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## Professor discusses California's "Debt to Nature"

By ANDREA LANE  
of The Daily Barometer

Hailing from the San Francisco Bay area, Dr. Richard Walker has a personal interest in California. The Geology department invited him to give a lecture titled "California's Debt to Nature" on Tuesday afternoon.

The son of a Stanford University professor, Walker recognized the economic dependency California had, and still has, on its natural resources, especially before World War II. Returning to the Bay Area after obtaining his PhD from Johns Hopkins University, Walker channeled his love for geography into teaching at the University of California at Berkeley. At Berkeley, Walker studies what he calls the "peculiar success of California."

"California's debt to nature ... is the dependency of California's development historically on natural resources," Walker said. "The problem we have with any discussion about how the modern market economy extracts resources and develops resources ... [is] linking together what we know to be true about general qualities of capitalism and the market economy and the specifics of territory."

California's success as one of the leading economic areas in the nation is commonly attributed to the success of industry, mainly the computer and defense industry.

Walker explains that while the current California economy depends largely on the success of the computer industry, all of California's economic growth has risen from the natural resources taken by means of "plunder and extraction." Without its resources, California's economy would not have reached the success it has today.

In Walker's opinion the beginning of California's economic power began when mining and harvesting started in California. One of the largest events in this trend was the San Francisco gold rush, but Southern California oil mining, Northern California timber, and the other various minerals mined such as silver and quick silver had their influences as well. After these humble beginnings, one of the most successful regions in the nation was born.

As the miners and the others who made money from the various mining projects that took place in California began to recycle the money back into California's development, the state expanded. Large hotels began to appear in San Francisco, and farming of the Bay Area began. In addition to farming, large-scale fishing and poultry farms as well as other agricultural projects began to appear, and with a surplus food product canning became a large industry. The machinists that had developed tools for the miners now were developing machines for agriculture and canning industries. Engineers were required to develop irrigation systems. As a result of the

need for educated individuals increased, area colleges adapted to a higher standard of education, and therefore improved. When the federal government needed airplanes and military equipment, the machinists supplying the canneries and the engineers building irrigation canals began to focus on military development. This military influx spawned aerospace and military technology development. Such development gave rise to the computer industry that most associate with California today.

While most of California's revenue doesn't come from the natural resources found there, the main industries dominating the state's economy find roots in the state's resources. Even the evolution of the "environmentalist" can be found in California's industrial roots.

"Silicon Valley is much more innovative, much more flexible" Walker said, than many other places because of its constant state of change. In the last 30 years "Silicon Valley" — or the southern end of the San Francisco Bay Area — has gone from an economy reliant on fruit production and a Ford Automobile plant to beginning dependent military technology production. Private sector computer production developed, along with other technological advances. While now the computer industry is undergoing yet another period of transition, from hardware production to software design, Walker believes that the economy of California is too strong to fall.

## Pacific Northwest University presidents urge greater access

OSU News and Information Services

Public higher education must change to expand opportunities for student access, say three Pacific Northwest university presidents who have signed an open letter issued today to chief executives of the nation's state and land-grant universities.

The letter was issued by 27 current or former public university presidents who comprise the Kellogg Commission on the Future of State and Land-Grant Universities. Signers include Paul Risser, president of Oregon State University.

Their letter, titled "Returning to our Roots: Student Access," calls on public higher education to re-examine or change admissions requirements, clarify course credit transfers and articulation policies, encourage diversity, and build new partnerships with public schools. It also says schools should focus on what students need to be successful in college, contain costs, increase financial aid, and expand educational opportunities with technology.

Smith, who chaired the committee which drafted the commission's recommendations, calls the report "a telling study of the national importance of providing higher education access for everyone. We cannot become a country of 'haves' and 'have nots,' those with education and those without. The commitment of every higher education institution, public and private, to make its offerings available to more and more people is something that must be done."

He noted WSU's efforts are described in a case study in the report called "Washington State University: A Classroom as Wide as Washington." WSU offers access through its campuses in Pullman, Vancouver, the Tri-Cities, and Spokane; through Learning Centers at county Cooperative Extension offices; and through its technology-based Extended Degree Program available to students statewide.

Included in the report is a study from Portland State which shows how PSU has worked to become more involved in its community.

"Providing greater access to public higher education may be the most important moral and social issue of our generation," Risser said. "The melting pot that is America now faces unprecedented need for an educated citizenry and workforce. We must open the doors of public higher education wider so that we can open the potential of the minds which will lead America at the start of a new century."

"The OSU Statewide initiative is based on many of the recommendations we have shared. Using new technologies and teaching methods, it represents a concerted effort to make higher education more available and affordable to a greater range of people in Oregon."

Data supporting the commission's major recommendations also is being released in a companion paper. Excerpts from that report show that the portion of high school graduates going directly to college increased from 47 to 62 percent in the last two decades.

