

# SPRING SOCCER

Oregon used the spring season to provide its young roster with experience for the fall

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# SURFING THE STREETS



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Flying under a handrail by the Student Recreation Center, Nathan Ruddick uses the campus terrain to weave together nose rides and monos. His route is usually set but he's been known to improvise.

**R**olling down 15th Street, Nathan Ruddick rides his longboard onto the sidewalk, ducks below a handrail outside the Student Recreation Center and carves sideways before skating off. Ruddick, a 2007 University graduate, skates his own style of longboarding, blending surfing techniques into his riding.

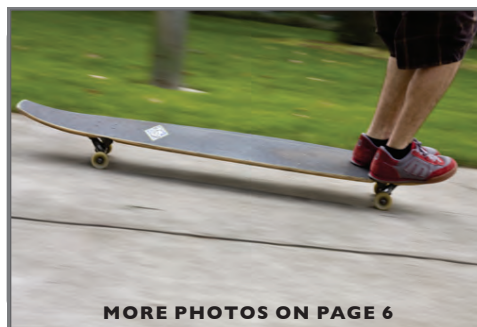
The 29-year old has been skating since he was 17. Ruddick was using his longboard for

transportation when he realized he could carve his longboard like a surfer. He started using his longboard as a cross-training exercise for his surfing.

With power slides, nose rides, manuals and carving, Ruddick says he tries to mimic the styles of surfer Andy Irons and longboarder Joel Tudor.

"I don't see anyone doing the same thing," says Ruddick. "I feel like I'm a contrarian. I'm always trying to do something different."

— DAVE MARTINEZ



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### CULTURE

## Humanitarian, Blue Scholars to visit campus

Greg Mortenson established schools for girls in third-world countries; hip-hop group to perform in quad

ANNA HELLAND  
FREELANCE REPORTER

Humanitarian and New York Times number-one best-selling author Greg Mortenson will visit the University tomorrow, and on Friday, a musical performance that unites political and personal strife with hip-hop beats will permeate the campus.

On Thursday, ASUO and Cultural Forum will host Greg Mortenson in McArthur Court. His book, *Three Cups of Tea*, is the inspiring true story of one man's ambition to establish schools in a region with some of the lowest literacy rates and harshest laws against female education in the world. Through his influence and determination, Mortenson has successfully

established schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan, making him "an inspiration" to Darrel Kau, the Cultural Forum's program coordinator.

"He has had a global influence through his actions. His personal story through *Three Cups of Tea* and the impact he has had in building schools in rural communities of Afghanistan and Pakistan is awe-inspiring," Kau said.

Cultural Forum student coordinators plan a diverse array of programs in music, film, performing arts, visual artists and events that reflect contemporary culture. Mortenson's work is a great example of what they want to "resonate through campus from students to faculty," Kau



COURTESY OF GREG MORTENSON, CENTRAL ASIA INSTITUTE

Greg Mortenson, who will be on campus tomorrow and Friday, has established schools in rural communities of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

said, which led him and ASUO President Sam Dotters-Katz to seek out Mortenson.

"Sam was really excited to have Greg come to campus. The ASUO

worked really hard to get him here because he touches on a lot of cultural and local elements at

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### CITY

## EPD hopes to use reserves to update building

Facility outdated and inadequate; budget deficit, economy construction obstacles

LAUREN FOX | NEWS REPORTER

The brown cement exterior of Eugene City Hall makes the building appear sturdy, but looks can be deceiving. The Eugene Police Department has made it clear that despite massive city-wide budget cuts, the seismic inadequacies and outdated design of the building are severe enough for the department to receive a new one.

The City of Eugene has \$22 million in facility reserve money, and EPD hopes some of that money might be used to either construct a new building or transform a property on Country Club Road into a police station.

Despite EPD's plans to upgrade to a better facility, the current economic climate continues to hit the

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IN MY OPINION | TRUMAN CAPPS

“How is it possible to make it through two or more decades worth of life and still be completely unprepared for rejection?”

# A TOUGH PILL TO SWALLOW

As I look back through my life, I can chart a rich and vibrant history of rejection.

When I was 6, I tried to join the Boy Scouts, but was refused admission because of that pesky religion clause. When I was 15, a girl told me she didn't want to go out with me because she was “really just a free spirit.” When I was 18, I anticipated my almost-certain rejection from Stanford University and opted not to fill out its long application and instead just go to the state school that had already accepted me. I'm thankful for rejection — I don't know where I'd be without it.

Such is not the case for soon-to-be-graduates at Harvard University — yeah, you know, the school that rejected you. According to the Boston Globe, Harvard's Office of Career Services has begun offering a seminar on handling rejection for students who will soon be entering the bleeding and near-comatose workforce. Participants in



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the seminar are reassured that rejection and failure happen to everyone and are not the end of the world. Funny; I've been hearing those same things from my mother for about 20 years (along with pleas to drive carefully and reasons why any girl would want to go to prom with me).

How is it possible to make it through two or more decades worth of life and still be completely unprepared for rejection?

I'll tell you a story: Between my senior year of high school and my freshman year of college, I applied for a lot of part-time jobs in the Salem area and got turned down or passed over for every single one of them. Fred Meyer did not trust me to go around the parking lot collecting unattended shopping carts, Roth's felt I was unqualified to put groceries into a bag, and Hollywood Video didn't want to let me in on the ground floor of its rapidly dying industry.

Finally, through the good graces of a friend's father, I was able to “score” a job pressure-washing bird shit off of SUVs at a car dealership, which required me to get up at 7 a.m. every day, all summer, and go to work with three guys who made fun of me because I was going to go to college. So in a

sense, even my seeming success was really just a larger failure in disguise. I learned a lot about rejection that summer, and it didn't cost me a damn thing.

