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OSU's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity goes dry

■ To decrease problems of alcohol accessibility to members, Sig-Ep rid premises of alcohol

By KATIE PESZNECKER
The Daily Barometer

Oregon State's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity president John Seethoff announced yesterday that the fraternity will go dry, effective immediately and through the end of winter term.

"Going dry" means there is no alcohol allowed on the fraternity premises.

This decision came in reaction to events at a Saturday night "Sig-Eps" social function that drew the Corvallis Police, several citations to individuals and a \$45,000 fine to the fraternity.

"We understand that we're responsible for our members and guests," Seethoff said. "We care about our members. We're willing to take action to improve our operations."

Seethoff explained that he and other members feel that alcohol has become too accessible to members. He added that the fine of \$45,000 isn't as much of a concern to the chapter at the moment because the members are more concerned with dealing with the immediate problem at hand: alcohol accessibility and taking responsibility for their own actions.

"Money isn't an issue right now," Seethoff explained. "The problem is that we broke a

law, and we will pay the consequences."

Seethoff called this change for Sig-Eps "an experimental time," and said at the end of winter term, the chapter will evaluate this time period and decide whether or not they want to continue as a dry chapter.

"We may decide we want alcohol in the house," Seethoff said, "and we may decide it's not important to the chapter. This is an active way to try to solve the problem."

In the meantime, Seethoff said the fraternity might have social events at other locations, but that the details are yet to be

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JOHN SEETHOFF,
SIGMA PHI EPSILON PRESIDENT



Photo by Joe Ellis/The Daily Barometer

Construction continues on the backside of the new Valley Library. Minor adjustments to the new structure will continue through December, is the scheduled date of completion for the project.



Photo by JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

New study areas have been added in the tower of the new Valley Library. Besides new furniture, better lighting and a coffee shop, the library will also have an on-line catalogue.

Library nears completion

■ Improved Valley Library features more space, on-line catalog; construction should finish in December

By SELENA MORRIS
The Daily Barometer

Oregon State students and alumni who donated over \$27 million toward the construction and remodeling of the Valley Library are about to see the fruition of their investment.

When the construction of the Valley Library is complete, the price tag will total \$47 million. State funds covers the other \$20 million to finish construction.

The new library offers, among other things, more spacious areas for personal studying and

group meetings.

University Librarian Carol Butcher thinks that the new appearance of the library makes people feel more inclined to stay and study.

"I want people to believe it's about their lives and their ability to be successful," says Butcher. "I don't want them to feel like the library is just another building that they have to go to."

147,000 square feet have been added on to the library, making it 336,000 square feet altogether.

The two-year project began in June 1996 and will end this December.

One of the newest and most updated features of the Valley Library is the on-line catalogue. For people who are sick of looking up every detail on a book just to locate it, frustrations have come to an end.

The on-line catalog is an automated system

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U.S. Student Association president visits OSU

By MATTHEW D. LaPLANTE
The Daily Barometer

Anthony Samu, arguably the most influential voice for students across the United States, arrived in Corvallis last night to visit with student leaders and student action groups. The president of the United States Student Association, the largest student lobbying organization in America, spoke at the weekly Associated Students of Oregon State University Senate meeting yesterday evening and will be hearing the concerns and ideas of several influential student groups through this afternoon.

"USSA is a grass roots organization, a lobbying group for students concerns," said Shannon Butler, the ASOSU Executive Director of Task Forces. "Anthony is here to speak about what issues USSA will be addressing this year and to ensure that is in-line with what issues are important

to our campus."

"We're very pleased to have the USSA national president visiting our campus and helping groups organize their priority campaigns," said ASOSU President Mike Caudle, who greeted Samu upon his arrival on campus.

Samu did not waste any time getting to the most pertinent matter on his agenda. "We need to get out the word to graduated students and those who are about to graduate in December, that they need to get out and consolidate their loans if they want to take advantage of the current rate." The federal consolidated interest rate, which stands at 7.46 percent until Jan. 31, may go up as much as .8 percent on Feb. 1. "The word just isn't getting out right now."

According to Samu, 70 percent of an average student's financial aid package comes from the federal level. With increases in the costs of attending college, however, this

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ANTHONY SAMU, USSA PRESIDENT

comes more and more in the form of loans every year. This is leaving college graduates with large debts.

"Now, more than ever, it is essential to have a college education to succeed in America," said Samu. "To fill the void in middle-class America, we need to get back to grant-based financial aid."

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NEWS

ASOS 'U' OUGHTA KNOW

Learn to decrease stress

Are you feeling stressed? Finals week is just around the corner. Come and find out ways to reduce stress on Dec. 1 at the Women's Center. Watch for further information on speakers and times. Any other questions can be directed to Jeanne Golden at 737-6357.

Forum scheduled with OSU president

The Steering Committee and the University Honors College are hosting a forum with Oregon State University President Paul Risser on Thursday, Nov. 19, in the Memorial Union Lounge. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Risser will talk briefly about various issues concerning the university and will then open the forum to questions from the audience. Everybody is encouraged to attend. This is your chance to voice your opinions to the president, so be sure to show up and let Risser know your ideas and concerns about OSU. For more information, contact Jacqueline Alani Wirz, ASOSU undergraduate science senator, at <wirzja@ucs.orst.edu> or 758-7105.

Paid ASOSU executive position open

Apply now for the position of executive director of External Development with ASOSU. The position is responsible for fundraising and gifts in-kind from outside the OSU campus community. The position requires 20 hours per week, paid. Apply at the information desk in the Student Involvement in Snell Hall/MU East. For more information please call Melanie Spraggins, ASOSU vice president, at 737-6345.

A note to our readers

The Associated Students of Oregon State University is the student body government of Oregon State University, headed up by President Mike Caudle and Vice President Melanie Spraggins. ASOS 'U' Oughta Know is a weekly feature in The Daily Barometer news pages, running each Wednesday and offering news briefs on involvement opportunities and the most current events occurring within the realm of OSU student government. The decision to install this weekly feature in The Barometer was primarily to keep OSU students up-to-date on the purposes of and issues dealt with by their student body government. For general questions regarding ASOSU, contact the Student Involvement in Memorial Union East at 737-2101.

BRAVO

Risser named to Board

OSU President Paul Risser has been appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. Risser is an internationally known scientist. He began his academic career as a biologist and ecologist, studying grassland and forest ecosystems, environmental planning and management and global change. Risser served as president of the Ecological Society of America and the American Institute of Biological Sciences, and was secretary general to the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment, headquar-

tered in Paris, France.

OSU engineer recognized

Michael Kassner, a professor of mechanical engineering at OSU, has been named a fellow of the American Society for Metals. Fellowship in this professional organization recognizes distinguished contributions in the field of materials science and engineering. Kassner was cited particularly for his work in developing aluminum, zirconium and titanium alloys, in collaboration with both federal research agencies and private industry through the Oregon Metals Initiative.

GOING DRY: Members supportive of decision to go dry

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ironed out. Sigma Phi Epsilon members are being very supportive of the change, he said. "I think the house could really benefit from this." Student Conduct Coordinator Bill Oye applauded Sig-Eps for "recognizing that they have some responsibilities. They're stepping up, and ... I think that's really great. But we still need to make sure that the decisions they make are in line with those of the university." Oye suggested that additional disciplinary reviews from external organiza-

tions — such as Interfraternity Council or the Student Conduct Committee — might be necessary.

"Sometimes you really need an external review to look at it from the perspective of what this looks like from across the room," Oye explained.

LIBRARY: Compact shelving saves space

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that links the pieces together for students. When catalog users log in they can type the name of an author, and the system will tell them which books have been written by that author and if the library is carrying the book. The system will also tell users where they can locate the book in the library. The electronic database versus is much more accessible than the card catalog, said Butcher. People can access the program from their own computer at home, and it is also available through the web. The remodeling of the library has made room for more seating, more room for group study and new compact shelving. The compact shelving is electrical and runs side by side on tracks. Compact shelving almost cuts the shelving space in half, which leaves room for more personal space. This is also the first time that students can walk into the library and plug in their laptop to do their work. They have wired study tables to make this possible. Butcher believes that more students are now using the library, not only for the new features, but because the library is more appealing to be in. "The new library is a save haven for an active mind," said

OSU senior Tavis Forrester. The library is currently fundraising for a new collection of books. An expansion of the literary section would help to further the library's attributes.

CORRECTION

Health Careers Connections' career opportunities event for minority students will be held this Thursday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. in Memorial Union Room 109. The incorrect date was posted in the Tuesday, Nov. 17 edition of *The Daily Barometer*. African American, Hispanic and Native American students are encouraged to attend the free event. To confirm attendance or for more information, contact Chere Pereira, academic advisor for health career preparation programs at OSU, at 737-3881. *The Daily Barometer* regrets the error and apologizes for any confusion it may have caused.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Gore gets center-stage chance to look presidential

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — For Al Gore it was a dream assignment: Step in for the boss at a summit of leaders grappling with a global financial crisis.

Two years before the 2000 election, the trip to the meeting of the 21-nation Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum is giving Gore a chance to look presidential — mixing with world leaders and lecturing his hosts about human rights.

"I think that this is a perfect example of why the vice president is very tough to take on," said Bill Carrick, a California political consultant and ally of Gore rival Dick Gephardt, the House minority leader.

"He's going to be able to use his institutional position to underscore that he's in office — the second highest office in the country," Carrick said.

Gore grabbed headlines at APEC with forceful remarks in praise of the "brave people of Malaysia" who have taken to the streets to protest Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's crackdown — and jailing — of a former ally.

Of course, there were critics of Gore's provocative comments about people power and human rights, in a country that in the past two months has seen its worst rioting in three decades.

