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Cheerleaders turned away in jest as the Arizona Wildcats' starting lineup was announced Saturday night. Students have turned out in force to support the Beavers and mock opponents. Student tickets for this Saturday's Civil War game were still available at press time, but going fast. See related story, page 8.

Festival aims to combat **Seasonal Affective Disorder**

The first-time "Beat the Winter Blues" event hopes to be a spot of brightness amid the dreary winter weather

By DeANN WELKER

The Daily Barometer

If you have been feeling blue since the sun went away, you don't have to feel alone.

"The incidence of Seasonal Affective Disorder is reported to be high in this region of the country," said Ellen B. Taylor, Ph.D., of University Counseling and Psychological Services.

The symptoms of SAD include "feeling tired, changes in appetite, sleep disturbance, low motivation and loss of interest in usual activities," reports UCPS

Anyone suffering from these symptoms can consult their physician for treatment or treat

Exposing yourself to light is a common treatment for SAD sufferers. Light helps you to function properly. Tanning has even been recommended as a popular light remedy for

Other self-treatments include moving your body, listening to cheerful music, changing your routine, laughing, talking and limiting your intake of caffeine and sugar products.

Although most people think that caffeine and sugar will improve their mood, "the effect is only temporary," said Taylor, "The crash that follows may be even worse.'

The most effective upcoming treatment for SAD is the "Beat the Winter Blues Festival," sponsored by the First-Year Experience Program. The festival will be held tomorrow from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the MU Ballroom.

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There is no charge to attend.

"This is a first-ever event," said Kim Forcier of the FYEP. "[It is] modeled after the B.L.O.C. Party we sponsored last spring."

The festival will include informational booths from the Student Health Center, Dixon Recreation Center, MUPC, KBVR and others. There will also be fun activities for students to participate in, including a duck shoot, miniature golf and table tennis.

The combination of informational booths and activities is meant to serve the dual purpose of the festival.

"We want to give out information on beating the winter blues," said Jackie Balzer, director of the FYEP, "as well as provide an opportunity to beat them."

Environmental Center: Servicing the community

By ANDREA LANE

The Daily Barometer

Tucked behind Squirrel's Tavern in downtown Corvallis lies a resource many are unaware of. Yet despite this public ignorance, the Corvallis Environmental Center continues to serve its community.

"We've had several articles in the G-T [Gazette-Times]," said Nancy Allen, the center's director, explaining how happy she was with coverage in the Raising

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CENTER DIRECTOR

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mission.

"[Publicity is] pretty important for a place like this," said Allen, which is the reason why the center moved to downtown from a larger location two years ago. Depending on the community for donations and volunteers, the central location is very important for the five-yearold non-profit organization. With more environmental

groups than ever before, the center must now compete for community support and grants.

"Raising environmental awareness is our mission," said Allen. "We have a very active nature education program." From this idea stems the Nature Education Program at the Avery House Nature Center in Avery Park. The program focuses on children, whereas the center itself is more of a service for adults.

"What we are trying to promote," said Allen, "is a hub for networking.'

The center houses a multitude of literature on environ-

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OSU's Royce proud keeper of new bug zoo

The project seeks more volunteers and funding to help pay for travel, extra costs

By ANDREA LANE

The Daily Barometer

In a small office in Cordley Hall at Oregon State University, Lynne Royce proudly shows off her many walking stick bugs. It is immediately apparent that, as an insect identification specialist, Royce was the ideal choice for the advisor to OSU's brand new program, the bug zoo.

Unable to call it an insect zoo because they have many species that are not insects. the name "Bugs Alive, A Living Arthropod Experience" was chosen for the exhibit. The zoo is home to walking sticks, spiders, scorpions, beetles, termites, ants, silverfish, cockroaches, millipedes and centipedes.

Many are tropical species, but Royce is trying to expand the native part of the collection. One of the native species she does have is the Oregon wood scorpion, which Royce said most people don't know they share a habitat with, but are "very common throughout the [Willamette] valley."

She would like to begin to



Photo by PHILIP FANG/The Daily Barometer

Exotic bugs are the order of the day at the Bug Zoo. Pictured above is the vinegarone, one of the many fascinating creatures in the collection.

breed some of the species in to have "live organisms for captivity.

The zoo, which was proposed last year but did not come into existence until fall term, serves two purposes. Royce believes that it is important for OSU students

lab classes on campus." She also wants to travel with the zoo for "outreach to ... the public schools" which cannot come to the OSU campus to see them.

Unfortunately, travel is

expensive, and so would be the controlled room with automatic lights that simulate night and day that she would like to obtain to store the bugs in. Currently, the

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Man who lost hand in explosion 13 years ago gets transplant

Explosive advances in medicine continue to provide 'miracles' for people worldwide

By CHARLES WOLFE

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A man whose left hand was blown off while playing with illegal fireworks 13 years ago received the first hand transplant in the United States. Hours later, the new hand was pink and warm.

The 14 1/2-hour surgery, completed Monday morning, was the second such transplant ever. But doctors cautioned that the patient, Matthew David Scott, had a high risk of blood clots and other complications in the first 24 hours.

There is as much as a 50 percent chance the hand will be rejected in the next year, forcing Scott to take powerful antirejection drugs that suppress the immune system and increase the risk of infection, cancer and death. Scar tissue could develop, snagging the spliced tendons.

"The real battle and unknown starts now," said Dr. Warren C. Breidenbach, who led the surgical team at Jewish Hospital. Breidenbach said first signs were good for Scott, 37. The

"hookup" of veins and arteries had worked, providing blood for the hand to turn pink.

Scott was delighted. When bandages are pulled back and the hand is revealed, "he stares at it and grins," his friend James Brown said.

Scott, a paramedic, lost his dominant hand in a Dec. 23, 1985 blast from an M-80, which resembles a firecracker but is larger and far more powerful. M-80s have been illegal in the United States since 1966.

