthday," to make her oarswomen push harder in a race.

If the team pushes harder, then Seaton can enjoy her favorite moment in competition: seeing opponent coxswains "with the look of 'Oh s***' on their faces" as she passes by.

The best part for Seaton is knowing the women have complete faith, confidence and trust in her to get them down the course safely, as well as fast.

The Clackamas High School graduate feels comfortable in her varsity spot and considers herself the quiet leader next to the spokesperson leader, the captain.

If the pre-race warm-ups don't go well, she is in charge of encouraging the team to forget the warm-up and tells them that they will do much better in the actual race.

This fall, Seaton is going to Japan for a year to teach English, a trip she is very excited about.

Teaching English as a second language at the grade school level is her goal for the future.

But right now, Stephanie is only concerned with this weekend's race against No. 1 Washington.

"We want to be strong and clean and to shorten the distance between their boat and ours," said Seaton.

Stephanie's call for this weekend? "Congratulations on your engagement Mara."

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baseball players will be admitted free, with a home run derby following the game. Sunday's game is on Mother's Day and all mothers will be admitted free when accompanied by at least one member of their family. All games will be broadcast on KLOO-AM, 1340.

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Oregon State women's golf opens NCAA West Regional with round of 307

Takaishi leads Beavers with round of 1-over-par 74

The Daily Barometer

The 22nd-ranked Oregon State women's golf team opened up the NCAA West Regional shooting a first round 307. The Beavers are currently in 17th place after the first 18 holes. The 54-hole tournament continues today and concludes Saturday at the Stanford Golf Course.

The Beavers and Texas Christian are both 17 strokes behind No. 1 Arizona. No. 2 Arizona State, and No. 4 Tulsa are three shots back, while No. 13 Texas and 14th-ranked USC are seven shots off the lead.

"I would term today's round as very mediocre," said Oregon State head coach Rise' Lakowske. "We have put ourselves in a

position where we really need to step it up in the second round. We're behind the 'eight-ball.'"

"My goal in the second round is a score of 295."

Senior Kathleen Takaishi led Oregon State with a 1-over-par round of 74. She had 17 pars and one bogey, tying her for 22nd place individually with 12 other players.

"Kathleen played a very solid round," Lakowske said. "She is hitting every green and she is putting well, but they're just not falling for her right now. I expect her to put together another solid two rounds."

OSU junior Anjeanette Dabbs shot a 2-over 75 and is tied for

35th place. Dabbs played the final five holes at 1-under par. Carina Olsson and Anne Brooksby are tied for 77th place at 79, and Rachel Borcherts is 99th after a round of 83.

"Anjeanette finished really strong and, like Takaishi, I'm expecting her to post another two good scores," Lakowske said. "The rest of the team was a little nervous to start their rounds, but now that the first round is over they should feel more comfortable."

The top 11 teams from the West Regional advance to the NCAA Championships later this month in Madison, Wisconsin. Oregon State is currently six shots behind Oregon and Stanford, who are currently tied for 11th place.

Grace Park of Arizona State shot an opening round 68 to take the individual lead after 18-holes. She has a two shot lead over Tulsa's Niina Laitinen heading into the second round. Five others are tied at 71, three strokes behind Park.

WOMEN'S GOLF

NCAA West Regionals

THURSDAY: OSU is currently in 17th place after a first round score of 307.

NOTES: The tournament continues today and tomorrow at the Stanford Golf Course.

Coxswains propel Oregon State crew with voices, not oars

Skei continues crew life at OSU

By EMILY McCORMICK

of The Daily Barometer

Not many coxswains gain experience before coming into the Oregon State University crew program. This is not the case with the men's varsity eight crew coxswain Peter Skei.

The graduate of Lincoln High School started as a coxswain for a club at his former high school during his junior year.

"There was an announcement in the bulletin and a buddy and I went to check it out," Skei, a sophomore in philosophy, remembers.

High school wasn't the greatest experience for Skei. He didn't feel a part of the team because he wasn't moving the boat like the rest of the guys.

But Skei loves being involved in such a "great sport," and feels more a part of the Beaver team, as he knows that he is needed.

The only problem he faces is being picked on because of his size.



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Men's varsity eight crew coxswain Peter Skei doesn't need an oar to have an impact on the river.

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Special words get oarswomen to push

By EMILY McCORMICK

of The Daily Barometer

"Happy birthday Emily," is just one of many calls Stephanie Seaton uses to encourage her teammates during a race.

Seaton is the women's varsity eight coxswain and has been for the past three years.

