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## Fifteen personnel employees laid off by athletic department

■ *Changes made in order to meet budget, help reduce debt*

By SCOTT JOHNSON

of The Daily Barometer

New Oregon State University director of athletics Mitch Barnhart announced Tuesday a reorganization of the department's workforce, reducing personnel operating expenses by 10 percent for the coming year.

A total of 15 employees — nine full-time equivalent unclassified professionals and six full-time classified personnel — are slated for layoff, effective June 30. An undetermined number of temporary positions may also be cut.

Barnhart and David Shaw, associate director for employee relations, were the decision makers in the process to help meet the athletic department's budget.

"Personally, it was a day that I didn't look for-

ward to," said Barnhart. "It was a tough day for everyone. For those people that have been laid off, it is an extremely difficult day and I am very sympathetic to them. I wish that this type of thing did not have to occur."

Barnhart said the reductions will not effect the existing number of intercollegiate programs, coaches, trainers or other personnel who provide direct support to student-athletes or teams. Barnhart said he never considered cutting any member of a coaching staff.

"I did not want to do anything that would impact our ability to compete in the Pac-10 and nationally," Barnhart said. "All those pieces to that puzzle are firmly in place."

OSU spends about \$6 million per year on its

athletic personnel budget, and about \$750,000 will be reduced with yesterday's adjustments. The reductions were targeted within administrative units of the athletic department.

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— MITCH BARNHART,  
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AT OSU

effectively, operate more efficiently and continue to support our student-athletes at a competitive level in the Pac-10 Conference."

The moves were made in order for the athletic department to meet its budget for personnel and

help to not increase the department's accumulating deficit. Barnhart said he would not have been able to manage the budget without making the cuts.

"I think that we have to manage our funds in a way that allows us to manage the budget, and we were not able to do that," Barnhart said. "It is imperative as we continue to reduce our overall debt that we continue to strive for a balanced annual budget. These adjustments will allow us to continue pursuit of that for 1998-99."

"I regret personnel will be affected. We are losing people who have given dedicated service to the department, but we need to do more with fewer positions."

Shaw said that the affected employees will have contractual layoff rights and will possibly be eligible for positions elsewhere with the university.

Barnhart said the staff was warned that changes were going to be made.

"We let them know about three weeks ago that we were looking at making some adjustments."

## Panelists re-hash priority registration in open forum

■ *Ground neither given nor taken from either side*

By KATIE PESZNECKER

of The Daily Barometer

It was the same old song.

Priority registration for Oregon State student-athletes was discussed again last night, this time in an open forum in

the Memorial Union Lounge.

Although the event allowed many people the chance to offer their opinions on the topic, there was very little said about athletes and priority registration that has not already been said since the issue surfaced over a month ago.

The forum, sponsored by ASOSU and the Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, featured discussion between six panelists, in addition to comments and questions

offered by audience members.

Head softball coach Kirk Walker, women's volleyball's Brandi Bonnarens and men's soccer's Svein Groem were the three proponents on the panel.

The opponents on the panel were ASOSU student advocate Scott Palmer, OSU student and parent Kelly Koski and OSU student Robert Shivers.

The audience grew as the discussion continued and was comprised primarily of student-athletes and coaches in support of priority registration for student-athletes.

ASOSU vice president Melanie Spraggins began the forum by introducing the panelists and emphasizing that the purpose of the event was "to hear issues from both sides for and against priority registration for athletes."

Then, the panelists each gave personal introductions and explained their stances on the issue.

Bonnarens was the first to speak and addressed the issue of the rigorous practice schedules imposed upon student-athletes.

"We have a chunk of time where we have to be available," she explained. "We have no choice ... You work around the coach. I wish it was different."

Bonnarens' difficulties as a student-athlete include having her class selection narrowed down after taking away-games



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Kelly Koski sits with her daughter during a discussion on priority registration for athletes yesterday evening. Koski is against priority registration, arguing that the demands of parenthood are just as time-consuming as athletes' schedules.

and attendance factors into consideration.

Opponent Shivers was the second panelist to address the audience, claiming staunchly, "Nothing good is ever gained by concentrating the rights of a group on a few selected individuals." Shivers cited groups such as band and ROTC as being just as time demanding.

"I don't understand why it's more important for athletes to train together to win a game than for ROTC to train together to defend our country," Shivers said.

Shivers also challenged proponents' claim that priority registration would help to boost athletes

GPA's, since the student-athlete GPA is already higher than the OSU average GPA.

Following Shivers, student-athlete Groem spoke about the pressures athletes feel from the media, and also pointed out that priority registration would help to recruit better athletes, thus

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## No concrete solutions found for DPD funding problem

By JOY ESTIMADA

of The Daily Barometer

Concerns were voiced but no solutions were found as Andy Hashimoto, associate provost for Academic Affairs, fielded questions and comments during a forum about the Difference, Power and Discrimination program.

The discussion, held yesterday at the Women's Center, was led by Women's Center program coordinator Faye Miller. The purpose of the forum was to outline a plan to meet students' demands for the DPD curriculum.

"I was driving into Corvallis the other day and saw a big billboard that said, 'OSU: open minds, open doors,' and I just want that statement to be true," Miller said.

DPD courses, which are currently a baccalaureate core requirement for OSU students, compare two or more groups that are systematically disadvantaged in the United States.

Since DPD's birth in 1992, the program had been funded with at least \$100,000 per year. But last April, DPD submitted a funding proposal to the Office of the Provost for \$56,396. The proposal was denied, and the second proposal — for \$16,552 — was given to the office on May 5 and subsequently turned down as well.