Scott got a prosthetic hand and resumed working. In 1990, he was named National Paramedic of the Year by Emergency Medical Services magazine, said Tom Starr, director of the Mobile Intensive Care Unit at Virtua Health, where Scott now oversees paramedic training in southern New Jersey. He also is assistant director of the School of Paramedic Science at Camden County College.

Some doctors have questioned the risks of transplanting a non-vital organ such as a hand. Breidenbach said Scott was chosen because he had not adapted well to his artificial hand and is intelligent, articulate and has plenty of support from his family, which includes his wife and two young sons.

In an interview videotaped before his surgery, Scott said that with his artificial hand he lived in fear of going through buffet lines and handling food at parties. Nor was he able to show his sons how to play baseball, he said.

"It's always been the little things — the daily little things,"

Even so, Scott can only hope to gain limited use of the transplanted hand — able to pick up objects but unable to button his shirt, Breidenbach said.

"You should be able to get fairly good flexation and extension — not complete — and some sensation, but not normal," Breidenbach said.

People with prosthetic hands also are unable to perform such fine motor tasks, he added.

Japan approves Viagra at top speed

The Associated Press

TOKYO - In a nation where drug approval can take years, the Japanese government wasted no time in giving the go-ahead to the world's fastest-selling new pill, Viagra.

Just six months after New York drug maker Pfizer applied to sell the anti-impotence remedy in Japan, the Health and Welfare Ministry on Monday gave the company official permission to import and produce the drug here.

"We see impotence as a disease and Viagra as an epochmaking drug in its ability to treat it effectively," said Toshiki Hirai, director of the ministry's Pharmaceutical Safety

The ministry also sped up the approval process with another unprecedented move — using clinical trial results from the United States as well as Japan.

"The effectiveness of this drug was measured according to global standards, not just Japanese standards," said Masafumi Shirai, chairman of the Japan Society of Impotence Research, who helped conduct tests on the drug.

Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Inc., the Japanese unit of New York-based Pfizer Inc., plans to begin selling the product in

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Japan in one to two months, a company official said.

In a Tokyo news conference, Pfizer president Leslie Patterson said he could not say how much the pills would cost in Japan because the manufacturer is still in negotiations with the health ministry.

Until now, the pills have cost about \$50 on the black market in Japan, compared to roughly \$10 per pill charged by pharmacies in the United States.

Japan is the 54th country to approve Viagra, which had a global sales last year of \$788 million.

ZOO: Volunteers still needed to help with new program

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bugs not able to survive in her office are kept in a controlled room on a different floor in Cordley Hall, that can keep them warm and moist enough. The zoo is looking for grants that would help with transportation and housing costs.

Royce said that concern over the poisonous arthropods is unnecessary. She feels that there are enough bugs for the young children to touch to keep them from wanting to play with the "non-touchable" ones. There is also no possibility for escape either. The dangerous ones are kept in a climatecontrolled room, and since they are tropical, even if they were to escape, the cold would kill them.

Besides funding, the zoo needs volunteers. "All you have to have is an interest," assures Royce, explaining that volunteers will be trained. Volunteers clean the enclosures, feed the bugs vegetables, fruit, and other insects, and monitor the breeding process of some of the insects used for food.

Royce encourages undergraduate research and offers

internships, provided that the student can clear it with his or her department.

"I feel that my place in the zoo is to generate enthusiasm for the bugs and to gather new, interesting arthropods for our displays," said Tony Sohns, one of the original volunteers. "I've been to many zoos, museums, etc., that claim to have an insect zoo, and none of them have the diversity of arthropods that we have," said Sohns.

Sohns remembered the "bug-sitting" incident with Royce last year that inspired the idea. While keeping tarantulas in Royce's office, they noticed "visitors to the office always reacted to the creatures, some in terror, but most in fascination," said Sohns.

Students and faculty can see "Bugs Alive, A Living Arthropod Experience" at Museum Day, which is to be held tomorrow, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LaSells Stewart Center.

CENTER: Many conservation efforts focused on watershed issues

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imal costs. A pet project for Allen is a directory of Oregon conservation groups.

As a part of the "networking" goal of the center, the directory can refer those who want to get involved or get information on a specific project to the appropriate organization.

While the center is involved in conservation efforts, they put more effort into collaborations and supporting projects being done by other groups. Many of the conservation efforts the center is involved in are watershed efforts, specifically dealing with the Willamette River.

The center recently published the "Willamette River Water Quality Map." The map contains information on contamination levels and land use directly surrounding the river and the major rivers that flow into it, as well as some information

mental issues, which are offered to the public for free or min- on where animals (including fish) have been found to be sick or abnormal.

The map also contains selected literature on some of the major problems facing the Willamette.

While there is no formal connection between Oregon State University and the center, John Phillips, a student of environmental science policy at OSU, explained that there are many services available for students. The center offers a small library of environmental information, much of which is more current than what can be found in the Valley Library.

The center also offers many volunteer opportunities. Phillips is doing an internship at the center and has worked with the Willamette watershed outreach.

He is currently doing a project to make the Global Geography Information Service more accessible to people.

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Former Bellevue police officer charged in fatal car wreck

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ERIC J. THOMAS, ON BEING A COP

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It's you and your instincts.

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — From the time he was in college, Eric J. Thomas wanted to be a police officer.

"I always had the sense of public service in my life. I don't know why," he said. "I wanted to make a difference, ... to set an example."

Now, less than two years after landing his dream job in Bellevue, Thomas has resigned from the force because of a fatal New Year's crash in which investigators say he was speeding and driving drunk.

Brian Grooms, 26, of Columbus, Ohio, a passenger in Thomas' car, died. Another, his

best friend, Washington State Trooper Jeremy Reid, 27, was seriously injured. Thomas, 29, of Renton, is recovering from a concussion, cracked ribs and other injuries.

