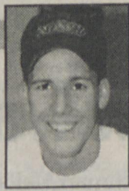


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Second candidate debates to be held tonight Robber at large in OSU community

ASOSU race is narrowed to two tickets and a new MU VP candidate emerges

By **KATIE PESZNECKER**

The Daily Barometer

Some of the players have changed, but the game will be the same at round two of the candidate debates tonight at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lounge.

The Associated Students of Oregon State University presidential and vice presidential candidates have been narrowed to two tickets that will appear on the official elections ballot: Melanie Spraggins and Joshua Stroud; and Cory VanAlstine and Justin Roach.

And as of press time, Daniel Mohle has been added as a ticket for the Memorial Union vice presidential seat. Mohle will face off in the debate against previously-unopposed Tirzah Jensen for the spot.

Also debating will be Kat Stinson and Anthony Ramos, contenders for the seat of MU president.

The debate will run in a three-section format, with about 45 minutes allotted for each section.

The first section will focus on the MU vice presidential candidates, Jensen and Mohle; the second round will be devoted to MU president candidates Stinson and Ramos; and finally, the Spraggins/Stroud ticket and the VanAlstine/Roach ticket will have their turn in the third round.

Each candidate ticket will have three minutes to make an opening statement. They will be asked three prepared questions selected at random. The candidate ticket will then have two minutes to answer each question.

The remainder of the 45 minutes will be devoted to audience questions, except for the final four minutes which will allow two minutes of closing remarks for each team.

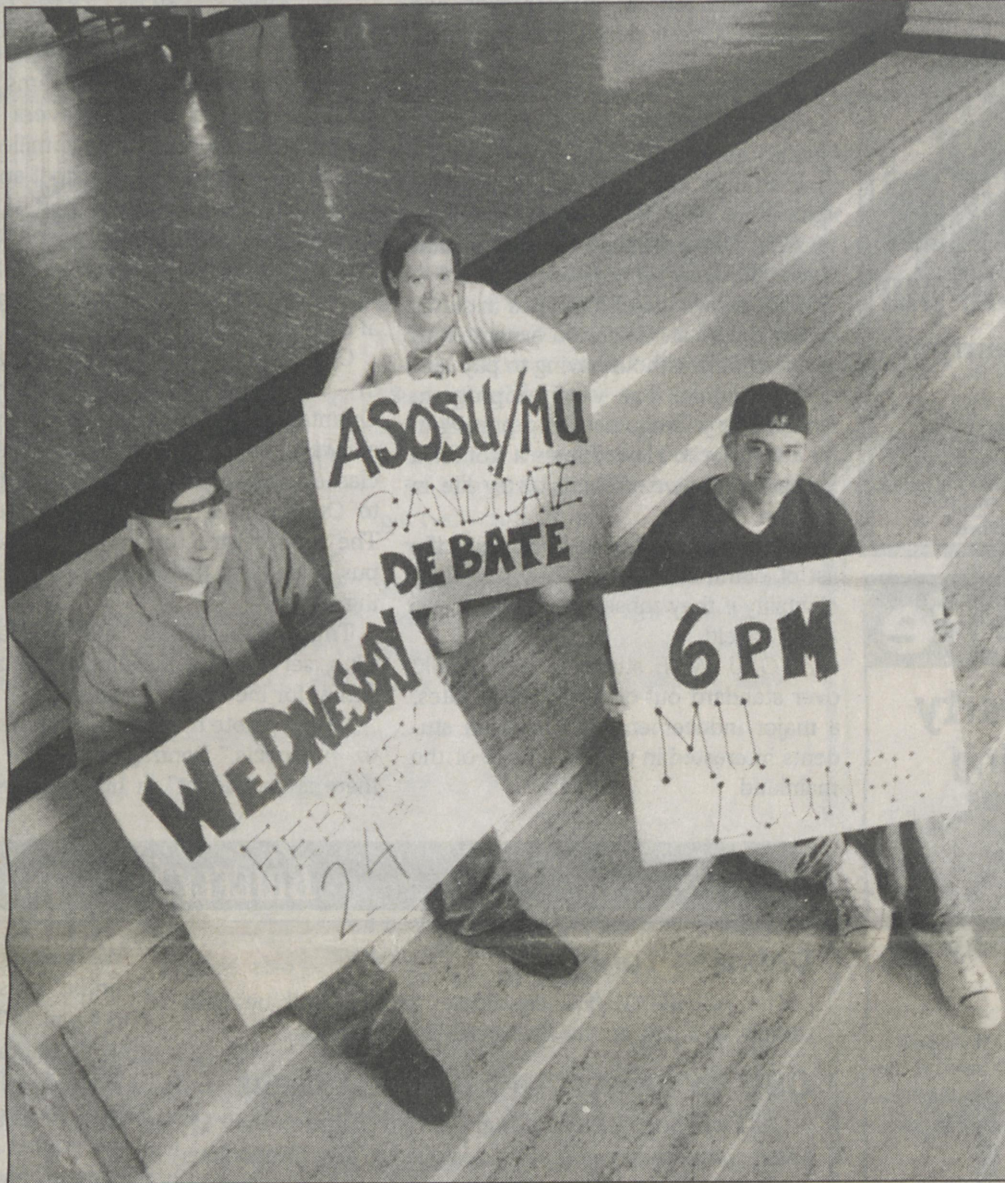


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Gavin Chambers, Jon Worsley and elections committee member Addie Cleaver are part of a MUPC team promoting the candidate debates tonight in the MU Lounge at 6 p.m. Candidates for both MU and ASOSU positions will be part of the debate.

Paul Evans, ASOSU advocate for students, will most likely serve as mediator.

The elections start on Tuesday, March 2 and continue through Thursday, March 4.

Students can vote from their home computers and at computer labs on-line

See **DEBATE**, page 6

Oregon State Police are looking for people who may have witnessed the event

OSU News Service

An Oregon State University student was robbed of a small amount of cash Monday night by an unidentified male while walking near the southeast corner of Benton Hall.

The Oregon State Police, who are investigating the incident, said the suspect ran away, leaving the victim's wallet and jewelry in a nearby dumpster.

THE SUSPECT

HEIGHT: 5 feet 10 inches
AGE: 20 to 25 years
FEATURES: White male, light facial hair

The victim, a 19-year-old woman, was not injured.

OSP officials describe the suspect as a white male, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, 20 to 25 years old, with light growth of a beard.

He was wearing a black baseball cap (possibly with a sports logo), a black jacket and blue jeans, possibly "painter-style" pants.

The incident took place a few minutes before midnight.

Oregon State Police officials are asking anyone who may have witnessed the event to call OSP at 737-3010.

During the robbery, a woman carrying an umbrella walked by, and a late-model red Honda drove through the area, said Lt. Jack Rogers.

OSP and the university's Security Services put out a campus safety alert on Tuesday.

"It's a good idea to always walk with a friend when it's late, whether on campus or at a mall in Salem or Portland," Rogers said.

Burkholderia cepacia bacteria: Problem or solution?

An OSU prof calls the mysterious bacteria organism "fascinating"

By **ANDREA LANE**

The Daily Barometer

Burkholderia cepacia is currently a hot topic in the medical and environmental community. The species of bacteria could be the safe answer to a very big problem, or it could cause a very big problem of its own.

Dr. Jennifer Parke, an associate professor in the department of crop and soil science at Oregon State University, said that the bacteria could be a natural alternative to many of the pesticides used to control plant diseases and fungi.

"It can be used as a biocontrol agent," said Parke, because it out-competes plant diseases, especially fungi that attack plant roots, but it is usually harmless to plants.

It does pose a small problem for onions, but Parke explained that "it's not a very good plant pathogen" and is of little cause for concern for farmers.

It can also be used to break down

many industrial chemicals that can contaminate the soil and ground water.

"It can break down pretty nasty chemicals in the soil," said Parke, including industrial waste and solvents she described as "horrible." Impressed with the versatility of the bacteria, she said "from a biological standpoint, it's fascinating that a single organism can do all these things."

There may be some cause for concern for those who have cystic fibrosis, however. The disease leaves patients vulnerable to lung infections, and some strains of *B. cepacia* have been found to cause lung infections in them. Parke was quick to warn that not all of the bacteria have been found to cause infection, and that most of the reported cases of infection can be blamed on one of the five subspecies that exist, one that would not be used in agriculture or environmental clean-up.

Parke also noted that infections caused by *B. cepacia* are thought to have been transmitted from person to person, rather than from environment to person.

Regardless, since it has been

See **BACTERIA**, page 2



Photo by SEAN HANRAHAN/The Daily Barometer

OSU's Dr. Jennifer Parke is studying mysterious bacteria that has recently been in the scientific community's hot seat. Parke is an associate professor in the department of crop and soil science.

CAMPUS NEWS

WUE: Bringing Hawaiian students to OSU

■ *Ninety-three Hawaii students were enrolled at OSU this fall*

By MINNIE McBRIDE
For The Daily Barometer

"So, you're from Hawaii. Why did you come HERE?"

It's the typical question asked of OSU students from the small Pacific island chain. The typical reply is, "I got WUE, and I wanted a mainland experience."

OSU enrolled 93 freshmen from Hawaii this fall, a number that has increased steadily during the '90s.

So what possesses those who live in paradise, wear shorts year-round and maintain permanent tans to leave their families and traverse the Pacific Ocean to a strange and very wet land? The answer lies in WUE, an acronym for the Western Undergraduate Exchange that is affectionately pronounced "wooie."

WUE allows undergraduates in states across the West, California excepted, to swap schools without having to pay out-of-state tuition. The way the program works, every Oregon student putting in for a transfer to Hawaii frees a slot for a Hawaiian student wishing to try life in Oregon.

Students must choose from a specific list of common majors. They lose their eligibility if they subsequently move into another field.

At OSU, WUE students save \$7,000 over standard out-of-state tuition rates, a major inducement for Hawaiian students interested in getting a taste of the mainland.

Freshman Kellie Nagamine of Kauai chose OSU because, "It has a good program for physical therapy, and because WUE made it affordable." The same goes for Pono Jamesson of Oahu, who said, "OSU has a good forestry program offered through WUE. I don't think I could have come here if it wasn't for WUE."

Realizing the Hawaiian yen for a mainland experience, OSU recruiters have increasingly targeted the islands in recent years. Each year, three different recruiting trips are made to Hawaii.

Bob Bontrager, OSU's director of admissions, is a regular on the circuit. He likes recruiting in Hawaii, and who wouldn't?