Malaysian Trade Minister Rafidah Aziz called Gore's remarks "the most disgusting speech I've ever heard in my life." And New Zealand Prime Minister Jenny Shipley branded it "megaphone diplomacy."

But Gore stood his ground. With Russian Prime Minister

Yevgeny Primakov looking on, the vice president told reporters, "My point is very simple — these economies have some very difficult choices to make for reform to move forward."

Back in Washington, the White House let it be known that Gore was trumpeting administration views and following the path set by Clinton, who during last summer's visit to China engaged in a vigorous debate with Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

"It certainly was the same speech that the president was planning to use, and it certainly reflects U.S. policy," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

Standing up to Mahathir should play well on the campaign trail. And it could help U.S. human rights advocates forget a 1997 Gore trip to China when the vice president was criticized for de-emphasizing human rights to grab contracts for U.S. businesses.

Lacking during the Gore trip, of course, was the intensity that invariably follows a president around the globe. "Is that all there is?" one embassy staffer nervously asked a colleague at one point, as a skimpy group of 10 reporters waited to record Gore's arrival this week.

And Gore's substitute performance also underscores the tenuousness of being No. 2: His political future is tied to Clinton's success or failure.

"If the president were unpopular, it would rub off on Gore,"

Gephardt ally Carrick says.

During his six years as vice president, Gore has made extensive foreign travels, and his familiarity with world leaders was on display as he chatted and shared laughs with other leaders.

Gore's meeting with Jiang was described as a "conversation between people who know each other well," according to a Gore aide who spoke on condition his name not be used.

At other times, Gore the policy wonk was on full display during the meetings.

"I want to highlight the natural gas initiative," Gore told the other countries' leaders during one session Tuesday, describing in glowing detail a futuristic plan to hook up the vast Asian region in a natural gas grid.

And he outlined during his first day here a new plan to help Asian economies recover with another \$10 billion in loans and aid.

That will give Gore's boss something to talk about when he arrives in Tokyo on Thursday to take up his shortened Asia trip. Clinton will visit Japan, South Korea and Guam.

Gore will be headed back to Washington to resume his No. 2 role. He even has to give up the boss' plane. Because of the hurry-up nature of the decision to send Gore, he was allowed to fly on a snazzy Boeing 747 normally used by Clinton. On the way back, Gore will return to his own, more workmanlike, plane.

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A CALIFORNIA POLITICAL CONSULTANT

Nearly one in five women victim of rape, attempted rape

■ Study shows that 17.7 million American women have been raped at some point in their lives

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly 18 percent of women in the United States have been raped or been the victim of attempted rape at some point during their lives, the government said Tuesday.

That amounts to 17.7 million American women. More than half of the rape victims said they were under 17 when first raped, according to a released Tuesday and commissioned by the Justice and Health and Human Services departments.

The nationwide survey, conducted by the Denver-based Center for Policy Research, also found that more than half of women at one time in their lives have been physically assaulted, ranging from slaps and punches to gun violence.

"Each number in this survey represents our daughters, our mothers and our neighbors," HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said in a statement. "We must recognize violence against women as a significant social problem."

The National Violence Against Women survey interviewed about 8,000 men and 8,000 women about physical

assault experienced during childhood and as adults.

Three of four women who responded that they had been raped or assaulted as adults said the perpetrator was a current or former husband, a co-habiting partner or a date.

Just 18 percent of men who responded to having been assault victims said the perpetrator was an intimate partner.

The telephone survey used several methods in an attempt to increase the quality of the data: The questions were posed in the context of "personal safety" rather than "crime," respondents could call the interviewer back in case the abuser was present, and women were interviewed by women.

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HHS SECRETARY DONNA SHALALA

Cigarette smoking on the rise at colleges nationwide

■ Health organizations are continuously trying to get through to college students about the dangers of cigarette smoke

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Cigarette smoking is on the rise among college students, jumping 28 percent in four years and causing health advocates to warn the nation may face more tobacco-caused disease.

"The rise in this group is really an alarming sign," said Henry Wechsler of Harvard University, whose study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Wechsler's findings aren't a surprise — smoking already had risen among teen-agers by 32 percent in the 1990s. So once those teens hit college, the rates among college students were sure to rise, too.

But the findings show that health officials must target college students to try to get them to quit, said Dr. Donald Sharp of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Until now, college students largely have been ignored by anti-tobacco programs. Historically, they were far less likely to smoke than less educated Americans, plus most smokers begin before they reach age 18. So health workers had focused more on persuading children never to try cigarettes and helping older smokers quit, Sharp said.

"Because of the highly addictive nature of nicotine, very few of those kids who became regular smokers in middle school and high school quit" by college, he said. "They will suffer a much higher rate of smoking-related illness and death as a result unless effective cessation can be provided to that group."

Cigarette smoking is the leading preventable cause of disease and death. The government says it kills more than 400,000 Americans a year. Smoking causes a host of health problems, from lung cancer and heart disease to impotence.

Some 3,000 teen-agers begin smoking every day. The question is what was happening to people a little older — the 18- to 24-year-olds now in college.

Wechsler compared surveys of over 14,000 students at 116 colleges in 1993 and again in 1997. Some 28.5 percent of college students smoked last year, up from 22.3 percent in 1993, he reported.

The vast majority started smoking in high school — only 11 percent of college students had their first cigarette after age 18. But 28 percent moved from occasionally trying cigarettes in high school to becoming regular smokers in college, a finding the CDC called worrisome.

Half of college smokers reported they had tried to quit in the previous year, and 18 percent had made five or more attempts at kicking the addiction.

The findings stress the need for colleges to offer more smoke-free dormitories, because students might go without that cigarette if they can't smoke it conveniently, Wechsler said. He is about to study how smoke-free U.S. colleges are.

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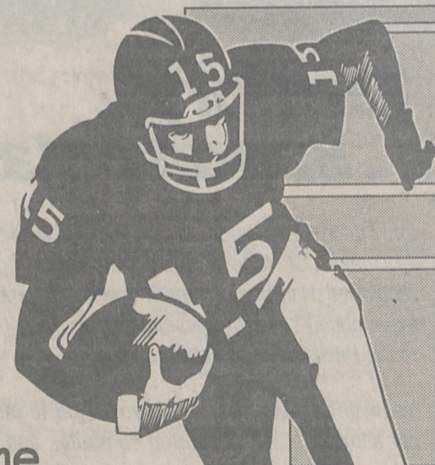
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SAMU: Wants purchasing power for Pell Grant

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This year, the 25th anniversary of the Pell Grant, saw a long-range plan for an increase in the federally-sponsored program, which provides money for lower income students to attend college. Samu is pressing for more. "We need to get the Pell Grant back its purchasing power," he said.

The recent Higher Education Amendments, which were passed into law by Congress last month, were a proud topic for Samu, but he was insistent that with

momentum swinging in the favor of students, now was not the time to let down the push for more federal aid.

"I think we fared well, better than we ever have before, but we are still only 2 percent of the federal budget," said Samu. "When 78 percent of America says that education is a top priority, 2 percent just isn't cutting it. We need to re-cut the pie to provide for more middle-class and lower-middle-class students"

Jury recommends death in murder case

The Associated Press

WHEATON, Ill. — A jury on Tuesday recommended the death penalty for the third person convicted in the murders of two children and their mother, whose unborn child was slashed from her womb.

The same panel that found Fedell Caffey eligible for the death penalty last Thursday deliberated his fate for about 90 minutes, said Laura Pollastrini, spokeswoman for the state's attorney's office.

Caffey, 25, was convicted last week of three counts of first-degree murder and one count of aggravated kidnapping for the November 1995 slayings of Debra Evans and her two oldest children.

Evans, 28, and her daughter Samantha, 10, were killed in their Addison apartment. Evans' 7-year-old son, Joshua, was abducted and later stabbed to death. Evans' womb was slashed and her nearly full-term son was removed. The baby, Elijah, survived, along with his brother Jordan, now 4.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

Meetings

ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 7:00 pm, MU 209. General meeting to discuss projects. Meeting is open to everyone.

Agricultural Exec., 6:00-7:00 pm, MU 213.

APASU(Asian Pacific American Student Union), 6:00-7:00 pm, Marketplace West, East Conference Rm.

OSU Mountain Club, 7:00 pm, MU 206 (Asian Pacific American Rm). Doug Jacobs presents a slideshow on climbing in the San Juan Mts. Colorado. Last meeting before Thanksgiving break. Everyone welcome!

Vegetarian Resource Network, 5:00 pm, Women's Center.

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!

The Horticulture Club, 5:00 pm, ALS 4000. Meeting and fieldtrip planned. Poinsettia sale coming up, get involved.

Campus Crusade for Christ, 6:30 pm, MU East - International Forum. Come meet new people, fellowship, and learn more about Jesus Christ.

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, 3 p.m., B008A Kerr Admin. Interviewing Skills Seminar.

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.

Second Stage (OSU Drama Club), 5:00 pm, Withycomb Studio Theater Lobby. General meeting.

Speakers

Women's Center, 12:00-1:00 pm, Women's Ctr. Veganism/Vegetarianism and Women's health. Guest speaker: Janet Beary.

HOPE, 12:00 pm, Women's Center. Workshop- Janet Beary on vegetarian and women's health

HOPE (Helping Our Peers Effectively), 4:00-5:00 pm, Dixon. Janet Berry speaks on "Eating for Peak Performance" as a part of OSU Nutrition Week.

Events

OSU Triathlon Club, 7:00 pm, MU Council Room. Intro to triathlons (swim, bike run). Learn the basics, details, and tips.

HOPE (Helping Our Peers Effectively), all week OSU nutritional week -Information table Tues-Wed., by Burger King and Thurs. by little store. Check calendar for speakers and workshops.

