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## Student's project goes to space with John Glenn

By ANDREA LANE  
The Daily Barometer

The effects of aging are going to be closely studied by scientists in the upcoming shuttle flight. John Glenn, the 77-year-old astronaut, will be closely monitored, as will a batch of tomato plant cells.

The seemingly unrelated test subjects are in fact from different experiments. They also differ in that the subjects are on opposite ends of the life cycle, but they both still search for the answer to the same question: What does microgravity do to living systems?

Andreas Madlung, a doctoral candidate from Oregon State University, is sending a small experiment up with America's original astronaut to test how gravity influences the growth of xylem in young undifferentiated plant cells, which are similar to embryonic cells in animals. Xylem cells are those which transport water up the plant and give it support, but they are most commonly known as those cells which make the wood in trees. His research comes after studies done on different components found in the woody parts of plants, but his study will look only at the cells themselves.

The undifferentiated cells have the ability to become any cell in an adult plant, and on earth in normal gravity hormones tell the cells what to become. It is not known if the hormone cell interaction will properly work in space, and Madlung hopes to find out exact-

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## Pay parking lot nears final phases

Discovery of unrecorded water line, delays with general contractor create set backs

By KATIE PESZNECKER  
The Daily Barometer

Oregonians rarely pray for rain, but it might be exactly what Oregon State University needs to get the Memorial Union pay parking lot operational.

"The lot is ready to be paved," OSU Facilities Services construction manager Bob Bray said.

In fact, the lot was ready to be paved on Oct. 19, when general contractor Eugene Sand and Gravel was scheduled to bring in their equipment and do their job. First, they would pour a layer of asphalt over the gravel, something that can be done during sunny or rainy weather. Then, they would lay the top layer of asphalt, which could conceivably be poured on the same day as the first layer, but requires kinder weather conditions.

Unfortunately, things did not go according to schedule.

"The contractor has quite a backlog of payment projects," explained Bray. "Unannounced to us, they redirected their efforts to other projects, saying they had higher priority."

What this meant for OSU was that, in the wake of recent lovely weather conditions, Eugene Sand and Gravel put the pay lot on the back burner and rushed to pour the top layers for other projects while the sun shone in their favor.



JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

Due to labor delays, the parking lot next to the OSU bookstore is still surrounded in neon orange construction fencing. The lot is currently due to be finished within the next couple of weeks.

Now, Bray — who is "annoyed" with the contractors and has sent a letter of protest to their company — is hoping some light rain would deter top layer-laying projects elsewhere and bring the contractors to OSU's lot to lay the first layer of asphalt as soon as possible.

Renovations on the parking lot began this summer, with hopes of having the lot ready

by the beginning of fall term classes.

But the project faced its first setback when workers discovered an underground water line that was installed around 1959 and never recorded.

"That was a surprise to all of us," Bray admitted. "We realized the project could not survive with the water line where it was."

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## Ed Act releases 1997-98 student fee spending summary

Seventeen student groups overspent on their budgets last year, including the ASOSU Administration

By JOY ESTIMADA  
The Daily Barometer

The numbers are in, and it looks like some organizations haven't been minding their pocket-books.

In an effort to educate students about where their student fee money is spent, the Educational Activities Committee recently released a financial report summarizing the spending habits of the groups it funded during the prior year. The money the groups spend comes from students' pockets — in the form of student fees.

"The whole intent of releasing the information is to let students know where their money is going and get some student input into the process," said Beth Strohmeier, assistant director for Student Involvement. "Every student should care how their money is spent."

Each term, OSU students pay approximately \$284 in building, technology, student health and

incidental fees to fund various programs which the State Board of Higher Education deems advantageous to the cultural and physical development of students. At OSU, incidental fees finance things like the operation of the Memorial Union and its programs, the recreational sports facilities, intercollegiate athletics and student government activities.

For the 1997-1998 school year, student fees totaled \$11,674,070. Based on the recommendations of four major OSU budget boards, the Student Fees Committee divides the fees between a variety of programs, depending on their needs. The breakdown for this amount is shown in the pie chart in Figure 1.

The amount allocated to last year's Educational Activities budget, \$906,523, was further divided between a variety of students groups.

During the past school year, 17 student groups overspent on their budgets — about the same number which overspent last year.

At 109.53 percent, the Study Notes group over-

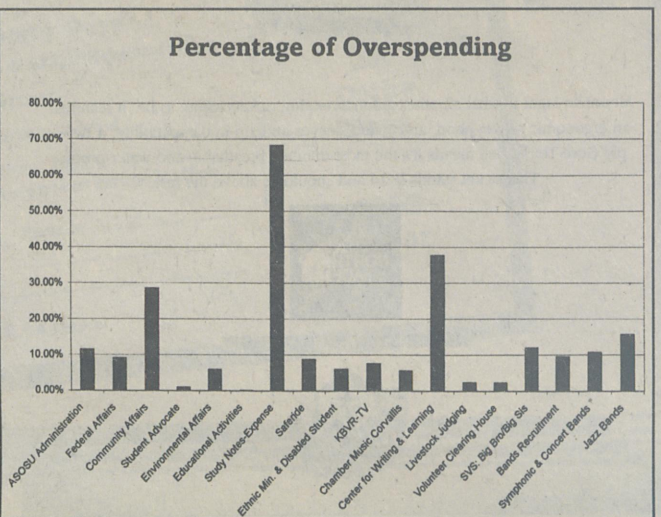
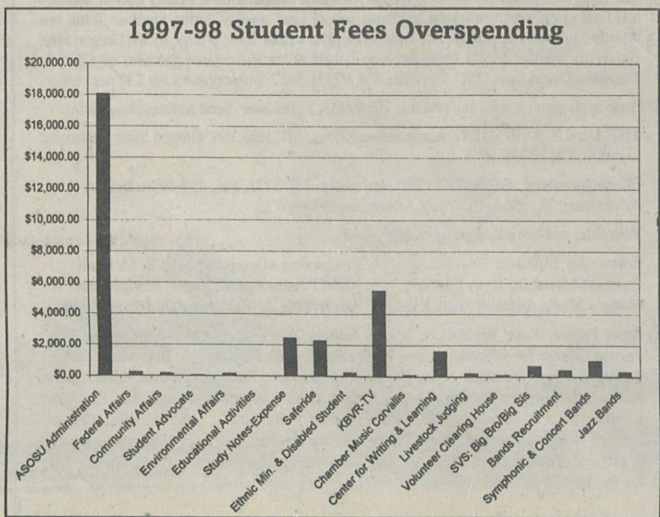
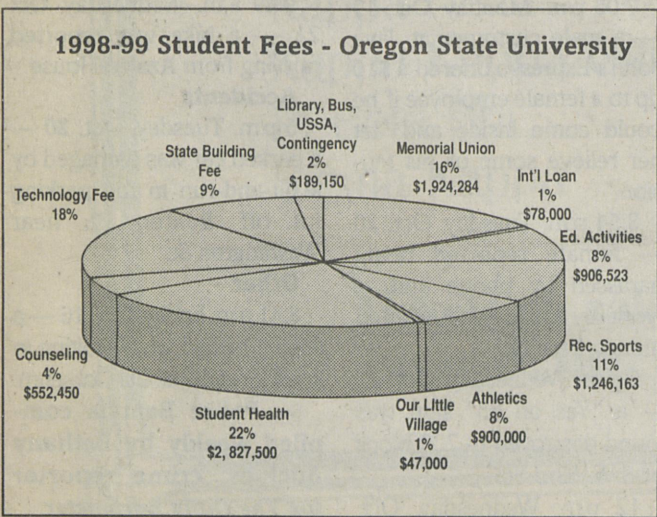
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BETH STROHMEIER,  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