Getting rejected isn't a measure of self worth; it's simply a statistical certainty. As the Rolling Stones taught us, you can't always get what you want, because in many cases multiple people want the same thing. I'm baffled as to how it could take some people so long to figure this out.

I understand there's bound to be some serious anxiety involved when students are looking to land a job that can help them pay off \$135,000 in student loans, but is the situation really so bleak that the best and brightest students our country has to offer have to be taught how to fail? I'm a journalism major, for God's sake — I don't even know if my industry is going to exist by the time I graduate, let alone if I'll be able to find a job in what's left of it. That's because I know how to deal with rejection: Keep getting rejected until you don't get rejected anymore, then quit trying.



What kind of school is Harvard running if its students nearing graduation still don't know how to deal with rejection? Rejection and failure are what college is all about — that's what bad grades, caps on class sizes and the opposite sex are for. If Harvard's students haven't figured out how to bounce back from a setback yet, either they've got a problem with learning or Harvard's got a problem with providing a worthwhile college experience.

Ironic, somehow, that a school that accepted 7.1 percent of its applicants this year is offering rejection counseling to the people who actually got in. On the other hand, maybe simply getting turned down from the top school in the country is a good enough lesson on rejection.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

## UO can accelerate Green Revolution

I call alumni on the telephone to raise money for the University. On Tuesday, I talked to a graduate from the architecture program who now resides in Virginia. Trying to find some common ground between my passions and his profession, I brought up green architecture. I told the graduate about Earthships, the new achievement in sustainability. I expressed my excitement for mass production of houses that are made from 100-percent recycled materials, and have virtually no environmental footprint. Upon the conclusion of my rant, he started laughing.

“You are such a tree-hugging, liberal Oregonian,” the graduate spoke.

Despite the available information, environmentalism still fails to reach across political ideologies. Just as business is often associated with conservatism, environmentalism is often labeled with liberalism. Yet to me, this is not the case at our University.

Throughout the course of the day, I marvel at the eclectic demographic of “environmentalists” here. In one weekday, I might see an Alpha Phi member fill up her coffee thermos, a fixed-gear biker compost his banana peel, and a well-dressed business professor locking up her bike. Almost subconsciously, the vast majority of

students and faculty at the University practice some form of environmentalism.

Malcolm Gladwell addresses a formula for social epidemics in his book, “The Tipping Point.” He notes three separate factors. The first is “mavens”; people who are ahead of the game with information. The second factor is “connectors.” A connector has a wide variety of social connections, and a gift for communication. Connectors bring the world together. The last factor is the “Power of Context,” which Gladwell says is the idea that human behavior is sensitive to and strongly influenced by its environment. “Epidemics are sensitive to the conditions and circumstances of the times and places in which they occur,” he writes. Malcolm Gladwell says that if these three factors coexist in their highest form, a social epidemic, or revolution, can be successful.

The necessity for a green revolution is well-known here, but travel to, say, the Northeast and you'll likely find the green movement much less prominent. In my home state of Connecticut, you can only recycle bottles and cans if you're lucky enough to find a bin. When those bins went to the dump, they got lumped together with the trash — pretty efficient.

I don't know why the heart of the environmental movement is in the Pacific Northwest. Maybe it is because we have breathtaking mountains. Maybe it is because our hot tubs don't require electricity, but rather a hike to your nearest fault line, where you will find one of Oregon's numerous hot springs. Whatever the reason, I would say Oregonians are mavens of environmentalism. Given the fact that we continue to have natural disasters, a dangerous population boom and new diseases, I'd say the context is pretty suitable for a Green Revolution.

The University can be both a maven and a connector in accelerating the Green Revolution. Business students can be entrepreneurs of green power companies. Journalism students can produce media with a sustainable attitude. Architecture students can continue to model houses off of nature. Artists can produce anything that is reflective of the sustainable lifestyle here in Oregon.

If all parts of the University work together, we can let our sustainable wave travel across coasts, continents and ideologies.

MARK COSTIGAN  
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## WHAT YOU ARE SAYING ON THE WEB

In response to guest commentary  
“Gas pipeline threatens Oregonians”  
ODE, May 4

Many thanks to Rep. Paul Holvey, who was a key swing vote in the first House committee that heard HB 3058, listened to his constituents (including the youth power vote), and boldly voted against this bill. “Badly wounded” in the first committee by the testimony of citizens against Liquefied Natural Gas and the blatant advantage that 3058 gives out-of-state industry over working-class Oregonians, the bill was referred to the House Rules Committee, which has yet to schedule a hearing. Everyone should contact their legislators at 1-800-332-2313 and ask them to urge Rep. Arnie Roblan to refuse to hear this dangerous bill, not give it a second chance.

I think Joel's words capture well the sentiments of those in the Cascade Climate Network and Cascadia Rising Tide who joined Joel on the “Bike the Pipe” excursion he refers to. Folks can check out films of that trip and what we learned about LNG at lngisdirty.org.

— Posted by Samantha Chirillo, 5/04/09  
@ 4:10 p.m.



TECHNOLOGY

# Newest Kindle reads textbooks, expected release today

Despite portability, electronic texts remain unpopular with students

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Amazon's newest version of its electronic reading device, Kindle, is expected to hit the market today with a larger screen suited to newspapers, magazines and the next frontier: textbooks.

Whether students or textbook publishers will find the slim, handheld screen with a spacious electronic page attractive is topic for speculation, but some Kindle textbooks are already available to buy. After purchase, Amazon wirelessly delivers the textbook copy to the device.