Surprisingly, she started out on the men's crew team her freshman year. She signed up to learn and participate in the crew program at Oregon State University during orientation.

Not knowing what she was doing or how to say coxswain (kak-sen), Seaton told people she was "the little person in the men's boat."

When asked if she ever felt like an outsider there was a quick, "No, not at all," when she's with the women's team. While with the men there was a lot of separation between the coxswain and the oarsmen.

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Baseball attempts to earn at-large bid against UCLA Beavers need wins to reach postseason play

By DEREK TURNER

of The Daily Barometer

The Beaver baseball team is hoping to rebound from their disappointing series loss to Washington last weekend that

ruined their hopes of winning the Pac-10 North.

Oregon State (32-14-1 overall, 15-9 Pac-10 Northern Division) will wrap up their regular season this weekend at Coleman Field by hosting the

UCLA Bruins (23-30, 11-19 Pac-10 Southern Division) this afternoon at 3 p.m., and both Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

These games now take on even more meaning for OSU as they try to earn an at-large berth into the 48-team NCAA Tournament field.

"Based on who we've played and how well our competition has performed, I think we have a fair chance," said head coach Pat Casey. "I think, though, that we have to sweep the series this weekend to show we belong in the tourney."

"When you look at our schedule, we've played WSU, who played well all year, we played Washington eight times, Arizona, and USC. But in the selection process there are a lot of things out of your control. You just have to perform to your potential and wait and see," Casey said.

Rebounding emotionally from last weekend's series at Washington may be the toughest chore for OSU, though.

"Out of all the teams in the Pac-10 North, we had the best opportunity to win the division, and that's the most disappointing thing," Casey said.

On Sunday, the Beavers will honor eight seniors playing their final home games: pitchers Jason Bronson, Andrew Checketts, Val

Mencas, and Brody Percell; catcher Ben Bertrand; first baseman/pitcher Matt Bailie; third baseman Ryan Lipe; and outfielder Jason Stranberg.

"The seniors on this team have displayed leadership, broke records and many contributed for four years," Casey said.

BASEBALL

OSU 32-14-1, 15-9

FRIDAY: vs. UCLA at 3 p.m.

SATURDAY: vs. UCLA at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY: vs. UCLA at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Coleman Field

This will be the Bruins first visit to Coleman Field since 1970. OSU's earlier home series against a Southern Division opponent drew large crowds to Coleman Field when Arizona visited March 28-29.

UCLA enters the series riding a four-game winning streak. Last week the Bruins won at Long Beach State 4-2, and then returned home to sweep Portland State in three games.

Checketts will open the game Friday, and Brody Percell will take the mound on Saturday. Sunday's starter is yet to be determined.

Saturday's game is baseball homecoming and all former

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JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Andrew Checketts will play his final games at Coleman Field this weekend, and the Beavers will go after an at large bid into the NCAA tournament.

OSU looking for first tournament berth in history

By SCOTT JOHNSON

of The Daily Barometer

It's now or never for the Oregon State softball team.

Oregon State needs at least one victory this weekend to even be considered for an at-large bid to the NCAA Softball Championship. They'll have to do it on the road, where OSU is 2-8 against conference opponents.

No. 24 California will host a doubleheader with the Beavers today starting at 1 p.m., and then Oregon State will travel to Palo Alto Saturday to play two games with the No. 9 Cardinal, also starting at 1 p.m.

"We're fighting for something right now, so there's that little pressure on the team," said Beaver assistant coach Gina Vecchione. "They put that added pressure on themselves, and they don't need it because there's pressure already."

There are 16 at-large invitations available nationwide. The other 16 spots are filled by conference champions.

Arizona has clinched first place in the Pac-10.

A spot in the tournament field would be the first for a Beaver softball team.

"Who knows? It's all in the committee's hands. You never know what the committee is going to do. We just have to play hard and put together back-to-back strong, solid performances."

Wins over Stanford (35-16 overall, 13-11 Pac-10), currently in third place in the conference, and California (30-25, 8-14), tied with OSU at eight Pac-10 wins, could boost Oregon State's chances that the NCAA Division I Softball Committee will choose the Beavers.

But the Beavers (27-24, 8-16) first have to win at least one game to clinch a record of .500 or better. Without a positive winning percentage, the committee will not even look at the Beavers, despite playing in one of the nation's most-powerful conferences.

"We've had a good season," Vecchione said. "We've played a lot of Top 25 teams, and we've beaten a lot of good teams. We're all just

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