He oversees special programs like OSU Nights, an evening event that allows students and their families to become familiar with the school and its programs. The admissions staff is also active in a series of college fairs held on each of the islands, seeing that all interested high school students have material on Oregon State.

OSU even offers off-site registration in Hawaii. Called the Summer Orientation and Advising Program, it allows incoming freshmen to register for classes without making a special flight to Oregon at a considerable expense. The support structure in place on campus helps keep the Hawaiian flow coming as well.

The Hui-o-Hawaii, OSU's Hawaii Club, serves as a substitute ohana, or family, for incoming freshmen.

"We promote the Hawaii Club heavily to prospects," Bontrager said. He said there is "no doubt" in his mind that it

plays an influential role in convincing Hawaiian students to choose OSU.

Sharice Cabral, the club's vice president, calls it "your home away from home — a reminder of home with people who relate to you." In addition to providing moral support, the club organizes activities, ski trips, shopping trips for winter clothes and an annual luau.

In Hawaii, you can drive around any island in less than a day. Compared to the mainland, the islands are small.

For students who grow up on an island, the lure of the wide open spaces of the mainland is strong by the time college rolls around. Most are ready for a change.

Besides, Hawaii is limited in what it has to offer educationally. There are five universities, a handful of community colleges and a few technical schools.

"I wanted new experiences," said Leinette Soares, who had lived on Oahu all her life.

"I wanted to experience different cultures and to see what lies outside of Hawaii," said Maria Lorence, a freshman from Kauai.

The future will probably see an influx of students from all over the state of Hawaii, given the trends of recent years. And they will help diversify the OSU campus.

Although it is a big adjustment for them at first, what they reap in terms of knowledge and experience makes it worth the effort. Thanks to the WUE program and on-campus support, many students from Hawaii get to wet their feet in all the mainland has to offer.

Minnie McBride is a freshman from Hawaii, here under the WUE program.

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BRIEFLY SPEAKING

Debates tonight
The ASOSU/MUPC candidate debates will be held tonight at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lounge.

OSU to celebrate Japanese night
OSU will host Japanese Night '99 on Saturday, Feb. 27, a free community celebration designed to give Oregonians a glimpse of Japanese culture. Festivities start at 6:30 p.m. in OSU's Milam Auditorium and include a dramatic play, a tea ceremony, dance, origami and calligraphy.

In the Women's Center...
All of the following programs will be held at the OSU Women's Center unless otherwise noted. Contact 737-3186 for more information.
Tuesday, Feb. 23 — Video, "Slim Hopes and Waistland: Eating Disorders," presented by HOPE from noon-1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 24 — Video, "The Perfect Body and Bulimia," presented by HOPE from noon-1 p.m. and from 3 to 4 p.m. "Chinamwgli: A Malawian Ritual, Initiating girls Into Womanhood" with Mercy Chikoko
Thursday, Feb. 25 — "The Violence Continuum Within Sexual Assault" with Dave Visiko, OSU Health Educator, from noon-1:30 p.m. and "Black Experiences at OSU: Voices of Faculty" with Cessa Heard-Johnson and Lisa Gaines from 3-4 p.m.

Entomology seminar
The department of entomology and Center for Gene Research & Biotechnology at OSU will host Dr. Jeff Hall of the department of biology at Brandeis University. "Monitoring rhythmic gene expression in real time and how this can result in the identification of ovel chronobiological factors in Drosophila" on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 3:30 p.m. in AgLS 4001.

BACTERIA: Won't be used until more is known

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resistant to antibiotics, it is not being used in agriculture or in environmental clean-up until more information can be obtained.

"It's naturally abundant, it's everywhere," said Parke. "[It is a] very abundant bacterium in the soil and water."

Since it can be found so commonly in the environment, and even under human fingernails, Parke believes that it will not cause illness. She does acknowledge the potential dangers, though, and is very cooperative with efforts in the medical community to better understand the risks.

"The plant pathologists are talking to the doctors and [they are] learning from each other," said Parke.

Looking forward to future conferences with the medical community in hopes of finding an answer to this debate, Parke said, "It's good that we are talking."

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NEWS

Racist convicted of dragging black man to death in Texas

■ *Three ruthless white supremacists leave mutilated body in front of church and cemetery*

By TERRI LANGFORD

The Associated Press

JASPER, Texas — A white supremacist was convicted of murder Tuesday and could get the death penalty for chaining a black man to a pickup truck and dragging him until his body was torn to pieces in a crime that shocked the nation with its savagery.

The jury of 11 whites and one black took less than 2 1/2 hours to reach a verdict against John William King in the slaying last June of James Byrd Jr. Courtroom spectators applauded, and the victim's relatives broke into tears.

The jury then began hearing evidence on whether the 24-year-old laborer should get the death penalty or life in prison for one of the grisliest racial crimes in the United States since the civil rights era.

"I am relieved," said Stella Brumley, Byrd's sister. "That's all we wanted, was justice."

His son, Ross Byrd, said: "All I know is that there's one down and two to go."

King was the first of three white men to go on trial in the slaying, which prosecutors said he carried out because he wanted "something dramatic" to gain credibility for a racist group he was organizing.

King leaned forward when the verdict was read, shielding himself from cameras, then sat back in his chair with his fingers on his chin.

One of his lawyers said King was not surprised by the verdict and considered himself the victim of a conspiracy.

"I hope he receives life without parole," the Rev. Jesse Jackson said from New York. "If these three men saw killing as a solution in their sick state, then we in our sober and sane state must know killing is not a solution."

President Clinton said nationwide expressions of outrage over Byrd's death "demonstrate that an act of evil like this is not what our country is all about." He added: "Our work for racial reconciliation and an end to all crimes of hatred in this country will go on."

Byrd's head and arm were found torn off after he was pulled nearly three miles while tied by his ankles with a 24 1/2-foot logging chain.

"Three robed riders coming straight out of hell — that's exactly what there was that night," prosecutor Pat Hardy said in closing arguments Tuesday.

"After they dragged that poor man and tore his body to pieces,

they dropped it right in front a church and a cemetery, to show their defiance to God, to show their defiance of Christianity and everything most people in this county stand for."

The evidence against King included a lighter engraved with a Klan symbol and King's prison name, "Possum," that was found along with cigarette butts at the scene; clothes stained with Byrd's blood; letters in which King wrote about organizing a racist gang; and King's tattoos of a black man hanging from a tree, cartoon characters in Klan garb, Nazi-type SS lightning bolts and Aryan power proclamations.

According to testimony, King talked with a fellow inmate a few years ago about "taking a black out" to prove himself as a white supremacist. After his release in 1997, King tried to start a racist group, the Texas Rebel Soldiers, and was looking for an opportunity to make a name for himself, prosecutors said.

King's lawyers called only three witnesses who testified for less than an hour. King did not take the stand.

His attorneys appeared to have conceded the conviction and planned to try to save his life in the punishment phase.

They insisted that the racist writings did not prove the case against King and that the convicted burglar covered himself in racist tattoos as protection from blacks in prison.

"I don't deny he made some racial slurs," attorney Haden "Sonny" Cribbs said. "Not that I agree with that. But that is his right."

King's alleged accomplices, Shawn Berry, 24, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, are awaiting trial and could also face the death penalty.

Byrd, an unemployed 49-year-old man known for his singing voice — and also his affection for alcohol — was on his way home from a party when he crossed paths with King in the early hours of June 7.

According to prosecutors, King, Berry and Brewer were riding around in Berry's pickup truck, drinking and looking for women, when Berry spotted Byrd walking. Berry knew Byrd and asked if he needed a lift. Byrd climbed into the back.

According to Berry's statement to police, King got behind the wheel and drove it to a dirt logging trail east of Jasper, where Byrd was beaten and chained to the vehicle.

Dr. Tommy Brown, a pathologist, testified that Byrd was alive for two miles of the journey along the bumpy county road. He tried to endure the excruciating pain by propping himself on his elbows to spare his head, the pathologist said.

When the pickup swerved to the left, Byrd's bouncing body swung to the right, and his head was torn off by a concrete drain pipe. The pathologist said he could not determine whether Byrd was conscious up to the end.

A few blocks from the courthouse, Craig Johnson, owner of the World of Sounds music store, suggested a punishment for King: "He needs to go the same way that man did."

Hundreds attend funeral for Siskel

The Associated Press

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. — Film critic Gene Siskel was remembered as a public man who loved his private life.

More than 1,200 people attended his funeral Monday, including Oprah Winfrey, Christie Hefner and Siskel's long-time television partner Roger Ebert.

Mayor Richard M. Daley canceled scheduled campaign stops to attend the service at a Jewish synagogue on the wooded shore of Lake Michigan.

"He breathed and slept Chicago and his love of our sports, love of politics," Daley said. "And of course, always his review of films was a highlight for myself and, I think, not only for Chicagoans, but for people who truly loved the arts."

Siskel died Saturday at 53 from complications following surgery to remove a growth from his brain in May.

In a eulogy, Rabbi Vernon Kurtz spoke of Siskel's dedication to his family and his faith.

"In the same manner that you have used these many years — Gene Siskel, you lived a life that was indeed two thumbs up," Kurtz said.

The rabbi spoke of how Siskel's last appearance outside his home or the hospital was at his daughter's bat mitzvah in January, and how he smiled in spite of his obvious pain.

Siskel told his daughter the most important things in life were family and Judaism, Kurtz said.

Siskel is survived by his wife, Marlene, two teen-age daughters and a 4-year-old son.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 25

Help for Friends and Family of People with an Eating Disorder, 3-4 pm, MU Asian Pacific Rm. (206), Georgine Thompson, MSW, and Sandy Tsuneyoshi, PhD.

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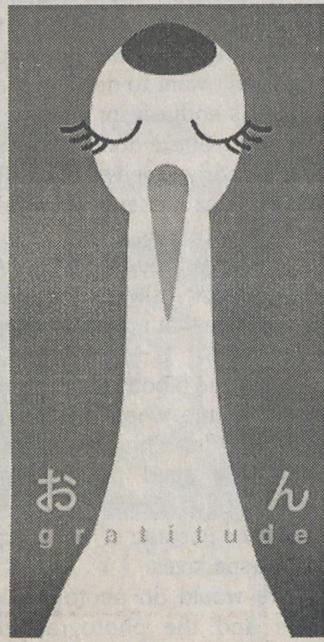
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Arts, Entertainment & Whatever ...