Major media have reported the new Kindle's rumored release from anonymous sources, following Kindle's second iteration that came out less than three months ago.

Amazon markets its wireless reading device as sleek, reader-friendly and designed for long periods of reading with no computer required, offering maximum portability.

While the wireless device could change the textbook-publishing market by eliminating production and distribution costs for publishers and

eventually eliminating the bookstore, Kindle is not a pioneer in electronic literature.

The Duck Store began selling online electronic texts during the 2005-06 school year.

Gina Eckrich, textbook buyer at the Duck Store, said e-book sales are increasing, but the product still isn't very popular. She speculates this might be because of today's college students' attachment to the hard copy.

"A lot of college kids grew up primarily getting information through books," she said.

If that's how students are used to learning, a screen might not seem like the optimum format for engaging with text, she said. Adjusting readers' eyes to the electronic format might also take time, she added.

The grayscale digital screen doesn't appeal to Eckrich, who said she already spends too much time reading on a computer screen.

"Quite frankly, it's really hard for me to read," she said.

For 10 years, Eckrich said, book sellers have been contemplating the move toward digital products, but the lengthy transition from concept to reality eases her worries about the effects e-books might have on the industry.

"This is coming," she said. "More and more people want this,

but it's going to be a slow process."

The e-books available from the Duck Store are online texts that students can read on their computers. The advantages: They are cheaper than new print books and as portable as a laptop. The disadvantages: Students can't sell or keep them because they disappear when the e-book subscription ends, typically after a year.

Making the switch to electronic reading might not delight the eyes, but it could help the environment.

Associate professor of environmental studies and geography Peter Walker sees some immediate positive effects for the environment in the new technology.

"Obviously, moving away from big, heavy, tree-consuming books that have to be trucked around burning fossil fuels toward electronic textbooks that require none of these resources (apart from electricity for servers, etc.) is great," he wrote in an e-mail.

However, Walker supports lower textbook prices for students and has found ways around costly and environmentally unfriendly print textbooks for years.

"A lot of professors like me have been doing electronic online readings without physical textbooks exclusively for quite a few years because it's free and uses no resources," he wrote.

Walker said the open textbook movement, in which authors make textbooks available at no cost for an online audience, has helped make this possible. While he sees some benefits to Kindle use becoming more widespread, he's leery of Amazon as the facilitator.

"I'm not necessarily happy to see Amazon moving into this market, because there is already a very active open textbook movement that seeks to make electronic textbooks available for free," he wrote. "If, by charging money, Amazon Kindle co-opts or slows down the movement toward free and open online texts and readings, then Amazon could actually interfere with the movement away from physical textbooks."

Eckrich pointed out that while Kindle's convenience may be a selling point, it might be cost-prohibitive for some students. Kindle 2 sells for \$359 plus the cost of each textbook purchased. As with the Duck Store's e-books, Kindle books cannot be sold after use, which Eckrich said contributes to the net cost.

As for the future of the Duck Store, Eckrich said if Kindle is the way of the future, the business will find a way to survive.

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## We're more than just condoms ...

"Would you like a free condom key chain or a safer-sex packet?"

I vividly remember students, dressed in dark green Health Center polo shirts, asking these very questions at my freshman year orientation. At the time, my friends and I were entertained more by condom key chains than learning about the program these students were a part of.

Two years later I came across an advertisement for the same Peer Health Education program at the Health Center. This time I decided to apply and get involved. Here are some important facts about this truly exceptional and inspiring opportunity.

- The Peer Health Education Program is an internship and graded class through the UO Health Center. The program is a two-term commitment with FHS 407 credits.
- Program participants attend class and staff the Peer Health Promotion office at the Health Center. Other activities include promoting healthy lifestyle behaviors to fellow peers through tabling events, health presentations on campus and writing articles for the Daily Emerald, etc.

- As an educator, you learn about various public health issues pertaining to college students and the world at large. These issues include sexual health, alcohol and drug use, nutrition, sexual assault, poverty, health care systems, obesity, tobacco, etc.
- Peer Health Educators are involved with numerous health-related events on campus such as The Great American Smokeout and World AIDS Day.
- Only 12 students are accepted per term, and you must be at least a sophomore to apply.
- A great résumé builder, a great way to be involved on campus, and the perfect opportunity to help fight for public health issues for the UO campus community.
- The student-run Health Promotion office offers free condoms, lubricant, tobacco cessation quit kits, a lending library, and other health-related resources.

Looking back at my experience as a Peer Health Educator, I couldn't have asked to be involved with a more enriching, eye-opening program.

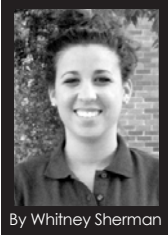
I learned the impact public health policies have on the general population and on our health care system. This class assists in understanding

public health policies, and teaches us how to become active proponents in policy change to benefit the well-being of society.

In addition, the leadership and public speaking opportunities have exceeded my expectations. The skills learned from these opportunities will prove greatly beneficial in furthering my college and professional endeavors.

I feel privileged to say that I am a part of such an encouraging and rewarding internship program that has allowed me to connect with my fellow peers, the Health Center staff, and the rest of the Oregon Duck community!

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By Whitney Sherman

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CAMPUS

# Lawrence Hall evacuated; backpack found harmless

Student padlocked bag to restroom stall for safekeeping, police say

ROBERT D'ANDREA  
NEWS EDITOR

Lawrence Hall closed for about an hour Wednesday morning because of a suspicious backpack found in a first-floor men's restroom.

The University's Department of Public Safety, the Eugene Police Department and the Department of Homeland Security responded to a call about a suspicious package. A bomb squad brought in a bomb-sniffing dog and evacuated the south side of the building, EPD and DPS officials said.