Oregon State University Ballroom Dance Club(OSUBDC), 8:00-10:00 pm, Women's Bld. rm. 116. Wednesday Night Ballroom Practices. Free to everyone, but will take small donations! 8 pm - 10 pm every Wednesday. Wm's Blding, Rm 116.

Mortarboard Senior Honor Society,

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THURSDAY, NOV. 19

Meetings

Men Against Rape, 6:00-7:00 pm, MU Room 207. General meeting. Everyone welcome. Come to discuss issues concerning rape & sexual assault and what men can do to prevent them.

Hispanic Student Union, 5:00 pm, Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. We will continue to plan for Hispanic Night. Food will be provided.

Pre-Vet Club, 7:00 pm, Magruder 102. This meeting we'll be observing a case study of a vet school patient. Finalization of the Wildlife Safari trip, and other business will also be discussed.

Career Services, 2 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.

OSU Sailing Club, 6:30 pm, Learning Lounge of MU. Club meetings.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30-10:00 pm, Women's Center. Anyone with a desire to stop drinking is welcome.

Speakers

Women's Center, 12:00-1:00 pm, Women's Ctr. Cervical cancer: Why pap smears are important. Guest speaker: Nurse Practitioner Janet Raffensperger.

HOPE (Helping Our Peers Effectively), 3:00-4:00 pm, La Raza rm. in MU. Mariette Browers speak on "Self-Esteem and Food" as a part of OSU Nutrition Week.

Events

Phi Beta Lambda, 6:30 pm, Bexell 103. Resume workshop, 6:30 pm, Bexl 103, bring your resume or start your resume during the workshop. Prepare yourself for the business world.

Health Careers Connections, 5:00 pm, MU 109. Pizza and info. about a new pipeline program for under-represented minorities interested in health programs at OHSU.

Video, 7:00-9:00 pm, Native American Longhouse. Video showing of Incident at Oglala. 1975 incident at the Pine Ridge Reservation in which 2 FBI and one Native American were killed. This is the incident that led to the incarceration of Leonard Peltier. Discussion afterwards.

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FORUM

Tips on how to avoid hosting Thanksgiving dinner next year

So this year, you agreed to host the big family Thanksgiving dinner. Congratulations! You moron!

No, seriously, hosting Thanksgiving dinner does NOT have to be traumatic. The key is planning. For example, every year my family spends Thanksgiving at the home of a friend named Arlene Reidy, who prepares dinner for a huge number of people. I can't give an exact figure, because my eyeballs become fogged with gravy. But I'm pretty sure that Arlene is feeding several branches of the armed forces.

And Arlene is not slapping just any old food on the table, either. She's a gourmet cook who can make anything. I bet she has a recipe for cold fusion. She serves moist, tender turkeys the size of Arnold Schwarzenegger, accompanied by a vast array of exotic hors d'oeuvres and 350 kinds of sweet potatoes made from scratch. I'm pretty sure Arlene threshes her own wheat.

If you were to look into Arlene's dining room at the end of Thanksgiving dinner, it would at first appear to be empty. Then you'd hear groans and burps coming from under the table, and you'd realize that the guests, no longer able to cope with the food and gravity at the same time, were lying on the floor. Every now and then you'd see a hand snake up over the edge of the table, grab a handful of stuffing, then dart back under the table again, after which you'd hear chewing, then swallowing, then the sound of digestive organs rupturing. Some guests have to be rushed by ambulance to the hospital, receiving pumpkin pie intravenously en route.

The question is: How is Arlene able to prepare such an amazing feast for so many people? The answer is simple: I have no idea. I'm always watching football when it happens. But my point is that, if you want to provide your Thanksgiving guests with a delicious home-cooked meal, one approach would be to go to Arlene's house and steal some of her food when she's busy churning the butter. She'd never notice. She has enough leftovers to make turkey sandwiches for everybody in Belgium.

If you prefer to do your own cooking this Thanksgiving, your first step is to calculate how much turkey you need. Home economists tell us that the average 155-pound person consumes 1.5 pounds of turkey, which means your turkey should weigh, let's see, carry the two ... 3,255 pounds. If you can't find a turkey that size, you should call up

selected relatives and explain to them, in a sensitive and diplomatic manner, that they can't come because they weigh too much.

In selecting a turkey, remember that the fresher it is, the better it will taste. That's why, if you go into the kitchen of top professional homemaker Martha Stewart on Thanksgiving morning, you'll find her whacking a live turkey with a hatchet. In fact, you'll find Martha doing this every morning.

"It just relaxes me," she reports.

Your other option is to get a frozen turkey at the supermarket. The Turkey Manufacturers Association recommends that, before you purchase a frozen bird, you check it for firmness by test-dropping it on the supermarket floor — it should bounce three vertical inches per pound — and then take a core sample of the breast by drilling into it with a 3/8-inch masonry bit until you strike the giblets. If supermarket employees attempt to question you, the Turkey Manufacturers Association recommends that you "gesture at them with the drill in a reassuring manner."

When you get the turkey home, you should thaw it completely by letting it sit on a standard kitchen counter at room temperature for one half of the turkey's weight in hours, or roughly 19 weeks. "If you see spiders nesting in your turkey," states the Turkey Manufacturers Association, "you waited too long."

Once the turkey is defrosted, you simply cook it in a standard household oven at 138.5 degrees centimeter for 27 minutes per pound (29 minutes for married taxpayers filing jointly). Add four minutes for each 100 feet of your home's elevation above sea level, which you should determine using a standard household sextant. Inspect the turkey regularly as it cooks; when you notice that the skin has started to blister, the time

has come for you to give your guests the message they've been eagerly awaiting: "Run!" Because you left the plastic wrapper on the turkey, and it's about to explode, spewing out flaming salmonella units at the speed of sound.

As you stand outside waiting for the fire trucks, you should take a moment to count your blessings. The main one, of course, is that you will definitely NOT be asked to host the big family Thanksgiving dinner next year. But it's also important to remember — as our Pilgrim foreparents remembered on the very first Thanksgiving — that two excellent names for rock bands would be "The Turkey Spiders" and "The Flaming Salmonella Units."

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Dave Barry, nationally syndicated humor columnist.



HUMOR

DAVE BARRY

"If supermarket employees attempt to question you, the Turkey Manufacturers Association recommends that you 'gesture at them with the drill in a reassuring manner.'"

LETTERS

Sigma Phi Epsilon to go temporarily dry

To the Editor:

The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon would like to address incidents concerning our chapter within the last week. On Saturday night, our house was cited for six counts of distributing alcohol to minors. We recognize that we broke the law and we are prepared to accept the consequences. Additionally, and more importantly, we recognize that our house is dealing with a bigger problem. This problem is the reliance and convenience of alcohol to our members. Therefore, as a chapter we have decided to go dry for the remainder of the term and all of winter term. The phrase "going dry" means that there will be no alcohol on the premises of Sigma Phi Epsilon. This period will serve as a trial period for our house. At the end of winter term, our house will evaluate the results of being dry and take whatever steps need to be taken to ensure the success of our fraternity.

John L. Seethoff,
President of Sigma Phi Epsilon

AmeriCorps offers community service options

To the Editor:

Giving back. Making a difference. These two ideals are at the core of a concept called community service. Oftentimes I hear students comment that if they could, they would like to spend a year or two helping out others in community service projects, but time and financial obligations are generally not feasible. Well, there is such an opportunity to help full-time: AmeriCorps. Each year, AmeriCorps engages thousands of Americans from all ages, backgrounds and religions to commit one year of service to improve our local communities. Focusing its efforts on four areas (education, environment, public safety, and un-met human needs), there are over 500 programs nationwide that are in need for service-oriented individuals to act on their ideals and make a difference.

AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance, health care coverage, and

at the completion of their service, a \$4,725 education stipend that can be used for college, graduate school, vocational training or to pay back student loans. For students interested in opportunities with AmeriCorps, there will be an informational session this Thursday evening at 6:30 in MU 203. And even if AmeriCorps isn't in your plans, I encourage everyone to get involved in service activities. Student Volunteer Services always has on-going service needs, and organizations like Mortar Board, Circle K International, as well as fraternities and sororities, regularly conduct community service projects. In essence, community service is really just about offering your time, care, skills and efforts to making the world a better place. It's never too late to start.

Edwin Tanedo,
Senior in human development and family sciences

Stewart's actions alleged to disgrace university

To the Editor:

To Justin Stewart:
It is you and others like you that bring great shame to Greek organizations and our fine campus. Such blatant disregard for the law enforcement and a respect for your own fraternity and our shared organization is inexcusable.

And may God strike down with great vengeance upon thee for such unthankfulness to the individual who put himself in such a compromising position to allow you to enjoy the frothy alcoholic beverage.

You have shown to be a disgrace to your peers and community. Let this be a lesson to us all: We must always consider our actions in our litigious and such quick-to-blame society in that our actions will always be associated with the group. While individual idiocy is one of the most cherished freedoms in our beloved nation, bad decisions will usually be attributed to a group. And the group will always assume the final blame.

Henry Penguin,
Sophomore in animal science

COLUMBIA: Affirmative action

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said Saturday.

He is right. The language used at last weekend's conference is dangerous because it gives credence to the idea that simply paying lip-service to an ideal makes that ideal a reality. But as the conference attendees repeatedly learned from the protesters, actions speak louder than words. Affirmative action is a pragmatic attempt at helping our nation live up to the full meaning of its creed.

The opponents of affirmative action at the conference did raise some worthwhile questions, such as 'When will affirmative action end?' 'Does it unjustly harm white

males?' and 'Does affirmative action reinforce the idea that minorities are fundamentally inferior?'