## Some enchanted evening



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Aaron Barnes could be heard last night from the top of Benton Hall practicing his saxophone and agreed to pose for a picture. Barnes is a member of symphonic band, jazz band, sound machine, jazz choir and orchestra as well as being part of a quartet.

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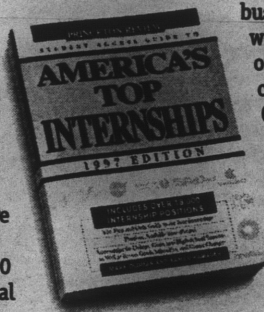
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## NATIONAL NEWS

# Nike to improve working conditions in Asia

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seeking to lift the "cloud that has been over Nike's head," chairman Phil Knight said Tuesday that the shoe giant is raising the minimum age for workers and making other improvements in working conditions in Asian factories.

Human rights groups want the company to do even more, including raising minimum wages.

Knight said he had been described as a "corporate crook, the perfect corporate villain for these times," that his company had been accused of lowering human rights standards to make a profit and that its products have "become synonymous with slave wages, forced overtime and arbitrary abuse."

He expressed surprise that Nike had been the focus of such criticism. "We're certainly not the biggest involved in this. And we're by no means the worst," he said.

"We are committed to improving the working conditions of the 500,000 people who make our products," Knight said in a speech at the National Press Club.

Knight said the company would improve air quality at plants, allow more independent monitoring and provide free education classes.

Critics of Nike welcomed the monitoring and education proposals as major steps forward but urged the sportswear manufacturer to pay its workers in China, Vietnam and Indonesia more than the minimum wage.

"Our main objection is that Knight did not address the wage

issue," said Madea Benjamin, human rights director of Global Exchange, a coalition of human rights, labor and women's groups that monitor Nike.

She said Nike and other U.S. companies pay workers in China and Vietnam approximately \$1.60 a day and workers in Indonesia below \$1 when these employees need \$3 per day to maintain adequate living standards.

Jeffrey Winters, a Northwestern University economy professor, said Nike could easily afford to increase wages in Indonesia because the country's currency, the rupiah, has lost 70 percent of its value against the dollar in the Asian financial crisis.

"This means their labor costs are two to three times lower than they were a year ago," before the crisis started, said Winters, who has lived and worked in Indonesia.

In his speech, Knight described the company's plans as "a significant step. In the last couple of years we've really been under the spotlight and this is what we've put together."

The current minimum age for workers in Indonesia — where Nike produces only shoes — is 14, but Nike says it already hires no one under 16. Knight said his company will boost the minimum age to 18 for footwear workers throughout Asia, but it will not fire those already working who are younger.

Nike has been widely criticized for conditions at Asian factories that operate under contract to produce its shoes, apparel and other products. Critics say workers are poorly paid, work under brutal conditions and are prohibited from forming unions.

## Two former Texaco executives acquitted of obstruction

Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Two former Texaco executives were acquitted Tuesday of trying to hide or destroy secretly recorded tapes that were being sought by black employees suing the company for race discrimination.

Richard Lundwall, 56, of Danbury, Conn., and Robert Ulrich, 64, of White Plains, were found innocent of obstruction of justice, which carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

Lundwall and Ulrich clapped their lawyers on the back, and their relatives

hugged as the verdict was read. The jury had deliberated 21 hours over four days.

Lundwall made the tapes at executive meetings in 1994 and 1995, then created a scandal when he released them publicly in November 1996. They showed company officers making disparaging remarks about blacks, and the first transcript erroneously included a racial epithet.

In an excerpt the jury never heard — the judge said it was too prejudicial — Ulrich said, "I'm still struggling with Hanukkah, and now we have Kwanzaa. I mean, I lost Christmas, poor St. Nicholas, they (expletive) all over his beard."

Civil rights leaders called for a boycott, some customers cut up their Texaco credit cards, some investors sold off their stock and Jay Leno made jokes at Texaco's expense.

The company quickly settled the race case for a record \$176 million, including the cost of programs to make Texaco more receptive to minorities. Texaco fired one executive — assistant treasurer David Keough — suspend-

ed another and cut off Lundwall's and Ulrich's retirement benefits.

Federal prosecutors decided, however, that the behavior captured on Lundwall's tapes was a criminal act. Lundwall and Ulrich were indicted and Keough was named an unindicted co-conspirator.

At the trial, which began April 22, prosecutors played extensive excerpts of the tapes, including several passages that seemed to bear out allegations that Lundwall and Ulrich discussed how to hide documents that might help the black plaintiffs.

"We're going to purge the — out of these books," Ulrich says. "Shred 'em and get rid of 'em," he says at another point.

Lundwall says, "Let me shred this thing and any other restricted versions like it."

At one point, the sound of paper being torn can be heard on the tape.

In closing arguments, prosecutor Stanley Okula said, "The defendants' own words are the very best proof of what they intended ... what they meant when they sat around

the offices of Texaco and discussed shredding and getting rid of documents."