The proposed budget of \$16,552 was intended to fund an interim DPD directorial position, whose job would be to facilitate DPD faculty development seminars, set criteria for a full-time DPD director, head brown bag DPD faculty meetings once a term and focus on getting courses approved for the DPD section of the university baccalaureate core.

Most of the individuals present at the forum were supporters of the DPD program. Smriti Aryal, Women's Affairs Task Force director, prepared a list of the group's DPD "demands" for the Office of

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creating a more successful athletic program. Improved athletics, Groen said, would boost enrollment overall, with a similar effect on enrollment seen at the University of Oregon following their trip to the Rose Bowl.

The next opponent to face the crowd was student-parent Koski.

"There are so many groups on this campus that have time constraints," Koski said. "As a student-parent, I have to be

available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

For Koski, day care costs are enormous, since she can never seem to get all her classes fit into one half of the day; in addition, she claimed that in her four years at OSU, she has had to petition to join a class every term.

Koski, frustrated at the prospect of priority registration for student-athletes, told the crowd, "It just doesn't make sense."

The final proponent to speak was Walker, head softball coach for OSU and a former student-athlete at University of California at Los Angeles. Walker's thorough talk focused on the NCAA-enforced academic demands on student-athletes, that states, among other things, that student-athletes must maintain a minimum enrollment and have completed 75 percent of their degree by the end of their third year.

In addition, student-athletes aren't allowed to retake courses, and "it's very difficult to change

or alter your major after the first year or so," Walker said.

The final panelist at the podium was Palmer, whose eloquent speech did not diminish the value of athletics, but instead challenged the ethical implications of the issue. Palmer said the decision to give student-athletes priority registration makes other students feel less important.

"Not that this university intends to treat athletes better," Palmer said, "but that is the message that is being sent."

Palmer suggested that coaches give student-athletes time off of practice to schedule "so that [student-athletes] can fully do what they are here to do, which is to get an education."

Following the panelists' presentations, audience members — mostly student-athletes almost entirely in support of priority registration — gave testimonials and posed questions to the panel.

One former student-athlete told those present, "The requirements that athletes have to do

outside of the classroom are so demanding that they absolutely need priority registration."

Following an audience member's question, Walker reaffirmed that student-athletes make up only 2.2 percent of the student body, and said their priority registration status would probably have little effect on other students' registration.

In response, Koski said, "It's not the numbers that are important. It's the principle."

One student-athlete from the audience proposed that other groups — such as student-parents and ROTC — pursue obtaining priority registration for their respective organizations.

In one of the final comments of the evening, Palmer reiterated his opinion that priority registration for student-athletes sends a message to other students that the athletes are more important.

"I don't believe that is a message this university should send," Palmer said. "It's bad public policy."

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the Provost, which included funding comparable to the use of the same model as the Writing Intensive Curriculum, full support for a DPD director, full support for DPD faculty and seminars beginning in the fall of 1998 and a public commitment by the OSU administration to fund DPD on an ongoing basis.

"I'm really upset about this situation because of the condition of this university," said Rich Daniels, associate professor in the English department. "This university has real problems with attracting minorities, with the way women are being treated ... and when I saw that this program was just lopped without anyone being consulted, I thought it looked really bad. It sends out a terrible message about OSU's attitude toward diversity. It was a big mistake that should be righted. And discussing any solutions that don't involve funding is meaningless."

Hashimoto responded by stating, "It is a commitment of mine and the OSU administration to address this issue and retain the DPD program. We're here today to figure out the best way to do this in light of tight resources."

Hashimoto explained that funding was cut as a result of OSU's financial problems. "We've come across a \$6 million shortfall due to low enrollment in the last biennium. What we have to recognize is that the university is dealing with some major budget decisions."

"In past years, we've been able to sustain certain programs with budget carryovers, but we didn't have that this year, so something had to be done," Hashimoto continued. "I recently met with the DPD committee to figure out what we can do to maintain it in the interim, and we agreed to write up a proposal and submit it to the university. I assure you all that it was done in good faith, and not as a stalling effort because we know we don't have any funds."

Despite Hashimoto's reassuring words, Ralph Rodriguez, assistant professor of English in the English department, was skeptical of the administration's commitment. "I think that you and the administration ought to publish an open letter in *The Barometer* showing your moral support and commitment to the program," Rodriguez stated.

Rodriguez also had some criticism of the program's future proposals. "Whoever plans out what's going to happen to the program needs to conceptualize what can be accomplished in a five- to 10-week summer seminar," Rodriguez continued.

"A DPD course is just as serious as a physics course, and you can't just chat a few times over brown bag lunches and expect them to go out and effectively teach a course like this, especially since there are people out there who have been studying these kinds of things for years," Rodriguez said. "I wouldn't want to see it trivialized over a brown bag lunch."

Leslie Burns, director of undergraduate academic programs, assured Rodriguez that the brown bag lunches are meant as continuing support for faculty members who are already trained to teach the DPD courses and not for untrained faculty members.

The DPD forums will continue today and tomorrow, between 3 and 5 p.m. in the MU Lounge.

A petition in support of the DPD program is currently being circulated by concerned students, faculty and staff members in the MU Quad. Those who wish to sign the petition may stop by the Quad between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. today (Wednesday) and tomorrow (Thursday).

### CAMPUS BRIEFS

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Join in the discussion of some ways to turn challenges into opportunities this summer! Come to "Homeward bound: Living it up back home!" Facilitated by Dr. Joanne Dogson, this discussion will be held in the MU American Indian Room, 211, this Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

## Man accused of injecting son with HIV

Associated Press

ST. CHARLES, Mo. — The lawyer for the man accused of giving his son AIDS by injecting him with HIV-tainted blood tried to show at a hearing Tuesday that the boy could have gotten the disease any number of ways.