spent by the highest percentage of their budget. Close behind them are the Center for Writing and Learning at about 37.72 percent and ASOSU Community Affairs at about 28.48 percent.

However, though these groups overspent by the highest percentage of their budget, the actual dollars that it took from Ed Act were much smaller because their budgets were small. For instance, the Study Notes group overspent by only about \$3,918. The ASOSU Administration, on the other

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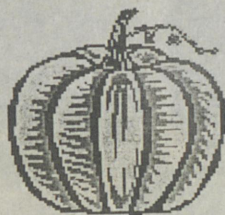
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## FEES: Groups must watch budgets more carefully

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hand, overspent by more than \$18,000 — more than quadruple the dollar amount overspent by the Study Notes group. But this amount only represented about 11.47 percent of the ASOSU Administration's budget.

Mike Caudle, ASOSU president, said that much of the administration's overexpenditure was due to new ventures that were not originally budgeted for, including a pay increase for a full-time ASOSU Administration staff person and the Oregon Goes Back to School Conference, which ASOSU had never held before. The overexpenditure is only the second time in the last six years that the group has overspent.

"It's not normal for us to overspend on our budget," Caudle said. "For this year we've implemented an internal budgeting and auditing system called the Net Zero Program that should keep us from overspending in the future."

Shane Thatcher, chairman of the Educational Activities Committee, said that when groups overspend, it usually means they "just weren't watching their budgets closely enough."

Strohmeier said that when an organization overspends, the extra money needed comes out of the Educational Activities administrative account, which is where leftover money goes from organizations who underspend.

"More often than not, groups underspend, and it has only been in the last two years that I have seen any major over-expenditures," Strohmeier said.

The administrative account must be maintained with a minimum balance in the event of an unexpected shortfall of student fees due to lower-than-expected enrollment. But right now there is a surplus of funds in the administrative account, so Educational Activities wants to make a portion

of the administrative account funds available to student organizations.

The Educational Activities Committee is looking to allocate \$25,000 from the administrative account per fiscal year to be used as an annual fund requested by student organizations and Ed Act-funded groups during three terms of the academic year. Each group which qualifies for the fund will receive no more than 10 percent of the annual fund without the unanimous decision of the Educational Activities Committee. The intent of the fund is to assist student organizations that might have the opportunity to present an extraordinary event or new program, or who have done an exceptional job of planning and fund raising but remain just short of their goal.

Thatcher said some people have argued that when a group overspends, the overexpenditure should be deducted from their next year's budget. But Strohmeier said that this isn't possible because, in some cases, a few groups would cease to exist.

"A lot of students have challenged the fee process and have managed to change some of the ways the committee does business," Strohmeier said. "I know that some of the things the committee does may make people unhappy, but I'd much rather be open about the information and be challenged than do business secretly and have people wonder where their money is going."

Final approval of student fee budgets, including Ed Act's budget, comes from the ASOSU undergraduate and graduate student senates. Talk to your student senator for more information.

Students who would like to get involved in the student fee budgeting process can contact Thatcher, who is currently taking applications, at 737-6358.

## SPACE: Plants may grow without gravity

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ly what will happen. Time restraints are also a consideration, since, as Madlung said, "we only have nine days to look." His hypothesis is that more xylem cells will be made on the ground in his control groups, because the plants "may be limited in their ability to grow." Only an analysis of the data after the shuttle lands will prove or disprove that.

Adding one more twist to the experiment, Madlung is also using a mutant plant that does not react the same way to gravity as other plants of the same species do. Normal plants will grow upward, in the opposite direction of gravity, but this plant does not. As a result of a spliced gene, it grows downward and out, like strawberry plants do, without the gravity opposing tendencies displayed by the others. It also produces more xylem than normal plants. The increased xylem production may give Madlung a better picture of the

long-term role of gravity on normal plants.

The possible implications of this experiment are vast, but are also far in the future. The small experiment conducted in the lab of Dr. Terri Lomax, associate professor of botany, by Madlung, with the help of Sarah Peskin, an undergraduate, will not revolutionize the way plants are cultured. Despite the use of the mutant, Madlung said "this is a pretty small experiment ... it would need to be repeated on a larger scale" to completely understand gravity's role. He does hope to find room aboard a space station in the future for a similar experiment, so that he could study gravity and xylem long term. Among the possible areas that this research could impact would be timber, as a better understanding of xylem growth could lead to more efficient production of wood, and of course, the possibility of growing plants without gravity.

## POLICE BEAT

### Corvallis Police Department

#### Arrests

12:37 a.m. Sunday, Oct 18 — Micah H. Peretti, 20, 990 N.W. Sequoia Avenue, totaled his car on a front yard near his home and was taken by ambulance to Good Samaritan Hospital for serious injuries. He was arrested, given a DUI and charged with reckless driving.

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 — at Corvallis High School Adam A. Alvarez, 16, 845 N.W. Tenth Street; Luis A. Aceves, 15, 1890 S.E. Bethel Street; and Jerry Joya, 17, 2641 S.W. Leonard Street, were all arrested for disorderly conduct which allegedly involved a knife and some racial comments.

8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 —

Cindy L. Sullivan, 30, 3318 N.E. Lancaster and Benjamin M. Mack, 42, 128 S.W. Ninth Street were arrested and charged with violent conduct towards Raymond D. Babb, 34, 970 N.W. Garfield Street, who was also arrested for violent conduct.

1:49 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 — Brian C. Carroll, 18, 1930 N.W. Kings Boulevard, was arrested for assaulting a McDonald's worker, who he said he thought was harassing his girlfriend. He was charged with Assault IV.