Happy Trails Records hosts free, all-ages concert

■ *Corvallis' own bands Minus and Nautical Sauce Posse will be featured in the event on Thursday*

By JACOB TENPAS

The Daily Barometer

Corvallis isn't a town known for its thrilling and bountiful night life options. Every Thursday and Saturday night, The Peacock slams with the sounds of hip-hop, and from time to time, Squirrel's will feature a truly great live band. These venues are, of course, only for those who have been breathing on their own for 21 years or longer, leaving many to scour the coffee houses and movie theaters in search of entertainment. However, Thursday, Feb. 25, Happy Trails Records, located at 133 S.W. Second St., is putting on an

event for all ages and all musical tastes.

The concert, which will feature local bands Minus and Nautical Sauce Posse, will begin at 10 p.m. and should be packed due to Happy Trails' narrow width. It is free however, so if the forthcoming descriptions wet your cultural appetite, get there early to ensure yourself a decent vantage point.

Minus will be opening the evening's festivities with their characteristic blend of Mark France's jazz meets metal guitar heroics, Dave Trenkel's meticulously throbbing bass lines and Henry Franzione's powerful but versatile drum work. Their set will most likely last an hour to an hour and a half and will span the gap between King Crimson and Black Sabbath cov-

ers and their own sets of free improvisation.

Then, around 11:30 p.m., Nautical Sauce Posse will take the stage, or the back of the store, and launch into their characteristically high-energy set. Though their show has consistently featured mostly covers of classics by Frank Zappa, The Red Hot Chili Peppers and Mr. Bungle, drummer J.D. Monroe says he is particularly excited to be playing many of the band's originals for Thursday's show.

Monroe will be joined by the two-piece horn section of Matt Calkins (saxophone) and Tim McLaughlin (trumpet, keyboards and guitar), Miah Wander (bass), Waylon Pickett (guitar, keyboards) and E.J. Harris (vocalist).

The concert is being held to give something back to Happy Trails' customers, and to allow newcomers to see the newly redecorated interior of the store. If you've never visited this unique establishment, or you just want to check out the great musicianship the diverse Corvallis music scene has to offer, head downtown Thursday night and enjoy the show.

CONCERT

Minus and Nautical Sauce Posse

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 25 at 10 p.m.

WHERE: Happy Trails Records, located at 133 S.W. Second St.

ADMISSION: Free

Five minutes of fresh air



Photo by JOE ELLIS/The Daily Barometer

The consistently rainy — yet unpredictable — weather keeps students on the move. Breaks in the clouds even allow some students to find a little time to study outdoors.

SOUND BITES

Rodent Weekend '76-'96 (Approximately) (Gadfly) — Tonio K.

This set unearths 19 rarities and previously unreleased songs from an obscure artist who has been consigned to the fringe of the rock scene for more than 20 years.

How good can such a compilation be? Better than 99 percent of what will be released this year, that's all.

Since his first record in 1978, Tonio K. has earned critical raves and a small but loyal fan following for his warped wit, skewed sensibility and straightforward guitar rock.

Rodent Weekend '76-'96 (Approximately) offers more of the same, although the tunes may be even more twisted than usual. Among the highlights:

- The couplet "Mars needs women/you should apply;"
- The uncharacteristically lush and lovely "The Hunter;"
- "I'm Supposed to Have Sex With You," a 1987 radio hit that unfortunately was unavailable in stores at the time.

The hilarious liner notes alone are worth the price of admission. They include a two-page list of songs Tonio K. wrote, but never bothered to record, including "10,000 Dentists," "Your Song (Not That One)" and "Maybe Tomorrow (I'll Want You Tonight)."

It is hoped that they'll be on his next retrospective.

32 Gems From 32 Jazz (32 Jazz) — Various Artists

Spinning this trio of CDs is like listening to a terrific jazz radio station for 3 1/2 hours.

The array of talent in this sampler from the 3-year-old 32 Jazz label is impressive. It includes Kenny Barron, Ron Carter, Raheem Roland Kirk, Pat Martino, Woody Shaw, Horace Silver, Zoot Sims and Sonny Stitt.

The performances, many of them reissues from the Muse and Landmark catalogs, date back as far as 1965. They cover a gamut of arrangements and styles, from duet to big band and from organ funk to free jazz. There are numerous highlights and nary a cut that should be skipped, although Kirk's eight-minute "Passion Dance" isn't for the faint of heart.

Best of all, the list price for the set is just \$20, meaning these gems are a bargain.

— Steven Wine, The Associated Press

One way or another, Blondie has made it back

■ *After 16 years, Blondie's taking the pop world by storm with "Maria"*

By DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Research, not sloth, led members of Blondie to kill a few hours in the afternoon watching MTV in a luxury hotel suite.

After 16 years away from the pop music world, these former chart-toppers needed to see what the competition was up to. Not much to hold Chris Stein's attention, it seemed.

"I don't really know any of this stuff," he muttered, "and I don't really have any interest in it, either."

Now it's time to wonder if the pop music world is interested in them.

With a reputation burnished by nostalgia, Blondie has re-formed and released its first album of new material since 1982. Rock reunions are often depressing jokes, but early signs here are encouraging: The first single,

"Maria," entered the British charts at No. 1, and VH1 filmed Blondie's first New York concert appearance for a special that airs Sunday at 10 p.m. EST.

Hits like "Heart of Glass," "Rapture" and "The Tide Is High" made Blondie among the most commercially successful bands to emerge from the punk rock scene. The band was engagingly eclectic, and frontwoman Deborah Harry was a tough girl with pinup looks who could sing, too.

Money tore them apart; when they weren't making much at the height of success, they turned on each other. Stein was also seriously ill for years with a rare genetic illness and Harry, then his wife, effectively disappeared to help nurse him back to health.

With artists like Garbage successfully mining Blondie's territory, Stein thought the time was right for a second try. Blondie's not ashamed to admit it's trying to cash in.

"I thought that if I didn't do it, I would look back in 10 years and say I probably should have done it," he said.

Disillusioned with the music business, keyboard player Jimmy Destri had spent years working as a contractor. He had renewed his interest in music and, oddly enough, was in

England producing a Blondie tribute album when Stein called to talk about a reunion. Drummer Clem Burke had stayed in music, working for Eurythmics and others, and was also willing.

Harry, soured by the band's final days, didn't immediately warm to Stein's suggestion.

"He needed to work on me for a while," she said. "I thought it was not a good idea at all. I just didn't want to delve in the past."

Stein's enthusiasm and her own pride won her over. She'd done some acting, released some poorly received solo albums and sung for the Jazz Passengers, but the work wasn't entirely satisfying.

"I'm very proud of Blondie, the things we did for music," she said. "I thought it was sort of a shame that I couldn't continue my career as Blondie."

Some bad blood lingers. Nigel Harrison and Frank Infante, who joined the original quartet after their first album, aren't involved this time and have sued their former colleagues because of it.

But the passage of time is great for changing perspectives.

"We would do photo sessions in the old days and the photographers would say,

'Debbie, come here and do some photos by yourself,'" Stein said. "Everybody would start complaining. Now everybody's happy because nobody wants to do the work anymore."

Harry is, after all, synonymous with Blondie for a lot of fans. Her inability to establish a solo career may have quietly proven the point that male band members would defensively make in the old days — that they were a group, not a bunch of backup players.

Time also puts Harry's influence in better perspective. She wasn't afraid to use her sexuality, and in a male-dominated business, that was something new. Stein, 49, remembers an entire chapter of a book on Blondie devoted to a furious attack on Harry for showing a glimpse of her underwear.

In the wake of Madonna and other strong women in music, it seems a lot longer ago than 20 years.

"Somebody would have done it if not Debbie, but she happened to do it," Stein said. "It was something that was coming along with the rise of feminism in society. Debbie's statement was that she didn't want to be seen as a victim. It was a form of girl power."

FORUM

An underdog takes on Blimpigate

There's just something about a person who refuses to stop fighting an uphill battle that makes me proud of the persistent spirit of the little guy.

So, I must admit, the Blimpie Bear makes me smile.

His worn-down suit, inches too small to cover his six-foot frame, should have been retired years ago. For the most part, students ignore the coupons he hand-delivers. He's probably not really doing too much to impress the Memorial Union committee that decided to shut down Blimpie at the end of this school year either.



MATT LAPLANTE

But, he's out there every day. An unintentional symbol of the never-say-die attitude that makes this country so great.

He's the epitome of the underdog, and since I like rooting for the underdog, his efforts have won him and his cause at least one supporter.

I only wish his battle wasn't so uphill, and that the MU would at least let him know what hill he should be climbing.

It's Blimpigate. I'm not a huge conspiracy theorist, but I am afraid that Blimpie is the victim of a Memorial Union endeavor to make it look as if activity at the big-domed building is not quite as stagnant as it truly is. An end to a five-year contract with the sub and salad restaurant made for the perfect opportunity to stir things up a bit without truly hurting the status-quo.

Politically, it's a pretty good plot. Beat down the little guy and tell him you're doing it for reasons other than what you are. Trick him into putting all his efforts into fighting for, in this instance, increased sales. Then the Blimpie Bear will wake up each and every day, emblem of resolve that he is, ready to fight for the increased sales that will ensure his survival. Little will he know that his fate is sealed, even if he increases sales tenfold.

This is my theory at least. I'll quickly admit that I am no expert on the politics of running the MU, or even what exactly makes a conspiracy. It just seems to me that something about the rationale for kicking Blimpie to the curb is a bit fishy.

Not convinced that the MU put a second gunman on the grassy knoll to knock off the Blimpie Bear? Look at what the Memorial

Union says about why they're closing Blimpie's down:

Profits are down, they say.

Duh!

Location, location, location! These are the three keys to business. Blimpie is on the opposite side of the MU from where the food action is. Of course it's not doing as well as the big three (Taco Bell, Burger King and Panda Express); it's not even really competing in the same market!

I like deli sandwiches. I just don't like to walk the extra hundred yards to sit with my friends who decided to eat at Burger King.

So when they say that Blimpie's isn't keeping up financially with its Commons competitors, I wonder if I need to draw them a map.

We're looking to add some healthier foods, they say.

Good idea, kick out the healthiest of the four restaurants in the MU. No doubt they conferred with Colonel Sanders about the nutritional value of grease before determining that Whoppers, Gorditas and Orange Chicken with chow-mien are much healthier food choices than sandwiches and salads.

We want to add a new student-run deli, they say.

A deli? Wouldn't that be a bit like replacing Burger King with a new student-run hamburger joint? Where is the point in this? If I want slow, discourteous, student-run service, I'll go to Pangea. In the meantime, give me a franchise restaurant any day, because I appreciate the fact that there is a corporately-established standard for service, with a local owner who can back it up.