Hours after his car careened across the center line and collided with an oncoming sports utility vehicle, lab tests showed that his blood alcohol level

registered .08, the newly lowered legal threshold for drunken driving.

Thomas has pleaded innocent to charges of vehicular homicide and vehicular assault. No trial date has been set.

In an interview with the Eastside Journal of Bellevue at his lawyer's office, Thomas said he hoped the public would reserve judgment until all facts in the case are heard.

He said he was taught to believe that "you do the right things, you stand for the right things and people will notice."

On the advice of his attorney, John W. Wolfe, Thomas would not discuss the crash or his activities that night. Police say he, Grooms and Reid had been at a New Year's Eve party at the Seattle Center.

Growing up in Chicago, Thomas said, he saw first-hand the devastation of crack cocaine, especially within the black community.

He became interested in law enforcement at Western Illinois University, where several of his Reserve Officer Training Corps classes were taught by a military police officer.

He joined the Illinois National Guard as a college freshman and became a military police officer. During Desert Storm, his unit was sent to Germany, where he spent five months and was promoted to sergeant.

In 1992 he came to Fort Lewis, then spent a year in Korea, and returned to Fort Lewis, where he met Reid, originally from Washington Court House, Ohio. Both were eager for civilian police work.

"I think that we understood each other. We were pretty much out here by ourselves," Thomas said. "We could rely on each other."

He applied for police jobs in Seattle, King County and Los Angeles in addition to Bellevue. He was partway through the hiring process in Los Angeles when he got the nod from Bellevue in March 1996.

The following June, following graduation from the police academy, he was on patrol.

"I loved being a police officer," Thomas said, his voice filling with enthusiasm. "I think it's the challenge, the uncertainty. You never know what's going to happen, whether you're going to drive

around all night or go out on a hot call. ... It's you and your instincts."

Moreover, he said, he wanted to show that police are there to help.

He recalled that one man he arrested after stopping a stolen car wrote a letter to the police chief to praise him for being so respectful.

Another man, initially belligerent at being hauled in, later thanked Thomas in court for doing his job with courtesy.

"Some people think you have to be this hard-core, I-don't-care cop, but you can be thoughtful," Thomas said.

Bellevue Police Chief Jim Montgomery could not recall a single complaint about Thomas.

The same day the charges were filed, Thomas resigned, saying he didn't want to bring more discredit to the force.

Before the crash, he had been interested in becoming a narcotics officer or trying out for the special weapons and tactics team with still higher ambitions in mind.

"I wanted to be the chief of police of Bellevue," he said with a wry smile. Moments later, he looked down again, then away. "I thought I would be doing this for the rest of my life."

Jury selection opens in Texas dragging death trials

Three men charged with capital murder in the brutal slaying of black man

By TERRI LANGFORD

The Associated Press

JASPER, Texas — Jury selection began today in the capital murder trial of John William King, one of three men facing the death penalty in the dragging death of a black man.

King, 24, wore a bulletproof vest as he was escorted by deputies into Jasper County Courthouse. He is accused in the June 7 slaying of James Byrd Jr., who was stripped, chained to a pickup truck and dragged until his head came off.

About half of the 400 county residents randomly selected for jury selection showed up, and after initial questioning the pool was reduced to 122 people, 21 of them black. The selection process is expected to last three weeks, resulting in 12 jurors and two alternates.

Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said many people have told him they were reluctant to serve because of the case's high profile. Byrd's murder made national news far beyond Jasper, an East Texas timber town of 8,000 people just west of the Louisiana line.

"People are afraid of you guys," he told reporters Sunday. "They're afraid of having their picture taken. They're afraid of being interviewed. And they're afraid of serving on a big case like this with a lot of attention.

King, an ex-convict once involved in a racist prison gang, wore a long-sleeved shirt in the courtroom, covering his heavily tattooed arms. His short haircut revealed the trace of a large tattoo in the shape of a pentagram on the back of his head.

Whether he intended to kidnap Byrd and then to kill him will be key in the capital murder case — and, if he is convicted, to whether he's sentenced to life in prison or put to death.

Shawn Allen Berry, 23, whose engraved wrench was found near Byrd's body, was the only defendant to give a statement about events leading to Byrd's death. But his statement is legally inadmissible unless he testifies, and his attorney says he won't permit Berry on the stand without a plea agreement.

The defendants — King, Berry and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31 — were roommates who shared an apartment. Berry told officers the three men had been drinking on June 6. Late that evening or shortly after midnight, the men went out for a ride in Berry's rusty, 1982 gray Ford pickup.

This is what Berry says happened after the pickup truck stopped to pick up Byrd, who was walking home from his niece's bridal shower:

King objected to giving a ride to Byrd and, after the group stopped at a convenience store, drove to an abandoned logging road outside town. There, King declared he was "fixing to scare" Byrd. Berry watched as Brewer and King allegedly beat Byrd into unconsciousness.

Berry fled and King drove after him. After Berry got back in and the truck took off, he turned and said he saw Byrd's body bouncing behind, fastened to the bumper with a chain.

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Congressional politics shoved out the door

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down vote on the matter and

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Will this nightmare never end? I had thought that by now our higher legislative body would have been able to get this sordid Clinton affair done with and out of our hair. However, it seems that the Senate, like the House of Representatives, is unable to do just

Once more, in a flurry of partisan activity, we have

seen the recalling of Monica Lewinsky to testify before members of the House manager's prosecution team. The Republicans cross-examining her are the same ones that heard her before the

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grand jury, read the Starr report and have discussed the whole situation for over a year now.

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part until you throw it away. Why can't we just come to an up or down vote on the matter and get it out of the way?

If there isn't the two-thirds majority needed to impeach the president, then they should just give it up, stop wasting the taxpayers' money and get on with the business of running our country. After all, that's why we elected them there in the first place. We don't pay them to sit around and gossip.