#### Thefts/Burglaries

Between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 — the rear door of a house located on N.W. Tyler was kicked in, but only coins were removed from an upstairs bedroom.

2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 — a

house was vandalized from the inside, and food was missing from the kitchen. Suspects agreed to pay damages and food expenses.

9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 — several items were discovered missing from a car broken into on the 1600 block of N.W. Forest Green.

#### Accidents

6:03 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 — a driver was rear-ended in a hit-and-run accident at the intersection of N.W. Harrison Blvd. and N.W. 25th St. He was not injured.

7:09 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 — a two-car side-swipe accident occurred at N.W. VanBuren Ave. and N.W. 1st St. No injuries were reported.

#### Other

12:25 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19 — a bicycle owner saw his tired being slashed at Cub Foods on N.W. Kings Blvd.

7:05 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19 — a male customer at Java John's Espresso offered a \$10 tip to a female employee if he could come inside and "let her relieve some of his tension."

3:54 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 — female reported being harassed by phone and at work by male who wanted money from her.

5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 — a "Yes on 65" sign was found destroyed in 700 block of S.W. 53rd St.

12 p.m. Wednesday, Oct.

21 — a female Corvallis postal employee's ankle was bitten by a daschund in the 300 block of S.W. 2nd St.

### Oregon State Police University Patrol Office

#### Thefts

11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19 — a van seat, removed by its owner while transporting to and from the Alumni Center, disappeared from the sidewalk between Waldo Hall and Snell Hall where he left it.

8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 — a bike was noticed stolen from the north side bike rack of Bloss Hall.

9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 — an \$1,800 bike was noticed stolen from the bike corral on the south side of College Inn.

9:45 a.m. Tuesday Oct. 20 — the front tire of a bike was noticed missing.

9:49 a.m. Wednesday, Oct 21 — a bike was reported missing from Azalea House

#### Accidents

5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 — a parked car was damaged by a hit-and-run in the parking lot off Benton Pl. near Washington St.

#### Other

8:41 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 — a female fainted while waiting in line for tickets at Gill Coliseum.

— **Police Beat is compiled weekly by Bethany Buckles, crime reporter for The Daily Barometer.**

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NEWS

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

**Hooley to visit OSU today**

U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley will visit the Oregon State University campus today to discuss student-related political issues.

Hooley will arrive at the Oceanography Building for a press conference at 2:30 p.m., and move on to the Memorial Union Lounge at 3:30 p.m. to discuss student issues such as child care and tuition freeze.

Following her appearance in the MU Lounge, which is free and open to the public, she will meet with student leaders in an informal discussion period.

Hooley's visit is part of the Associated Students of OSU's voter education campaign.

For more information, contact Jacob Boenisch at 737-2101.

**Wyden, singer to visit OSU**

Tomorrow, Oct. 28, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden will visit OSU to discuss student issues and voter participation. Wyden will be accompanied by Everclear lead singer Art Alexakis, who will also speak on election-related issues.

At 11:30 a.m., the bands Starter Kit and Platinum Radio will kick off Wyden's visit with sets in the Memorial Union Quad. The music portion of the event is scheduled to conclude at 12:20 p.m.; then Wyden and Alexakis will take the stage.

For more information, please contact Jacob Boenisch at 737-2101.

**CFD gives fire safety tips**

Along with the recent fall time change, the Corvallis Fire Department wants to remind residents to make another change that could save their lives—changing the batteries in their smoke alarms.

Although 92 percent of American homes have smoke alarms, inoperative smoke alarms are so common that they are robbing residents of the protective benefits these critical home fire safety devices were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of inoperative smoke alarms: worn or missing batteries.

Changing smoke alarm batteries once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce tragic deaths and injuries. In fact, working smoke alarms nearly cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire.

Tragically, fire can kill selectively. Those most at risk include:

**Children** - An average of three children die each day in home fires. Fire is the second leading cause of accidental deaths among children under age five, placing them at twice the risk of dying in a home fire. Ninety percent of fire deaths involving children occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

**Seniors** - Adults over age 75 are three to four times more likely to die in home fires than the rest of the population. Many seniors are unable to escape quickly.

**Low-income households** - Many low-income families are unable to afford batteries for their smoke alarms. These same

households often rely on poorly installed, maintained or misused portable or area heating equipment — a main cause of fatal home fires.

In an effort to ensure no home is without a working smoke alarm, the Corvallis Fire Department, in association with the Corvallis Professional Firefighters Association Local 2240, will provide free smoke alarms to households that qualify by income, age or disability. Free nine-volt batteries are also available at the Main Fire Station (400 NW Harrison Blvd).

Families should also prepare a fire safety kit that includes working flashlights and fresh batteries.

For more information about fire safety, or to inquire about the free smoke alarm program, contact the Corvallis Fire Department at 757-6961.

**Writers Harvest:**

Join us on tomorrow, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Majestic Theater, 115 SW 2nd ST, Corvallis for Share Our Strength's Writers Harvest, a national reading to help fight hunger.

Donations of cash, checks and non-perishable food items will be accepted for admission to hear talented authors read from their works. Hear authors such as Chris Anderson, Robert Crum, Rich Daniels, Tracy Daugherty, Margarita Donnelly, Charles Goodrich, Ehud Havazelet, Gregg Kleiner, Robert Hill Long, Marjorie Sandor, Clem Starck, Ken Stoker, Anita Sullivan and Matt Yurdana.

One hundred percent of the event proceeds go directly to hunger and poverty relief efforts in Oregon.

**Fitness workshops planned**

Mid-Willamette Family YMCA and National Dance-Exercise Instructor Training Association (NDEITA) are co-sponsoring the following nationally-recognized workshops:

**Personal Trainer Workshop** Saturday, Nov. 14, 1998 at 8 a.m. This two-day workshop includes demonstrations and practical application of one-on-one training. NDEITA's expert trainer will cover exercise science review, communication skills, exercise programming, health assessments and more. Workshop registration includes written exam, two-year certificate and membership.

The event will take place at the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA, 311 Pacific Boulevard SW in Albany, OR.

To register, call 800-AEROBIC (237-6242).

Pre-registration is important; space is limited!

**Entomology speaker**

The Department of Entomology will be presenting John Luna of the department of horticulture and "Enhancing Biocontrol Through Habitat Management" Thursday, Oct. 29 at 3:30 p.m. in AgLS 4000.