Okay, so maybe there isn't enough for an Oliver Stone movie here.

But to not even talk to the owner of Blimpie until the day that the whole campus reads about his restaurant's impending closure? Even if it's not a conspiracy, that's just plain cold.

Blimpigate will undoubtedly never see the impeachment of any high-level MU officials. Nevertheless, I think it is fair to say that the Blimpie Bear is being treated unfairly.

I like sandwiches, I like an underdog, and I like the Blimpie Bear.

I think a lot of people agree, and if even a little bit of the Blimpigate theory holds true, I think the MU should reconsider its plot to exterminate the Blimpie Bear.

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



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Career Focus

Editorial material for this career section was provided by OSU Career Services.

Career Services offers help in career preparation

■ *Career Fair, March 2, is a great opportunity to meet company representatives*

By **TOM MUNNERLYN**
Director, Career Services

Letter from the Director:
On behalf of Career Services, I would like to encourage you to take advantage of the services and programs that we provide for all students at OSU to help in your career planning and preparation. You have already invested in your academics through OSU's real education for the real world. Now find out how your education is preparing you for life as well as for a career. To get a great start, I would like to invite you to attend the 1999 Spring Career Fair on March 2, 1999. The Spring Career Fair is a great opportunity to meet with representatives from over 100 employing organizations here at OSU. The fair gives you a forum to network with employers, many of whom are OSU

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TOM MUNNERLYN, DIRECTOR

alumni, and learn what they seek in their job applicants. The Spring Career Fair can also give you a chance to discuss internship and co-op opportunities with employers. OSU Career Services is ready to take you into the Twenty-First Century and beyond. We encourage you to participate in our programs and services that can prepare you for the ever changing workplace and the challenges of the coming new century.

Welcome to Career Services



Photo by JOE ELLIS/ The Daily Barometer

The staff of OSU Career Services, located in 008 Kerr Administration, is prepared to help students with locating employment and internship opportunities. Career Services hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and they can be reached at 737-4085.

CAREER FAIR PARTICIPANTS

This list is subject to change. For the most up to date list of participating organizations (with homepage links where available), please refer to the Career Services Spring Career Fair webpage, <osu.orst.edu/dept/career-services/fair>

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Lithia Automotive Group	.All Majors, Business
LSI Logic	.Business, Engineering

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OSU Spring Career Fair: Your future looks bright!

OSU Career Services would like to invite the entire campus community to the OSU Spring Career Fair. Over 100 Companies from across the nation are scheduled to visit the CH2M Hill Alumni Center from noon - 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2. This will be one of the largest fairs sponsored by Career Services.

With such a large number of organizations attending, students should plan to use their time wisely and pace themselves in spending their time at the fair. Employers also represent a wide variety of industries and hiring needs, so students of all majors and years in school should plan to attend. A list of organizations, organized both alphabetically and by the colleges/majors they seek, is available through the Career Services Career Fair home page at <osu.orst.edu/dept/career-

services/fair>.

Even for students who may not be graduating yet, the Career Fair is a great event to take advantage of. By speaking with organizational representatives, students can explore career options and check out internship possibilities. Find out what employers are looking for so you can plan your academic program and co-curricular activities accordingly. You might be surprised by what you learn, and you might also uncover an exciting career path for yourself! Be curious, and meet with as many employers as you can.

Students should come to the Career Fair dressed for the professional occasion. Be sure to bring numerous copies of your resume, a list of possible questions for employers, and a great attitude!

Preparing for Career Fair

Using your time efficiently and wisely at any career fair is the key to success. To make the most of Career Fair, you must be prepared and organized. Otherwise, you may lose the opportunity to make a positive first impression or find out critical information. Consider your time at the Spring Career Fair to be an interview time, and come prepared for it.

Making the most of the fair can be divided into three areas: Preparation, At the Fair, and Follow-up. The following are tips and suggestions to make your time at the fair more productive.

Preparation

- Clarify your goals and know why the Career Fair can benefit you. (Are you looking for information to explore organizations and positions? Are you looking for a full-time job or internship?) Try preparing a list of questions and a list of employers with whom you would like to visit.
- Prepare a resume to give to employers.
- Prepare a one-minute introduction to share with employers to demonstrate your knowledge of the organization and to express your interest in them. Think about how your education or experience relates to the organization's needs.
- Think of questions you would like to ask the employer. For example: What skills and abilities are most valued in your company? What is the work environment like? Do you

hire summer interns? What advice do you have for me as someone interested in the career field?

At the Fair

- Dress and look professional.
- Maintain good eye contact, shake hands firmly and speak clearly and concisely.
- Show enthusiasm and interest by asking pertinent questions.
- Present an organized and targeted resume.
- Greet employers on your own, not with friends.
- Don't hesitate to approach a representative or join a group already in progress.
- Feel free to take notes.

Follow-up

- Ask for the employer's business card and inquire as to how you should best follow-up with her/him.
 - Ask for the name and number of the contact person within the organization.
 - If you have received any special information or attention, send a thank you note!!!
 - Take the initiative for effective, timely and appropriate follow-up.
- Most importantly, have fun. Greet everyone with a smile and a firm handshake, and meet as many people as possible. Plan your time beforehand! If you have any questions, please visit the Career Services table in the foyer at the Spring Career Fair.

CAREER FOCUS

Get more than a job/internship at Career Fair!

■ Using Informational Interviewing As A Tool For Researching Careers & Organizations

By KERRI CARLSON

Career Advisor

Informational interviewing is a strategy you can use to gather first-hand the information you need to make tentative career choices. The difference between informational interviewing and a job interview is that you are interviewing a professional with a goal of gaining information on careers and organizations instead of interviewing for a specific job. The Career Fair is a perfect opportunity to begin informational interviewing and start getting answers to questions like, "What are the skills I need to work as a professional in your organization?" "How would you describe the working environment of your organization?" "What types of career opportunities does your organization offer?" "How would I get into this work?"

“ *The Career Fair is probably the most beneficial opportunity for you to begin interviewing because the employers want to talk to OSU students.* ”

If you are wondering what is in this for me, there are several benefits to conducting informational interviews. Informational interviewing gives you the opportunity to:

- Gather specific, first hand information on careers that interest you.
- Generate new career options.
- Practice interviewing skills in a low risk, non-threatening situation.
- Learn about what specific organizations do and whether or not they are a company you will eventually want to pursue in your job search.
- Make contacts which may lead to future internships,

employment. It's never too early to start networking!

The Career Fair is probably the most beneficial opportunity for you to begin interviewing because the employers want to talk to OSU students. There is tons of free information to help you learn about the company, and you can talk to many employers from all over the United States under one roof. While the recruiter may not have all of the answers on your specific career area, they may also be able to put you in contact with individuals who hold positions similar to the ones you will eventually seek.

Informational interviewing can be done outside of the Career Fair too. If you are looking into a specific type of position, ask professors, advisors, friends, or family if they know of people working in that particular field and see about getting their contact information. You may even be able to talk to alumni of OSU and find out what they have done with their degree after college. Contact these individuals and see if you can set up a time to meet in person or over the phone for a 20-30 minute interview about their career choice, organization, or any other questions related to their career. By talking to individuals in a variety of work settings you will get an idea of the range of opportunities within a given field. Do as many interviews as possible to confirm what you hear.

The following are some tips for conducting successful informational interviews and a list of sample questions you may want to ask. First of all, if interviewing in person, dress professionally and arrive a few minutes early. Use general social courtesies (handshake, eye contact, etc.). Read information on the company and on the occupation so that you can ask meaningful questions. Be attentive. Listen and respond to the information presented—it may be very valuable. Finally, when preparing questions, consider your own values and preferences; your objective is to see if this occupation or organization will provide what you are looking for.

Questions Regarding Position/Career Path

- What is your position title? What are your responsibilities?
- What is a typical work day like for you?
- What skills are most important in doing this job well?
- What personal traits?
- What do you like the most about this position? The least?
- How did you enter this field? What other positions have you held? Is your career path typical for this profession?
- If not, what are the most common entry points?
- What are entry-level salaries? Do they vary widely?

“ *Take the steps necessary to make an informed decision about your career choice/path by conducting informational interviews.* ”

What type of preparation (coursework, internships, activities) is necessary or helpful for this occupation?

Questions Regarding the Company/Industry

How would you describe the working atmosphere in this organization?

What are the new trends or issues in this industry?

Can you suggest some publications I might read?

What professional associations do people in this field belong to?

Next Step Questions

Can you think of anything else I really should know about this field?

Could you suggest one or two other people I might contact for more information?

Would you mind if I called you again if I think of any other questions? (Ask for a business card to assure that you have correct name, title, etc.)

After the Interview

Make notes for yourself on the content of the interview for future references.

Follow up on any suggestions made—reading, meeting people, making contacts.

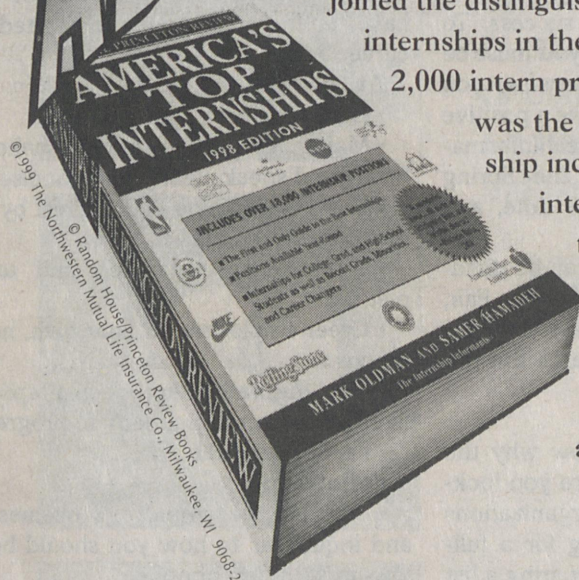
IMMEDIATELY send a thank you note or letter stating your appreciation of the representative's time and information. Mention any specific points or suggestions that were particularly helpful and state your plans for follow through.

Take the steps necessary to make an informed decision about your career choice/path by conducting informational interviews. By doing so you will be more satisfied with your decisions and you may even obtain contacts that can help you to land your dream job down the road.

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Cooperative education and internships: Real-world learning and more

By JAMES CHANG
Career Advisor

Get a head start on your future career by getting involved with an internship or cooperative education program (co-op) as soon as you can! The experience will be invaluable as you consider your career options while you test out the world of work.