What about the environment? During the last two years, we've seen how weather cycles are being sped up due to global warming and how industrial pollution has started to affect us genetically. Yet since the beginning of this scandal, we haven't heard one iota about real issues that concern and affect everyday Americans.

Whatever happened to human rights issues like Pinochet, East Asian sweatshops and Chinese dissidents? These are truly important matters, but I haven't heard one representative or senator comment on any of these issues. The only person seeming to do any real work in Washington these days is the president. Thank God someone has the common sense to run the

country while the little children on Capitol Hill bicker amongst themselves.

Add to that the total lack of real coverage of hostilities between Iraq and the U.S. on the nightly news, and one can see that our politicians and media can't seem to differentiate between business and personal life.

Moralists would say that regardless of the politics, there is a fundamental premise here of lying under oath. I agree that this is an important point; nowever, I leel that what

he did or did not lie about is not important enough to warrant an impeachment of William "Slick Willy" Clinton for high crimes and misdemeanors. If Billy had done something that affected the way he did his job, that would be one thing, but this is a total farce.

I feel really bad about having to contribute to this whole charade, yet I feel like the real people in our nation haven't been heard or paid attention to.

Enough is enough, even for me, and that is all for this week. Maybe if we all try real hard, we can visualize waking up to something other than this mess.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Severn Anderson, columnist for The Daily Barometer.

Society's conscience, us, needs to make its voice heard again A wise man once said, "Society's conscience can be found

in the veracious spirit of youth."

Conscience is the nagging feeling that we have inside every time we do something that we know our mothers would never approve of. Every time our nation tries to sneak out the back window on a Friday night, we should be right there with a wooden paddle. Many times we don't know why we feel the little nagging feeling, but we should know that it's something

worth discovering - to find if we are hurting others when we sneak out or if we are just going out for some mischievous fun.

The youth, and especially colleges, have constantly been the voice of conscience throughout our nation's history. We should be the new breath of air in the old, stale lungs of our country's aging past generations - not better, just new. We shouldn't be afraid to ask the tough questions our country sets on the back burner and present a new perspective on the same questions our parents tackled when they were our age. We need to

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tinue their search for truth, instead of settling for the monotony and routine of the status quo. Where is our voice?

Oregon State University should be the breeding ground for debate and the progress of our country's future. We should be using our education and opportunities for the benefit of the whole and the less fortunate people around our nation that need a voice. No one will listen if we continue whispering.

I know that our campus isn't void of intellectual debate, and I applaud the five protesters who chained themselves inside the Lab Resource Center Thursday afternoon. I do not applaud them because of my opinion on animal rights, but because they had enough courage to

stand up for what they believe in. Instead of demanding an immediate end to the killing of small animals on campus, they requested an open forum so both sides of the fence could walk on the same grass. Their actions forced us to think and broke the chains of apathy that held the majority of students captive on the subject of animal rights. I know that I was ignorant of this situation before their actions opened my eyes.

Unfortunately, these kinds of actions by students seem light years away from the status quo on campus. In the same paper where I read the enlightening article on animal rights, I read another more typical of what our campus finds more impor-

Ninety percent of the time, the Forum section has educational, intellectual debates about the world around us. The

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Catching America in the fitting room, with its pants down

If you want to be a student of human nature, work in a clothing store.

Over the summer I worked for a major retail conglomerate. While I was there, I picked up some real gems on how people operate. Some were lovely, some I wish had never happened, but all were worth experiencing at least once. The real world

never seemed so, well, real.



If there was one thing I wish I could have told potential customers before they walked in, it would be this: Our steady employment depends on talking to you, telling you about the deals and acting enthused. Sometimes these greetings are genuine, but I feel so bad when I see the deer-trapped-in-headlights look some people get or, even worse, the irritation and anger. Every store does things differently, but in the store I worked at we were made very aware of how important it was to

greet customers; in fact, we had someone posted at the door. A friend of mine told me that there is a game, based on the company I worked for, and it consists of trying to make it to the back of the store and out the front door again without being spoken to by a salesperson.

Overall, retail was a mixed experience. But it also had an almost addictive quality; no matter how much my feet hurt at the end of the day or how dry my mouth became from saying "who are we shopping for today?" I noticed how there was almost an excitement to see what would go down at work in the new day. To quote the illustrious Vanessa Allyn, "It takes all kinds," and I certainly saw them all.

One kind that it takes are males. I have had some very nice male customers that did not try to hit on me or be perverse in any shape or form. They were very flattered when I helped them find the right size of khakis and didn't take it to mean anything more than that, and for them, I am grateful. At the same time, some of my experiences have given a not-sopleasant glance into the male mind.

today?" as an invitation. For example, last summer two guys walked in the store and asked if there were any cute girls

chopped liver?" but as they were not so impressive, I just felt a sense of relief that they did not find me attractive. They felt compelled to share with me that they were scoping each and every store in the mall for chicks. Well, in that case let me introduce you to my friends in the store. Whatever. Over the holiday break I saw them again. They didn't recognize me, but the first words I heard uttered were "Hey look, dude, this jacket is homo." What is that? Anyway, I think it's safe to assume that they're both still single.

I had a man tell me that he knew he was in the men's department because of the boxers - innocent enough until he stuck his fingers in the crotch opening and gave a good yank. Yet another man chose, when I asked him if he needed any assistance, to lean on a fixture and confide in me, almost conspiratorially, that his wife was in the dressing room. He went on to say that he was acting like Bill Clinton and

checking out all of the ladies that walked out of the dressing room, as his young daughters stood next to him. If I were his wife I would impeach him.

Children are probably my favorite part of working in clothing. They are so honest. I met two little girls, ages 4 and 6, who wanted to go to the dressing room with the woman I thought was their mother. As we walked, the youngest informed me in a very loud voice that this wasn't their REAL mom, she was a STEP mom. Oops. I looked back at the stepmom and she just

Some take one's asking a polite, perfunctory "How are you sort of grimaced. I have the feeling many strangers are tuned into the fact that she is not biologically related. As they were getting ready to leave, the 6-year-old called out, "Tori's having working. Normally I would have thought, "What am I, a baby! Bye!" Gotta love 'em. No secrets in that family.