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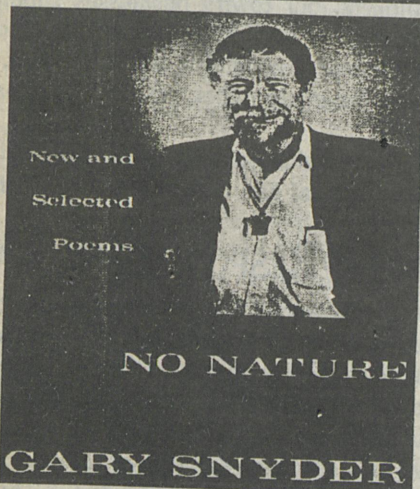
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THE SOCIALLY CHALLENGED by: Skye Walker

What are we going to dress up as for this Halloween party Frank? We're broke!



Hey! I've got an idea of Biblical proportions!



What are you two supposed to be?



HOW GREEN IS MY BALLOT?

A Public Forum for Information and Discussion of Measures with Environmental Implications on the November Ballot

Tuesday Oct, 27  
7-8:30 pm

Construction & Engineering Hall  
La Sells Stewart Center  
Oregon State University

An open forum for information and discussion of environmental implications of statewide measures on the ballot. Particularly Measure 64 (Clear-cutting), Measure 65 (Administrative Rules) and Measure 66 (Lottery for Parks and Salmon).

Information will be available, speakers will review some of the supporting and opposing arguments, and there will be opportunities for general discussion.

Speakers:

Naseem Rakha,

Salem correspondent for the Consortium of Public Radio

Tony Van Vliet,

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The Marlboro Man sounds off

EDITORIAL

The smoking debate has spun around enough times by now that it would be supposed that everyone has heard the unfiltered arguments in more than adequate detail.

Therefore, as a service to our community in these cloudy times, *The Daily Barometer* has assembled a panel of several smoking specialists to discuss the cherry-hot Corvallis Ballot Measure 02-65 — the smoking semi-un-ban — in order to place the issue in a larger light. The following conversation is a product of the author's imagination. (This is a literary device used in order to deliver a serious point.)

Joining us today are the President of the American Clean Lungs and Minds Society Pat Rowlandson; Dr. J. Lee, Ph.D.; Thomas Paine, R.I.P.; former '20s mobster Jimmy "the Gat" Galaway; the Marlboro Man and his trusty steed, Joe Camel. Thank you all for joining us.

Our first question is for Pat. Why do you think the smoking ban should stay in effect?

**Pat:** "Well, it's mostly about protecting the employees at bars. Second-hand smoke is a leading cause of cancer in America."

**Marlboro Man:** "\*bleep\*!"

**Pat:** "Oh yes Mr. Man. In fact, I know a secret about your 'camel.' Joe was once a horse. But he spent so much time inhaling your cigarettes that he contracted cancer. That horrible tumor on his back is the sad result."

**Thomas Paine:** "Merciful seven!"

Are these allegations true Mr. Camel?

**Camel:** (Spits).

Perhaps we should ask the expert. Dr. Lee, is second-hand smoke dangerous?

**Dr. Lee:** "Duhhh. Everyone knows that."

**Thomas Paine:** "Indeed, if my apprehension of this discourse is not in error, that is not the matter of debate."

**Pat:** "Your apprehension is in error! Before you get on your high and mighty horse ..."

**Marlboro Man:** "Camel."

**Camel:** (Spits).

**Pat:** "Before you get on your high and mighty horse-with-a-tumor, let me get on mine! People who smoke choose to burn their own lives away. People who don't smoke have a right to be protected from these negative consequences. It's as simple as that!"

**Marlboro Man:** "Reminds me of a line from a poem: '... When I am pinned and wriggling on the wall./ Then how should I begin/ To spit out all the butt-ends of my days and ways?' T.S. Eliot, man, that cow-poke sure spins my lariat."

**Gat Galaway:** "You betcha. Boyo, this whole business takes me back a few decades. The roaring twenties — swapping lead with the revenuers, molls, prohibition — those where the good old days. I've got a permanently ventilated liver to prove it, heh heh!"

**Thomas Paine:** "This fellow citizen delivers an acute point. Realizing that alco-

hol consumption was the cause of much civil unrest, violence and potential harm to others, a group of concerned citizens attempted to legislate a ban on drinking. Their motives were pure enough, founded on reason. But they came into conflict with those individual liberties upon which our country is founded.

"Ultimately, the citizens came to the overwhelming conclusion that the personal right of free choice for adult individuals was of a more paramount importance."

**Gat Galaway:** "Easy, buddy. You're right though. It came down to us not wanting the government to tell us how to live and how to run our businesses."

**Pat:** "But the workers! The workers!"

**Marlboro Man:** "Well, maybe they'd prefer to not have a job at all. This smoking ban has cost The Peacock and Squirrels a lot of business. These saloons are vital to Corvallis society. I suppose I could hire all of those laid off workers to shine my leathery skin ..."

**Camel:** (Spits).

**Dr. Lee:** "I love The Peacock! It can't go out of business! That's where I pick up members of the sex I prefer to pursue romantic relations with!"

**Thomas Paine:** "Perhaps we should call the president and consult with our nation's executive." (Picks up phone, dials.)

**The President:** "Hello? I'm kind of busy."

**Marlboro Man:** "Yipee Ki-yea commander! What do you think about this here Corvallis smoking ban?"

**The President:** "Smoking? I enjoy a good cigar every now and then ..."

**Pat:** "You would."

That's all the time we have. In conclusion, we can say this: There is a line our government shouldn't cross, where personal choices for business owners must be protected. Smokers should have the same rights as non-smokers; our town's businesses should be allowed to survive. Ploughing these rights under begins building a dangerous path. Flex your American rights. Vote yes on Measure 02-65.

The opinions expressed in this editorial are those of *The Daily Barometer* staff.

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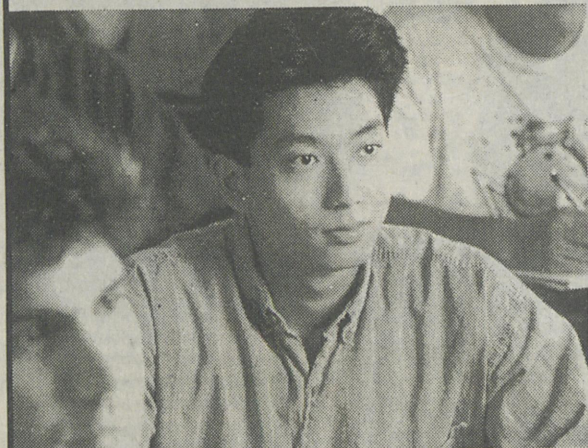
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FORUM

# Fatal Attraction: Cosmetic killers

JAKE WASSON

It's 7:35 on a Saturday night as you step into your shower. The cold water gives your body a jolt, because you forgot to adjust the temperature before stepping in. The soothing comfort of the warm water soon takes over as you begin lathering in your Stylish Choice Vidal Sassoon Shampoo. As always, you rinse and repeat just like the directions specify.