These questions are important and should be discussed in forums where rational discussion, not polarization, is the agenda. As President Clinton has said repeatedly, this country should "mend" affirmative action, "not end it." Honest, rational discussion about affirmative action is the only way such a task can be achieved.

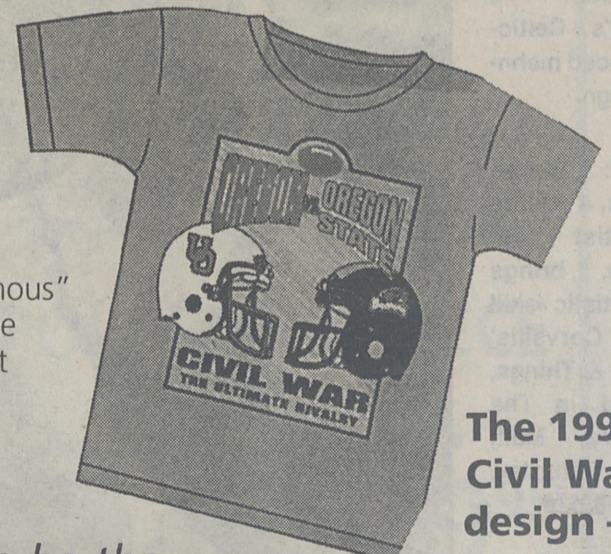
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Mehndi Mania

By JOY ESTIMADA
The Daily Barometer

Lately, you may have noticed that celebrities like Madonna, Demi Moore, Mira Sorvino and Gwen Stefani have had more than just time on their hands; they've all been sporting tattoo-like designs concocted of henna — a reddish-orange dye made from the leaves of a henna shrub.

Sound trendy? It's mehndi, a form of henna body painting that is making its way into mainstream American culture as a safe alternative to tattooing without the pain or the permanence. Mehndi is the Indian term for the body painting process.

For the past three months, Karen Barnes, a mehndi artist from Albany, has been helping local residents take part in the art by decorating skin every Saturday at Beads & Things, a bead and jewelry store located in Corvallis' Cannery Mall. Barnes is just one of many artists who have begun practicing the body painting method, which can also be done through do-it-yourself kits (available at beauty supply stores).

"Some people like to refer to mehndi as 'temporary tattooing.' But purists often don't like to use that term because it's so different from tattooing. With mehndi, there's no going

"... Knowledge about mehndi and its traditions can shed a whole new light on body painting — a light that says it's beautiful in the same way that wearing jewelry, painting your nails, and wearing make-up is beautiful.

KAREN BARNES, MEHNDI ARTIST

under the skin, there are no needles, and there are no health risks involved," Barnes said.

Barnes' mehndi method works by staining the skin a deep orange color with a henna paste. The paste is made from finely-ground henna powder, lemon juice, black tea and clove oil.

She begins the process by cleansing the skin with rubbing alcohol, then prepping the skin with clove essential oil. The oil opens the skin's pores and makes it more susceptible to the henna stain, Barnes explained.

Next, Barnes applies the pine-green henna paste to the skin in the desired design. She draws the design freehand, squeezing the paste out of a cone that resembles an icing-application tube. The design process can take anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes, depending on the difficulty of the work.

Once the henna paste begins to dry, Barnes "sets" the design with a sugar and water solution. The solution keeps the paste wetter for longer, which Barnes said results in a darker, longer-lasting design.

Four to six hours later, the dried paste is peeled and scraped off to reveal a reddish-orange color that will darken and then slowly fade within two to four weeks. None of Barnes' 50-plus patrons have yet reacted allergically to her work. "I think that the henna's natural properties keep allergic reactions down," Barnes said.

Barnes' most popular works are her "viney" designs — the ones with stems and leaves climbing all over the body; but she can also paint suns, moons, fairies, hearts and even cartoon characters onto ankles, feet, hands and bellies. Her most unusual project request involved painting flames onto a guy's bald head.

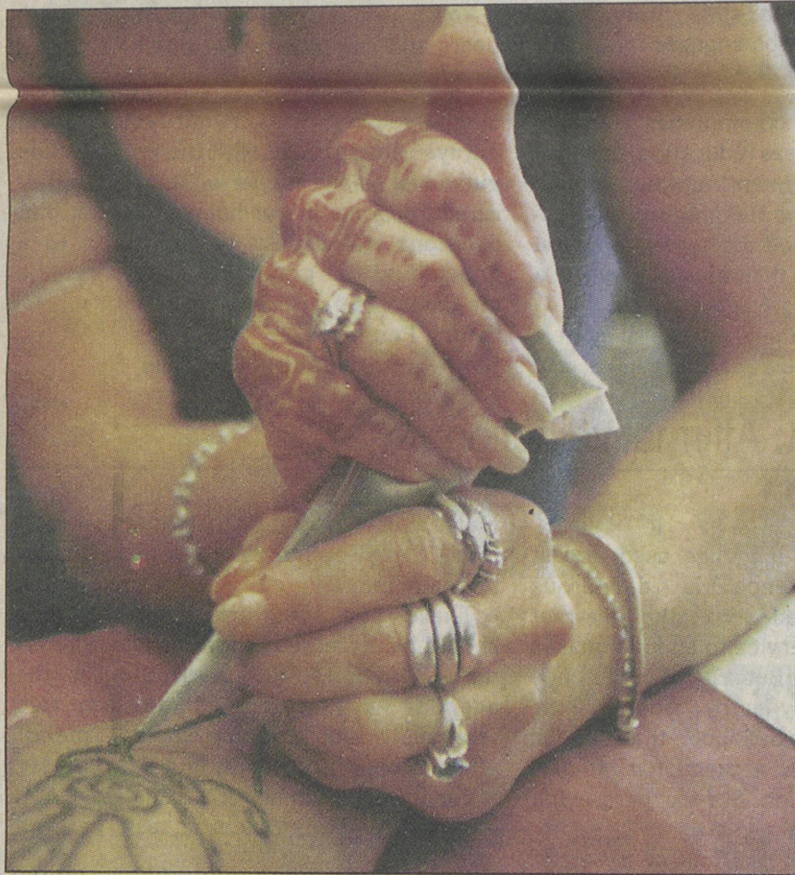
Mehndi fits right in with the style of the 40-year-old Barnes — who is a belly dancer, art

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ABOVE: Karen Barnes' tools of the trade include rubbing alcohol, clove essential oil, fresh henna paste and application tubes.

BELOW: Karen Barnes applies the dark green henna paste to a patron's hand and arm.



ABOVE: Karen Barnes' decorated hands work to complete a patron's Celtic-influenced mehndi design.

RIGHT: Karen Barnes, a mehndi artist from Albany, brings her artistic skill to Corvallis' Beads & Things, located in The Cannery Mall, every Saturday, from 2-6 p.m.

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JOE ELLIS



ODDS & ENDS

'Microsoft Home Publishing 99' turns desktop PC into multimedia print shop

■ *Hallmark and Microsoft team up to give users the power to create their own greeting cards*

By RIC LEYVA

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The home personal computer, long serving as personal secretary, bookkeeper, tax preparer and financial analyst, can now stand in for a professional graphics designer.

Going far beyond earlier home desktop programs offering somewhat similar packages, "Microsoft Home Publishing 99" offers so much that small businesses, nonprofit organizations and homegrown outfits like the local community theater group will likely take advantage of its many possibilities.

Besides its expansive catalog of built-in designs, "Home Publishing 99," created for personal use, excels largely because it is so easy to use. People with no previous graphics experience can put together professional quality stationery, greeting cards, flyers, calendars or party favors, with no trial and error.

Imagine designing whole sets of Christmas cards, customized with family photos, in minutes. Address labels, business cards, wedding invitations, birth announcements, posters, newsletters, signs, award certificates and seemingly countless

other items are as easy to format as point and click.

"Home Publishing 99" can even be programmed to remind users of birthdays and anniversaries.

Teaming up with Hallmark cards, Microsoft saves users from having to brainstorm their own artistic ideas. There are 6,000 built-in card designs, from "get well soon" to "happy holidays" and everything in between, all of which can be customized with photos, graphics or anything else that can be scanned into a digital format.

The sheer volume of what's available is overwhelming. There are 8,000 professional quality design templates, 70,000 clip art graphics and background scenery and 2,500 photos. But two-dimensional art made to be printed on paper is just the beginning.

"Home Publishing 99" also has a huge section devoted to jazzing up e-mail and Web page designs with the latest multimedia advances, featuring 2,500 animation motion clips and 1,250 music and sound clips to go along with graphics and photos.

In one example provided in the package, there is an elaborate e-mail newsletter documenting a family vacation to the Caribbean, easily viewable on any Web browser.

An animated cruise ship sails by within a headline banner, while Calypso music plays in the background. Text set against a colorful backdrop alternates with pictures and video taken on

the ocean cruise. Users can even record their own voices and insert them into the mix, just to say hello as an introduction or as voice-over narration recounting every step of trip.

The program offers dozens of craft projects, such as entire birthday party favor kits that include invitations, party hats, banners, name tags, napkin rings, fold-up goodie boxes, place mats, games and activity booklets.

Another astounding built-in is a photo effects subprogram, "Microsoft Picture It! Express," which eliminates red-eye from flash shots, and allows users to adjust brightness and contrast to correct improperly exposed snaps.

"Microsoft Home Publishing 99" for Windows is priced at \$54.95. "Home Publishing Suite 99," which includes "Home Publishing 99" and comes with the more elaborate digital photo processing subprogram "Microsoft's Picture It! 99" goes for \$84.95.

Relatively similar software used by graphics professionals typically starts at several hundred dollars.

"Picture It! 99" has the added features of being able to restore old photos, clip objects from photos and use them in collage designs and implement special photo effects and distortion filters to broaden plain photos' aesthetic appeal.