Brian Stewart, 31, of Columbia, Ill., was arrested in April, accused of injecting his son with HIV in 1992, when the boy was 11 months old. Now 7, the child has AIDS.

But at Tuesday's preliminary hearing to determine if there is probable cause for a trial, defense attorney Joseph Murphy contended that the child could have become infected through one of several procedures that he received while being treated for other medical problems.

Murphy also said that the boy could have gotten the disease from contact with a drug user's needle. The boy's mother, who asked to be identified only as Jennifer, testified that her sister was once an intravenous drug user.

Jennifer said she once found a needle in her home. Her sister

shared the home with the family.

Stewart sat passively during his ex-girlfriend's five hours of testimony. Police and prosecutors believe Stewart's motive was to avoid paying child support.

Jennifer testified that Stewart had access to HIV-tainted blood through his work at a hospital as a phlebotomist, a person who draws blood from patients. She said he had abused her several times and had threatened to use tainted blood as a weapon.

"He said he could inject anyone with anything, and they would never know how they received it or how to cure it," she said.

While the two lived together, Stewart stored vials of blood in their freezer but wouldn't explain why, Jennifer said.

Doctors ruled out all other causes for her son's disease, she said. She said her sister tested negative for HIV, as did everyone who had been in her house or had contact with her son.

## Supreme Court rules on police high-speed chases

**■ Court rules police usually cannot be sued for death or injuries in high-speed chases**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Police officers usually cannot be forced to pay damages under a federal civil rights law for killing or injuring someone during a high-speed chase, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The court ruled unanimously that the parents of a California teen-ager struck and killed by a deputy's car cannot sue the deputy under a federal civil rights law. The justices said police can be held liable only when their actions would "shock the conscience."

The court rejected a more lenient standard urged by the youth's parents, whose lawsuit accused the deputy of violating their son's constitutional rights by engaging in a dangerous pursuit at speeds approaching 100 mph.

"We hold that high-speed chases with no intent to harm suspects physically or to worsen their legal plight do not give rise to liability under the Fourteenth Amendment" and federal civil rights law, Justice David H. Souter wrote for the court.

"A police officer deciding whether to give chase must balance on one hand the need to stop a suspect and show that flight from the law is no way to freedom, and, on the other, the high-speed threat to everyone within stopping range," Souter said.

Today's ruling reversed a federal appeals court decision that let the parents of 16-year-old Philip Lewis sue Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy James E. Smith over their son's death

on May 22, 1990.

Lewis was a passenger on a motorcycle that failed to stop when another deputy tried to flag it down. When Smith saw the motorcyclists keep going, he followed in pursuit.

The chase went through several stop signs and forced two other cars and a bicyclist off the road. The pursuit ended when the motorcycle skidded to a halt.

Smith tried to stop his car but hit Lewis, knocking him nearly 70 feet down the road. The youth was pronounced dead at the scene.

The boy's parents, Teri and Thomas Lewis, sued Smith on a federal claim that he violated their son's civil rights.

A federal judge dismissed the lawsuit, saying Smith was entitled to qualified immunity because his conduct did not violate a clearly established constitutional right.

But the ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated the couple's lawsuit against the deputy. Lewis' parents could force Smith to pay damages if they proved he acted with "deliberate indifference ... or reckless disregard" for their son's safety, the court said.

In his appeal to the Supreme Court, the deputy argued that people who sue over police chases should have to meet a higher standard. Police should be held legally liable only if their actions "shock the conscience," his appeal said.

Four other federal appeals courts had adopted a similar standard for police chases. The deputy's appeal was supported by 23 states and a number of state and local government organizations.

## Feds look for clues in Illinois church bombing

Associated Press

DANVILLE, Ill. — A day after a bomb blew open a wall of their church and injured 33 people, worshippers declared their faith unshaken and hoped investigators will find a motive.

"First, I'm praying for the people who were seriously hurt. Then I'm praying the police catch whoever did this. He definitely meant to kill us," said Lori Van Note, who was reaching for her Bible when the blast rocked the First Assembly of God Church on Sunday morning.

Authorities on Monday confirmed the explosion was caused by a bomb, but said little else.

The explosion, which seriously injured two teen-agers and blew a hole in the wall, was the second church bombing in Vermilion County in less than six months.

Church volunteer Brian Plawer, 46, was killed Dec. 30 when he moved a box containing a bomb that was placed outside the Oakwood United Methodist Church about 10 miles west of Danville.

There have been no arrests in either case. Authorities were treating the bombings as separate incidents, said special agent Jerry Singer of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Today's *Chicago Tribune* quoted unidentified law enforcement sources as saying there was a suspect in the first bombing who has not been arrested and who did not appear to be connected to Sunday's explosion. The story did not indicate why the suspect had not been arrested or what the alleged motive was.

Singer would give few details about the Danville bomb. *The News-Gazette* in Champaign quoted sources as saying that it was a homemade pipe bomb.

The ATF laboratory in Rockville, Md., will examine the Danville explosives for any resemblance to the Oakwood bomb and others throughout the country, Singer said.

Sunday's bomb, placed outside the church between a wall and an air conditioning unit, exploded just as the Rev. Dennis Rogers was concluding an offering prayer. Most of the injured were teen-agers who had been sitting near the wall.

The church was less crowded than usual because of the holiday weekend. Many younger children had left the church about 10 minutes before the blast, which shattered windows across the street and rattled windows seven blocks away.

Two girls, ages 14 and 15, were upgraded from serious to good condition Monday night at a hospital in Urbana, where they were being treated for head cuts. Three victims were in fair condition in a Danville hospital. One was released Monday.