With the task complete, you draw back the shower curtain, and slide into your robe. You realize that your bathroom has turned into a small cumulus cloud as your fingers fumble with the Crest toothpaste tube. While brushing your teeth you begin to worry that your date will see that small zit on your nose. Your solution is a double dose of Cover Girl Replenishing Ultra-Finish Cream make-up. With your zit adequately covered behind a wall of make-up, you are ready for a night on the town.

Too bad all three of these hygiene/cosmetic products contain agents known to cause cancer. Other known products with carcinogens are Nice 'n' Easy Permanent Shampoo in hair color, Lubriderm baby lotion, Johnson and Johnson talcum powder and Massongill douche. Some of the carcinogenic agents in these products are cocamide DED, nitrosamine, titanium dioxide, saccharin, asbestos-like mineral talc and FD& Blue #1, which can be absorbed through the skin during use.

Why doesn't the FDA know about this? Actually, the FDA has known about this for quite some time. On April 10, 1979, FDA Commissioner Donald Kennedy warned the cosmetic industry to "... take immediate measures to eliminate, to the extent possible, NDELA and any other nitrosamines from cosmetic products." Nineteen years later we are still finding

these cancer-causing agents in our cosmetics. It might have something to do with the fact that the "personal care" industry takes in about \$20 billion each year.

The Cancer Prevention Coalition director Melissa Trueter puts it this way, "Nitrosamines have been identified as one of the most potent classes of carcinogens, having caused cancer in more than 40 different animal species as well as in humans." And still the FDA will not act. Bernard Harlow, a scientist researching the correlation between talc use and ovarian cancer says that "... it is plausible that any genital application of talc increases a woman's risk of ovarian cancer by as much as 80 percent." And we wonder why cancer is the leading killer in America. But, still, the FDA does little to curb the growing problem.

The cosmetics industry has only had seven out of a possible 8,000 raw materials restricted from use in products; the remaining are fair game. Maybe the FDA feels these carcinogens won't harm the consumer. I think they are just too chicken to put their foot down on a profitable industry, all the while praying to God that the public doesn't discover the reason why their mothers, grandmothers and friends have cancer.

I love my mother and those I hold close, and I'm going to do my best to stay informed and make sure these products stay out of their grocery carts. Unfortunately, we live in a materialistic society that holds physical beauty and social appearances at the highest level. When we learn to look past petty superficialities, we will discover that internal beauty shines brighter than anything man can create.

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

"Nineteen years later we are still finding these cancer-causing agents in our cosmetics."

LETTERS

## River development wrong plan

To the Editor:

The plans for First Street will move hundreds of parking spaces three to four blocks further from downtown. Parking can already be hard to find, even with vacant storefronts in places; imagine what this will do to businesses in our downtown core.

This is a good example of what I call "The Good Housekeeping Principle" in action — It does not matter if something works, but it must look good.

—Be sure to add in the cost of a parking garage when considering this measure, because it will be needed just to get things back to current levels of parking availability.

If people are going to walk downtown from First and B Streets (the location of a lot to replace parking currently available on First Street), then the least the city could do is set up a bicycle rental operation on the lot. Selling ponchos might be a profitable sideline.

Overall planning for the development was by CH2MHill (gnichols@ch2m.com). Please verify for yourself that parking will be worse (three spots are being added in front of Fox and Firken, so far fewer outdoor tables) — note the parking behind the post office is going, as well as the parking lots between First Street and the Riverfront. Note almost all trees will be replaced, since the slope will be sharper between First Street and the river.

So much could be done to beautify this area, but this plan is not the answer.

Rick McNern,  
Corvallis resident

## Vote for Trow

To the Editor:

As a fellow educator, I have been impressed for years by Cliff Trow's dedication to state government service. Cliff has an historical perspective dedication to state government service. He is thoughtful and perceptive, does his homework and bases his decisions on a deep understanding of problems, be they budget, education, social services or other. He is widely respected by fellow legislators and the community he represents.

We need his fair, intelligent, concerned representation. Let's all vote to return Cliff Trow to the State Senate.

Sally Malueg,  
OSU emeritus professor in French

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NEWS

Defense lawyer peppers antitrust expert with questions on conspiracy theory

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A tobacco company lawyer on Monday peppered an antitrust expert with questions about exactly who was involved in an alleged tobacco industry conspiracy and precisely when each company, organization or person joined the conspiracy.

Under questioning by Philip Morris' lawyer Dan Webb, University of Iowa economics professor John Solow was unable to give any specifics, repeatedly saying he didn't know an exact date because there were no internal documents that specified those kinds of things.

Solow is testifying in Washington state's lawsuit against six major tobacco companies and several related organizations.

He testified he believed the industry's research organization — originally the Tobacco Industry Research Council and currently the Council for Tobacco Research — was at the hub of a conspiracy to mislead the public about the link between smoking and health problems.

But he said he had never looked at the kinds of research funded by the industry organization, instead relying on documents and other experts' opinions of it. Earlier in his testimony, he had said the organization was a "public relations front, and it was never intended to get at the truth of smoking and health issues."

He defended that statement, citing industry documents he said supported that description. Webb asked repeatedly whether he had looked into what research the council funded, but Solow said he wasn't qualified to do so because he's not a scientist.

"I have to leave it to the doctors to say whether what they did was good science," Solow said. "Someone needs to look at what they did, but I am not the person."

The King County Superior Court lawsuit accuses the tobacco companies of conspiring to violate antitrust and consumer protection laws, suppressing health research and manipulating nicotine levels. The state is seeking as much as \$2.2 billion to reimburse Medicaid and other insurance costs related to illnesses caused by smoking.

Webb suggested that for a conspiracy to exist, the scientific director of the organization, as well as the scientists who received grants, would have to be part of the conspiracy.

But Solow said he thought it unlikely they were knowing participants.

Instead, he said he believed they were chosen to receive grants based on their interest in researching cancer as a disease rather than exploring the link between cancer and smoking.

Webb also asked Solow about his conclusion that the state of Washington was finan-

cially harmed by the alleged conspiracy.

Solow had concluded that, in the absence of a conspiracy, five things would have occurred:

—A safer cigarette would have been introduced earlier;

—More truthful information and less misinformation about smoking and health issues would have been available;

—If either of the previous occurred, Washington's Medicaid recipients who smoke would have made different smoking decisions;

—If the smokers on Medicaid made differ-

ent smoking choices — quitting, smoking safer cigarettes, or never starting in the first place — there would be fewer illnesses caused by smoking;

—If there were fewer illnesses caused by smoking, the state would have spent less money on health-care costs.