Director of Public Safety Doug Tripp and Deputy Director Carolyn McDermed said they could not comment on the found bag or give other details that could interfere with an ongoing investigation. An e-mail from EPD said the backpack was locked to a handrail in the restroom.

According to the EPD release, Garrett Soan Lon Len, 19, was cited for disorderly conduct, which carries a base fine of \$255 through the Eugene Municipal Court.

EPD spokesperson Jenna LaBounty said the charge of disorderly conduct came from the disruption the backpack caused and "doesn't necessarily speak to intent."

University junior Ben Reider said he first saw the backpack with a sign that read "April fool's" connected to it and thought it was suspicious that the bag was padlocked to a restroom stall. Reider said he then reported the backpack to a co-worker in Facilities Services.

The bag "had been locked for safekeeping by a student while he attended class," according to the release.

DPS officers evacuated faculty and staff from the south portion of the building. E-mail alerts were sent to students, and information was posted on the University's main Web site and

Emergency Management site.

"I was very pleased with the level of cooperation of all people in the building," McDermed said. "We had a great response and cooperation and ultimately, I think it minimized the amount of time we had to have that building closed." The University's initial warnings said the building would be closed for four to six hours.

Tripp said initially "there were a lot of unknowns" and it became easier to estimate how long the building would be closed after inspecting the bag.

Tripp said the University decided to not use its text message alert system because only a small area was affected and it was easy to evacuate.

"We want to reserve (text message alerts) for incidents of a significant nature," Tripp said. "Overusing that will diminish its effectiveness."

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— Lauren Fox contributed to this report.

## EPD | Moving station out of downtown puts residents at greater risk of crime, Brown says

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department hard.

EPD Financial Analyst Glen Svendsen said EPD has reduced the number of take-home vehicles to save money on fuel and preserve the condition of police cars. And to make up for EPD's \$1,384,471 deficit, Svendsen said the department has decided to replace police cars and in-car computers less frequently.

Svendsen said EPD already functions with fewer officers, and may have to cut 10 to 12 positions or force officers to take furlough days. The only way to avoid that scenario is if the union forgoes cost-of-living increases in EPD salaries.

EPD Sergeant Rich Stronach said he realizes the city is under a \$12 million budget cut for the 2010 fiscal year, but maintains that a new police station would make it easier for EPD to carry out its duties.

"We are no different than anybody else. I don't want to sound like we are crying the blues, but it

is nearly impossible to keep services running to their full capacities in a run-down building and with budget cuts," Stronach said. "We are at minimum staffing, and it is fair to see that the community is not as safe as it could be."

A 2007 study by the Magellan Research Center found that EPD is severely understaffed and has fewer police per capita than other Oregon cities.

City Councilor George Brown said he sympathizes with residents' concerns that moving the station out of downtown Eugene would make residents more susceptible to crime. He also said it is unfair to replace the police station with money from the facility reserve, which was originally established to build a new city hall.

Brown said although the property on Country Club Road seems appealing without looking at other factors, housing the police station far away from the rest of the city employees would not be in the city's best interest.

"If the station was across the river, it would disconnect police

from the officials who are elected by the citizens, the ultimate source of power and authority," he said. "I also don't support urban abandonment. If we move patrol across the river, we leave other city employees in a dangerous building, and then if we moved everyone, the city is left with an unattractive and abandoned building downtown."

Stronach said EPD doesn't have a preference on whether the city builds a new station or retrofits an established one.

A City of Eugene Community Survey from 2008 reported that crime is the third area of dissatisfaction for residents, after unemployment and the economy.

Stronach attributes community dissatisfaction to the fact that EPD is currently unable to provide the same level of services it has traditionally provided in the past. In years past, EPD increased patrol on holidays such as St. Patrick's Day and Cinco De Mayo.

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## Out of work?

The Eugene Water & Electric Board is now offering qualified customers who have become unemployed up to \$200 in payment assistance on their electric bill. We want to help our neighbors who are suffering from the current economic crisis to keep the heat and electricity on in their homes.

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COURTESY OF GREG MORTENSON, CENTRAL ASIA INSTITUTE

The visiting author is the founder of Pennies For Peace and director of the nonprofit Central Asia Institute. Tickets for his presentation and book signing are sold out, but some limited-view seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## MORTENSON | Author shares experiences founding literacy programs in rural communities

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play right now," ASUO Chief of Staff Andrew Plambeck said.

Mortenson's work has not been without difficulty. He survived an eight-day armed kidnapping in Pakistan, endured CIA investigations and even received hate mail and death threats from fellow Americans after 9/11 for helping Muslim children get an education. Kau emphasizes Mortenson's work with education and tolerance, saying Mortenson makes it his "top priority to promote economic development, peace and prosperity," and that "his efforts resonate at many levels through our own education institution here at the U of O."

"Greg will bring a broad range of people to his audience, a lot of whom have

been touched by his book," Plambeck said.

Mortenson is also the founder of Pennies For Peace and director of the nonprofit Central Asia Institute, promoting community-based education and literacy programs in remote mountain regions in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Tickets for the event are sold out, but some limited-view seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Mortenson will give a 70-minute presentation at 7 p.m. and autograph books afterward.

On Friday, Cultural Forum presents the Seattle-based hip-hop group Blue Scholars. The group has performed with such artists as De La Soul, Slick Rick, Wordsworth, Kanye West, Hieroglyphics and Immortal Technique, and has appeared

several times at the Sasquatch music festival. The duo consists of DJ Sabzi and MC Geologic, an unlikely partnership that combines and balances music from two different worlds usually seen distant from one another. Their Web site calls their music "poetic lyricism with beats you can dance to."