Defense attorneys tried to show that Lundwall and Ulrich, who are not lawyers, had no intention of obstructing justice, but were not given the legal help they needed to understand what was required of them.

Lundwall's lawyer, Ethan Levin-Epstein, also suggested that the fact that Lundwall went public with the tapes provided "built-in reasonable doubt."

"What criminal records the evidence of his guilt?" he asked the jury.

Lundwall did not testify.

Ulrich testified that he had delegated responsibility for collecting documents for the lawsuit. His own taped comments about destroying documents, he said, were actually his plans for a new company policy.

His lawyer, Jonathan Rosner, said that the more than 500 interruptions on the tapes made them "utterly untrustworthy."

"A man should not forfeit his freedom on such flimsy evidence," Rosner said.

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NEWS

# Program forces juvenile offenders to face victims

Associated Press

DALLAS — When Hannah Flug went joyriding with friends to California in a stolen Thunderbird, she figured she might land in detention if caught.

The 14-year-old not only got detention, but a judge ordered her to do something she dreaded even more: apologize to the owners of the car.

She cried.

"I would do community service, detention, anything," said Hannah, now 16. "I just didn't want to see these people. It would be so embarrassing."

The meeting taught Hannah that her weekend of fun had cost a family more than \$5,000 in damages and losses and had broken their sense of security.

But most of all, it forced Hannah to take responsibility for her crime.

"It really made me realize what I had done and what kind of people I was hanging out with," she said. "It made me understand what these people went through."

As court counselors try to keep teen-agers from repeating their crimes, they are turning to ideas such as the program in Polk County. It was one of the first in Oregon to bring teen-agers and their victims together. Half the state's counties now have similar programs.

"For a lot of crime victims, having a face-to-face meeting with the kids is helpful," says Gail Lambert, an advocate for victims of juvenile offenders in Multnomah County.

"They find out the kids aren't little evil beings, that they did something stupid, and maybe they're sorry, and maybe they

feel stupid."

Juvenile intake officers review cases and recommend teen-agers for the program, which can cost about \$220 — less than the minimum \$1,500 expense of winding a case through court, according to Sandie Pattison, the program's director.

Last year, 149 teen-agers completed the program in Polk County.

The teen-agers who are accepted first meet with a program mediator and then, if the victim agrees, they meet. If the victim doesn't want to meet, the teen must write a letter of apology.

Teens also must pay for their damages and perform community service.

Polk County doesn't track the teen-agers once they've completed the program, though an informal study found that 94 percent didn't commit another crime in the next three years.

Hannah's mother believes the program will keep her daughter from committing another crime.

"Meeting with her victims taught her much more than anything that I could tell her," said Prindi Flug.

About six weeks after being convicted, Flug reluctantly met with Wayne and Jeanne Deane.

"I wanted her to know that when she was having a fun ride in a neat car, we had an expensive nightmare," Wayne Deane said. "We had something taken from us that we worked hard to get."

Hannah listened and cried. Then it was her turn.

"I just told them how sorry I was, how bad I felt and how embarrassed I was," she said.

At the end, Wayne Deane hugged the petite girl and wished her well.

# Governor criticized for turning down federal help

Associated Press

EUGENE — Some people who usually are strong supporters of Gov. John Kitzhaber are upset with his refusal to seek federal help for low-income Oregonians threatened with the loss of food stamps.

Under the 1996 Welfare Reform Act, people who can work had until April 1 to find a job or face a cutoff of food stamps.

But for regions of high unemployment, the federal government offered to waive the restrictions and pay for food stamps.

Of Oregon's 36 counties, 23 would qualify for the waiver. But Kitzhaber decided not to ask for the exemption.

The governor's decision baffled and angered many of his supporters, including two Democratic members of Oregon's congressional delegation, food bank workers and advocates for low-income residents.

"He's a doctor, and hunger is a very health-related problem," said Liesl Wendt, policy advocate for Oregon Food Bank, a statewide network that oversees distribution of emergency food boxes. "It's surprising not to have the governor step up to the plate."

Kitzhaber has been home with the flu for the past several days and could not be reached for comment on Monday.

Mark Gibson, Kitzhaber's adviser on such matters, said the governor felt the waiver wasn't necessary.

"We are confident that we can get food stamps to folks who really need them under the flexibility we have currently," Gibson said. "To my knowledge, no one who needs food stamps has been denied them."

Of 41 states that asked for and used the food stamp help last year, only three have not applied again this year: Oregon, North Carolina and California. California reportedly might apply soon.

An official with the state agency that oversees food stamp pro-

grams said the waiver refusal was aimed at encouraging more people to stop relying on government assistance.

"Oregon has been pretty far ahead of the curve in helping people from welfare to work," said Jim Neely, deputy administrator of the state Adult and Family Services Division. "It seemed a much better policy choice to say, if you can work, you should work."

The federal money would have come with no strings attached and requires nothing more than a letter from the governor asking for the help.

"I can't ask for him," said U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., whose district includes several counties that would qualify for the waivers.