But Solow never did economic studies of the state's health-care costs, nor how his hypothetical changes would have affected those costs. He said he instead relied on figures developed by another expert who will testify later in the trial.

PARKING: Lot will provide better accommodations

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because it was too high. So, we lost about two weeks there putting in a new water line."

As it stands now, the crews from Eugene Sand and Gravel should pave on Friday; and "if we have dry weather, the schedule shows them striping the parking lot on Monday Nov. 2," Bray said.

As soon as the stripes are painted, the meters will be installed. This new lot will feature individual meters per space, versus the old method of numbered spaces and centralized payment.

"There will be some time delay in getting the meters installed," Bray said, "but, like I

said, it will be a lot more user friendly."

The project cost OSU Parking Services about \$278,000, and though the number of spots will be relatively the same, the improved lot will feature the new payment system, five sheltered bike racks and more sidewalk space. In addition, cars will enter and exit the lot from Jefferson Street, so not to compete with the loading docks on the side of the library.

As soon as the stripes are painted and the meters are installed, Bray wants the lot open for use, even though landscaping and bike rack installation will probably continue through November.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 27

Meetings OSU Cycling Club, 7:00 pm, MU. Check in with front desk for room #. OSU Society for Logic & Reason, 7:00 pm, MU Room 110. A student group dedicated to promoting atheism, freethought, secular humanism, skepticism, and agnosticism. All sympathetic interested persons welcome to attend!

Environmental Science Assoc., 5:30 pm, Bean Bag Cafe, 1425 Monroe. Science Topics Discussion Group on current ballot measures. Bring any material you would like to share or discuss. AREC/ABM, 6:00 pm, Stag 107. Free Pizza. Discussing issues about the school year.

AISES (American Indian Science & Engineering Society), 5:00-6:00 pm. Native American Longhouse. New students welcome. Please join us for planning for this years coming events. Beaver Yearbook, 5:00 pm, 231 MU East. All current and interested staff is required to attend.

European Students Association, 8:00 pm, MU Martin Luther-King Room. Weekly meeting for the new and old European students. Everybody is welcome to attend! OSU Pistol Club, 7:00-9:00 pm, SE Corner MacAlexander Fieldhouse (Indoor Target Range). Practice. New members welcome to come shoot.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30-1:30, 211 NW 23rd. Join us for home-made lunch and friendly conversation; come and go as your schedule permits. Career Services, 3:30 p.m., B008A Kerr Admin. Orientation to Career Services. This seminar is required for all students & alumni who want to participate in the on-campus recruiting.

Speakers

ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 6:00 pm, Stag 111. Global Population growth and Birth Control presentation. All are welcome.

Events Center for Analysis of Environmental Charge, 7:00-8:30 pm, LaSells Stewart. Open forum for general discussion of environmental implications of statewide measures on the ballot (Measures 64,65,66).

Volunteers United Campus Ministry, 5:30 pm, 211 NW 23rd st., Westminster House. Stone Soup: a free meal for any in need, served from 5:30-6:30 pm. Tuesdays. Volunteers needed. Call Westminster House 753-2242.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

Meetings OSU Women's Center, 12:00-1:00 pm. Women's Center. "Women Who Dared..." - Women and Adventure Travel. Vegetarian Resource Network, 5:00 pm. Women's Center. General Meeting. Everyone is welcome.

OSU Women's Center, 1:00-2:00 pm. Women's Center. "Queers...They're In Your Church!" with Susan Shaw. OSU Mountain Club, 7:00 pm, MU 208(La Raza). Come see a slideshow by Jim Frankenfield on climbing and mountaineering in the NW, Canada, and Europe. Everyone Welcome!

Peace Corps, All day, Career Services, 8 Kerr. Campus Interviews, schedule apt. with Robin Cooper. 1-800-424-8580 (Option 1). To set up interview by Monday October 26. Completed Application required prior to interview. Women's Center, 6:30 pm, OSU Women's Center. A study/support group for women using the book "Many Roads One Journey" by Dr. Charlotte Kasl.

CALENDAR

OSU Study Abroad in France, 4:00-5:00 pm, Snell Hall Room 448. Informational meeting: Earn OSU credit in Lyon or Poitiers, France! Apply financial aid! OSU Sailing Club, 6:30 pm, Learning Lounge of MU Club meetings.

United Campus Ministry, 12:00-1:00 pm, 101 NW 23rd St, Westminster House. University Learning Community - Brown bag lunch and discussion on Parker Palmer's book "The Courage to Teach" - join us!

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:30 pm, 211 NW 23rd st. Join us for brief, informal worship at 5:30; light dinner follows at 6:00. All are welcome.

United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:00 pm, 101 NW 23rd st. at the Westminster House. Student gathering - join with students for dinner and conversation about the Bible, your faith, and how to live it.

Career Services, 9:30 a.m., B008A Kerr Admin. Resume Writing Seminar. Speakers ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 4:00-6:00 pm, MU Lounge. Debate on Measure 64. All are welcome.

Biography Club, 6:00-7:00 pm, 2035 Cordley. "Combining a Science Degree with Study Abroad Opportunities" Science Students who have studied abroad will share experiences. Staff from International Programs at OSU will share information. Career Services, 1 p.m., International Forum, MU East. Don Asher, author of Graduate Admissions Essays: What Works, what Doesn't & Why, will talk about strategies for gaining admission to graduate school.

Night Ballroom Practices. Free to everyone, but will take small donations! 8 pm - 10 pm every Wednesday. Wm's Bldg, Rm 116. Biology Club, 6:00-7:00 pm, 2035 Cordley. "Combining a Science Degree with Study Abroad Opportunities" Science Students who have studied abroad will share experiences. Staff from International Programs at OSU will share information.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

Meetings Equestrian Club, 7:00 pm, MU 211. Meeting. Skydiving Club, 7:00 pm, MU Council Room. Questions call 754-9280. Career Services, 2:30 p.m., B008A Kerr Admin. Orientation to Career Services. This seminar is required for all students & alumni who want to participate in the on-campus recruiting.

Speech and Debate, 6:00 pm, Shepard 206. Debate practice - All skill levels welcome. Fencing Club, 7:00-9:30 pm, Women's Building Gym. Fencing Club meets M & Th from 7-9:30 pm, in the Women's Building Gym. Contact Jasper: 713-7429, phillias@engr.orst.edu, for more info.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

Meetings Women's Center, 12:00-1:00 pm, Women's Center. "Queer Communities: Perspectives from the Field" w/ Mina Carson, Craig Machado, Jo Casselberry, and other panelists. Events Fiji and Chi Omega, 6:00 pm to midnight, 348 NW 25th between Harrison and Van Buren. Haunted House. Open to all ages!! Community service event. Donations of canned food and money accepted at the door.