Internships and co-ops allow you to engage in work that is related to your area of study or future career interest. They are a great way to gain experience while also getting insight into the benefits and challenges of various jobs and industries. In today's job market, students with internship and co-op experiences are highly sought after by competitive employers of all industries.

"Internships are crucial to getting a head start on your career," said Vlasta Duffy, Director of Recruitment with Northwestern Mutual Life. "Millions of college graduates look for jobs every year, and internships are a great way to separate yourself from the rest of the pack."

Co-ops and internships share the characteristic of being experiential in nature. Both provide students with hands-on experiences in order to develop skills and a knowledge base about the work. The difference between co-ops and internships may be one in scope and duration. Co-ops are often full-time positions related to one's field of study and may last three to nine months in duration. Students may earn academic credit or a competitive salary all the while being treated as a full-time employee. Some students choose to do multiple co-ops with the same organization.

Internships are very similar to co-ops, except that a greater variety in scope and duration may exist. Internships may last as long as several months to as short as a few weeks; they may or may not offer academic credit or financial reward. Regardless, both internships and co-ops offer the opportunity to explore career fields and assist students in developing occupational skills and marketability.

Katy Yen, a senior post-baccalaureate student studying psychology and ethnic studies, chose to do an internship with Oregon State University Marketing. "I knew I wanted to do something that would help the [Asian/Pacific American] (APA) community," Yen said. "I was able to do that with my project which entailed developing a target plan for community enhancement in the APA community for OSU."

Yen also noted that her internship allowed her to apply her education to the real world and to see what a full-time job in a professional setting was really like.

"For both students and employers, internships provide a win-win situation," said April

Razey, Recruiting Supervisor with Enterprise Rent-A-Car. "You just can't lose!"

"Internships give students a sneak preview of what an industry or organization can provide them," Razey said. "At the same time, the company benefits from the new ideas and added help that interns bring. Internship are actually a great preview for both parties."

Internship and co-op experiences are a great way for students to address the unavoidable question from employers: Do you have any experience? Students who are able to demonstrate familiarity with an industry and experience gained from an internship or co-op will more easily convince prospective employers that they have the necessary abilities and interest to perform well. Moreover, employers who are able to see interns and co-op students in action within their own organization are more likely to offer permanent positions to these individuals who have already proven themselves to the employer.

"When hiring for Management Trainees at Enterprise, we start by offering positions to those interns who have performed at high levels for us," Razey said. "Starting from an internship, you can move your way up. We promote 100% from within."

Razey noted that the first intern with Enterprise in this area is now an Area Manager. "He's gone through 8 promotions!"

Students need to plan accordingly in order to increase the likelihood that they will find an experience that best fits them. Start by considering areas of interest, skills and knowledge. Then think about what you hope to gain from an internship or co-op experience and the possible settings that will offer you the best learning experience.

Many resources are available for students in search of an internship or co-op. Career Services has postings and directories which can be used to identify publicized opportunities. Career advisors are also available to help you develop a search strategy to find an internship or co-op that best meets your needs. Also, speak with your academic advisor or faculty members who may be aware of opportunities specific to your field. The International Education Office and Equal Opportunity Program Office are two additional resources on campus available for students in search of internships and co-op experiences.

Regardless of your year in school, major, or previous experience, an internship or co-op experience may be the best thing you can do to supplement your academic program at OSU. The job-related skills you develop from an internship and the insights you gain about the world of work will be invaluable to you!

The National Student Exchange — a nation wide opportunity

By EDIE BLAKLEY
National Student Exchange Coordinator

Imagine, if you can the opportunities available from the combined resources of 155 campuses with all of their courses and programs. Consider expanding the boundaries of a university to spread across this vast country and into her furthest territories. Think of the adventure, of the untold diversity of people, culture, and geography. That is the National Student Exchange (NSE).

Since its founding in 1968, more than 55,000 students have been successfully placed in this intra-United States students exchange program, each taking advantage of the enormous savings in cost while still having access to personalized assistance from experienced campus coordinators.

Through the NSE program, academically qualified students are given the opportunity to spend up to one year at another school, while paying in-state tuition rates, and maintaining academic progress toward degree

requirements. Credits earned during the exchange become part of each students' home school transcript.

To qualify, a student must be: 1) a full-time student; 2) in good standing, with a 2.50 cumulative grade point average at the time of application and during the quarter prior to exchange; and 3) an undergraduate who has earned at least 45 hours of credit at the time the exchange begins.

Each year during Fall term coordinators provide information about the National Student Exchange and the colleges and universities who are members of the NSE Consortium. Currently, the only states not represented in the Consortium are Arkansas and North Dakota. The 155 colleges and universities participating in the exchange program are spread across the other 48 states as well as Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Starting November 2nd applications to participate in the program are accepted with an application fee of

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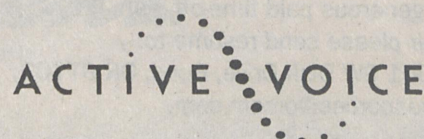
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Interviewing... with employers on campus

By JAMES CHANG

Career Advisor

Career Fair isn't your only opportunity to talk with employers on campus. Career Services' On-campus Recruiting Program brings organizations to OSU throughout the year.

On-campus recruiting is a great way to connect with employers who are looking for full-time employees as well as interns. Last year, employers made over 500 visits to campus to interview OSU students for positions ranging from resort interns to management trainees to engineers and analysts. While not all hiring organizations go to the effort of sending representatives to recruit on college campuses, a wide variety of organizations do, including Meier & Frank, Disney, Intel, and Eli Lilly & Company. These organizations are considering OSU students to meet their staffing needs, and you should definitely take advantage of their interest!

On-campus recruiting allows organizations to begin their hiring process in the familiarity of students' college environment. These screening interviews, which take place in the recruiting rooms of the Career Services Center, usually last between 30 and 45 minutes. It is a great chance for organizations to meet many interested students in one day and for students to interact easily with employers from various industries and locations to explore diverse employment

opportunities. These on-campus interviews begin the process of connecting students to the world of work beyond college.

Information Sessions: Explore Their World

Information sessions that recruiting organizations present may also be a wonderful way to explore employment options that may be available to you. Many organizations hold these pre-interview information sessions to share details about their products and services, mission and philosophy, employment opportunities and organizational culture. These sessions allow students to learn about organizations beyond their name and may be useful to students preparing for an organization's interview as well as students who are simply exploring career opportunities. Be sure to attend an information session to find out what these organizations have to say about themselves!

Getting Started

To get your job search in gear, attend an "Orientation to Career Services" seminar at which you will learn about the wide array of services that are offered to students and alumni in all programs and all academic levels. As part of the orientation session, you will be introduced to the On Campus Interview Program and its capabilities.

Learning about organizations presenting information sessions and recruiting on campus is easy to do by using the Career Services Homepage <www.osu.orst.edu

/dept/career-services>. By looking under "Review Recruiting News," you will be able to search organizations recruiting on campus by their name or by the majors they seek. Look under "Information Sessions" or individual job postings to find out when pre-interview sessions may be taking place. Learn about companies' hiring needs and job descriptions as you consider avenues for possible employment.

Participating in on-campus recruiting is a great way to get connected with employing organizations, but be sure to use multiple job and internship search strategies and avenues to avail yourself of all employment possibilities that are out there. While many great companies may make the commitment to come to recruit students, many more may not be able to do so. Take an active role in your job search and seek out those organizations that interest you.

Career Services Can Help You

There are many ways to approach your job and internship search, and the most success will come with knowing yourself and the world of work around you. Utilize the resources (print, video, seminars, staff, etc.) that are available at Career Services as well as with your college department, family and friends; create an action plan for your job search; and use all methods of job search ranging from print media, electronic media, professional contacts and networking just to name a few. With solid preparation and a positive attitude, you will find a job and career that meets your needs.

PARTICIPANTS: More than 100 companies to choose from

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Save And Use This Checklist As A Guide To Career Success

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!!

It is not uncommon for students to start their senior year at college and realize that they are graduating in a few short months and have absolutely no idea what they can do with their major, what they are going to do after graduation, or even how to prepare for their career search. This moment of panic is in fact very common and can be avoided by using the following checklist during your years at OSU to help you successfully navigate your career path and move on to bigger and better things after graduation.

Freshman Year

Besides learning the ins and outs of college, you will also be trying to figure out what major you would like to pursue, what you can do with that major, and exploring whether or not this career choice is something you really want to pursue. There are several things you can be doing during your freshman year that can help you answer these questions and get you on the career path that is right for you.

— Begin to identify and clarify your interests, skills, and values. If you would like assistance in doing this, Career Advisors are available in Career Services for appointments (737-4085) or you may want to look into participating in the University Exploratory Studies Program (737-2131).

— Identify potential majors that relate to those interests and skills.

— Visit Career Services and become familiar with the resources available.

— Meet with a Career Advisor in Career Services to discuss possible areas of interest.

— Talk to your advisors, professors, employers in your field(s) of interest, and students in your areas of study to learn about career options and types of employers.

— Attend Career Fairs during the year to meet with employers and learn about various organizations and the positions for

which they hire.

— Become involved in a student organization(s) related to your career interests and be an active member of those groups.

— Research job descriptions and books on careers to make certain you are in the right major for your interests.

— Begin your resume and learn how to build your resume while at OSU. Materials are available in Career Services to assist you, and you can also attend resume writing seminars to receive further help.

Sophomore Year

— Pursue volunteer, part-time, and internship opportunities related to your area of interest during the year and over the summer.

— Attend the Internship Search seminar sponsored by Career Services.

— Check the term calendar weekly for special career related events or for organizations that are interviewing for summer work or internships. If a company is interviewing on-campus check with Career Services on the registration process to interview.

— Attend the Resume Writing and Interview Strategies seminars sponsored by Career Services to prepare for your job/internship search.

— Attend informational sessions sponsored by organizations recruiting on-campus to learn about job/internship possibilities and the organization.

— Establish relationships with faculty, advisors, career counselors, and administrators that can assist you in your career development.

Junior Year

— Relate your values, interests, and skills to potential career choices. Research more thoroughly the occupations which you are considering.

— Develop a "top ten" list of position titles that would fit your qualifications upon graduation.

— Conduct informational interviews with professionals in career areas or organizations that interest you. (See article in this issue on how to do informational interviews).

— Research organizations that fit your entry-level career goals.

— Continue to expand your skills and experiences through involvement in extracurricular activities, internships, and work experiences.

— If considering graduate school, begin researching programs and entrance requirements at various colleges. You can start this by attending the Oregon Graduate School Fair (See article in this issue for details).