DeFazio and fellow Oregon Rep. Darlene Hooley, also a Democrat, sent Kitzhaber a letter in March urging him to reconsider. The letter noted that about 2,000 Oregonians were protected by the federal waiver program last year.

## CAMPUS BRIEF

### Professor emeritus earns honor

CORVALLIS — A retired Oregon State University educator will receive an honorary doctorate from Lund University in Sweden.

Arthur Stonehill, professor emeritus of business administration, will be honored with a doctorate in economics during graduation ceremonies at Lund University on May 29, said Lars-Goran Stenelo, a Lund professor of political science.

Stonehill, who retired from OSU in 1990, is an analyst of Nordic equity markets. He received an International Finance and Management Association award for best business book in 1997, in recognition of "Internationalizing the Cost of Capital." The work, written in collaboration with three other analysts, is considered a benchmark research book on Nordic equity issues abroad.

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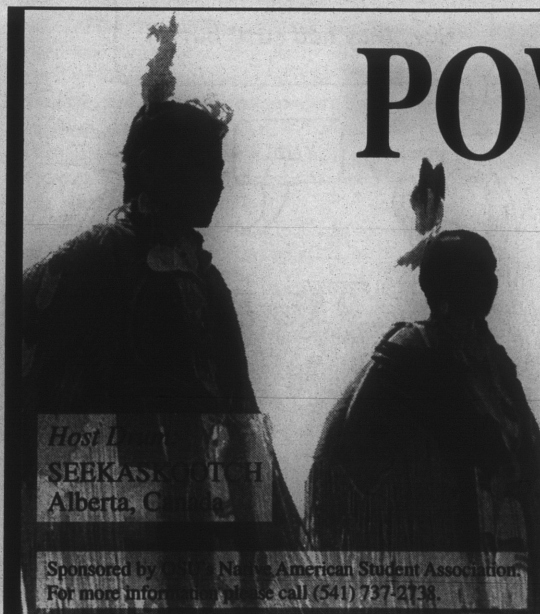
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A PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

## A single mother: The true face of courage

**In order to create a better society, we need to take care of each other**

Last week, I saw the true face of courage. It wasn't on a battlefield, in a fire or during any well-publicized, extraordinary event or crisis. It was the face of a resolute, alone, incredibly poised young mother. It has been a long time since something — anything — has touched me as much as she did, and she doesn't even know what she has done for me.

My wife Karen and I were waiting for Karen's routine medical examination when we first noticed this extraordinary person leaving the clinic. She had two over-the-shoulder bags and an infant carrier with a very recent addition to our population neatly tucked within its blankets.



PAUL EVANS

There was a strength about her that defied her relative youth. And after a quick, recognizably non-productive phone call, she gathered up her courage, her baggage, her child and left the clinic before we could get to the door to open it for her. After she left, Karen and I stared at each other a moment and pondered what we had just seen.

This non-event, the routine act of taking an infant to the doctor without anyone's help, is a regular function in the lives of millions of women nationwide, as is everything else. Each and every day teen-age moms make their way amidst the hustle and bustle of American existence, often doing alone those things that should never have to be done alone. This situation struck us hard, because life isn't supposed to be that way. No one — man or woman — should be alone when they are in need.

People are supposed to help each other out; we are in this thing called humanity together, and that means we have to help one another. Community is supposed to mean something more than a point on a map. Let's face it; raising a child can be traumatic enough, but doing it alone is nothing less than heroic.

Looking back upon the scene now, I must admit that there could be much less to this story than appears. But I don't think so. There was an aura of determination and quiet acceptance that permeated the moment. The depth of sadness in her eyes suggested that the short chapter we had witnessed was, in truth, a mirror into a larger reality. Whether she was alone or not, she felt that way — and that matters.

This incredible experience struck me not because of any moral, political, economic or social judgement, but as a melting away of all the fog that surrounds this issue. The moment boiled down to one particular teen mother doing her best, in spite of being alone. She was a member of our community doing her best with the cards she had been dealt.

Statistics tell us that she is not, and will not be, the only "on-their-own-mom" out there. In fact, there are millions of women that face similar realities each day. As people — members of the human experience — we should pause and see the future for its present. We have an obligation to do what we can, each according to our conscience, to help make everyone's load just a little bit lighter.

Over the past decade, the rancor of political rhetoric has clouded the underlying truths. We have allowed ourselves to become disconnected from each other and have learned to put

ourselves not only first, but also last. This has to stop. We simply must see our community for what it is — a collection of neighbors — and then strive to find ways to improve our part of the world.

All too often we tell ourselves that we will help when directly asked. Sometimes we even explain away our apparent apathy by telling others how much we paid in taxes, talking about individual responsibility or simply making a joke to change the subject.

When we allow our society to abandon our children, we allow our society to abandon its future. When we go through the motions of life without questioning what "should be," we relegate the present to the past. And when we stand by and watch as people stumble and fall, without doing all that is within our power to help them along the path, we abandon the very best part of ourselves.