As if all that wasn't enough, registered owners can access additional graphics, pictures and design ideas on a special Microsoft Web site.

MEHNDI: Indian traditions explored

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afficionado and musician of Middle Eastern descent. She picked up the art form over the past nine months with the help of a friend who traveled to India and researched mehndi.

"I think that most of the people who do mehndi are people who are afraid to get a real tattoo but still want to get something that lasts and looks cool," said Klynn Mills, assistant manager of Clackamas Town Center's Hot Topic store in Portland. Hot Topic sells a number of different do-it-yourself mehndi kits, which Mills said are top-selling items at their store.

Barnes had additional sentiments about the art, stating that many people get "henna-ed" in much the same way that they get their hair or nails done — to enhance their beauty and as a form of expression. Many people, she said, also do it as a "trial" for getting a real tattoo.

"I think that America is very unique in its appreciation for other cultures. They're not afraid to latch on to the cultures, moods and arts that intrigue them," Barnes said.

Nicole Slocum, a sales associate at Hot Topic, theorized that Americans' fascination with ethnic customs may stem from Americans' need for more spirituality and expression.

"The U.S. culture doesn't really have any formal rites of passage, and I think that

many people, especially young people, see things like body piercing, tattooing and body-painting as their rite of passage. It's their way of saying, 'I'm an adult, I'm free, and this is my way of expressing my independence.'"

Though mehndi may look new to Americans, it's actually one of the oldest forms of body painting. In the U.S., henna is commonly used as a hair dye for red hair. But National Geographic reported that in India, Egypt, Morocco and parts of Africa, henna has been used for more than 5,000 years to decorate the body. Barnes said that Nefertiti and Cleopatra are both known to have decorated their hair, skin and nails with henna.

Mahesh Rathi, an OSU master's student in forest products and a member of the

India Association, said that mehndi is traditionally applied to the hands and feet of a bride on the night before her wedding. She'll try to leave it on as long as possible to get a darker, longer-lasting stain because some Indians believe that 1) the darker your mehndi, the more your husband loves you, and 2) as long as you bear your mehndi designs, you don't have to do any housework. Articles in National Geographic explained that for many Indian women, her wedding time is probably the first and last time that she will be allowed to be a "lady of leisure," so she will make an effort to preserve her mehndi for as long as possible.

National Geographic also reported that on the night before nuptials, when women gather together and during the hours they must devote to having the design applied, they enlighten the bride-to-be with the secrets of being a good wife. Barnes explained that "the more mehndi you have on your body, the more you supposedly know about being a good wife."

Rathi added that in India, mehndi is also seen as a status symbol, because Indian women who frequently wear mehndi can supposedly afford to hire others to clean for them.

Though most Americans won't be wearing mehndi as a status symbol, they will be doing it for fun.

Barnes recommends having mehndi done professionally, because the quality of the henna in do-it-yourself kits can be poor and may not be as long-lasting. The other drawback to do-it-yourself kits is that if the skin is not prepared correctly, the design could lack staying power.

"Hopefully, mehndi will change the stigma associated with body painting. I know that many people out there still see it as an inmate or a pirate thing to do, but knowledge about mehndi and its traditions can shed a whole new light on body painting — a light that says it's beautiful in the same way that wearing jewelry, painting your nails and wearing make-up is beautiful," Barnes said. "We can think of it as the 'new,' ethnic body art."

You're never too old to ride a motorcycle

■ *American Motorcyclist Association survey says baby boomers the average*

By WILLIAM SCHIFFMANN

The Associated Press

MONTEREY, Calif. — It's a pretty typical day at the California Superbike School.

Young racer wanna-be's are stuffing themselves into fluorescent leather suits like so many multi-hued sausages, eagerly awaiting a chance to climb aboard — and learn to tame — a two-wheeled missile that accelerates harder than any production car and can top 150 mph.

But they're not the only ones on hand on a gloomy day at Laguna Seca Raceway just outside this resort town on the California coast. Mixed in with the youngsters are several riders who ... how to put this?

They're geezers.

Gray hair. No hair. Glasses. Social security cards issued when Kennedy was president. Or Eisenhower.

Guys who ought to be on a golf course, not a 120-horsepower motorcycle. Guys who should be flailing at a tennis ball, not dragging their knees around asphalt corners at escape velocity.

But don't tell that to Barry Ellman, a vascular surgeon from Scotch Plains, N.J., who's been riding for some 35 years. He's seen the damage a lapse in concentration or a dozing motorist can do to a motorcycle rider, but he still loves to ride.

"As a doctor, I've seen a lot of terrible things happen to people," he said while awaiting his turn on the track. "I'm going to have as much fun as I can."

Bob Cole, 50, is a fireman in Santa Clara, 40 miles south of San Francisco. As he tucked his longish gray hair inside a helmet, he said he has "always had a need for speed, the adrenaline rush."

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FAST FACTS

WHAT: Mehndi (henna body painting) by artist Karen Barnes
 WHEN: Saturdays from 2-6 p.m.
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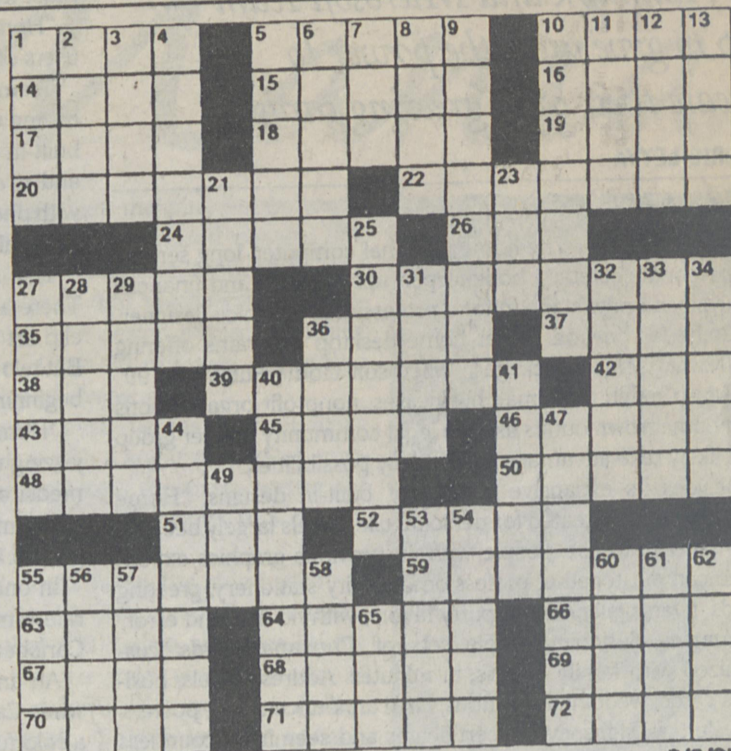


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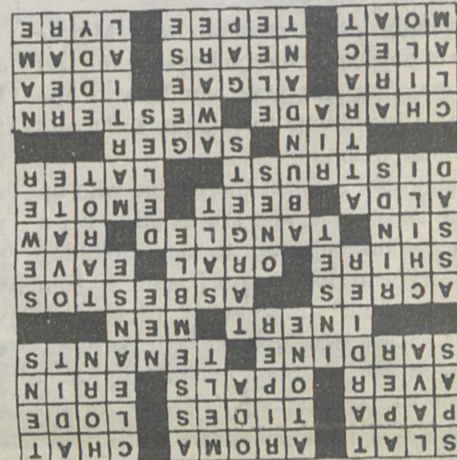


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CYCLE: Women take to the road

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"I love bikes, I still feel like a kid, and I don't see any time I'm going to slow down just because of age."

So, are bikers really getting older?

Keith Code, who runs the riding school, thinks so. In that elderly group himself, he says the average age of students has gone up from 24 in the early 1980s to 37 now.

"Baby boomers are the biggest group in the population now," he said. "The kids are gone, disposable income is up, and when they get into bikes, they want to do it right."

Bill Wood agrees. He's the managing editor of American Motorcyclist, a monthly magazine published by the American Motorcyclist Association for its 225,000-plus members.

"Yes, there's no question about it, for better or worse. Our surveys have indicated that our membership's average age is now about 44," Wood said.

"What we have seen is not necessarily people starting out for the first time," he said. "We're seeing re-entry riders, people who had motorcycles as teens or young adults and got out. Now, their kids are in college or married and they are in a position to enjoy some of the recreation they enjoyed a long time ago."

Other details of the AMA's survey: The average member is married, has attended college and has a household income of more

than \$63,000. Seventy-five percent paid for their bikes in cash — no mean feat when even the most basic machine can cost \$5,000 and top-of-the-line touring bikes are pushing \$20,000. Some 91 percent are men. Nearly a third are white-collar workers.

The most noticeable trend, says the AMA — in the past eight years, the average age of riders has gone up 5 1/2 years.

At the Harley-Davidson Motor Company in Milwaukee, spokesman Chris Romoser says the average buyer of a new Harley is in his early 40s, with about \$70,000 in household income. Another trend is that women are increasingly taking to the road, as shown by the membership rolls of the Harley Owners Group, a 15-year-old factory-sponsored club with chapters around the world.

"Once upon a time, HOG was predominately a male-oriented group, but that has really changed," he said. "What we are finding is members are coming from all parts of the demographic scale. Ten years ago, only one in 100 new Harleys were sold to women. That's up to one in 10 now."

"One way we look at it, our lives are so time-compressed, a motorcycle is something you can take a half-hour vacation on," he added. "That appeal of independence and freedom is universal."