— Check the "Recruiting News" on the Career Services Web Page <osu.orst.edu/dept/career-services> on a regular basis for organizations that will be interviewing for summer and internship positions.

— Participate in seminars offered by Career Services such as "Resume Writing", "Interviewing Skills", "Internship Search" and others. A schedule of seminars is located on the Career Services web page and at the Career Services office.

— Complete all of your job search materials now:

-Resume

-Obtain letters of reference from your previous employers

-Develop a list of those instructors, advisors, supervisors that you think will be your senior year references.

-Draft a cover letter

— Begin developing a portfolio of projects that you can show to potential employers and internship supervisors when interviewing.

— Attend information sessions sponsored by employers and learn about their organizations and the positions for which they hire.

Senior Year!

This is it! If you have been planning all along for your career, you are almost ready to

go! If you are just getting started, you may want to read over the previous years listed above for additional tips. Plan on spending a lot of time in Career Services working on your job search.

— Attend "Orientation to Career Services" in order to get registered for On-Campus Recruiting. This seminar is required of all students that wish to participate in on-campus recruiting.

— Sign up and attend career seminars in areas where you need specialized assistance. You can even repeat those taken previously as a refresher course.

— Develop a complete job search strategy.

— Regularly check the Career Services web page <osu.orst.edu/dept/career-services> for the latest companies interviewing on-campus, announcements of special events, employer information sessions, and seminars.

— Expand your list of organizations to research for potential employment.

— Sign up for interviews with companies interviewing on-campus who have positions posted that match your interests and qualifications.

— Write cover letters, visit employers, send follow-up letters, and make phone calls.

— Apply to graduate schools and take necessary entrance exams.

— Meet with academic advisor to make sure that you have completed all of the requirements for graduation.

— Prepare for interviews by conducting a mock interview in career services, researching companies, researching possible interview questions, and answers.

— Network with professionals, alumni, friends, family and others in your field about your job search techniques and available opportunities.

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This seminar is required for all students & alumni who want to participate in the On-Campus Recruiting program.

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Tue. Mar. 2	3 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 3	3:30 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 29	10:00
Tue. Mar. 30	1:30
Wed. Mar. 31	3:00
Thur. Apr. 1	9:00
Tue. Apr. 6	4:00

Wed. Apr. 7	2:00
Fri. Apr. 9	11:00
Thur. Apr. 15	3:00
Fri. Apr. 16	1:00
Mon. Apr. 19	11:00
Wed. Apr. 21	9:00
Mon. Apr. 26	10:00
Fri. Apr. 30	9:00
Tue. May 4	11:00

STARTING YOUR JOB SEARCH

Graduation is approaching and it's time to get started on your plans after OSU. By attending this workshop you will learn the steps necessary to successfully conduct your job search and get your career off on the right foot.

Thur. Mar. 4	1:30 p.m.
Mon. Apr. 12	10:30
Tue. Apr. 27	4:00
Wed. May 12	1:00
Thur. May 20	9:00
Fri. May 28	11:00

RESUME WRITING

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Fri. Mar. 5	11 a.m.
Mon. Apr. 5	11:00
Tue. Apr. 20	3:00
Thur. May 6	9:00
Wed. May 19	2:00
Mon. May 24	10:30

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Survey: Job market to remain strong in second quarter

■ Only six percent of the businesses surveyed said they plan to cut jobs

By DONNA MURPHY WESTON

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. job market should remain strong through the second quarter of the year, despite a softening in the manufacturing sector, according to results of a survey.

In its quarterly survey of 16,000 U.S. businesses, Manpower Inc. reported that 29 percent of the companies responding plan to add workers in the April-June quarter. The survey was released Monday.

Only 6 percent of the businesses surveyed said they plan to cut jobs, while 61 percent anticipate no change. The remaining 4 percent weren't sure, the survey said.

The results indicate low unemployment should continue. In January, the nation's jobless rate held at a 28-year low of 4.3 percent, with unemployment rates for blacks and Hispanics falling to the lowest levels since the government began tracking them in the early 1970s.

"We see no deterioration of hiring strength in terms of plans to reduce work

forces even in the manufacturing sectors, where weakness is centered more on new hires than on downsizing activity," said Mitchell S. Fromstein, chief executive officer of the Milwaukee-based Manpower, the nation's largest temporary staffing firm.

That weakness was offset by stronger demand for workers in the services and construction industries, Manpower said.

The quarterly survey's results are comparable to year-ago figures, but markedly higher than first-quarter projections, reflecting typical seasonal hiring patterns, Manpower said.

In the first quarter, 23 percent of the companies expected to add jobs, 10 percent expected job cuts and 63 percent anticipated no change.

The outlook for the Midwest was the strongest in the nation with 31 percent of businesses saying they planned to add to the payroll, while 29 percent of businesses surveyed in the West and South said so. The Northeast lagged behind the other regions with 26 percent of companies surveyed saying they planned to increase staffing.

Manpower's survey was based on telephone interviews with 16,000 employers in 474 U.S. cities. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

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OSU FACTS:

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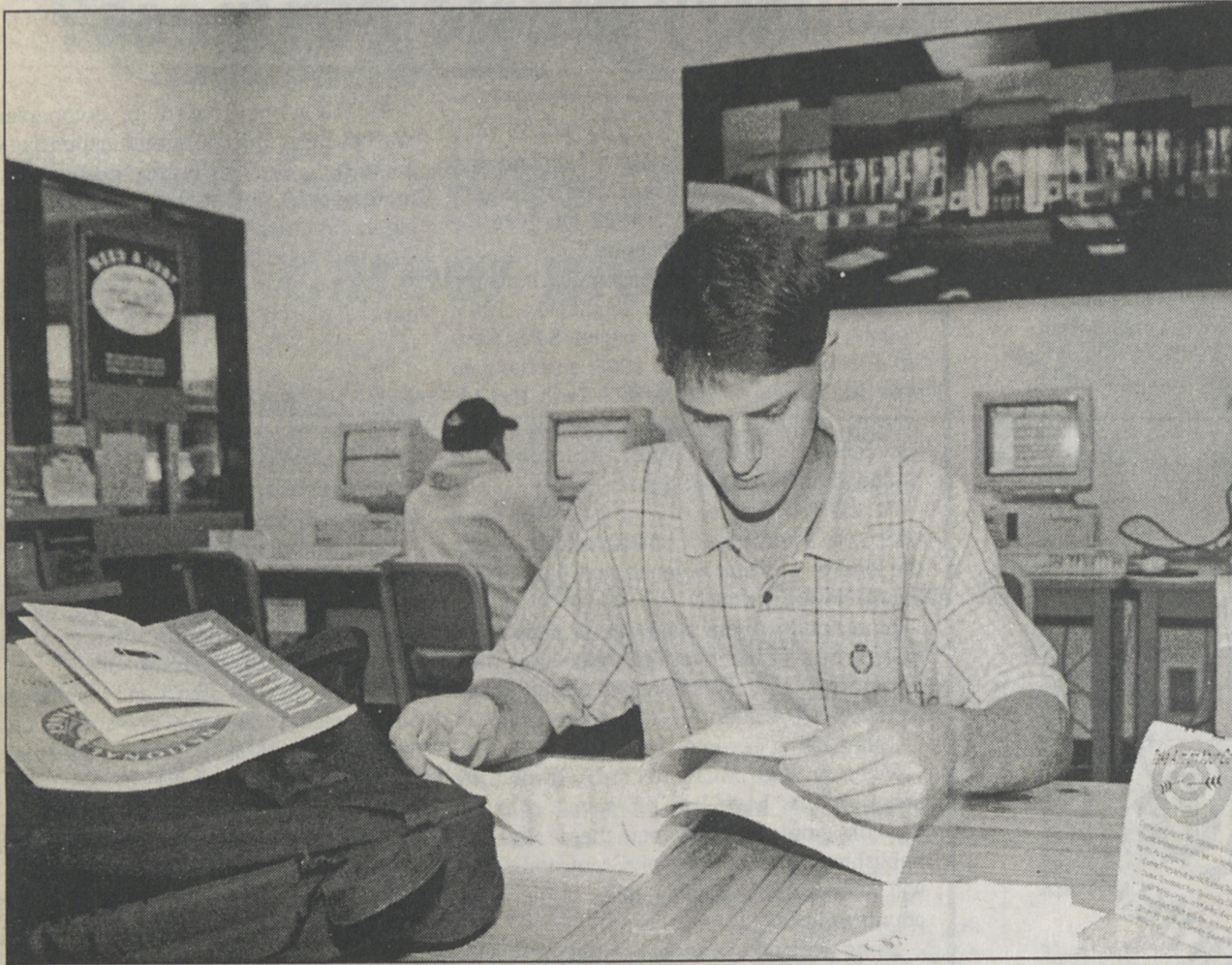


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A student uses the resources at Career Services, 008 Kerr Administration Building, to locate information on a company he will be interviewing with. Career Services offers many resources for researching career options, internship options and graduate schools.

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University of Oregon grads have lower starting salaries, study finds

The Associated Press

EUGENE — University of Oregon graduates earned less after their first year than their peers from the state's six other public universities, according to a new state report.

Oregon graduates from 1996-97 who were working full time reported a median salary a year later of \$23,286, compared with \$29,848 for Oregon State grads and \$36,525 for graduates of Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls.

UO graduates also reported the highest unemployment levels and were least likely to report that their education was "very helpful" to their jobs.

Highest was OIT, at 72.7 percent. The others were: Portland State, 37.6 percent; Eastern Oregon, 38.5 percent; Oregon State, 42.1 percent; Southern Oregon, 48.8 percent; Western Oregon, 49.7 percent; and UO at 36.3 percent.

At the same time, UO students were in the middle of the pack in rating their educational experience as "excellent" or "very good," and near the top in saying that they would pick their school again.

University officials say one reason for the findings is the preponderance of liberal arts majors at Oregon. They often don't have a clear career path in mind and may spend time after graduating in "clarifying-their-life mode," said Larry Smith, director of the UO career center.

Smith said UO students tend to emphasize education as a way to better their minds, not just get a job. And UO grads are more likely to pick a job and geographic area they like over a fat paycheck, he said, noting that the school ranks seventh in the nation in the number of Peace Corps recruits.

The report was compiled by Nancy Goldschmidt, a senior policy associate for the Oregon University System, based on responses from more than 3,200 students who completed undergraduate degrees in 1996-97 at Oregon public universities — more than a third of the total.

The report will be presented to the State Board of Higher Education at a meeting Friday in Corvallis.