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# The Daily Barometer Forum

A PLACE FOR DISCUSSION

EDITORIALS • LETTERS • OPINIONS

## Administration's silence on DPD indicates duplicity

Silence is a communicative strategy which varies significantly from human group to human group and certainly does not always imply consent. Since silence seems to be becoming the trope of choice in the de-funding of the Difference, Power and Discrimination program, let us lay the shame of silence on the shoulders of the administration who never publicly mentioned the cutting of the DPD budget, let alone elicited comments from the university community before the decision was made. I found out about the cut through a personal e-mail. Never did I see a public statement from the administration justifying this cut. As people are finding out about the cut, they are not silently agreeing with it. In the very same issues of *The Barometer* as Robin Rose's op-ed, the Oregon Students of Color Coalition included funding of the DPD courses as one of their seven demands.

### Op-Ed

While we're on the topic of rhetorical strategies (of which the withholding of information through silence is one) we might also mention the disjuncture between rhetoric and reality. Recruiting students and faculty to the university is of utmost importance in these times of want. The OSU Administration is proud to advertise the Difference, Power and Discrimination program as part of their unified effort to promote diversity on campus, yet they defunded the program without discussion. When official discourse does not match official action, societal malaise sets in. At OSU, we call it "low morale."

I feel compelled to respond to Robin Rose's question, "Was it shoved down everyone's throats from the start?" No, Robin, it was not. Institutional memory is very short, so since I know something about this topic, I would like to share it with the university community.

In 1991, after a series of racial incidents and recurring complaints about the chilly climate in OSU classrooms, an ad hoc committee was formed to explore the possibility of offering a single "Affirming Diversity" course. The committee began by gathering models from other universities and soliciting student and faculty input. We met with all the student cultural centers on campus

and with focus groups of students. We distributed a survey to faculty. By the end of the year, 250 faculty had returned the survey, and 94 of these stated that they were willing to help with the course. An initial report was made to the Faculty Senate on November 7, 1991 and a draft "Proposal for Incorporating Diversity into the Curriculum" was available at the Faculty Senate meeting on January 9, 1992. After the period of information gathering, it was decided that a single course model was unworkable. The most solid programs at other universities consisted of a series of Difference, Power and Discrimination-focused courses across

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— JOAN GROSS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY

the campus. Necessary to the development of such courses would be a four-week summer seminar, which would allow faculty to explore issues of Difference, Power and Discrimination in and through their own academic fields and to receive training on how to teach about such issues in today's multicultural classrooms. At the end of the seminar, they would submit a course syllabus.

The committee decided that the best way to implement this requirement was as three of the six flexible credits in the Baccalaureate Core, so that students would not have to increase their credit load. At the January 9 meeting, it was also explained how the DPD category would differ from the cultural diversity category. Studying about art in the DPD category required a focus on two or more groups which have experienced discrimination in

the United States of America. The committee again reported to the Faculty Senate on April 2, 1992 on the development of the first faculty seminar to be held that summer and the criteria for the new Baccalaureate Core category. On May 7, 1992, the final proposal for the Difference, Power and Discrimination category of the Baccalaureate Core, which had been unanimously endorsed by the Baccalaureate Core Committee, was approved by the Faculty Senate.

So you see, Robin, the process took an entire academic year, during which many opinions were taken into consideration and the proposal was approved by the Faculty Senate. This hardly constitutes being "shoved down peoples' throats." It also stands in distinct contrast to the non-participatory way in which the decision was made to de-fund it before a sufficient number of courses were available for students.

One thing that became clear, talking to students and faculty during the development phase of this program, was that the foundation of the program had to be faculty development. Even professors who were aware of issues of power and discrimination did not feel equipped to broach touchy subjects like racism, classism and sexism in the classroom. We all felt that we required training and open discussion with our colleagues while developing such classes. I find it rather odd that Professor Rose, who is known to be a staunch supporter of the faculty, would be so negative toward a program whose principle aim is faculty development. I have participated in various teaching workshops since my arrival at OSU, but nothing compares with the one-month-long intensive seminar sponsored by the DPD program that I participated in during the summer of 1993. Never before, nor since, have I had the opportunity to dissect readings and seriously explore and discuss classroom paradigms and teaching strategies with my colleagues. I seriously hope that funding is restored to this valuable program and that you, Robin, might have the opportunity to explore and examine your own beliefs and teaching methodology.

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of Joan Gross, associate professor of anthropology.

## Springfield shooting: We have found the enemy; It is we

**Quick fixes will not remedy this tragedy, but pulling together and reassessing our values will**

Last week, a terrible thing happened in Springfield. A troubled young man calmly and deliberately waged a personal war upon his family and school. This solitary event was so horrible in nature and deep in its effect that we, as a nation, a region and a people, simply must pause and take stock; we must reflect upon what was done and what we can do.

For a long time, we Oregonians have been able to tell ourselves that "things like that just do not happen here." We lull each other into blissful ignorance by reinforcing the inaccuracies of our contextual world. "Things are different here" tout our slogans and signs. However, now things really are different here — far different than just a week ago.



PAUL EVANS

Someone wise once said that reality is the here and now and not a there and then. And our reality has been shaken. The Oregon we thought we knew is in question. We have all been touched by the legacy of last week — some of us more than others — but none of us have escaped the confusion or fear.

Unless we pull together and find new solutions to some well-known problems, we all risk repeating the mistakes of yesteryear and reliving our worst fears. First, we must come together as a regional community and recognize the loss. We have been robbed of immeasurable potential, and we must ensure that their sacrifice is remembered.