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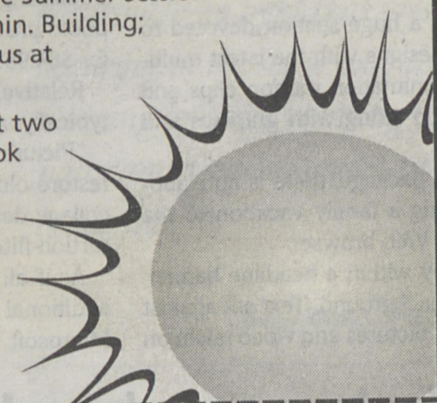
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Manipulating the language of preference

Staff Editorial

Columbia Daily Spectator, Columbia University

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — The presence of a conservative conference on Columbia's campus this past weekend sparked two protests and many accusations of racism, but to hear most people attending the conference tell it, they were simply part of a small but vocal minority crusading for equality and justice against the overwhelming power of elite "Liberals" who have no respect for American values.

This defense was the backbone of the logic used by Ward Connerly on Friday, and again by Dinesh D'Souza on Saturday, to justify their opposition to affirmative action, the issue that caused the most controversy over the weekend. Both D'Souza and Connerly described affirmative action as a program of government-sponsored discrimination and said it is "morally indefensible."

The claim that affirmative action is "immoral" seems to spring from the belief held by some conservatives that there is only one correct analysis of the actions commanded by the American ideal of "equality." Such conservatives believe that the ideal of equality excludes the possibility of giving specific groups of historically disadvantaged people special advantages when it comes to employment, education and government contracts, which is what affirmative action does. They describe affirmative action as "preference," equate "preference" with "discrimination," and thus determine that affirmative action is "immoral."

What is important to note about this argument against affirmative action is its reliance on the control of language and its meanings. A powerful example of the use of controlled language to defeat public affirmative action comes from Washington state's recent elections. This is the text of Washington's Initiative 200, which was approved by voters there on Nov. 4: "The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting." On Friday, referring to the language of Initiative 200, which he campaigned for and supported monetarily, Connerly said this: "There's nothing mysterious about [the initiative's language]. Thirty-seven words, simple, direct, unequivocal."

If short means simple, then yes, I-200 is simple. But it is certainly not direct; the implications of this text as law are incredibly complex and include a ban on public affirmative action, which the initiative does not even mention.

The clear strategy of Connerly and his followers is to substitute for affirmative action a word that they consider to be synonymous: "preference." Many polls have shown that voters who support affirmative action also say they are opposed to "preferences." It is this strange phenomenon that Connerly's semantics exploit.

But if by "unequivocal," Connerly means unambiguous, then what is unambiguous about a word like "preference?" It is far less precise than "affirmative action," which has a commonly agreed upon meaning both popularly and in law. Wouldn't it have been more "unequivocal" for the backers of I-200 to have said what they really meant by "Preference?" The answer is "Yes, but that would not have been as successful at the polls."

The slick language of I-200 was previously used by Connerly to successfully outlaw public affirmative action in California in 1996 and is currently making its way onto ballots across the country, subverting the idea that honest debate and informed consent are necessary for a healthy democracy.

"There is a culture of equality in America that we're simply trying to protect," Connerly said on Friday.

It would be more accurate to say that there is an ideal of equality in America that has not yet been fully realized. Connerly and his followers would do well to remember that when this country was founded, the culturally-based definition of "equality" excluded everyone except white, property-owning males. Not until very recently did the phrase "all men are created equal" come to include women, African-Americans, Asians, Latinos and other minority groups.

Having been kicked off Columbia University property on Saturday and forced to hold their event in Morningside Park, on the edge of a precipice that descends into Harlem, the conference attendees could have turned their heads 360 degrees and gotten strong empirical evidence that a "culture of equality" does not yet exist here.

But none of them seemed to be doing that as protesters hemmed them in on their small outcropping and as city police formed a line between the two groups. The conference attendees were all facing D'Souza, who was in turn facing towards Columbia as he railed against the audacity of the Liberal elite.

"We are a very small group of people, but they see us as a very dangerous threat. They're right," D'Souza

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Hussein the ultimate cause of Iraq's pain

It is often said that a picture tells a thousand words. There is no doubt in my mind that this is true. There is equally no doubt in my mind that Saddam Hussein knows that this is true as well.

I try to bear this in mind when I see pictures of starving children in Iraqi hospitals. It's a hard thing to do, because Iraqi children, even in a desolate state of malnourishment, often have incredibly big and beautiful eyes that do more to melt your heart than some may be able to take. It is equally hard to come to grips with the fact that we, as Americans, have the ability to stop their hunger. We, as Americans, have the ability to stop their pain.

Saddam Hussein has this same ability. Although he tells us, the world and even his own people otherwise, he has the ability to stop the hunger of the thousands of starving Iraqi children.

Instead, Hussein has chosen a different road, a road that leads to more pain and more suffering for his people. It is the road of non-compliance. It is the road of thwarted blame.

For the followers of great men who brought forth ideas of civil disobedience, non-compliance was a choice. For those who walked with the Reverend Martin Luther King, it was choice, not circumstance, that kept them off of the public transportation system. For those who sat alongside Ghandi, it was choice, not tyrannical rule, which led them to fast. For the Iraqi people, it is a dictator's non-compliance, not choice, which is the reason for their starvation.

Whether or not Hussein is justified in his non-compliance with post-Gulf War United Nations imposed sanctions is irrelevant. What is relevant, is that he has the power to end the sanctions and forever remove the pain of hunger from the bellies of Iraqi children, some of whom were not even born when Hussein attacked Kuwait.

So the pictures keep coming. Pictures of thousands of dying children and malnourished adults.

And then there are some pictures that just don't seem to make it out of the Iraqi leader's hands and into our own with quite so much regularity. These also tell a thousand words.

Like the snap shot of thousands of fully nourished Iraqi troops who continue the day-to-day movement of surface-to-air missiles.

Like the pictures of UN weapons inspectors who travel half a day to reach a site that has previously been said to be within the jurisdiction of their inspections, only to find out that the

leadership of Iraq has declared the site off limits.

Like the requisitions for marble, bronze and granite as part of the oil-for-food agreement. These items are obviously more likely to be used in the building of yet more palaces for the Iraqi leader than for the nourishment of thousands of starving Iraqi children.

Like doctored records of the destruction of chemical and biological weapons that just keep on happening to turn up in some very unlikely places in the course of UN weapons inspections.

Like the fact that of the \$5 billion in allowable sales this period as part of the oil-for-food deal, the Iraqi leader came up \$2 billion short.

How many children could you feed for \$2 billion?

There is another picture that Hussein does his best not to allow us to see. It is the picture of the young Kurdish children whom the dictator decided to use chemical weapons against in Northern Iraq. These are people of his own homeland. These are the people who he is trying to convince the world that we, as supporting members of a United Nations-imposed inspection for such weapons, are solely to blame for starving.

Hussein would like us to believe that we are the only cause of the destruction of his people. Sadly, he is partially correct. We, as Americans, support a United Nations resolution that calls for the proven destruction of all Iraqi chemical and biological weapons before the country may begin to export mass quantities of goods such as oil.

This is a role that I despise but still believe is necessary. It is necessary for the protection of the very children that Hussein ensures that we see pictures of starving everyday.

I've seen my fair share of pictures, but one in particular stands out in my mind. It is the picture of a young Kurdish boy holding out his hand proudly. It was the only part of his visible body that was not gnawed and scarred by a chemical that Hussein ordered the boy, his family and their community be attacked with. It is a picture worth a thousand arguments to get this abhorrent and rueful job done — the right way and as soon as possible.

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

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SPORTS

Bruins start over as Davis recovers from knee injury

■ *With the loss of many key players, it will be up to UCLA's youthful squad to meet their expectations*

By BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Youth and the uncertainty that springs from it make UCLA a difficult basketball team to figure this season.

Gone are stalwarts J.R. Henderson, Toby Bailey and Kris Johnson, talented players who carried the Bruins the last three years.

They've been replaced by a recruiting class that's regarded as the best in the country, but that's where youth comes in. Twelve of UCLA's 14 players are either freshmen or sophomores. Three freshmen — center Dan Gadzuric and forwards JaRon Rush and Jerome Moiso — could crack the starting lineup.

"You've got to keep the group hungry, keep them humble and keep them confident, not cocky, and move them forward with each practice and each game," third-year coach Steve Lavin said.

For the first time in years, neither UCLA nor Arizona are expected to dominate the Pac-10 Conference. Stanford, a Final Four team last season, is picked to win its first conference title

since sharing one with UCLA 36 years ago.

Washington is a strong contender to finish second, while UCLA is picked third. The Bruins ended up second last season after winning three straight Pac-10 titles.

"That's a position that I love being in and I think my teammates love being in, too," sophomore Earl Watson said of their underdog status. "We can sneak up on people. We just have to prove them wrong."

How the Bruins fare rests largely on the delicate knee of sophomore Baron Davis. He had surgery in April to repair the anterior cruciate ligament he tore in the NCAA tournament.

Davis, who averaged 11.7 points and had 77 steals last season, hasn't been ruled out for UCLA's season opener Thursday against Santa Clara. But it's more likely he'll return early next month.

"When the doctors feel that I'm ready, we'll go from there," Davis said. "I'm going to be real cautious. However long it takes, I'm willing to wait as long as I'm 100 percent."

Lavin has little time to experiment with his starting lineup, which Davis, once he's healthy, and Watson are expected to be in.

After hosting Santa Clara, a danger-

ous NCAA tournament team, UCLA heads to the Puerto Rico Shootout over Thanksgiving. National champion Kentucky is in the field.

Lavin said one of his goals is to be "less concerned with other people's expectations and other people's evaluation of who we are and what we are, and instead just really concentrate as a team on improving."