**SPORTS**

**Danger moves up to No. 3 in IM Top 10**

■ *Schwimmer Football and Lambda Chi Alpha stay on top*

By **SKYE ARTHUR-BANNING**  
The Daily Barometer

No. 1 Schwimmer Football demonstrated their dominance again this week with a very impressive 42-0 thumping of Phi Kappa Phi. Their defense has yet to be scored on this season in the two games they have played. Looking at next week's match-up, 0-2 Schwoogys will not give them much of a contest either. Their only contest of the year may be in week four when they play No. 8 Airforce.

No. 2 Lambda Chi Alpha had another convincing win this week, defeating Delta Tau Delta 39-0. Their defense has yet to be scored on as well. Fraternity teams always seem to be strong at the quarterback position, and this team is no different. Avery Lodge will not likely win this week against this strong team, but they may set their goal at scoring some points.

No. 3 Danger continues to impress. They have the whole package in their offense. Their quarterback can scramble, their receivers can catch the ball and gain yards off the run. On top of that, their defense is also yet to be scored on and returned

two interceptions for touchdowns last week. A Schwimmer Football-Danger independent final could be very exciting.

No. 4 Delta Upsilon slipped one spot from last week because their offense seemed to be missing some luster. The defense was amazing with several quarterback sacks that kept them in the game. They will be tested this week against 2-0 Phi Sigma Kappa. If Phi Sig's can pick up the blitz, this could be a game that goes down to the wire.

No. 5 Grey Squirrel finally demonstrated that they can move the ball when they need to. They kept their cool in this rough game and shut down any sort of offense Timberbeasts tried to run. This team will just keep getting better each game.

No. 6 Sigma Alpha Epsilon is moving their way back up the rankings. Tight patterns this week allowed the offense to move at will. SAE capitalized on several interceptions and appeared to get 10-15 extra yards per run because of missed flag pulls. This week they play a struggling Kappa Sigma team that they should handle quite easily.

No. 7 Sigma Chi Gold continue to struggle but win games. They have a shaky defense and did not click on their long balls this week but made a few key plays when they had to. They may go 4-0 in this division but will be one

**IM TOP 10 FOOTBALL**

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Schwimmer Football | 6. Sigma Alpha Epsilon |
| 2. Lambda Chi Alpha   | 7. Sigma Chi Gold      |
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| 5. Grey Squirrel      | 10. Opala Boys         |

of the weaker 4-0 teams at the end of the season.

No. 8 Airforce is another team that was shaky this week but managed to capitalize on a few missed coverages and win the game. They should win this week but will play Schwimmer Football in their final week. If they are not clicking this week, they will get pumped in their final game and will not be sitting well going into playoffs.

No. 9 Acacia has a non-traditional quick offense that seems to work. The wide receivers call the plays from their outside positions and always seem to get open down field. Their system may not work during playoffs when the corners are a little more in tune to what is going on. Their coverage down field on defense is certainly what has kept them in their games so far.

Finally, and new to the Top 10 this week is No. 10 Opala Boys. They threw the long ball whenever they wanted to and could have ran up the score even more against My Little Joy Box. Who needs to run short stuff when you have receivers that can get

open down field whenever they want? These speedy receivers doubled as great defensive rushers as well and chalked up several quarterback sacks. They may need to step up the defensive coverage against the better teams during playoffs if they are going to continue to move on.

■ **NOTES:** Just a reminder to all teams, when you or your fans are on the fields, please pick up your trash and deposit it in the garbage bins. Leaving the field dirty also affects your conduct ratings. We are still in need of some flag football officials, especially on Sunday. If you are interested, please call Chris in the IM office. Table Tennis and Skeet Shoot are the next events coming up on Nov. 6 and 8, respectively. Stop by the IM office to find out more about these events.

The Top 10 rankings were compiled by Skye Arthur-Banning, an employee with the Department of Intramural Sports. These rankings are strictly for the enjoyment of the game and are of an entertainment value. These in no way reflect any playoff or bracket seeding.

**FOSTER: Riley's effort noble**

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they had the Huskies reeling with fear. The OSU coaches didn't want to give the Huskies a chance to regroup for overtime. They wanted to end the game.

With a program on the brink of an enormous turn-around, big plays are necessary for big wins.

The Huskies and their fans have always looked down on our school. During the week prior to the game, the Seattle papers had mocked the Beavers. One writer called Saturday's matchup the last of the "goodwill games" for the Huskies. Another article about the Beavers which ran Friday was titled "Bad Football." And writers for the UW student newspaper picked the Dawgs to win by more than 20.

The Beavers had a lot to prove, and Riley went for the throat. His decision showed that the Beavers are not to be taken lightly anymore. It also showed that our school plays to win, deserves to win, and doesn't settle for a chance to win.

And the play was there; the play which the team had already decided they were going to run well before the fourth quarter was over. It was the same play the team had practiced over and over again. Jonathan Smith's throw was a decent one, just slightly behind receiver Roddy Tompkins, but still catchable. Washington's Nigel Burton made a great play and knocked it out of the grasp of Tompkins' hands.

A good coaching decision was made — which resulted in a well-thrown ball — which resulted in a great defensive play.

Although it was another OSU loss, the way the Beavers played said a lot about where the program is headed. The team always knew they could play with anybody, but now they've proved it.

See you Saturday.

The opinions expressed in this sports commentary are those of Troy Foster, sports editor for *The Daily Barometer*.

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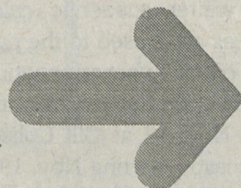
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## Smith named Pac-10 offensive player of the week

■ *The redshirt freshman broke the school passing record despite loss*

By SCOTT JOHNSON

The Daily Barometer

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Todd Husak broke the Stanford passing record two weeks ago with a 450-yard throwing performance, but lost the game to Oregon State.

Now, OSU quarterback Jonathan Smith knows what Husak felt like.

Smith was named Pacific-10 offensive player of the week yesterday by the Pac-10 Conference despite losing to Washington Saturday, 35-34.

The redshirt freshman walk-on threw for a school record 469 yards and three touchdowns on 17-of-32 passing, despite not play-

ing the entire game.

Smith was able to rally the Beavers from a 28-7 deficit at Washington and brought OSU to within one play of defeating the Huskies.

His touchdown passes of 90 and 80 yards are the third and fourth longest pass plays in OSU history, respectively.

"He's always been the guy that has the best touch on a deep ball," OSU head coach Mike Riley said of Smith.