I am not a preacher, nor a poet. I am not wealthy, and I am not powerful. However, I am one of many. When that group of "many" decides to pull together, then we can perform improbable feats. And the time has come to put aside our nonsensical differences and work together. The time has come for "community" to mean something again.

It takes effort to be responsible. It takes honor to do what is right, especially when it isn't easy. And it takes courage to persevere when there isn't the help there ought to be. The woman I never met, and most likely will never get to meet, matters. All those people out there doing their level best, despite their individual circumstances, matter. They matter because we are all one.

Think about the people around you. Some you may know, others not. Someone needs your help, and that someone may not know how to ask. Take the first step and ask them before the moment is passed. Together we can change the world, one helping hand at a time. The decision is yours.

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

## LETTERS

### Weightlifting danger

To the Editor:

Warning, men of OSU! The article "One Rep Shy of Perfection" promotes a standard for men that can be damaging to your self-esteem and your health!

I am a counselor at University Counseling and Psychological Services and see many people who struggle with eating disorders and body image loathing. For the past 20 years, most of the emphasis has been on women and the negative and damaging messages women get from society at large, which is "you must be thin to be attractive." This persuasive message has damaged the self-esteem of countless women, who go to alarming and painful lengths to achieve an unattainable body type that is glamorized by the media.

In recent years, men are being targeted by advertisers that they too should spend millions of dollars on products and activities that will give them a certain body type. For men, the "perfect" image is a flat stomach and large muscles. Just like women, this body type is unattainable, or attainable only at great cost to many men. As a result, the incidence of men with eating disorders is on the rise.

Men, do not buy into the idea that your value as a human being lies in how big your muscles are. If you believe this, you are risking being vulnerable to low self-esteem, eating disorders, and having your life ruled by weight lifting, diets and exercise. Women, continue to fight against the stereotype that you must be thin to have value. If we as a society work toward valuing each other and ourselves for our contributions and personality, we will all be healthier and happier.

Mariette Brouwers,  
Counselor, OSU Counseling and Psychological Services

### Superintendent debate

To the Editor:

The state-wide May election is around the corner. This means it's time to start narrowing down all the choices of who we want to vote for. One of the items you will be voting for is the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. There are 16 candidates running for this position and picking one is not an easy task. So to make things easy for you, the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU) will have a forum tonight in Memorial Union Room 206 at 7 p.m.

This forum will feature many of the candidates running for this position. The superintendent is responsible for statewide leadership in 220 school districts, recommending policy to the state board of education and giving guidance to the state board as to where funds should go. We urge you to come and learn about the future of Oregon's education. Bring your questions and concerns along with you as well. We need to show these candidates that we care about our education, so please come and show how an informed student can be a very powerful asset for the schools, as well as the state. If you are a registered voter, your vote does count and WILL make a difference.

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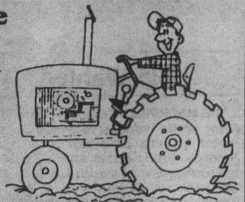
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'Ellen' bids a sad farewell with a funny finale

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yep, it's over.

Or about to be. After tonight's one-hour finale on ABC at 9 p.m. EDT, "Ellen" fades from sight. Ellen Morgan makes her exit, as does the woman who plays her, Ellen DeGeneres, still seething over wrongs real and imagined.

Ellen, don't go away hurt. Never worry for a moment that the family values kingpins ever gained the upper hand. ABC didn't treat your series any worse than any other that isn't pulling its weight. So please don't succumb to victim mode. Just go away. You had your shot.

It seems so long ago when "Ellen" began, with a different title ("These Friends of Mine"), a different supporting cast, a different concept and a different agenda: to make viewers laugh without changing their world — neither of which it managed to do.

While eventually it became a sitcom bold enough to be gay, even then "Ellen" didn't often get around to being funny. That's a big enough shortcoming. But worse, the series never reached a necessary state of equilibrium.

After five seasons of trial-and-error, "Ellen" never found itself, except in hot water. It became less about what was happening on the screen than what was erupting behind the scenes. Viewers come to sitcoms seeking comfort, not a crusade. Familiarity breeds contentment. At some point, "Ellen" needed to let up and let its audience catch up. But "Ellen" — which is to say Ellen DeGeneres — was unable or unwilling.

It was a year ago that a frenzy of hype attended DeGeneres' coming out as a lesbian. "Yep, I'm Gay," she declared from the cover of *Time*, though on the news magazine "20/20," she pledged moderation for the first sitcom with a gay leading character. The sexual orientation of the Ellens Morgan and DeGeneres, said the actress, "doesn't mean I have to be some sort of poster child for anybody."

Then, last week, "PrimeTime Live" appraised this season's 21 episodes of "Ellen" and concluded that no fewer than 13 had primarily gay themes.

Once again interviewing the star, Diane Sawyer asked, "You made a decision that you'd rather be a pioneer than renewed?"