Secondly, after we have mourned the fallen, we must honor them by beginning anew the process of healing. We must examine what happened, how it happened and what must be done to prevent it from happening again. We have a moral obligation to do this and we must not allow the moment to pass until we fulfill our charge.

Even as we attempt to understand the specifics of the event, we cannot live in or for the past. And while we may be able to find new approaches, we must not rehash what could have been. We cannot change the past. No matter how much we may want to undo it, the young man with so much anger chose his course and acted upon his inner demons; nothing we do or say can take away the pain of last week.

However, even though we cannot re-write history to our liking, we can strive to write a safer future. If we want to find meaning and move ahead, we simply must let go of our inherent drive to find fault. We must have faith that the young man will answer for his actions in due time.

We must release those around him from the on-going assault of guilt that currently surrounds them. We cannot logically expect that they or any other group of people could somehow have known the depth of this young man's anger before the fact. Instead, we must bring each other closer together and seek to understand the why behind the what.

While there are many, many potential pieces to the riddle, I for one believe that the truth is much simpler than we expect. Yes, the child should never have had access to dangerous weapons. Yes, he should not have been able to build bombs from information found on the Internet. And yes, we should have recognized his hidden anger long before we saw its transformation. However, those indicators are difficult to see before the fact.

Instead of focusing upon the symptoms — real though they may

*"Unless we pull together and find new solutions to some well-known problems, we all risk repeating the mistakes of yesteryear and reliving our worst fears."*

— PAUL EVANS, COLUMNIST FOR THE DAILY BAROMETER

well be — we must emphasize the issues below the surface. The periphery is important, but the heart of the story revolves around the reason this young man would want to kill those around him in the first place. Where as a society have we failed when our young seek to destroy the world they inherit? How can we find ways to value life in a culture that focuses so much on destruction?

At issue is how we as a culture define ourselves. At issue is how we compel our young, through our advertisements, entertainment and public values, to attain personal actualization. In other words, at issue is how we — the so-called adults — push our prodigy into a world that is so de-constructed that confusion is the rule instead of the exception.

The fundamental question is not why or how this one young man did what he did, but instead why and how most of his peers do not. We must find the linkages between people and build upon them. We must find ways of reaching out to each other and embrace a renewed spirit of community and a sense of human worth. Simply put, we must slow down the circus and listen to what our young are trying to tell us before it's too late.

Over the course of the next few months we will hear a lot about symptom-driven fixes. We will undoubtedly have more metal detectors, less trust and more fear. However, whatever we do for the short-

term will not be enough; we must look beyond the horizon and behind the facade. We must find ways of curing the diseases and not merely treating the symptoms.

Our society is a structure in decay. The cancers of hatred, intolerance, indifference and ignorance will bury us unless we recognize the problems for what they are and individually commit ourselves to making things better by working together for a shared future.

Most likely, the incident in Springfield will not be the last of its kind. In fact, unless something dramatic is done in the next 10 years, it may well be looked back upon as a mild version of the ordinary. Hopefully, this will not be the case, but the choice is ours. Let us honor the memory of the victims by preventing more of them.

Hating the boy that stole the lives of the children in Springfield will not make our reality any better. Pulling together and finding ways of resolving conflict and reifying the inherent value of each and every child just may.

We have always been stronger together than apart, but all too often we have had to be reminded of the fact through tragedy. We owe the victims of that cafeteria more than a shared indifference to the obvious. The decision is yours.

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The Daily Barometer's Roadside Reporter, Dylan Fischer, ended his eight-week trek across the western United States among the desert canyons of New Mexico and Texas.

## Roadside Report: The end of the trail

By DYLAN FISCHER  
of the Daily Barometer

Churning and spinning my wheels over broken concrete, highway paint and dead lizards, I'm thinking of a postcard a trail-worker friend of mine sent me three years ago when he was making his way across the U.S. on his bicycle. It had a picture of a coyote from New Mexico, the "Land of Enchantment," and the state through which I am presently traveling. I would have liked to match my friend's tracks, but not this time. He started in San-Diego. I started in the Northwest. This time, this day, this hour, these next 15 minutes, I'm headed for the Texas border and no further. Once there, I'll pull my water-bottles out of their cages, sip intently, peel an orange or two and then saddle my bicycle and head back into New Mexico.

Over the past seven weeks, I've covered over 2,500 miles via a \$340 mountain bike. Not all of it has been continuous. I even came home once (before I got my senses about me and hopped on the next bus to Bakersfield, Calif. to start up fresh near where I left off). I pedaled through (some of) the San Juans and the Redwoods, through Death Valley, down the Las Vegas strip, through southern Utah, northern Arizona, central and southern New Mexico, and now, finally, bearings gritty, hands numb, face sweaty, legs weary and mind ready, I am about to be homeward bound. Twenty-five hundred miles is not a lot. Hundreds, hoards, piles of people pedal that distance, and more, every year. There's even a cross-country race that goes from sea to shining sea in less than seven days (fully "sag" supported and "Power Bar" sponsored of course). But for me, for now, this is enough.

I set out to find an education. Now, 16 flat tires, two broken spokes, one broken front rack and one wounded saddle bag later, I've gotten one. In Las Vegas, my friend Tee Raskin told me that she thought traveling by bicycle was probably as close as people come these days to traveling like people used to. I think she had it right. I thought about those words five days ago when an old woman named Nancy in central New Mexico invited me into her home, gave me a cabin to sleep in, fed me breakfast and insisted I not leave the house without a bottle of

90,000 heat-unit cayenne pepper (to help with a cold I'd been fighting).

Traveling this way, you are forced to meet people, embrace landscape, predict weather and try 90,000 heat-unit cayenne pepper on oatmeal. Not a bad thing to do in our lock-your-doors, set-the-alarm, trust-no-one, watch-'worlds-greatest-police-chases'-on-T.V., all-too-paranoid, fast-food culture. That's not the whole of the education though. That's not even the half of it.