Lavin wants to use a full-court press, and he's finally got the depth to pull it off. After three years of thin benches and using six-man rotations, he has eight or nine players who can wear opponents down.

The Bruins finally have height at center in the pair of Gadzuric and Moiso, who are 6-foot-10, although Lavin refers to them as his 7-footers. They are with sneakers on.

"I know I sleep better at night just seeing the two guys walk across campus," Lavin joked.

"The last two years, we've probably been one of the smaller teams in the conference and it caught up to us in both ('97 and '98 NCAA) tournaments," he said.

Gadzuric, a native of the Netherlands, chose UCLA over the NBA draft. Moiso, a West Indies native, worked on his academics at a Connecticut prep school to be able to play in Westwood. Both are 20, making them older than the average freshman.

"I love them. It's an early Christmas present," Watson said. "They're so good. They have unbelievable skills and can be so much better."



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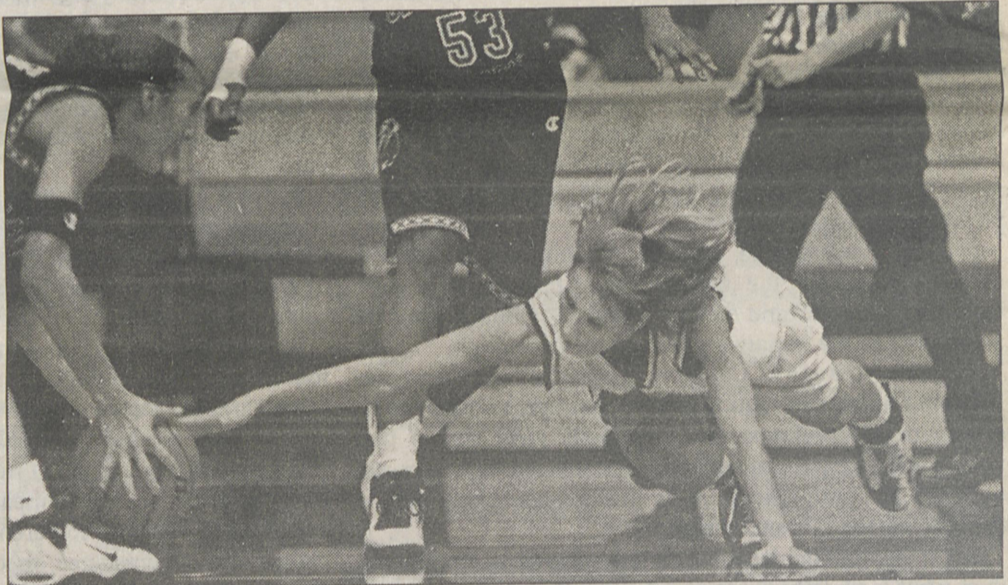
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Cherrith Wiersma had eight points and six assists in the Beaver's season opener versus San Diego State last night.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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like this was our game to lose," said Spoelstra. "I always felt like it was our game to win."

"I'm really proud of all the players."

Charley Murray led the SDSU attack by making four three-pointers en route to scoring 14 points, all of them in the second half. She was the team's only player to score in double-digits.

The Aztecs shot only 34 percent from the field.

Oregon State returns to action next Monday when Colorado State, who defeated Oregon this Monday, comes to Corvallis. Start time is 7:05 p.m.

"I think it was a good opener," said Wiersma. "We'll go from there."

■ Junior center Sissel Pierce was

"I'm really proud of all the players."

JUDY SPOELSTRA,
OSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

limited to 12 minutes because of her sore knees. She was 2-for-7 from the field, finishing with seven points, four rebounds, and three blocks.

■ The Beaver were able to use blocked shots to their advantage, blocking 10 shots compared to none by SDSU. Along with Pierce's three blocks, Ericka Brosterhous added three while Wiersma and Tanesha Wade each had two.

Oregon State 71,
San Diego State 67

San Diego State	MP	FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	S	PT
Lee	21	2-5	1-3	4	4	2	8	2	6
Bundage	36	0-3	5-6	3	3	0	1	4	5
Otili	34	2-6	4-4	5	4	0	1	1	8
Murray	33	4-12	2-2	1	5	4	4	2	14
Gillette	10	2-7	1-2	0	1	0	2	1	7
Sledge	24	3-10	1-2	7	4	4	3	2	7
Apiafi	10	2-4	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	4
Rushford	17	3-9	1-2	4	1	1	0	0	7
Swinbank	15	3-5	2-2	1	0	2	0	2	9
TOTALS	200	21-61	17-23	33	23	13	21	11	67

Oregon State	MP	FG	FT	R	F	A	TO	S	PT
Arnold	31	7-13	1-3	8	3	1	2	3	16
Wiersma, Chas.	34	6-8	3-4	12	4	5	4	2	16
Wade	16	2-3	0-3	2	1	0	2	3	4
Morris	11	1-5	0-0	1	1	0	4	0	3
Wiersma, Cher.	29	3-5	2-4	7	2	6	4	0	8
Pierce	12	2-7	3-4	4	4	0	0	0	7
Ragland	24	2-4	0-0	1	0	1	4	2	4
Thomas	11	1-1	0-0	0	2	5	3	1	2
Brosterhous	15	3-4	0-1	4	3	2	3	0	6
Salea	7	1-1	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Kakaranaite	10	1-2	1-2	1	2	0	2	0	3
TOTALS	200	29-53	10-21	43	22	20	29	11	71

Halftime score: Oregon St. 33, San Diego State 29.
3-point shots: San Diego State 8-19 (Murray 4-10, Gillette 2-4, Lee 1-1, Swinbank 1-1, Sledge 0-3), Oregon St. 3-7 (Wiersma-Chas. 1-1, Arnold 1-2, Morris 1-3, Wiersma-Cher. 0-1).
Blocked Shots: San Diego State 0, Oregon St. 10 (Pierce 3, Brosterhous 3, Wiersma-Chas. 2, Wade 2).
Fouled Out: Murray.
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The Rock Bottom Line: How the people screwed themselves

■ *Everyone pales in comparison to the new Corporate Champion: The Rock*

To quote the man himself, "This is the dawning of a new era."

Simply put, The Rock is God. A less-than-spectacular Survivor Series was all made right with a title match between The Rock and Mankind, the two guys who deserved the title the most.

In a completely unexpected move, The Rock dumped the people on their asses and joined the forces of WWF owner Vince McMahon and his family, including Shane, who earlier in the evening stabbed Stone Cold Steve Austin in the back. The end result, of course, is that we have a new WWF Champion.

It was brilliant, and even though Mankind deserves a title, the Rock will take professional wrestling into the next millennium whether the people like it or not.

If you don't understand the screwjob ending to the final match or why The Rock added the Sharpshooter to his repertoire, check out last year's Survivor Series. In a sort of bitter irony, the ending was exactly the same, except

Pro Wrestling

that last year it ended a career, and this year it catapulted one to a new level.

And then on Raw, The Rock got his proper coronation as WWF Champion. And even though Stone Cold found a way to weasel into a title match, that was his last opportunity, and he blew it.

For all of you unintelligent pieces of trailer park trash out there who chanted "Rocky sucks" and "Die! Rocky Die!" only to jump ship and join him during the past few weeks, The Rock didn't forget about you. You turned your back on

The Rock, then trusted him, and now you all must suffer the consequences. You all can kiss The Rock's ass.

Did all of you hear that chorus of boos on Raw? It was great. Now the true Rock fans don't have to worry about all of the fans that marked out for the face. They were just excess baggage. They don't recognize the incredible talent that is The Rock.

And The Rock has now shown the wrestling world that he can do anything, as he can be over and draw heat both as a heel and face, something

many wrestlers can't do. Pretty much no one is better behind the mic, and few can match his in-ring ability, and charisma.

The real problem is this: all of you people envy him. You all want to be The Rock. He's a millionaire. He's the WWF Champion. He's on top of the world, and you're working your ass off from 9 to 5 making minimum wage.

And give it up to the WWF for putting their top two wrestlers in a championship match on free television. That was great. They could have made so much money on that match, and probably still will.

So when The Rock raises the Corporate Eyebrow, drops the Corporate Elbow (the most electrifying move in sports entertainment today), and plants the Rock Bottom, you better smell what The Rock is cooking because he's about to lay the smack down on some candy-ass in a major way. The Rock guarandamntees it.

So know your damn role, shut your damn mouth, and bow down to the ruler of the WWF, the Corporate Champion, The Rock.

The opinions expressed in the column are those of Scott Johnson, an avid follower of professional wrestling and sports writer for *The Daily Barometer*.

THE ROCK BOTTOM LINE



SCOTT JOHNSON

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and will allow the players to hear the excitement inside of us. This is the fist ingredient.

Along with crazed and exaggerated noise, the disease is susceptible to color. The mighty Black and Orange must be draped around every loyal fan. Some may even choose to bravely bare their chests with O-S-U painted on them, or some might just wear their favorite Beaver sweatshirt. Whatever it is, the support of Beaver fans must be both heard and seen. The players on the field should be able to look up and feel overwhelmed by the amount of support displayed from their surrounding fans. These are the first two essential ingredients.

Despite the importance of sight and sound, the most essential contribution that Beaver fans can make to this vaccine can not be seen or heard. It can only be felt in the depths of the heart. This ingredient is pride. Beaver fans have no reason not to walk into Parker Stadium with the pride of knowing we will win. That felt pride will radiate from the stands down to the field and inspire our team. Remembering every season the disease has conquered and humiliated us in the past, our pride must be returned twofold. It is our turn to look down on them.

When these things come together the vaccine is complete. For a few hours on Saturday the disease will be our sworn enemy. We will go to war to rid ourselves of the disease that has too often taken its toll on our pride and our spirits.