"Yes," said DeGeneres, who as TV's self-appointed Gay and Lesbian poster child managed to squander her ratings surge and much of the goodwill she scored by coming out in the first place.

That's a shame, because the very funny "Puppy Episode" got its point across without proselytizing — a truly Very Special episode that closed last season with high hopes for the series' future.

Even more successful as a plain-out funny hour, tonight's finale ends the series on a poignant note as another example of what "Ellen" might have been, and sadly wasn't. Titled "Ellen: A Hollywood Tribute," the hour is often zany and never less than charming, while addressing gay issues with a sure but delicate touch.

A mock retrospective of Ellen DeGeneres' career and a spoof of comedy history, the tribute recalls Ellen's years on the vaudeville circuit with Knuckles the Puppet. It unearths a rare clip of Ellen as host of a 1950s game show, "Who's the Commie?"

And then in the early 1960s, word got around that ABC was developing a new sitcom to be called "Ellen."

"It struck me that Ellen would be right for this," remembers DeGeneres' future co-star, Joely Fisher.

But first, the network had to consider, and reject, a number of better-known leading ladies. See decades-old screen tests of Cindy Crawford, Helen Hunt and Julianna Margulies — who, a bit confused, thought she was auditioning for the title role of "Mr. Ed."

Linda Ellerbee serves as host of the program, which features dozens of celebrity cameos, including the Rev. Donald Wildmon of the American Family Association. Just kidding.

And what about the newly discovered theme song, silly and dead-serious all at the same time: "Who's happy and healthy and gay? It's Ell-llenn!"

If there were any doubts before, the finale makes it clear: with a little more resourcefulness, DeGeneres could have put across her live-and-let-live message every week, while holding on to a large, contented audience.

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SPORTS

# Young Cubs star gets early jump on records

■ *Woods threw 20 strikeouts and allowed only one hit, and he's just a rookie*

Associated Press

PHOENIX — As the strikeout records mount, Kerry Wood's ego lags far behind.

The Chicago Cubs rookie took the mound for his first start after matching one of the most coveted of baseball records — Roger Clemens' 20 strikeouts in a nine-inning game — unaware of what he needed to set a precedent of his own.

In fact, the 20-year-old right-hander didn't even realize there was a record for most whiffs in consecutive games. But he set it by one — surpassing Nolan Ryan, Randy Johnson, Dwight Gooden and Luis Tiant — by fanning 13 Arizona Diamondbacks in a 4-2 Chicago victory Monday night.

Informed of his accomplishment, Wood didn't want to hear any more about it.

"Don't jinx me," Wood said when asked if he knew the record for most strikeouts in three straight games.

For the record, it's 47, by Ryan, and Wood will take another shot at the record book when he pitches Sunday against the Reds in Cincinnati.

His connection with Ryan is undeniable. Both are Texans — as is Clemens — and Wood's uniform number is 34, the one Ryan wore while establishing records for the most career strikeouts and no-hitters.

The 6-foot-5, 225-pound Wood saw the last of Ryan's seven no-hitters — in his hometown of Arlington, Texas — when Ryan beat Toronto in May 1991.

Wood's sudden stardom has not brought a dramatic personal change.

After he struck out 20 Astros in a 2-0 victory last week, Wood turned down offers to appear on national television as the guest of David Letterman and Jay Leno. And it was no different after his performance Monday night at Bank One Ballpark.

"I've had a few starts," Wood said. "I don't think it's commercial time, yet."

"I'm not one who goes looking for the spotlight. I'm not playing this game for all that stuff. I'm a guy who relaxes, watches TV, makes some phone calls. That's how I get away from the game. I shut it down."

Wood's major league career covers six starts, a 4-2 record and 35 1-3 innings, one record and one shared.

But he has made many believers in less than two months as a major leaguer.

"The guy has got talent that you don't see except maybe once every decade," Mark Grace said. "If he stays healthy, he's going to do things only a handful of guys have ever done."

He even did some of them at the plate. Wood singled twice and drove in two runs while allowing five hits, walking one and allowing one run — a solo homer by Arizona's Kelly Stinnett.

Wood won the head-to-head duel between prize rookies by holding Diamondbacks first baseman Travis Lee hitless and fanning him twice. Lee was leading NL rookies in homers and total bases.

"He is blessed with a great arm, and he is going to have a great future," Lee said.

Wood fanned Devon White, David Dellucci, Jay Bell and Lee — the top of Arizona's order — twice each.



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## Wrestling: Freed named Academic All-American, two recruits signed

The Daily Barometer

After placing ninth in the nation and second in the Pac-10 for the 1998-97 season, the Oregon State wrestling program gained three more reasons to brag.

Senior Sanders Freed, a two-time NCAA qualifier at 177 pounds, has been named second team Academic All-American by the National Wrestling Coaches Association, and the Beavers have signed two Class 4A state high school champions from Newberg High School.