The education happens in the journey. It happens when you're stuck on the side of the 95-degree desert road fixing a flat tire that has just re-invented itself for the fourth time in the last hour, and the sun feels like it's boiling your back hair. It happens when you watch the sun rise and set on sagebrush slopes, the road becomes quiet and you and it seem to be the only things moving. It comes, not when you get what you expected, but when what you expected becomes something you transcend. This is largely what our education system has lost. This is what I set out to regain: the opportunity to transcend that which has been expected and link together that which is seen within a broader framework.

In less than 15 minutes I reach the Texas border. A large sign says "Welcome To Texas, Drive Friendly — The Texas Way." I lean my bike up against an abandoned border cafe. I peel an orange, unleash my water bottles and sip intently, sit and stare at a humid, overcast sky and then head back for New Mexico. The desert is blooming like crazy, and I can't help myself from stopping to take pictures of red cholla, yellow opuntia and orange ocotillo.

That night I camp about 10 miles into New Mexico on a ridge next to a cholla cactus and get nailed by a ferocious thunderstorm (I spend half the night sitting on my heels hoping I don't get zapped by a great white bolt of lightning). The next day I spent at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, before heading north towards the closest bus depot, where I bought a one-way, \$59 Greyhound bus ticket back to Oregon. Out of money and time, without regrets and content to my soul's basement, I'm headed for home.

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Events listed in the calendar are open to the public unless otherwise noted under the event. To qualify for calendar insertion, all meetings, events, and speakers must be free. Calendar notices subject to editing.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

## Meetings

United Campus Ministry: 5:30 to 7 pm, 101 NW 23rd, Westminster House. Student Night. Join with students for dinner and lively conversation about the Bible, your faith, and how to live it.  
Luther House: 9 to 9:35 pm, 211 NW 23rd. Worship - informal liturgy including holy communion. Come! Refreshments served.  
BSU Christian Fellowship: 7 to 8:30 pm, MU 105. Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate Jesus Christ.

Silent Lunch: Noon to 1 pm, MU 204. Student Night. A social hour for communication using sign language - brown bag - all skill levels welcome.

OSU Ballroom Dance Club: 8 to 10 pm, Women's Bldg., Rm. 116. Wednesday night practice. Meetings 7:30 pm. Practice 8 pm.

## Speakers

ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 7:00 pm, Cordley 3121. Reed Behrens presents the Worldwatch Institute's State of the World Report 1998.

Career Services: 5:30 pm, 8 Kerr Admin. Bldg. Resume Writing Seminar. Jump start your job or internship by creating and developing a professional resume.

## Events

Elite Dance Team, 7:00-9:00 pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Dance team try-outs.

OSU Newman Center: 6 pm, 2111 NW Monroe. Simple Supper. Come and eat dinner and have conversation with friends.

United Campus Ministry: 11:45 am to 1 pm, 101 NW 23rd, Westminster House. Student Night. Lunch and discussion on significant issues of the day. Open to all.

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## THURSDAY, MAY 28

## Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous: 8:30 to 10 pm, Women's Center. Student Night. Anyone with a desire to stop drinking is welcome.

## Speakers

Career Services: 2:30 pm, 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.

## Events

University Counseling and Psychological Services: 10:00-11:30 am, MU American Indian Rm. Workshop: Homeward Bound: Living it up back home. Presented by Dr. Joanne Dodgson. Worried about going home for the summer after living on your own? Join in this discussion of some ways you can turn challenges into opportunities this summer.

Elite Dance Team, 7:00-9:00 pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Dance team try-outs.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, 6:00 pm, MU International Forum. Free! Double feature. Come watch Jackie Chan's "First Strike" and a new James Bond movie "Tomorrow Never Dies". Everyone is welcome!

## FRIDAY, MAY 29

## Events

OSU Department of Music, 7:30 pm, Walker Recital Hall (Benton Hall, Room 303). Music: student recital. Anna McKelvie, soprano, and Stacy Follett, soprano; Rebecca Jeffers, piano.

## SATURDAY, MAY 30

## Events

Biology Club. Day hike to Opal Creek.

OSU Department of Music, 3:00 pm, Walker Recital Hall (Benton Hall, Room 303). Music: student recital. Anne Shapiro, cello; Rebecca Jeffers, piano.

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## SPORTS

## Sonics coach fired after playoff failure

**Karl leaves with best winning percentage in team history**

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Two weeks after his Seattle SuperSonics were eliminated by the Los Angeles Lakers in the playoffs, George Karl was fired as coach yesterday.

Karl, 47, coached the Sonics for 6 1/2 seasons and had the best winning percentage (.719, 384-150) in the team's regular-season history. Under Karl, the team had three 60-victory seasons.

"I've had an interesting couple of weeks," team president and general manager Wally Walker said in announcing Karl's firing. "It was an extremely difficult decision to make."

It might have been difficult, but it wasn't unexpected — after the Sonics were beaten in four straight games by the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference semifinals, the first four-game losing streak of Karl's tenure in Seattle.

Karl was paid \$3.2 million in the last season of a contract that expires July 1.

"Our decision is based entirely on what we believe in the team's best interest of going forward," Walker said. "It's not about money. It's not personal."

Walker said the decision to fire Karl was his alone, and not that of owner Barry Ackerley. Walker made it during the weekend and told Karl yesterday morning.

He said he believed Karl wanted to stay in

Seattle and "was disappointed" when he found out he wasn't going to be re-hired.

Two years ago, Karl coached the Sonics into the NBA Finals, in which they lost in six games to the Chicago Bulls.