"Blue Scholars have a socially responsible angle to their music and are more of the 'old-school rap,' not of the usual 'bling bling,'" Plambeck said. "They speak to what we are wanting to accomplish here on campus."

The group will be joined by Common Market, which has shared the stage with the likes of KRS-One and Ghostface Killah. Both will perform for free on the Memorial Quad Lawn at 8 p.m.

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## HEALTH

# Second swine flu death in Texas; Mexico set to reopen

Death toll in Mexico rises to 29, officials advise citizens to be wary of a hasty return to normalcy

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MEXICO CITY — Mexico emerged from its swine flu isolation Tuesday as thousands of newspaper vendors, salesmen hawking trinkets and even panhandlers dropped their protective masks and joined the familiar din of traffic horns and blaring music on the streets of the capital.

There were still signs, however, of the virus that set off world health alarms. A Texas woman who lived near a popular border crossing was confirmed as the second outside Mexico and the first U.S. resident to die after contracting the virus. Mexico's Health Department later announced three more confirmed deaths, raising the country's total to 29.

Across Mexico, people were eagerly anticipating this week's reopening of businesses, restaurants, schools and parks, after a claustrophobic five-day furlough.

"We have a lot of confidence nothing is going to happen," said Irineo Moreno Gonzales, 54, a security guard who Tuesday limited takeout customers to four at a time at a usually crowded downtown Starbucks. "Mexicans have the same spirit we've always had. We're ready to move forward."

The Texas woman, the second confirmed person to die with swine flu in the U.S., lived not far from the Mexico border and

had chronic medical conditions, as did the Mexico City toddler who died of swine flu last week during a visit to Houston, Texas, health officials said.

The 33-year-old woman was pregnant and delivered a healthy baby while hospitalized, said Leonel Lopez, Cameron County epidemiologist. She was a teacher in the Mercedes Independent School District, which announced it would close its schools until May 11.

Mexico's government imposed the shutdown to curb the flu's spread, especially in this metropolis of 20 million where the outbreak sickened the most people. Capital residents overwhelmingly complied, and officials cautiously hailed the drastic experiment as a success.

But by Tuesday, pedestrians — many wearing protective masks, many not — were back to dodging the familiar green-and-white VW taxis cruising for fares and noisy heavy trucks bearing bottled water.

Some officials worried about a sudden rush toward normalcy.

"The scientists are saying that we really need to evaluate more," said Dr. Ethel Palacios, the deputy director of the swine flu monitoring effort here. "In terms of how the virus is going to behave, we are keeping every possibility in mind. ... We can't make a prediction of what's going to happen."

Palacios acknowledged the enormous responsibilities that come with balancing the public's

health and economic welfare.

"One of most the important things is that you need to know that these measures do have an impact not only on health but also on other aspect of life and society," Palacios said.

With 942 people sickened in Mexico at last count, for the first time in decades, Mexico canceled the popular re-enactment of its May 5, 1862, victory over invading French troops in the central state of Puebla. Another traditionally boisterous Cinco de Mayo party in Mexico City's central plaza, the Zocalo, will wait for another year, as will military ceremonies across the nation.

Cinco de Mayo celebrations generally attract bigger crowds in the U.S., where many Mexican-Americans gather to embrace their heritage. These crowds prompted concerns Tuesday about spreading the virus.

Denver's annual festival, which typically draws 400,000, will be held as planned this weekend, with hand sanitation stations installed at the urging of city health officials. But in Chicago, the Mexican Civic Society of Illinois canceled its annual festivities because of flu concerns.

Swine flu has now sickened more than 1,700 people in 21 countries, including more than 600 in the United States. The World Health Organization said it was shipping 2.4 million treatments of anti-flu drugs to 72 countries "most in need," and France sent 100,000 doses of anti-flu drugs worth \$1.7 million to Mexico.

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## NATION

# Sources say no charges likely for Bush interrogation memos

## Report advises bar associations to sanction lawyers

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WASHINGTON — Bush administration lawyers who approved harsh interrogation techniques of terror suspects should not face criminal charges, Justice Department investigators say in a draft report that recommends two of the three attorneys face possible professional sanctions.

The recommendations come after an Obama administration decision last month to make public legal memos authorizing the use of harsh interrogation methods but not to prosecute CIA interrogators who followed advice outlined in the memos.

That decision angered conservatives who accused President Barack Obama of selling out the CIA for releasing the memos, and liberals who thought he was being too forgiving of practices they — and Obama — call torture. The president's rhetoric, if not actual policy, shifted on the matter as the political fallout intensified.

Officials conducting the internal Justice Department inquiry into the lawyers who wrote those memos have recommended referring two of the three lawyers — John Yoo and Jay Bybee — to state bar associations for possible

disciplinary action, according to a person familiar with the inquiry. The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity, was not authorized to discuss the inquiry.

The person noted that the investigative report was still in draft form and subject to revisions. Attorney General Eric Holder also may make his own determination about what steps to take once the report has been finalized.

The inquiry has become a politically loaded guessing game, with some advocating criminal charges against the lawyers and others urging that the matter be dropped.

In a letter to two senators, the Justice Department said a key deadline in the inquiry expired Monday, signaling that most of the work on the matter was completed. The letter does not mention the possibility of criminal charges, nor does it name the lawyers under scrutiny.

The letter did not indicate what the findings of the final report would be. Bybee, Yoo and Steven Bradbury worked in the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel and played key roles in crafting the legal justification for techniques critics call torture.

The memos were written as the Bush administration grappled with the fear and uncertainty following the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Over the years that followed,

lawyers re-examined and rewrote much of the legal advice.