This weekend isn't just a game between two football teams. It is a rivalry that has been lopsided for too long.

Cease the disease. Beat the Ducks.

The opinions expressed in this sports commentary are those of Sam Schwartz, sports writer for *The Daily Barometer*.

Arizona State embarrassed by Northern Arizona

■ *Sun Devils lose at home to NAU for first time in 44 years*

By BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Ross Land scored 22 points and Michael McNair 17 Tuesday night to power Northern Arizona to its first road victory over Arizona State in 44 years, a 76-60 rout of the Sun Devils.

Northern Arizona (1-1), with four starters back from a 21-8 team that nearly beat Cincinnati in the first round of the NCAA tournament, ended a string of 10 consecutive losses to Arizona State on any court and beat a Pac-10 team on the road for the first time ever.

The Lumberjacks were 0-25 on the road against Pac-10 teams going into the game.

McNair scored 10 in the first half for the Lumberjacks,

whose last victory over the Sun Devils in Tempe was 69-68 in the third game of the 1954-55 season.

Northern Arizona last beat Arizona State early in the 1985-86 season in Flagstaff.

For Arizona State, Bobby Lazor scored 22 and Eddie House 16, 12 in the second half, as the Sun Devils (1-1) lost for the first time under new coach Rob Evans.

The Lumberjacks, two-time defending Big Sky regular-season champions, took the lead for good in the first two minutes.

McNair scored five consecutive points to ignite a 17-4 run that put Northern Arizona up 43-24 on Rod Hutchings' two free throws 40.2 seconds before halftime. The Lumberjacks led 43-26 at the break.

Land took over at the start of the second half, scoring Northern Arizona's first nine points. His 3-pointer and two free throws gave the Lumberjacks a 50-28 lead with 18:21 to play.

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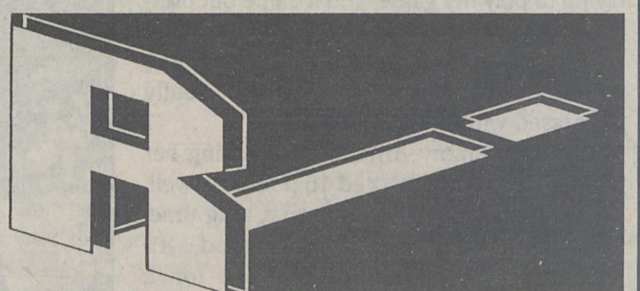
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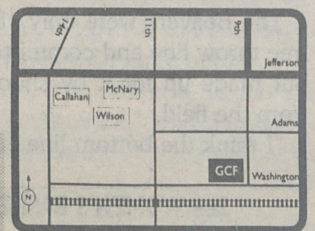
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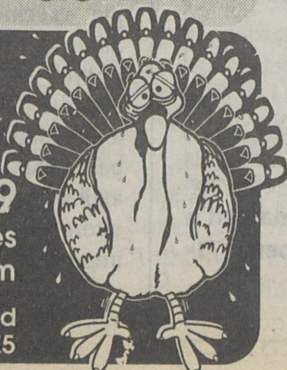
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For Riley, Civil War is more than a game

■ *The second-year coach has attended many Civil War matches as a coach's son*

By SCOTT JOHNSON

The Daily Barometer

Even though Mike Riley is only in his second season as head coach, it won't be his second Civil War.

He's been here for a lot of them.

"I could go for free, and I went," Riley said.

While attending Corvallis High School, he was growing up around the Oregon State campus. His dad, Bud, was an assistant coach and defensive coordinator under Dee Andros from 1965-72, leaving Riley's roots dug deep into OSU football.

So for Riley, it's more than just another game or just the Civil War; it's a part of him.

"For me it's been emotional, because I was

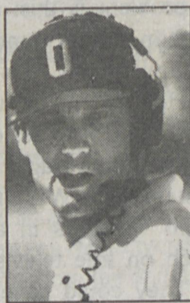
rooting for the Beavers and Dee Andros' and my dad's team," Riley said. "Whenever you're coaching in a game like this, it's really fun.

"I have a background in it, so it makes it a big deal to me personally."

Riley still has many fond memories of his childhood Civil War experiences, all the way back to the first game he attended, a 19-14 win for the Beavers in 1965.

"I think it was at Hayward Field," Riley said. "Thurman Bell made the big interception on that game and was on the cover of the paper — a big, big picture. It was fun. I hope it's fun Sunday."

■ **SENIORS' FINAL GAME:** For the last time in their careers, 21 Oregon State seniors will be playing their final game in



Riley

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Parker Stadium.

"This is a terrific group of kids," Riley said. "I have really enjoyed coaching them. They are not only good football players, but they are quality people. Even though they might not have had much success in their early years at Oregon State, they remained committed to being good football players and having a good team.

"I would have to think this is one of the best football teams to have been at Oregon State in quite awhile."

■ **OSU ALL-STARS:** Three OSU senior football players have been invited to play in postseason all-star games. Armon Hatcher has been invited to play strong safety in the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala., on Christmas Day. Defensive end Inoke Breckterfield and tight end Joe Kuykendall were both invited to play in the Hula Bowl,

played in January at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii.

■ **KOCH HONORED:** Junior guard Aaron Koch, a psychology major, was named to the 1998 GTE Academic All-District VIII Football Team.

■ **A SELLOUT AND MORE:** The pressure for tickets to the Oregon game has forced Oregon State to add extra bleachers to fit more fans in Parker Stadium, and even that wasn't enough. The 1,100 extra tickets that went on sale Monday morning were gone in no time, and Parker will now hold close to 37,000 fans. Capacity is normally 35,362. Many more fans were turned away, as there was simply no more room.

■ **LIVE TELEVISION:** The Civil War will be televised live nationally over the Fox Sports Cable Network. It will also be replayed on Fox Sports Northwest at 11 a.m. Sunday morning and Monday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Wiersma leads Beavers to 1-0 start, 71-67

■ *Chassie Wiersma records a double-double in her first game as OSU downs San Diego State*

By SCOTT JOHNSON

The Daily Barometer

It may not have been pretty, but it was a win.

A lot of new faces helped the Beaver women's basketball team hold on to a 71-67 win over San Diego State last night in front of 809 at Gill Coliseum.

After blowing out Alvik Sweden in an exhibition game, the Aztecs provided the challenge of a real Division I university.

"We felt so good about the Swedish game, I think they always felt it was going to be that easy," OSU head coach Judy Spoelstra said. "But we're happy."

Freshman guard Cherrith Wiersma recorded a double-double in her first collegiate regular season game with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

"I was shocked," Wiersma said. "I felt pretty comfortable. I wasn't too nervous. I was trying to play my game, and it came out pretty good."

"Chassie did a good job starting the game," said Spoelstra. "I was really impressed with the rebounding."

Transfer Tammy Arnold, also playing her first game for OSU, scored 16 points as well.

"It's been a long time, but it feels good. It's hard to sit out for a whole year," Arnold said. She redshirted last season after playing for two years in Connecticut.

"It (the win) felt good. It helps our team, it helps the fans, it helps everything that we put into the game."

After building a 70-56 with 1:21 remaining, Spoelstra's team let the score get close late with an inability to shoot free throws.

San Diego State (0-2) was able to get the score as close as 70-67 with three seconds remaining, as OSU failed to make front ends of three one-and-one while the Aztecs made key baskets.

"I think it was a game more like we won by 12 or 14 even if we made 70 percent free throws," said Spoelstra.

The Beavers were only 10-of-21 from the free throw line and committed 29 turnovers, but made up for it by shooting 55 percent from the field.

"I think the bottom line is that I never felt



Photo by JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

In her first regular season game as a Beaver, freshman Chassie Wiersma had a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds. OSU won their season opener 71-67 against San Diego State.

Prepare the vaccine: Duck disease rampant

WARNING: The purpose of this commentary is to warn my fellow students and alumni of something that threatens our livelihood as members of Oregon State University and fans of Beaver football. Read carefully.

The University of Oregon football team and every single one of its band-wagon-riding fans constitutes a rampant, disgusting and possibly infectious disease. I am not exaggerating, nor do I misdefine. They even call themselves "Gang Green."

SAM SCHWARTZ

This Saturday the disease will be identifiable by its colors. A green and yellow ooze will flow into Parker Stadium, onto our field and into our bleachers. A water-fowl odor will unfortunately be present as we stand and cheer in Parker Stadium. This mob of green and yellow will attempt to thwart all that our Beaver football team has accomplished so far this season. If this disease is not dealt with properly, the heart-shattering losses that we've suffered will only be compounded. The disease is the only thing that threatens to pick apart the dam of a long-forgotten football tradition we have begun to rebuild. We can not let the disease spoil our progress. It must be quarantined, humiliated and driven out of Corvallis. To rid ourselves of this disease, which will attack our football team and the pride of its fans, the Beavers must beat the Ducks.

The task set forth will not be accomplished easily. Some might point out that the Ducks just infected and killed Arizona State and most likely will have the opportunity of playing in a bowl game, an opportunity that we have missed as closely as we have missed winning our last three games.

I urge everyone, fans and players alike, to forget these things. This game stands alone. The football team has finally amassed the skill to be competitive and the confidence to play. They are fully capable of beating the Ducks, and they will surely be prepared. What we must do is provide them with that extra amount of spirit and pride to help them in battle. We must vaccinate our team from infection by the disease.

There are three basic ingredients in this simple vaccine. When entering the stadium Saturday afternoon and taking your seats, Beaver fans, young and old, filling every seat that the disease doesn't fill, must make noise incomparable to any we have created in the past. Our shouts, screams, and occasional expletives must squander the slightest peep uttered by our opponents. Noise creates an impossible atmosphere for the disease to thrive,

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