While Walker said the decision not to retain Karl wasn't about money and wasn't personal, those were two factors that weren't on Karl's side.

Ackerley and Walker were unhappy with Karl because they viewed him as a loose cannon who leaked information to the media.

"I don't think George is about to change," Walker said. "I don't want to be in a position where I can't trust him to keep secret information that is very sensitive and can't get out."

Still, Karl's departure from Seattle probably was more about the Sonics' playoff failures than anything else.

Ackerley complained before the playoffs that he didn't have a championship ring.

Under Karl, the Sonics had a 40-40 playoff record, losing to Houston in the Western Conference semifinals in 1997. They were upset by Denver as the No. 1 seed in the West in 1994 and lost in 1995 to the Lakers in another upset.

After the Lakers beat Seattle in 1995, then team president and general manager Bob Whitsitt was fired by Ackerley. "We're ultimately making this decision for the right reasons," Walker said of Karl's firing. "We're doing it to have a chance to attain our primary goal — that of winning the championship. We need a different approach."

## Jazz try to keep busy while awaiting finals

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone will do some fishing and ride his Harley. John Stockton will spend time with his family. Jerry Sloan thinks he might go to the movies during his team's "mini offseason."

The Utah Jazz are searching for ways to keep busy for the next nine days while the Eastern Conference Finals grind to a conclusion. After winning the Western Conference on Sunday, the Jazz don't play again until June 3.

"What are you going to do about it?" Malone shrugged. "We can't do anything to get ready for one team. We've got a plan no matter what, and we're going to stick with it."

Utah's practice Tuesday was a bit shorter than normal, but

otherwise the Jazz conducted business as usual. To combat monotony and keep his team on edge, Sloan plans to break the workouts into two four-day groups.

"Coach Sloan's setting us up," Malone grinned. "I expected to get a call telling us we had today off, but we had some things to take care of, and we're going to get after it for the next three days. We're going to work."

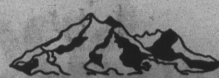
"We went a little light today, and then we'll go at it hard for three days," Sloan said. "Then we'll do the same thing again. When we work, we try to work and get out of here. The players take care of the rest of it themselves."

Sloan also plans to take advantage of the extended break to rest some of his players'

aches. Malone's jammed middle finger on his shooting hand, Stockton's aching knee and Jeff Hornacek's strained Achilles tendon wouldn't keep them out of games, but all will benefit immensely from some down time.

"Everybody was here today, and everybody ran up and down the floor," Sloan said Tuesday. "We didn't go very long, but I've never had long practices. In about two seconds, I'm tired."

The Jazz aren't yet preparing for a specific opponent. In fact, they aren't paying that much attention to the battle in the East. Sloan said he didn't watch Indiana's Game 4 victory over Chicago on Monday, and Malone caught just the last 24 seconds.



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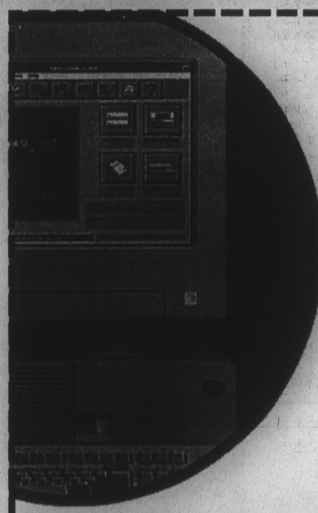
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## Women's golf team leaves its mark at NCAA Championships

■ OSU finishes 16th in first-ever appearance

By CHAK RAMANUJAM  
of The Daily Barometer

In their first-ever appearance at the NCAA Women's Golf Championships, the 22nd-ranked Oregon State women's golf team finished in 16th place. The 72-hole tournament, held at the University Ridge Golf Course in Madison, Wisc. last week, consisted of 19 top teams from around the nation.

In the four-day event, the Beavers scored rounds of 298, 307, 308 and 312 to finish the tournament at 1,225. Although the scores could be considered somewhat mediocre, head coach Rise' Lakowske deems the team's performance a success.

"I'm really proud of this team," Lakowske said. "This is a great learning experience to come here and play with the best teams and individuals in the nation."

This year, Arizona State captured the title, currently accumulating six national titles this decade, with a total score of 1,155. They were a full 18 shots over the next closest team, Florida. USC's Jennifer Rosales won the individual title with a 9-under-par 279.

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— RISE' LAKOWSKE WOMEN'S GOLF COACH

Kathleen Takaishi once again led the Beavers, tying for 25th at 10-over-par-298. She shot rounds of 70, 75, 77 and 76.

"Kathleen had a solid tournament all the way around," Lakowske said. "She will certainly be one of the top returning players in the nation at the start of next season."

The other four people who competed in the tournament were Anjeanette Dabbs, Rachel Borcherts, Carina Olsson and Anne Brooksby. Individually, every member of the team played extremely well, said Lakowske.

Dabbs tied for 55th at 306, Borcherts tied for 77th at 312, Olsson tied for 89th at 317 and Brooksby was 98th at 334.

"Our program has moved to where it is recognized with the nation's best," Lakowske said.

A return trip to the NCAA Tournament is already anticipated. In fact, none of the team's top five individuals are graduating this spring, so the team is already looking forward to next year.

"We're definitely coming back," said Takaishi.



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Anjeanette Dabbs helped lead the 22nd-ranked Oregon State women's golf team to a 16th place finish at the NCAA Championships.

■ Lakowske, Takaishi earn postseason honors

By CHAK RAMANUJAM  
of The Daily Barometer

Following an outstanding performance throughout the season by the women's golf team, head coach Rise' Lakowske and student-athlete Kathleen Takaishi received honorable postseason awards last week, as announced by the National Women's Golf Coaches Association.