His 33-yard touchdown pass to Tim Alexander as time ran out brought the score to 35-34, but his pass on the two-point conversion was knocked out of Roddy Tompkins' hands by Nigel Burton.

Not bad for a guy who had only thrown 16

passes in his collegiate career and didn't know how much playing time he was actually going to get in front of the 71,552 Husky fans.

"Once I got in there, I felt comfortable," Smith said. "Enjoyed every minute of it."

"I really wanted to feel good about my performance for these seniors, especially on defense. They'd been playing hard all year long. I just didn't want to let them down, but we came up a point short."

Smith's role for this Saturday's game against Cal has yet to be determined.

"Right now there's no changes, we're status quo," said Riley, who started Terrance Bryant in both the first and second half against the Huskies.

“Once I got in there, I felt comfortable. Enjoyed every minute of it.”

JONATHAN SMITH

## Simonton anxious for baseball season

■ *The Pac-10's third-leading rusher is looking forward to playing baseball at Oregon State*

By TROY FOSTER

The Daily Barometer

Oregon State starting tailback Kenny Simonton says he needs to get out and start throwing more. However, football head coach Mike Riley has no intentions of putting the conference's third-leading rusher in at quarterback.

So what is Simonton thinking about? Baseball season.

"We're looking forward to getting a chance to see what he can do," said OSU baseball head coach Pat Casey. "Kenny came here as a guy that was a really good baseball player out of high school and wants to try to play both sports."

Indeed, Simonton said he has plans to play OSU baseball this spring as a walk-on. One drawback, however, is that OSU's No. 1 tailback will miss spring football drills. But Riley apparently doesn't mind.

"I'll be glad for him to do that," Riley said. "I don't mind two-sport guys."

Simonton isn't losing sleep either over the thought of missing spring drills.

"Instead of being out here banging the hell out of each other on the turf, I'll be in the sun chasing baseballs," said a big-grinning Simonton.

In high school, Simonton was at one time regarded as one of the Top 100 baseball players in the west. He suffered a slew of injuries, though, and has not played a complete season of baseball since his freshman year in high school.

"Believe it or not, when I had the shoulder problems, most of them came through baseball," Simonton said of the injury that kept him redshirted a year ago.

A large part of the reason OSU's lauded tailback came to Corvallis was because of the package deal Casey and Riley offered him. While on his recruiting trip, Riley introduced Simonton to Casey.

"That was one of the major things I discussed when I took my recruiting trip



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Beaver tailback Ken Simonton takes a handoff from quarterback Jonathan Smith. Simonton, the Pac-10's third-leading rusher, also plans to play baseball at OSU.

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KENNY SIMONTON

here," Simonton said. "Coach Riley brought [Casey] in and let him talk to me. I knew football was the easiest way to get to college, but I always had it set up to where I knew I had the opportunity to play both."

Casey describes Simonton's desire to play OSU baseball as "kind of a bonus" and hopes it will fill a hole where his team is lacking in talent.

"One particular weakness we have in our club this year is centerfield, and that's what he plays so it might be a nice mix," Casey said. "He's got a good chance and he can really run, and that's a real premium."

So which is his favorite sport, football or baseball? Simonton says neither.

"Actually I don't have a preference," he said. "I enjoy shooting hoops just as much as I do football and baseball."

Simonton would like to continue his athletic career past the collegiate level, and his time at OSU could occupy just one sport as he comes closer to graduation.

"Football is going to be a tougher decision as far as the future, just because it's the hardest on you physically," he said. "So I love them all the same. I'm just going to let time depict which one I'm going to end up playing."

## It's a no-brainer: Go for two

■ *Riley's decision to go for the win against Huskies was the right move*

It's been three days since Oregon State's heartbreaking loss to the Washington Huskies, and yet a crazy notion seems to still linger in the air around campus.

This ridiculous notion that OSU shouldn't have gone for two.

There's no doubt that the 35-34 loss will not be forgotten for a while, but the idea that the decision to go for the win with no time left on the clock was a bad coaching decision is nonsense.

Ask any of the loyal Beaver fans who braved the sea of purple in Husky Stadium, they'll tell you the same thing. It was the right decision.

Also ask any of the OSU players, and they'll say the same thing too.

And finally ask the coaches, the ones we put our faith and trust in. You know, the ones that have Oregon State football on the brink of a major turn-around. They'll also

tell you the same thing.

Then stop and think about what would have happened had the two-point conversion succeeded.

Would that not have been one of the greatest moments in Oregon State football history?

Would anyone have doubted the play call if the Beavers had scored?

But they didn't score. As close as it was, it's still a loss, and the Beavers know the ramifications.

Second-guessing is easy and natural. The OSU coaches are also probably not surprised by the trickle of doubt in their decision. But then think about what would have happened if the Beavers had kicked a PAT and gone to overtime, then lost the game. What would we say then? Would we say, "Why didn't we go for two?" Probably.

There is an unwritten rule in college football for situations like the one Riley found himself and the team in on Saturday: If you're at home, kick the PAT. If you're on the road, go for the win.

Not only were the Beavers on the road, they were in Husky Stadium, one of the toughest places to play in college football. They had momentum on their side, and

SPORTS COMMENTARY



TROY FOSTER

## OSU men's basketball adds two to roster

■ *Two walk-ons to men's basketball team bring roster total to twelve*

The Daily Barometer

Jeremiah Dodrill of Bandon and Josiah Lake of Salem have been added to the Oregon State University men's basketball roster, announced head coach Eddie Payne. The two walk-ons bring the roster total to 12 for the 1998-99 season, of which 10 are scholarship student-athletes.

Dodrill, a 6-6 sophomore forward, earned

one letter and started one year at Bandon High School on the Southern Oregon coast. He averaged 10 points and seven rebounds.

Lake comes to OSU from Clackamas Community College. The 6-1 junior guard played one year at Clackamas for head coach Royce Kiser. He was selected to the league's all-freshman team after averaging 15 points and seven rebounds. He lettered and started one year at McKay High School. Lake was a teammate of current Beaver Adam Masten when Masten attended McKay for one year.

■ **PAYNE OPENS WEDNESDAY PRACTICES TO PUBLIC:** Payne would also like to invite the public to attend practice each

Wednesday during the 1998-99 season.

The public may sit in the upper balconies or end zones in Gill Coliseum. Practices begin at 3:30 p.m. through the fall term academic calendar and will generally run to approximately 6 p.m. Practices will begin at 1 p.m. during the winter academic calendar. All other practices are closed to the public.

The team officially began practice Oct. 17. The team will open the season with an exhibition game Nov. 12 at Gill Coliseum, with the regular season starting Nov. 19 when the Beavers host Idaho State at 7 p.m.

—OSU Sports Information contributed to this report

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