Sometimes the younger members of our society are so simple and sweet. One in particular was standing in the 36-waist section of the men's jeans with his older brother. I asked him if I could help him find a pair of pants, but he just sort of looked at me. I felt bad because some kids will start crying when you talk to them, or you run the risk of the hiding-between-the-legs syndrome. A couple of minutes later he walked up to me, pulled something out of his pocket and held it up saying, "Look at the shells I found at the beach." He then proceeded to show me his favorite one, the one that had been pounded smooth by the ocean waves. That was a day I was feeling really tired, and having someone just be so open-hearted made such a big difference.

At the end of the summer, I had met the old, the young, the sweet and the nasty. I was wiser to the ways of business and the world. I was also the

proud owner of 27 pairs of pants.

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WASSON: Activists shake status quo

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column I read was called, "Nice library, but what's with the soap?" I think that the column has its finger on the pulse of the campus. The column was a half-page commentary on the little things on campus that disturbed the author, beginning with the powder soap in the library and ending with crosswalks and Double Stuff Oreo Cookies. Wow, thanks for sharing. Powered soap really can be a hassle some times, but I feel more hassled by a brand new library filled with old books. But the author is right. The people I talk to care more about what affects them on a daily basis — paying an extra 20 cents for a 44-ounce drink, finding out about masturbation in the newspaper and debates over the validity of pro wrestling. Maybe I have just been talking to the wrong people on campus.

It's easy to get wrapped up in the immediate environment around you every day, and I know that everyone probably has enough problems to deal with without having to deal with our society's, but if we ignore the problem long enough, eventually the problem will find you. I guarantee that if you choose to educate yourself on the outside world and take a peek around the shield of apathy, those little annoyances will be dwarfed in comparison to the real world and real-world problems.

Once again I would like to applaud the animal rights protesters for daring to believe in something and to have the courage to act on those beliefs. Talk is cheap, and I, too, am a victim of action-less words like many of our country's leaders, but if we, as the students of Oregon State University, get fired up and turn up the volume, even a little, we can force action instead of empty words. Next time you're out with your friends studying, at the bar, walking home from another Beaver win on the courts or sharing a quiet moment with someone you care about, ask them this simple question: "What do you believe in?"

Knowing what you believe in and finding the courage to act on that is the first step to a better society and a better self.

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

LETTERS .

Let the band play To the Editor:

If anyone has been to an OSU men's Beaver basketball game recently they would notice two things. First is that the underrated Beavs are playing an excellent game of ball. Second is that the Beaver spirit band, a fine group of musicians, is barely being allowed to play - period.

It is the first year in many that so little has been heard from the OSU band and so much is heard from a poor, outdated sound system dishing out run-of-the-mill top 40 hits. This recent phenomenon has turned a local group of practiced, committed and enthusiastic musicians into a mere supplemental band competing with overplayed pop-rock tunes. In the past, during time-outs, the band was given the opportunity to strut their musical stuff. Whether through original renditions of old tunes, or innovative jam sessions with rippin' solos, that band was live, and it could play! Now a group of over 60 musicians sit idle while prerecorded music is played in their place.

This is an audible tragedy. There is a time and a place for pop-rock recorded music such as during the half-time dance show, or certain cheerleading routines. However, the remain-

der of the open air space should be reserved for the musicians who work so arduously to create a sound that is as swinging as our basketball team. In short, turn off the trite uninspiring recorded music and let the band play!

Sarin A. Spehar, Senior in English

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BARRY: Signed six-year, \$27 million deal with Bulls

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ant. He struggled with both an ankle injury and the Heat's system and was left off the playoff roster.

Barry met with the Bulls last week, dined with new coach Tim Floyd and did some checking on his own, calling Indiana Pacers guard Fred Hoiberg, who played for Floyd at Iowa State. He also liked Chicago's triangle offense, which rewards players who move without the ball.

"Knowing what I know about this system, obviously with Scottie (Pippen) and Michael playing here, you can't defend it - even when Randy Brown and Jud Buechler were in the game - so that helps the players," Barry said Monday after his first practice.

"(General manager) Jerry Krause saw me play in college — he saw me more times than my dad did. He knows my game, they wanted me on draft day three years ago, so I know I'm wanted here."

Barry said his relationship with Riley is not bad. Miami sent Isaac Austin, Charles

Smith and a first-round pick to the Clippers for Barry last February. After averaging 13.7 points in 41 games for Los Angeles, he averaged only 4.1 in 17 games for Miami.

The Heat recently lost shooting guard Voshon Lenard for an extend period with a stress fracture of his left leg.

"I think coach Riley is a little upset that he got nothing out of the deal he made last year," Barry said. "He's a good coach and unfortunately things didn't work out for me in Miami. The fact they don't have a '2' guard right now, I think he's a little bitter.

"It just wasn't the option for me. I decided to come to Chicago and do my thing here."

Barry, who has two brothers in the NBA and another playing professionally in Germany, got a long-term deal from the Bulls, who are rebuilding after Jordan's retirement. They've sent Pippen to Houston and are looking forward to the summer, when they can go free agent shopping.

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BRENT BARRY, FORMER OSU STAR

New Year Eve's party," Barry said. "The floor is sticky and the stuff is still in the

"It's no fun to be part of the cleanup crew, but hopefully that will only last a year or two and you get back to where the team was before.'

Barry also cited the chance to play with Toni Kukoc, who also likes to make openfloor, no-look passes, and a good feeling about Floyd as factors in his decision. Not to

mention the contract.

"I'm silly to come here but he (Floyd) is crazy to be coaching here," Barry said. "That's the way I look at it. Any guy that crazy, I want to play for. I talked to Fred Hoiberg and he had great things to say about him, and on that recommendation my decision was made."