Lakowske, leading her team to its first-ever appearance at the NCAA Championships this season, was honored as the Far West Region Coach of the Year.

"It's a wonderful honor," said Lakowske. "But more importantly, I think it is a sign of how far this program has come and where it is headed. I'm excited about the prospects for the current team next season and for the program in years to come."



Rise' Lakowske

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— RISE' LAKOWSKE

Lakowske has just completed her eighth year as head coach of the Beaver women's golf program. Currently, she has led the team to five consecutive NCAA West Regional appearances. The team finished 16th at this year's NCAA Championships.

The Beavers, ranked in the top 25 most of this season, won three tournament titles this year.

Also honored was Takaishi, who earned Honorable Mention All-American. Takaishi is the first Oregon State University women's golfer to earn any All-American honor.

Takaishi, with a string of accomplishments trailing her, has been ranked in the top 30 throughout most of this season and finished the year with an average of 76.0 strokes per round. She won the Northwest Invitational last fall and finished in the top 10 in five other tournaments.

In her third season as a Beaver, Takaishi tied for 13th at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships and tied for 15th at the NCAA West Regional Championships. Most recently, she tied for 25th at the NCAA Championships.



Kathleen Takaishi

## Checketts given another postseason award

■ The righthander named to All-West Region Second Team

The Daily Barometer

The awards keep coming for Andrew Checketts.

The senior righthander was named to the 1998 American Baseball Coaches Association All-West Region Second Team yesterday.

Checketts had an 11-1 record with a 3.77 earned run average in his final season with the Beavers. He allowed 74 hits over 86 innings, while striking out 73 and walking just 19 batters.

The all-region team is selected by head coaches of 41 schools in the west region, which includes schools from the Pacific-10, Big West, Western Athletic and West Coast conferences, as well as several independent schools. The last time OSU was represented on an all-region team was in 1993 when pitcher Scott Christman, second baseman Kevin Hooker and outfielder A.J. Marquardt were picked.

Earlier this month, Checketts was named to the 1998 Collegiate Baseball All-America Third Team. The West Linn, Ore. native was also voted Pacific-10 Northern Division Player of the Year after being named as the division's Pitcher of the Week five times in the spring.

His 11 wins this season tied him for second on OSU's single-season wins list. Checketts finished his career as a Beaver with a 24-7 record, good enough for seventh on the Oregon State all-time win list. His .774 winning percentage is second all-time for a Beaver, and his 197 are 10th-best on the school's career list.

## Eight schools announce plans to leave Conference

■ Nation's largest conference too big for some teams

Associated Press

DENVER — The nation's largest collegiate conference is on the verge of splitting in half.

Citing the loss of traditional rivalries, rising travel costs and insufficient revenue growth, eight of the 16 Western Athletic Conference schools announced plans Tuesday to form their own league.

Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, UNLV, New Mexico, San Diego State, Utah and Wyoming said they will file their intentions to leave the WAC before Sept. 1 as required by league bylaws. They also will ask the NCAA to recognize the new unnamed conference immediately.

"You've got a group of eight institutions that are committed to making a new conference work," said Colorado State president Al Yates, who is also chairman of the WAC board of directors.

"We've spent most of our time in conversation trying to respond to the question, 'Is there a way to make this 16-team conference work?' Our conclusion in all that was that there was not," Yates said.

New Mexico athletic director Rudy Davalos put it more bluntly. "The 16-team league was not going to work. It wasn't the fault of the commissioner or any school. It was just one of those unmanageable type numbers," Davalos said.

The schools not planning to leave the WAC are Fresno State, Hawaii, Rice, San Jose State, Southern Methodist, Texas Christian, Texas-El Paso and Tulsa. None were charter members of the conference when it formed in 1962.

"I obviously knew that there were problems out there," WAC commissioner Karl Benson said. "Needless to say I was shocked and surprised, not necessarily surprised that this is what ended up happening, but I think the timing of it was more surprising."

Presidents of the defecting schools said they will honor their 1998-99 athletic schedules and withdraw from the WAC on June 30, 1999.

"As a charter member of the Western Athletic Conference, the University of Wyoming does not take this decision lightly," Wyoming president Philip Dubois said. "We take this step reluctantly, but in the best long-term interests of our university, our athletic program and our fans."

Just last June, the WAC had been granted a spot in college football's new Super Alliance, providing its conference champion was ranked sixth or higher in the final poll.

The deal stemmed from BYU's snub after the 1996 season despite a 13-1 record and No. 5 finish.

The WAC decision may have thrown that deal into flux. It certainly caught Super Alliance chairman Roy Kramer off guard.

"It lends itself to some uncertainty," said Kramer's spokesman, Charles Bloom. "In its 16-team state, the WAC was guaranteed certain access. Whether that changes, we won't know until things clear up."

Founded as a six-team conference in 1962, the WAC became the nation's largest college league in 1996 when it added Southwest Conference refugees Rice, TCU and SMU, former Missouri Valley Conference member Tulsa and former Big West participants UNLV and San Jose State.

With Hawaii and the Texas schools separated by about 3,900 miles and four time zones, travel costs were a tremendous burden for WAC teams. The costs, coupled with lagging revenue and a proposed realignment that would have separated rivals such as Colorado State and Air Force, created unrest among the eight defecting schools.

"If you're looking for reasons for today's decision, they'd definitely have to be linked to the financial impact that 16 schools have had — or the lack of financial impact," Benson said. "My biggest challenge was to create a financial source that was enough to satisfy 16 mouths. Obviously we weren't able to do that."