Last month, the Obama administration released four of the long-secret memos about treatment of terror suspects in which lawyers authorized methods including waterboarding, throwing subjects against a wall and forced nudity.

In releasing the documents, Obama declared CIA interrogators who followed the memos would not be prosecuted. Obama left it to Holder to decide whether those who authorized or approved the methods should face charges.

When that inquiry neared completion last year, investigators recommended seeking professional sanctions against Bybee and Yoo, but not Bradbury, according to the person familiar with the matter. Those would come in the form of recommendations to state bar associations, where the most severe possible punishment is disbarment.

Vincent Warren, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, called the decision not to seek criminal charges “inconceivable, given all that we know about the twisted logic of these memos.”

Warren argued the only reason for such a decision “is to provide political cover for people inside the Obama White House so they don’t have to pursue what needs to be done.”

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SOCCER

# A season to grow

A young Duck squad and a fresh-faced coaching staff are using the spring season to gain valuable experience for the fall



A group of Oregon players fight for the ball in the goal box Saturday against Oregon State in a spring soccer match at Papé Field. Oregon head coach Tara Erickson lost several players to graduation but said the spring has seen quality results. "We've had some good, quality play," she said.

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LUCAS CLARK | SPORTS REPORTER

The Oregon women's soccer team will wrap up the 2009 spring season with its final game coming against Western Oregon University on Friday night. The Ducks are 1-2-1 so far this spring, with their lone win coming against Utah on April 18. Oregon lost seven seniors this offseason, so a majority of its

winter and spring practices have been directed toward familiarizing everybody with the Ducks' system. "I think our team has come a long way," sophomore goalkeeper Cody Miles said. "We have very few players right now because we lost so many seniors in the fall, but we're fit and have been connecting and defending really well together."

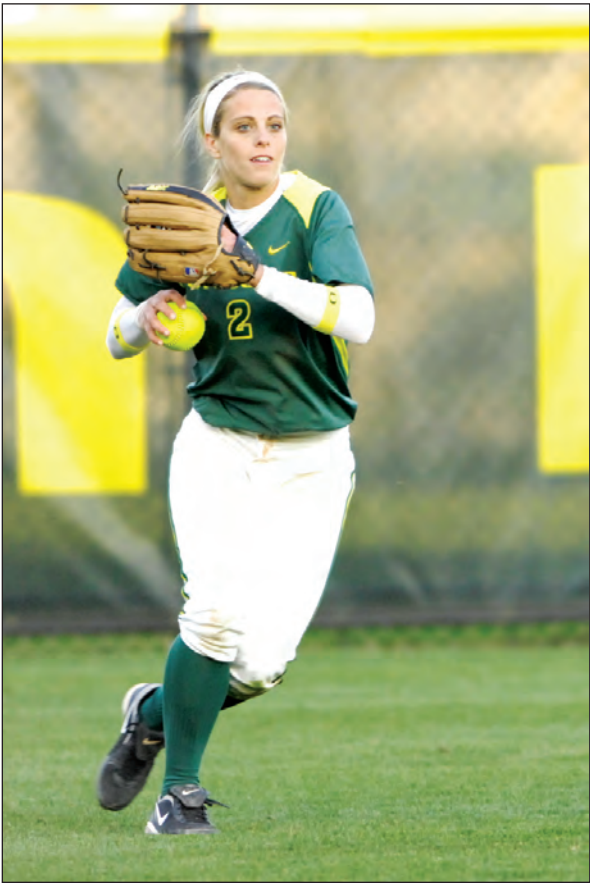
Miles, who will begin her second season for the Ducks next fall, was a Pac-10 All-Freshman team selection this year. She started all 20 games for Oregon in 2008, and was second on the team with 1,845 minutes played. Miles also recorded six shutouts while registering 76 saves. "With this being my first spring, I've been looking into areas of my game that

I need to improve on by the fall, as well as taking charge and being a leader," Miles said. While Oregon lost a lot of experience this year, it will welcome in a group of 10 freshmen that should be able to help fill the void. Four of the 10 are Oregon natives, including Eugene's own Tahne Apo from Marist

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SOFTBALL

# After difficult season, two seniors leave on bittersweet note



TRISTAN COOLEN | PHOTOGRAPHER

Sari-Jane Jenkins has played left field and shortstop during her career, one that will end this weekend against Arizona and Arizona State.

Seniors Jenkins and Rice finish careers in a rebuilding year, leave a legacy for the program

ANDREW GREIF | SPORTS EDITOR

In a season they'd rather forget, Sari-Jane Jenkins and Melissa Rice will remember this weekend as their last in an Oregon uniform before they move on to separate careers. After making the NCAA Tournament the past three seasons, it's an unceremonious end to a frustrating season where Oregon softball faded into last place in the Pacific-10 Conference with a 15-32 record overall and won just two league games. As head coach Kathy Arendsen has often spoken this season, Jenkins echoed the team's rallying cry of this season as one of growth for the younger players toward another run for the post-season next year. Unfortunately, it leaves the two seniors on a disappointing end to their record-breaking careers. "The legacy these guys are leaving for us really won't be felt until next year, cause the foundation has been laid," Arendsen said. "They're both extremely incredible women." "This game is so caught up in numbers; it's really the only thing people associate the game with, like, 'What's your win-loss record?'" said Jenkins, who came to Oregon from Swouth Salem High. "What you don't realize is those numbers don't mean anything. You know it's like the moments you experience in between the lines ... it gives you so much more perspective." Jenkins, a left fielder for much of her career, started her career as a freshman who led the team in hits and hit .298 while appearing in all but one of the team's 52 games. She turned into an All-Pac-10 and All-Region Second Team player as a sophomore, when her hits, stolen bases and doubles totals on the year ranked second in school history for a single season. Last season she was an honorable-mention pick in the conference, breaking the school career record in stolen bases. This season has defied statistics for the Ducks, mainly because

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Melissa Rice ends her career at Oregon on several of the Ducks' pitching top-10 lists. She will now attend OSU for her master's.