"He thought I was crazy to come here?" Floyd said. "That makes the two of us crazy, I guess.

"He's a piece to our future, a great piece." Barry's father, like Jordan and Pippen, was chosen one of the NBA's 50 greatest players. Father and son are not close.

"The relationship between me and my dad has been rocky, but it's something we're trying to work on," Barry said. "It's no different than a lot of people who have situations between family members. I think he likes my game. I hope he does."

In another move, the Bulls renounced the rights to forward Scott Burrell.

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ACHE, 6:00 pm, Mu 104. Meeting to discuss Chicago conference and fund

OSU Triathlon Club, 7:30 pm, MU 212. Don't come to the meeting; triathlons are too much excitement OSU Society for Logic and Reason,

7:00 pm, College Ocean & Atm. Sci. Bldg. A student group dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of secular humanism, freethought, atheism, skepticism, and agnosticism. Join us at our new meeting location!

European Student Association, 8:30 Martin Luther King Junior Room, MU. Maybe beverages will be provided. OSU Mountain Club, 7:00 pm, MU 208. Come find out what we're doing this weekend! Check us out at osu.orst.edu/groups/omc Everyone

ASOSU Undergraduate Senate, 7:00 pm, MU 205. Open to the public

Science and Math Education, 5:00 pm, Kidder 108. Teacher Information Fair. For students interested in entering science and math teaching. Come and find out how to be a teacher! .

OSU Pistol Club, 7:00-9:00 pm, MacAlexander Fieldhouse. Pistol Club practice. New members welcome to shoot. Go to Indoor Target Range at SE Corner MacAlexander fieldhouse.

Calvary Chapel Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Arnold Dining Hall. Come join us as we study through the Bible. All are welcome

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, 211 NW 23rd St. Have lunch with fellow students, faculty and staff. Come and go as your schedule permits. The food is delicious and the hospitality is warm. Phi Beta Lambda, 6:15 pm, Bexell 326.

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Speakers

Women's Center, 12:00-1:00 pm, Women's Center. Women in South Korean Educational System.

Career Services, 9:30 am, 8KAD. Resume Writing - attend this seminar to get a jump start on your job or internship search by learning tools and tips to develop a professional resume that will sell you to employers.

Volunteers

United Campus Ministry, 5:30 pm, 101 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, JAN. 27 Meetings

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

Pre-Therapy Club, 7:30 pm, Langton 127. Discuss wheel-a-thon, Mock-inter-

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

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:30 pm, 211 NW 23rd St. Join us for a brief, informal worship service followed by supper and conversation. Campus Crusade for Christ, 6:30 pm.

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International Degree Program and Undergraduate Environmental Science Program, 12:00-12:50 pm, Crop Science 122. International Environmental Issues Seminar: "Ethics across Borders: The Global Timber Business." Peter List,

Department of Philosophy.

Department of Psychology, 4:00 pm, Moreland Hall 206. Speaker: Dr. Todd Schactman, Dept. of Psychology, University of Missouri. "Extinction in Animals: Forgotten But Not Gone. The presentation will describe the processes underlying extinction of conditioned responding and other treatments that reduce or prevent conditioned responding such as

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blocking. University Counseling Psychological Services, 3:30-5:00 pm, MU 211. Feel Better Fast: Help with depression, stress, and insomnia.

Biology Club, 5:00 pm, 2035 Cordley. Speaker: George Poinar from Entomology. Topic: Insects in Amber: What we can learn from them. Open

Career Services, 10:00 am, 8KAD. Orientation to career services - learn about the services available & how to register to participate in the on-campus recruiting & resume matching services. Required for all students & alumni who want to participate. Bring resume to submit at registration.

Women's Center, 1:00-2:00 pm, Center. Feminism in Cambodia

Career Services, 5:00 pm, 8 KAD. Internship Program: Internship employer panel - need to look for an internship? Attend the seminar to learn the tools, resources & strategies you can use to get the internship experience you

Events

First Year Experience, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, MU Ballroom. Winter Blues Festival- Activities & information on beating the Blues.

University Scholars Student Advisory Board (USSAB), 7:00-9:00 pm, McNary Hall Lounge. Bingo Night/Food Drive to raise food for the Linn Benton Food Share. Everyone Welcome, bring non-perishable food item. Win Prizes and enjoy free snacks & refreshments.

Silent Lunch, 12:00-1:00 pm, MU 204. Sign Language Social Hour. Brown

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THURSDAY, JAN. 28 Meetings

Pre-Vet Club, 7:00 pm, Magruder 102. Come hear Dr. Moos speak about her in Emergency Veterinary Medicine.

Student Referendum Committee,

3:30 pm, MU 105. Informational

meeting about Dixon Recreation Center Expansion and formation of the Student Referendum Committee. Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30-10:00 pm, Women's Center. Anyone with a

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Fencing Club, 6:00-10:00 pm, Women's Building Gym. Fencing I, 6-7:30 pm, Fencing II, 6-10 pm, all in Women's Building Gym. Contact Jasper (713-7429, philljas@engr.orst .edu) for info.

Speakers

Peace Corps, 12:00-1:00 pm & 7:00-8:30 pm, MU 207. International Slide Show during the evening, 7-8:30 pm, MU 207. Brown Bag lunch session 12-1 pm, MU 207. General info. booth all day: MU, next to BurgerKing.

Women's Center, 12:00-1:00 pm, Women's Center. Self pleasure for women: Knowing your body.

Women's Center, 3:00-4:00 pm. Women's Center Getting Unstressed.

University Counseling Psychological Services, 4:00-5:30 pm, MU Board Rm. Overcoming test anxiety.

Events

Video, 5:30-7:00 pm, Cesar Chavez Cultural Center. There will be a video showing and discussion on Zapatista women & the situation of the struggling indigenous in Chiapas, Mexico.