It's one way the university system is responding to a state law passed in 1997 requiring universities to show

“ We're trying to paint a portrait of what students are doing as a result of their degrees.”

NANCY GOLDSCHMIDT,
ASSOCIATE FOR THE OREGON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

how well they're doing their jobs.

"We're trying to paint a portrait of what students are doing as a result of their degrees," Goldschmidt said.

She cautioned against making school-by-school comparisons: "This really isn't a horse race of one institution against another."

She, too, noted the UO's emphasis on liberal arts.

The report breaks down salaries based on discipline, showing only computer scientists and engineers earning a median of more than \$40,000, while social science, physical science, humanities and fine arts graduates earn a median in the low \$20,000 range.

"In our economy right now, there are higher wages for computer scientists and engineers than there are for poets, artists and historians," Goldschmidt said.

Shawna Martin, 25, is a sociology major, but is still struggling to find a job she loves. "The money will come if you're passionate about what you do," she said.

On the other hand, accounting majors Britt Veideland and Carrie Arrasmith, both 21, will graduate this spring and step into jobs with the accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Both knew they wanted to be accountants before college. Veideland, who will work in San Jose, Calif., expects to earn more than \$40,000. Arrasmith, who will work in Portland, will earn a salary in the mid-\$30,000 range.

Now Goldschmidt is working on compiling surveys of Oregon alumni five and 10 years after they graduate to see if different trends emerge. "What we want to be able to see from that is if we see these big gaps in salary," she said.

NSE: 155 colleges and universities participating

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\$120.00. During March, coordinators from NSE colleges and universities meet to arrange the acceptance of exchange students. Students are notified of the results in April. They then have the choice of declining or accepting admission to that exchange institution. Upon acceptance of the exchange opportunity, students begin working with the NSE coordinator at the exchange or host institution in order to obtain materials necessary for

admission, registration, housing, etc. for the coming year.

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Are the good times over for country music business?

By JIM PATTERSON

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Merle Haggard may have summed up the current state of country music with a line from a 1982 hit: "Are the good times really over for good?"

Layoffs have hit the country music industry. After reaching record heights in 1995, country album sales have sagged. Sales were up a feeble 2.7 percent in 1998, and the gain was due largely to one artist: Garth Brooks, who accounted for 10 percent of the nearly 73 million albums sold, according to SoundScan, which tracks sales.

At the same time, the industry has been unable to launch new acts able to generate the kind of pop-star revenue that Brooks and Shania Twain produce.

As a result, Arista Nashville, a division of RCA, fired six executives last week. Song publisher Sony/ATV Tree dropped about half of its Nashville roster of 100 songwriters in October, citing declining royalties.

Mercury and MCA Records, owned by Seagram Co., have laid off seven country-division employees between them. And the publishing divisions of PolyGram and MCA will soon merge, costing jobs, primarily in country music.

Some worry that a repeat of the mid-1980s may be in store. That's when the bottom fell out of the country music boom started by the 1980 movie "Urban Cowboy."

"The consumer is changing," said Joe Galante, who runs the Nashville office for RCA Records. "And I'm not sure everybody's got their finger on the pulse. Clearly there is a problem in terms of what we are doing as an industry."

Nashville may be a victim of its own phenomenal success. Revenue from the sale of country music albums quadrupled between 1989 and 1995 to about \$2 billion, when Brooks became one of the most recognizable

celebrities in America.

As the money rolled in, companies like Warner Bros. and MCA built expensive office buildings, gave employees raises and hired more people. Now those companies are looking to cut costs.

Small record companies Rising Tide, Magnatone, Almo Sounds, Imprint and Decca have all closed their doors in the past couple of years.

"It was a total surprise to me, to everybody," said Kim Fowler, a publicist who had barely started a job at Rising Tide a year ago when the company folded. "People are getting squeezed out and they have nowhere to go in the music business."

Promising singers like Shane Stockton, Chris Knight and Matraca Berg have lost their record deals. Dolly Parton did, too, when Decca closed last month, although she won't have trouble getting another deal.

"Whenever you mix art and commerce, you put yourself in danger of the current craze or trends or style," said Jimmie Fadden of The Dirt Band, country music veterans who were about to release an album on Rising Tide when the label closed. They have since signed with DreamWorks SKG.

Galante estimated that 10 percent of record company staffers may be cut in the long run, and as many as 20 percent of songwriters will lose the stipends from publishing companies that allow them to write full time.

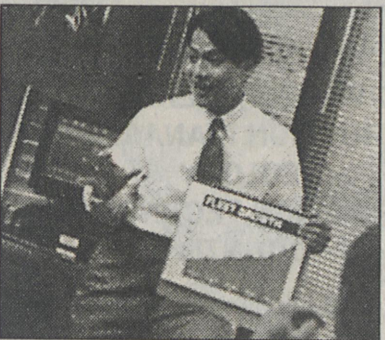
"I think that we're not done with consolidation," he said. "We have been carrying, probably, just a little too much in the way of manpower."

Nashville has survived such trends before. The industry rebounded from the decline in the mid-1980s to reach unprecedented heights. And even now, far more country albums are being sold now than a decade ago, and country music remains the most popular radio format by far.

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■ *Some say wrestling has gone too far, while others say it's mainstream*

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The WWF's "Monday Night Raw" also has one other thing: six million weekly viewers.

However, some people are taking exception to the rise of popularity of professional wrestling today. They're trying to bring down wrestling because of how the WWF chooses to entertain its fans.

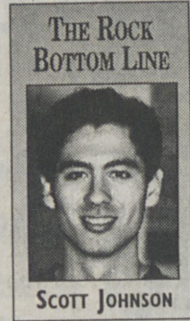
And entertainment is the key. I guess some people think that the show is supposed to all be about wrestling. Now, I feel that wrestling is a very pertinent aspect of the show and is underused, but the key is entertainment. And if that's what people want, the WWF is doing their job. During the period of January 12, 1998, to February 1, 1999, the department of telecommunications at Indiana University monitored 50 episodes of Raw.

This is a breakdown of specific incidents on "Raw" and the number of occurrences during the period:

- Grabbing/pointing to one's crotch — 1658 times
- "Suck It!" said by wrestlers/audience/signs — 434 times
- Giving the middle finger by wrestlers/audience — 157 times

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- Simulated sexual activity, alone or with others — 128 times
- References to/simulation of Satanic activity — 47 times
- Simulated drug use/possession of — 42 times
- Talking about/appearing to urinate — 21 times



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- Appearance of character as prostitute — 20 times
- Wrestlers, or others, being struck by objects like garbage cans or nightsticks — 609 times

And you thought I was a loser for tabulating three hours worth of statistics about a month ago.

So the question that continues to be asked is, has the WWF gone too far? I tend to agree with Vince McMahon's assessment of the situation.

"That's entertainment," said the WWF president. "It happens in every school, in every location on the street. So, in essence, were being contemporary."

Contemporary is definitely a legitimate statement. A year ago, wrestlers were still portrayed with their "big, stupid-guy, faking stuff" stereotype. Now, with the WWF's new attitude, wrestling is more mainstream than ever. And it's not a surprise. The WWF is a representation of society, and

what it wants, today.

It's what people see every day. "NYPD Blue," "Ally McBeal" and "Beverly Hills, 90210" portray the exact same things, but there are no complaints. None of those shows are anything without their "T & A" or violence, but there are no campaigns to have them banned from the area. There are no attempts to boycott their products. Once again, wrestlers are the victims.

Sable, the WWF Women's Champion, will be on the cover of next month's Playboy. Stone Cold Steve Austin will be in an episode of "Nash Bridges" and was just recently a guest on "The Howard Stern Show." The Rock and Ken Shamrock were just on an episode of "That 70's Show." That doesn't count guests that have appeared on "Regis and Kathie Lee," "Jenny Jones," etc. And there's more to come.

I don't think it's a fluke that somehow these shows always draw their biggest audiences when wrestlers guest star. They use their talents that they have and turn a piece of crap into something viewers want to see. And if what the viewer wants to see is someone yelling "Suck it!" while doing a crotch chop, so be it. They're probably even mimicking it in front of their television sets.

So, if you aren't down with that, I've got two words for ya. ...

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Scott Johnson, avid pro-wrestling junkie and sports writer for *The Daily Barometer*. Please send feedback to <johnsosc@ccmail.orst.edu>.

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SOFTBALL

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Beyster once again did a nice job at the plate and on the mound improving to 6-1 on the year.

Shawna Feldt had a tremendous offensive weekend, hitting .438 for the tournament.

"She's been great for us in that lead-off position," Walker said. "Jenni Jodoin had a great tournament; she had two homeruns and came up with some big hits for us in the crucial times."

"The team as a whole hit the ball really well. We took advantage of scoring the runners that we got on with timely hitting, which is always an important element to our success."

GYMNASTICS: Lopez ties for first in floor

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Young tied her career high of 9.85 on beam to win the event for the third meet in a row. Murphy-Barcroft and Nebraska's Courtney Brown and Misty Oxford also recorded 9.85 scores for a four-way tie for first place on beam.

Jerra Lopez tied her career high with a 9.85 on floor to finish in a two-way tie with Nebraska's Brown for first place on the event. Marissa Bruch notched a career-high 9.775, and Annette Taylor registered a new best of 9.75. Degenhardt turned in a 9.80 for OSU's second-best score, which tied for fifth place.

Murphy-Barcroft placed fourth in the all-around competition, scoring a 38.650.

No. 9 Nebraska 196.075; No. 14 Oregon State 194.575; No. 22 BYU 193.400
 Vault — 1. Lara Degenhardt (OSU), 9.90; 2. Courtney Brown (NU), 9.875; 3. Kim Little

(BYU), 9.85; 4. Megan Murphy-Barcroft (OSU), 9.825; 5. Angie Hickman (BYU), 9.80.

Bars — 1. Bree Dority (NU), 9.90; 2. Danae Phillips (OSU), 9.875; 3. Laura Ohlendorf (NU), 9.825; T4. Megan Murphy-Barcroft (OSU), 9.80; T4. Lara Degenhardt (OSU), 9.80; T4. Mindi Hilton (BYU), 9.80.

Beam — T1. Corrie Young (OSU), 9.85; T1. Megan Murphy-Barcroft (OSU), 9.85; T1. Courtney Brown (NU), 9.85; T1. Misty Oxford (NU), 9.85; T5. Laurie McLaughlin (NU), 9.825; T5. Nicole Wilkinson (NU), 9.825; T5. Natalie Broekman (BYU), 9.825.