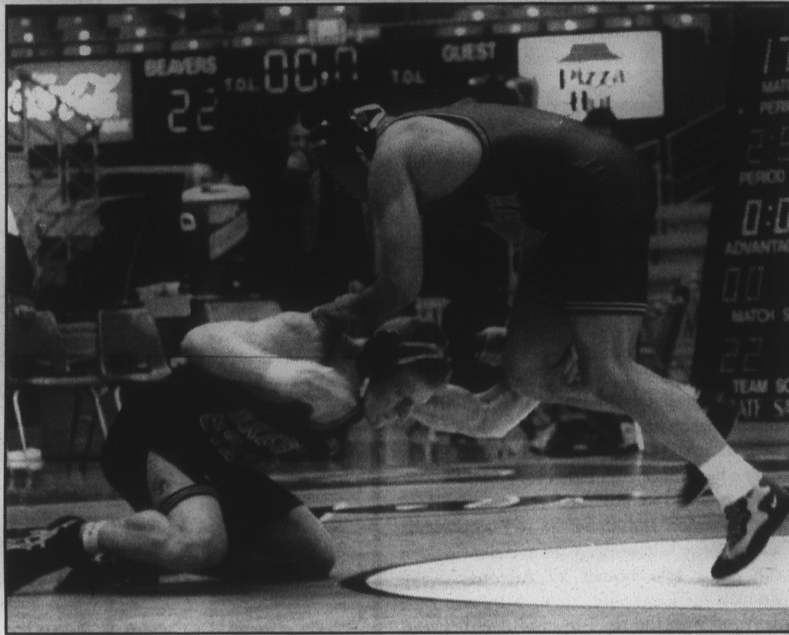
Freed, from Monmouth, Ore., has a 3.65 grade point average with a major in Environmental Science and finished his final season with the Beavers.

Isaac Weber and Andy Bowlby, are OSU's two newest recruits after signing national letters of intent to wrestle for OSU, Joe Wells announced Tuesday.

Weber, at 189 pounds, won the state title, as did Bowlby in the heavyweight class. Both Weber and Bowlby have earned high school All-American honors and ranked highly on national recruiting lists, Wells said.

"They're both good students and great additions to this recruiting class," Wells said. "They're two very solid kids from Newberg ... Isaac is strong, solid, basic and pretty aggressive. Andy is a very active heavyweight who can score from all three positions."

Newberg high school has been known for a



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Sanders Freed was named second team Academic All-American as a Beaver wrestler.

tradition-rich wrestling program and the two are the first from the high school to join the Beavers in several years.

OSU's spring recruiting class is now up to five wrestlers, joining Jake Huffman, a

174/184-pounder from Scio High in Scio; Casey Horn, a 125/133-pounder from North Salem High in Salem; and Jason Lovell, a 174/184-pounder from Cascade High in Turner.

## OSU baseball team deserves at-large bid in tournament

With the NCAA selection committee meeting next Monday to decide the field for this year's tournament, the Beavers are patiently waiting to receive an at-large bid and return to the tournament for the first time since 1986.

Taking a look at their season, one would think they've done what it takes to make the dance, but with a selection committee that has never given respect to the Pac-10 North, anything can happen.

After leaving Coleman field Sunday, one thing was certain; they could play with anybody in the Pac-10 South. They went 7-2 against the Southern division this year, playing USC, Arizona and UCLA. Those teams will finish second, fourth and fifth in the six-team league.

"The committee has used the Pac-10 South as a measuring stick in the past, and by going 7-2 it shows we can play with anybody," head coach Pat Casey said.

With an overall record of 35-14-1, the Beavers' record stands for itself. "We've been in the top 30 most of the year, and our winning percentage is in the top 20," Casey said. "We've done all we can to enhance our tournament chances."

On Monday, the Beavers got a shot in the arm by climbing back into the top 30 in three major polls. OSU was No. 25 in the *Baseball America* magazine poll and No. 30 in the *Collegiate Baseball* magazine poll. The Beavers also received enough votes in the *USA Today* American Baseball Coaches Association top 25 poll to be ranked 28th. This recognition might be just what the Beavers need to catch the eye of some of the selection committee members.

During the season, the Beavers had a 20-3 record at Coleman Field and won six of the seven series they played outright. In the series against UCLA last weekend, OSU dominated the Bruins, outscoring them 38-20, outhitting them 45-31 and had only three errors to UCLA's nine.

Last year's team went 38-12 overall, but the reason they were overlooked was because of their weak schedule, and they supposedly didn't deserve to be included. This year's record, however, came against quality opposition, with Washington, USC and UCLA, who was a 1997 College World Series participant, getting bids.

The selection process will be May 18 and can be seen on ESPN at noon.

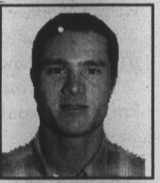
The eight regional sites were announced on Monday, with the six-team double-elimination tournaments being held May 21-24 at Stanford, Miami (Fla.), Florida State, Florida, LSU, Clemson, Wichita State and Texas A&M.