=SPORTS==

Intramural Top 10 is back; this time it's basketball season

Sigma Chi fraternity tops the preseason poll at No. 1

By SKYE ARTHUR-BANNING

For The Daily Barometer

It is about that time to begin the madness again. Intramural basketball is ready to begin another great season with over 120 teams this year. The football Top 10 seemed to add an extra level of excitement to the games, not to mention that the preseason No. 1 and No. 2 picks finished the season playing each other in the All-University final. In keeping with our new but exciting tradition, here is the Oregon State University intramural basketball Top 10:

On top of the polls for the preseason has to be the winners of the preseason tournament. No. 1 Sigma Chi won the preseason tournament with ease this year and are strong favorites to do the same in their division. They were semifinalists in the 1997 and 1998 playoffs and are looking for the elusive championship win. Their sweet uniforms may not win them any games but may, at the very least, intimidate their opponents.

Starting the season as the independent favorites are No. 2 The Shining. They have a great core of players and pick up an additional inside man to add a threat. They are going to cruise through the season, and should enjoy a sweet walk to the final four at the very

No. 3 has to go to the defending fraternity champions, Sigma Pi. They went undefeated last season and have a strong returning core. Their biggest problem is going to be the injury they have suffered early to one of their key players. If they can make up for the injury in other areas of their game, they should contend for the title.

No. 4 Kappa Sigma will be strong again this year. They lost in the finals to

No. 3 Sigma Pi last year but are looking to rebound this year. However, they are not the team they were one year ago after losing their point guard of last year to the OSU varsity team. Their first true test will be their first game Tuesday night, when they have an early match-up against No. 7 Delta Tau

No. 5 Lambda Chi Alpha have played great the last two seasons going 8-0 in the regular season, but they did not make it to the finals either year. If they are anything like their football team was this year, they will be the Beavers of IM sports. Upsets are in the making if their core of players can keep it together again this year.

No. 6 is going to be 504 Boys. They are a little-known team but will be capable of running up the score on on some of their opponents. They will need to step up their defense to have a shot at the top spots in the poll. Their division is an easy division, and they should at the very least qualify for the playoffs.

No. 7 Delta Tau Delta has a point guard that has proven leadership abilities. He demonstrated his athletic ability in football but will have to stay out of trouble if he is going to help his team at all. Should he remain on top of his game, they may be the sleeper of the Top 10 this year.

No. 8 No Limit should be able to handle pressure. They have a few players that can shoot the ball going down the stretch and will win the close games to get them into the playoffs. If their division is easy, they may go 3-1 and be placed well in the playoff bracket.

The biggest disappointment in flag football fall term will have to rebound this season in basketball. No. 9 Delta Upsilon had an early playoff loss in football and may rally behind their basketball boys to get them playing as one of the top athletic fraternities again. On Feb. 3, they will match up against No. 1

TOP TEN POLL

- I. Sigma Chi
- 2. The Shining
- 3. Sigma Pi
- 4. Kappa Sigma 5. Lambda Chi Alpha
- 6. 504 Boys
- 7. Delta Tau Delta
- 8. No Limit
- 9. Delta Upsilon
- 10. Shockers

Sigma Chi. They may not be strong enough to knock off No. 1, but it will prove what they are made of.

Rounding out the preseason Top 10 are the 10th-ranked Shockers. They have an easy schedule in the early on, but may come up short in the end. Who knows what they can pull from their bag of tricks?

■ NOTES: The intramural department is still looking for a few graduate/faculty/staff basketball teams to fill the leagues. Any interested teams can visit the IM office at 131 Langton Hall or call 737-4083. Also, some upcoming events that begin registration soon: the indoor soccer tournament will fill fast as always. Registration begins today and will go until all 20 teams are signed up. Men's and women's teams will be taken on a firstcome, first-serve basis. Dad's weekend will feature a Hoop Shoot/Free Throw contest Feb. 6. Bring out fathers and show them who's boss now. Good luck to all participants in all IM sports for this term; your participation is greatly appreciated.

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GILL COLISEUM: Crowd enthusiam helps team win

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Oregon State fans let Arizona's leading scorer Jason Terry know they were keeping a close eye on him Saturday as he was booed every time he touched the

He finished with five points.

And the Wildcats' A.J. Bramlett may have also noticed the crowd Saturday when he made a trip to the line with 3.1 seconds remaining and in a position to win the game for Arizona. He was welcomed by what some are saying was the most obnoxious wave of noise ever some big stops." heard in Gill's long history.

He course.

"I think we did it," said Ashley Chambers, a freshman in business and law. "We were jumping up and down and screaming and trying to make him miss."

"I couldn't even hear myself think," said Caudle.

"When he went to the line, I knew he wasn't going to make them," Lewis added. "His hands were shaking and he just wanted to get rid of the ball."

Thanks fans

"Beaver fans, you won this one tonight," a jubilant Oregon State head coach Eddie Payne belted over the PA system after Saturday's 60-59 win over then-No. 9 Arizona. "Thank you."

Payne made those comments after students stormed the hardwood for the third time in four games — that is, if the small group of fans who rushed the court Thursday is not counted.

But the court rushing is appreciated, says the team, not forgetting to give the Oregon State faithful their due credit.

"They do not realize how much they help us," said sophomore guard Josh Steinthal. "That crowd out there, they get so loud. It gets us pumped up on

"They have really helped us win basketball games."

"He choked at the line with our crowd," junior forward Clifton Jones said of Bramlett's missed free throws Saturday. "I give them credit for that, they helped us out big time."

"A good home crowd can help give you 10 points," Payne said. "When things weren't good, they really got up and got into the game and helped us get

Thanks team, we're behind you

When Lewis ran onto the court Saturday in a wave of euphoria, he had one immediate goal in mind.

"I just wanted to give coach Payne a handshake," he said.