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## CLUB WATER POLO

# Women's water polo places third at club championships

Oregon rebounded from a loss to Notre Dame to beat Penn

PATRICK MALEE  
FREELANCE REPORTER

Having dominated Northwest division opponents throughout the regular season, it was difficult for the women's club water polo team to judge how well it would fare in the National Collegiate Club Championship. Were the players really as good as their undefeated regular season record made them out to be, or had their success been a mirage formed by a weak division?

The former turned out to be true, as they finished third overall in the national championship, a fitting end to a very successful year.

"We were very pleasantly surprised by the results," junior goalie Jessica Kragt said. "We were ranked sixth overall before the tournament, and were not expected to do as well."

Kragt's 11 saves were instrumental in the team's first game of the tournament, a 4-2 win over 15th-ranked Texas on May 1. Her play earned her Player of the Game honors, though she was not the only Oregon player to make a strong contribution. Freshman Hilary Wilcox scored twice, while sophomore Katie Peront and junior Caitlin Hermann scored Oregon's other two goals.

The Ducks' inspired play continued the next morning as they cruised to a 6-1 victory over seventh-ranked Utah behind sophomore Beth Gordon's three goals. Hermann, Wilcox and freshman Haley Vigeland provided the other three goals, and Kragt came up with eight saves in another strong effort.

"Katie Peront had all three assists for my goals," said Gordon. "We clicked that game and it worked well."

The win against Utah put Oregon in a semi-final showdown with second-ranked Notre Dame on the same day where the Ducks could not come up with an upset and lost 8-1. Junior Laura von Stockhausen came up with the Ducks' lone goal during the first period, after which Notre Dame's defense simply took over the game. Oregon did not score for the final 24 minutes of the game, and this time it was on the receiving end of a hat trick by Notre Dame sophomore Ali Durkin.

"They pretty much shut us down," head coach John Siegfried said. "We had only one goal and it was in the first quarter. They had a really good goalie; we threw up around 15 or 20 shots and she blocked all but one of them. That happens. At this level, if you have a dynamite goalie, you can shut everybody down."

We couldn't create any type of offense."

The loss put Oregon in the third-place game the next day against 10th-ranked Pennsylvania. Eager to shake off their play against Notre Dame, the Ducks proved their worth against the Quakers and finished the tournament with a 7-3 victory that earned them third place overall. Gordon managed to better her performance against Utah, finishing with an astonishing four goals and earning the Player of the Game award, her second of the tournament. Wilcox added two goals of her own, and von Stockhausen also had one.

"We were able to counter-attack more (in this game), and we got a couple of goals off of that," said Gordon.

The win against the Quakers capped off another strong season for the Ducks, who finished second in last year's national championship. The team's achievements this year were just as — if not more — impressive than last year's, however, as the Ducks played with just one senior (Katie Fletcher).

"Our performance was really good," said Siegfried. "We lost five seniors (from last year) and we really came through as a team. It was really a team effort to get third place this year."

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## SOFTBALL | Rice will get master's at OSU, Jenkins will play for Akron Racers pro team

the statistics aren't pretty. Only one player on the team, Neena Bryant, has a batting average above .300, one main reason why the team's failures at the plate have loomed so large over the team and leave them in last place in the Pac-10 in nearly every hitting category.

"You can't worry about your results," Jenkins said. "When you've gone out and done everything you can you've got to be proud of yourself. A game is a game."

Rice was a similar force in her first three seasons for Oregon, winning pitcher of the year in 2006 and 2007 and after her junior year when she won 11 games. Coming into her senior season Rice was ranked in the top 10 in Oregon's record books in shutouts, wins, strikeouts, games, complete games and innings.

This year has been a change of pace, then, for the Spokane-area native.

She is last on the team in appearances with 14, her role on the mound diminished by a strong freshman year by Samantha Skillingstad. She says she wants to be an older sister for the young players on the team who are adjusting to college softball, but she's not shy to voice her frustration.

"This year has been an experience," Rice said. "It's bittersweet."

An injury to her left foot at the airport last weekend when she fell down a set of stairs has brought up the possibility Rice may not pitch in her final series as a collegian.

"I don't think I'm ready (to end her career)," she said. "I may never pitch again."

She's doing everything she can in the meantime to be ready with physical therapy during the week to get the ankle in good enough shape to last a few innings when Arizona State and Arizona play three games this weekend at Howe Field.

Arendsen expected Rice to be on the mound for at least a portion of the weekend to honor her career. "I've never coached a woman so together," Arendsen said, referring to Rice's summer wedding and the house that she's building with her fiancé.

"I'm going to do everything I possibly can," Rice said.

She may never pitch again because unlike Jenkins, Rice is planning to go to Oregon State for a master's degree in elementary education that will take two years. Although she would like to get

into high school coaching, she doesn't know if she'll play post-collegiately.

Jenkins was drafted with the 19th pick in February's National Professional Fastpitch senior draft, and will move to Akron, Ohio, to play with the Akron Racers in June. The league's three-month, 20-game season begins June 10, meaning Jenkins is trying to find a way to work around her exams to start with the Racers. The season ends Aug. 16.

"It's weird to think about this as a job now," Jenkins said. "To be honest, I'm going to be the rookie. I've got heads-up on what to expect but not until I really dip my toe in the water."