The regional winners will advance to the College World Series May 29-June 4 at Omaha, Nebraska.

The Beavers now are practicing as if they are going to get a bid, and by looking at their season and what they've accomplished, you can expect them to be playing at least two more games. Stanford is only a hop, skip and a jump away.

The opinions expressed in this sports commentary are those of Derek Turner, baseball writer for *The Daily Barometer*.

## COMMENTARY



DEREK TURNER

## Jazz clinch series over Spurs, 87-77

### Utah back in Western Conference finals

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz are back in the Western Conference finals because of some impressive defense.

The Jazz advanced to the conference finals for the fourth time in five seasons with an 87-77 victory over San Antonio on Tuesday night, winning the best-of-7 series in five games and eliminating the Spurs from the playoffs for the third time in that same span.

The Jazz will meet the winner of the Seattle SuperSonics-Lakers series, which Los Angeles led 3-1 and could have wrapped up Tuesday night. Should the Lakers win, the conference finals would start Saturday at the Delta Center.

Greg Foster keyed the defensive effort that held San Antonio's Triple Towers — David Robinson, Tim Duncan and Will Perdue — to just 35 points and 31 rebounds, their lowest totals of the series.

"Our defense stepped up, no question," Foster said. "This game wasn't like the others where we let them do what they wanted. We challenged them tonight."

Foster finished with four points, six rebounds and one blocked shot, but both teams said the undersized center was a big difference in the game.

"I have to praise the job Greg did on defense," said Karl Malone, who led the Jazz with 24 points and 13 rebounds. "He worked his tail off and made the difference for us."

"He fought the whole series. He made up his mind, and he did it."

"Foster worked hard and took us out of our games," said Robinson, who was 5-for-16 from the field. "Give him the credit he deserves."

The 6-foot-11 Foster has started at center for the Jazz all season, but his slim build and outside shooting touch make him more of a small forward. Against the Spurs, however, Foster forced the Spurs into tough shots and they scored just 20 points in the paint Tuesday.

"When we're already having trouble shooting from the perimeter,

their inside defense hurts us," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "It looks to me like the best team is going on, and we have some more work to do."

It appeared the Spurs had already taken their best shots at the Jazz during the first two games, which Utah won by a total of four points. Game 5 was the anticlimax to a tense, tight series.

"Since we didn't take advantage of the first two games, we just have to build from where we are compared to last year," Spurs guard Vinny Del Negro said.

Although the Jazz won four of the five games, they outscored the Spurs by only one point in the five games combined.

The Jazz, who lead the playoffs in opponents' field goal percentage and 3-point percentage, never trailed Tuesday and held the Spurs to 38.4 percent shooting and a dismal 1-for-11 on 3-pointers.

Utah, which holds home court advantage throughout the playoffs, outrebounded the Spurs 41-39. San Antonio remained winless in eight postseason games at the Delta

Center.

The Jazz, who are just 9-11 in elimination games over the last six seasons, were in control throughout. Utah has won its last five home playoff games and is 41-6 at home this season.

An 11-4 Utah run early in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

Two games after the Jazz tied the NBA record for fewest points in a playoff game, the Spurs flirted with the 64-point mark. Del Negro's 3-pointer with 2:34 to play pushed San Antonio past the magic number, but by then the game was out of reach.

Jeff Hornacek had 19 points and Bryon Russell added 15, including a 3-for-4 effort from 3-point range. The Jazz shot 39.4 percent, including 7-for-21 by Malone, but their defense carried them to the series win.

Robinson led San Antonio with 21 points and 13 rebounds, but 11 of the points came in the fourth quarter after Utah had a comfortable lead. Duncan added 14 points and 11 rebounds, while Del Negro had 17 points.

## Lakers take series, beat Sonics 110-95

### Shaquille O'Neal contributes 31 points, nine rebounds and eight blocked shots

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Los Angeles Lakers have the most momentum in the playoffs and it has carried them to their first Western Conference final since 1991.

The Lakers, getting 31 points, nine rebounds and eight blocked shots from Shaquille O'Neal, finished their rout of the Seattle SuperSonics with a 110-95 victory Tuesday night.

The Lakers, who won 22 of their last 25 regular-season games and beat Portland 3-1 in the opening round of the playoffs, lost the first

game of the best-of-7 series to the Sonics then won four straight.

The Lakers advanced to the conference finals against Utah, which beat San Antonio 87-77 Tuesday night to win the other semifinal in five games. The conference finals start Saturday in Salt Lake City.

It was a painful night for the Sonics, whose coach, George Karl, isn't expected to be back next season. Karl's contract expires on July 1 and he probably won't be offered a new one by Seattle despite his regular-season winning percentage of .719.

Eddie Jones and Rick Fox each had 17 points for the Lakers, while Nick Van Exel had 15. Los Angeles set a franchise playoff record with 13 3-pointers, five by Fox.

Vin Baker led Seattle with 28 points, while Gary Payton added 20.