As fans have begun to unify as what they feel is the sixth man on the team, the love for their underdog team is growing.

"We ran up to congratulate all the basketball players," Chambers said. "I think when the basketball players look up and hear everybody cheering for them, it helps."

Dr. John Edwards, a professor in social psychology at OSU, offers a perspective for the type of emotion that is growing in and around Gill coliseum between fans and players.

"One of the things that happens when people get in sports crowds situations is that they kind of loose their identity and become really focused on behaving like a good crowd member with shared goals," he said. "They kind of lose their identity."

The unexpected success that the men's basketball team is undergoing has also affected fans away from the con-

fines of Gill.

"After the game I called my mom just to tell her about it," Chambers said, of the Arizona victory "It was (1 a.m.) where she lives."

"You leave with a permanent smile," said Liz Adams, a freshman in marine biology. "You're happy and ready to ... go to the next game.

"It just makes school better," she added, not losing sight of why she's at college. "It makes me want to go to class."

Where am I gonna sit?

Men's basketball tickets at Gill Coliseum are now the hottest tickets in

When the Beavers return to action Saturday at 7 p.m., Gill Coliseum will be sold out.

Tickets to the general public were already sold out around noon on Monday, and student tickets were dwin-

Other than for Dad's weekend, this is not something that has happened at Gill Coliseum in recent years.

Last Saturday's near-sellout took OSU's ticket manager, Joe Sharpe, by surprise. Most attendees picked up their tickets late on that day.

"I knew it was going to be a big walkup, but not that big," said Joe Sharpe, the ticket manager.

General admission tickets sold out around 7 p.m. and students who had not picked up their tickets early enough were forced to buy \$15 reserved seats.

Some didn't like that idea, and opted for a damaging alternative.

"They broke through the men's basketball office and left a nice footprint on the new fax machine," Sharpe said. "Just to get into the game!"



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Rockin' the Old Barn

It's beginning to sound a lot like Gill Coliseum ... again

Fans are resurrecting an atmosphere in Gill they say has been missing for too long

By TROY FOSTER

The Daily Barometer

Opponents over the past few years said they liked Gill Coliseum.

Coaches have said it is such a nice place to play in such a nice little town.

Not anymore.

As every team leaves Gill Coliseum this year, fresh with another mark in the losses column and ears ringing with echoes of boos and heckles, one thing is clear: Gill Coliseum is a tough place to play ... again

Certainly a tough home court is no anomaly around the nation's college arenas. But what makes Gill's new breath of life so refreshing is that it's been missing for too long.

As the Beavers continue to chug along in hopes of remaining in the upper echelon of the Pac-10, fans are talking.

They're talking NIT or NCAA tournament. They're talking Eddie Payne for Coach of

And they're talking about when they'll get to suit up in orange and black again, anxious for the next home game where they can let loose, be rowdy and help the team rock another unfortunate visitor below the roof of Gill.

Getting mean

Making sure Oregon State has the home court advantage in Gill Coliseum has been a goal of the athletic administration for a long

They have really helped us win basketball games.

JOSH STEINTHAL,

time. This year, students were given more floor seats, which are conveniently situated behind the opposing team's bench.

"I just love the fact that we can take players out of their element by getting into their heads," said Jeff Lewis, a senior in liberal studies who

has been attending men's basketball games religiously since his freshman year. "They start jabbing back at us, but the thing is, our players are backing up what we yell."

"Everybody in our section was on their case," said OSU student body President Mike Caudle, whose favorite place to "cheer on" the opposing team is two rows behind their bench. "Every time they turned around, they got

But heckling, as rude as it appears, has always been a reality in college basketball.









See GILL COLISEUM, page 7 Beaver fans have taken the initiative in terms of getting behind the Oregon State players and helping will them to victory.

Read hired by Riley, Chargers

OSU's special teams coach is the latest hire-away in coaching shakeup

The Daily Barometer

Oregon State special teams coach Bruce Read has accepted a position on Mike Riley's San Diego Chargers staff, while the university hired Ron Davis as director of football operations, announced Beavers' head coach Dennis Erickson Monday.

Read has been OSU's special teams coach for the past two seasons. He joins Paul Chryst and Mark Manker as former Beaver assistants on Riley's Charger staff.

The Beavers now have only three coaches remaining from last year's team: Michael Johnson, Michael Gray, and Greg Newhouse.



Erickson indicated that he will not replace Read until after football letter of intent signing day, Feb. 3.

Read's replacement will be the fifth coach that Erickson will bring in.

Offensive coordinator Tim Lappano and defensive coordinator Willy Robinson were both on Erickson's staff with the

Seattle Seahawks.

Offensive line coach Gregg Smith and running back coach Eric Yarber were also with Erickson in Seattle.

Davis, most recently an administrative assistant to Erickson with the Seahawks, replaces Robert Jackson, who left his position in December to become wide receivers coach at the University of Illinios.

Former Beaver star signs with

Barry joins former OSU star Corey Benjamin, also an off-guard, in Chicago

By RICK GANO

The Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. - Brent Barry's been following famous people all his life. He's one of Rick Barry's kids, even though his relationship with his father admittedly is "rocky."

Now the 6-foot-6 Oregon State grad, who won the NBA slam dunk contest three years ago and who's known for his flashy play and no-look passes, has joined the new-look Chicago Bulls as their shooting guard.

It's a position a guy named Jordan played with distinction for many years and a position which a fellow Oregon Stater by the name of



Barry

Corey Benjamin would like to be in for the Bulls, also.

"If he does play well in Chicago, then they think they've got the next Michael Jordan," Miami coach Pat Riley said of

Barry, who signed a six-year, \$27 million deal Monday with the Bulls,

had several options as a free agent, including Golden State, which recently gave former Bulls forward Jason Caffey a seven-year, \$35

Going back to Miami was another. But his short stay there last season after being traded from the Los Angeles Clippers was not pleas-

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