Floor — T1. Jerra Lopez (OSU), 9.85; T1. Courtney Brown (NU), 9.85; T3. Misty Oxford (NU), 9.825; T3. Amy Ringo (NU), 9.825; T5. Lara Degenhardt (OSU), 9.80; T5. Nicole Wilkinson (NU), 9.80; T5. Laura Ohlendorf (NU), 9.80.

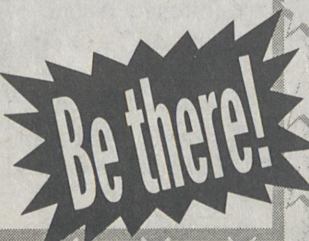
All-Around — Misty Oxford (NU), 39.200; 2. Nicole Wilkinson (NU) 39.100; 3. Hilary Johnson (BYU), 38.700; 4. Megan Murphy-Barcroft (OSU), 38.650.

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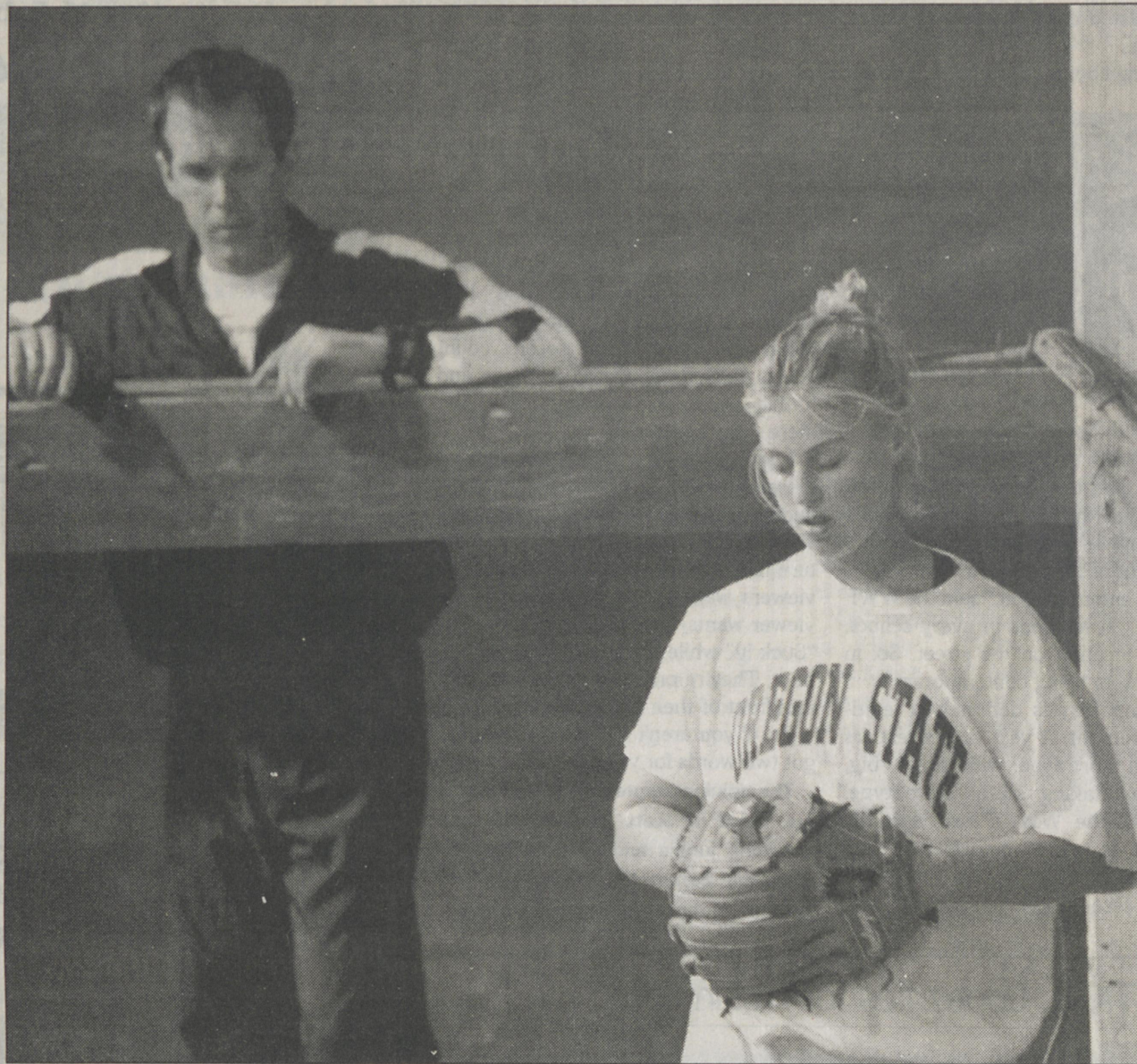
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Beaver softball making it happen early

■ Oregon State has captured one tournament crown already and looks to do it again this weekend

By LINDSAY BEDFORD
The Daily Barometer

So far, so good. With the UNLV Classic crown under their belt and a second-place finish at the Hawaii tournament, New Mexico should be the next place for the Oregon State softball team (10-3 overall) to shine on the field. "New Mexico State should be a good tournament for us," said OSU head coach Kirk Walker. "We open up with Minnesota, who is a traditionally strong team in the Midwest. It's going to be a good tournament for us to see some teams that we haven't faced yet this year. "If the weather is conducive to us playing, I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be a good challenge for us and if we play well, we have a good chance of going out and winning that tournament as well." The Hawaii Tournament was the first time this season that they got to get outside and play. The Beavers don't actually get to host a home game until March

29 and have settled for indoor practices. "We by far got stronger every game we played as we were outside," Walker said. "We were disappointed that we didn't win the tournament, because we felt we were good enough and capable, but we just came up short."

Junior Tarrah Beyster and sophomore Shawna Feldt were both named to the Paradise Classic All-Tournament Team in that tournament. Feldt led the Beavers with a .391 average in the tournament, with a team-high nine hits and six runs. Beyster hit .398 with a team-best four RBI and two home runs. She also went 2-1 with a 0.62 ERA, while limiting batters to a mere .148 average.

"Defensively, we saw some things we need to work on," Walker said. "Unfortunately, we haven't had a lot of chance to do that yet because we have been playing and not practicing."

In the UNLV tournament, two OSU players broke school records. Beyster became the all-time leader for strikeouts with 357 for her career, breaking the old mark of 355, set by Joan Harvey in 1985. Jodi Chmielewski became the all-time leader for hits with 163, which broke Amy Warner's mark of 161 from 1994-97.

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KIRK WALKER, HEAD COACH

"In Vegas, we performed well under pretty adverse conditions," Walker said. "The wind was definitely a strong element all week. The fields were not the best in terms of playing conditions and our schedule was very difficult because our games were always split, so we had to stay in game mode for long periods of time."

"We did really well with dealing with those adversity issues. We are playing well enough to win, but also we are playing at 60 percent to 70 percent of our capability right now, which is a good thing," Walker added. "We have got a lot of room to grow, which is a great thing to have at this point and be playing this well."

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No. 14 Beavers take second in Nebraska

■ State snow emergency strands judges, causes meet to last over four hours

The Daily Barometer

LINCOLN, Neb. — The 14th-ranked Oregon State gymnastics team scored a season-high 194.575 to place second in a three-way meet that took nearly four hours to complete because of weather in Nebraska on Monday.

No. 9 Nebraska won its 23rd consecutive regular season home meet with a score of 196.075, while No. 22 Brigham Young placed third with a 193.400.

"We showed a lot of improvement today, especially considering the tremendous adversity they had to compete with," said OSU head coach Tanya Chaplin.

Only two judges were able to make it to the Devaney Center in Lincoln after a snowstorm swept across the state Monday and left much of eastern Nebraska under a snow emergency. With just two judges, only one event could be run at a time instead of two events running simultaneously.

Each team followed the standard Olympic rotation order, but the order in which each team competed changed by event. OSU started first on beam, went second on vault and floor and was the final team to compete on bars.

"They did a great job, and I'm real proud they kept their energy going," Chaplin said. "After getting here at [5 p.m.] and not finishing their final event until after [11 p.m.], they showed a lot of character. I'm really proud of what we accomplished tonight."

Three Beavers set or tied career highs on vault as OSU scored a 48.75 for its best mark of the year on the event. Lara Degenhardt tied her personal best with a season-high 9.90 to win the vault for the fourth time this season, and Megan Murphy-Barcroft placed fourth with a career-high 9.825. Katrina Severin turned in a career-best 9.725, while Corrie Young added a season-high 9.65.

Oregon State turned in three of the top four scores on bars, with Danae Phillips leading the way with a second-place 9.875. Murphy-Barcroft and Degenhardt both scored a career-high 9.80 mark to tie for fourth place. But, the Beavers also had two falls and had to count a 9.225 en route to a 48.375, a season-high road score for a team that has had to count at least one fall on bars in every away meet this year.



Degenhardt

GYMNASTICS

■ MONDAY: Nebraska 196.075, OSU 194.575, BYU 193.400
■ NEXT UP: OSU visits Washington Thursday

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Cook gets Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week honor too

■ After being named a National Player of the Week Monday, Cook's one-hitter also impresses conference officials

The Daily Barometer

Oregon State's B.R. Cook was named the Pacific-10 Conference's Pitcher of the Week, it was announced on Tuesday. The conference's baseball Player of the Week was Arizona State infielder Mark Ernster.

On Monday, Cook had been named as one of three national Players of the Week by Louisville Slugger and Collegiate Baseball newspaper.

Cook, a junior righthander from Salem's Sprague High, pitched a one-hitter on Thursday as the Beavers beat 25th-ranked Oklahoma State 1-0 in the San Diego Classic. He walked one and struck out five, allowed only two baserunners and



Cook

wrapped up the game with just 105 pitches.

Cook retired the first 14 Cowboys to face him before giving up a two-out triple to Chris Becerra in the fifth inning. After yielding a two-out walk in the sixth, Cook sent down the final 10 Oklahoma State hitters in order.

Cook is 2-1 this season with a 3.38 earned run average for Oregon State (7-5 overall). The Beavers will be on the road again next week for five games. OSU plays a four-game

series at Santa Clara that includes a single game Friday night, a double-header on Saturday afternoon and a single game on Sunday; Oregon State concludes its trip with a single game at San Jose State on Monday afternoon.

The games on Saturday and Sunday can be heard on KLOO-AM (1340).

Ernster went 11-for-15 against Brigham Young in a three-game series with two homers, a double and 11 runs batted in.