She will return to Eugene next year as an undergraduate assistant coach from fall through spring with Arendsen, a role like 2008 graduate Lovena Chaput is currently in with the team.

"One of my biggest goals for me is when I walk away not to worry about the player I was on the field," Jenkins said. "I want to be remembered as the team player."

"It's hard to see them go to be honest with you," Arendsen said.

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## POLITICS

### Former NBA star elected Detroit mayor

DETROIT — Basketball legend Dave Bing was elected Tuesday as Detroit's mayor through the end of the year, sweeping the incumbent from office in the city with myriad problems.

With all but two of 629 precincts reporting, Bing had 52.3 percent of the vote, or 48,951 votes, to 47.7 percent, or 44,703 votes, for Ken Cockrel Jr. Both are Democrats.

Bing, 65, will be mayor through

2009, serving the balance of the term that belonged to Democrat Kwame Kilpatrick, who resigned in September and went to jail after admitting he lied during a civil trial to cover up an affair with his chief of staff.

Bing must run again in the regular Aug. 4 nonpartisan primary and win the Nov. 3 general election to hold the mayor's seat for a full four years.

The founder of steel manufacturer The Bing Group announced his run for mayor the day after Kilpatrick stepped down as part of pleas to two criminal cases.

Cockrel, 43, was City Coun-

cil president before Kilpatrick's departure automatically promoted him to the mayor's office. He'll go back to that job now.

About 15 percent of the city's registered voters participated. A proposal to revise the city charter also was on the ballot and passed overwhelmingly.

"I don't like either one; it's like tossing a coin. But I'll give Bing a chance," Bonnie Brook-slee, 78, said after voting at King High School, east of downtown. "Cockrel went along too much with Kwame when he was on the council."

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



IN MY OPINION | ROBERT HUSSEMAN

# DERBY REMAINS A SPECTACLE

Where were you during the 135th running of the Kentucky Derby? Hunkered down with the soaking masses in Autzen Stadium, watching the Oregon spring football game through one of the worst downpours ever to defy Don Essig? Sleeping off the hangover from the night before? Stopping that hangover with your third beer of the day?



STILL ON HIS FEET

The Derby was run, to our good fortune, at halftime of the Spring Game. The entire press box — Emerald staff, Oregonian staff, Register-Guard staff, athletic department staff and others — were glued to the television from “And they’re off!” to one of the most thrilling finishes in recent memory.

The track at Churchill Downs was an unpleasant, muddy morass, which likely helped contribute to the finish of the race. As the horses entered the final straightaway, several were jockeying for position outside of the rail in the top three places. Out of nowhere, the number-eight horse, positioned directly alongside the rail, made his move and

burst into a commanding lead, stretching it out to the finish line. When all was said and done, Mine That Bird had won the Derby by 6 ¾ lengths over Pioneer of the Nile and Musket Man, the largest margin of victory since 1946, when Assault won by eight lengths. Assault would later win the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes to complete horse racing’s Triple Crown.

I’m no W.C. Heinz, so there’s no way my modern writing influence can do justice to a horse race. However, we are in the age of statistics, and one in particular stands out: 50-1. Those were the race-time betting odds on Mine That Bird winning the Kentucky Derby, making him the second-longest shot ever to win. After calling my father to report this news, he replied. “Wow. The quinella must have been really big.”

(For the record, a quinella is a bet on two horses to secure the top two positions, regardless of order. It’s similar to the exacta, which pays out for the proper order of win and place. A \$2 bet on this year’s exacta — Mine That Bird winning, Pioneer of the Nile placing — paid out \$2,074.80. The completed trifecta, if someone was so lucky to pick the win, place,

and show in the correct order, paid back \$41,500.60 on a two-dollar bet. Half the fun of horse racing, after all, is watching the betting lines.)

NBC reported Sunday that it had garnered a Nielsen rating of 10.2 for the race, its highest mark in 17 years. This surprised me because, for all the enjoyment I’ve expressed in the preceding column inches, I believe horse racing is a dying sport.

Horse racing just doesn’t seem to fit into what this generation looks for in its modern sports. There are no real advanced statistics to overanalyze, no target marketing toward casual fans, and no way to follow and scrutinize each competitor. It’s breathtakingly simple for someone with limited experience around horses and their athletic capabilities: 20 of them line up in the gates, one always freaks out and must be calmed down, then eventually they’re off. Each horse is a fine-tuned performance machine, barreling down the dirt track. No wonder it’s considered the sport of kings — at least, Middle Eastern ones, who bankroll the training operations.

Horse racing also has a long-standing tradition in this country, and its nuances are passed down from generations. The

earliest known iterations of the Kentucky Derby began in the 1870s. Many of the most famous racehorses in history — Triple Crown winners Secretariat, Seattle Slew and Affirmed, and Seabiscuit come immediately to mind — were national heroes. The Triple Crown itself is held among the most sacred of sporting feats; only 11 horses have ever won the three consecutive races, none since Affirmed did it in 1978.

It’s even more difficult, however, to forget some of the recent brushes with immortality: Funny Cide in 2003, Smarty Jones in 2004, Barbaro in 2006, and Big Brown in 2008. Americans love a good horse story. Barbaro’s is the most poignant; the Derby winner shattered a leg during the Preakness and had to be euthanized the next year. The outpouring of affection displayed for the horse who could never recover from his injury stays with me today.

Whether or not I ever develop the appreciation for horse racing my father has, I’m willing to wager that it does continue to inspire for decades to come, and a racehorse will touch the nation’s heart once again. Make it a \$2 bet.

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## TENNIS

### Cornelissen earns Pac-10 honors

Oregon junior Alexander Cornelissen garnered Pacific-10 Conference honorable mention honors Monday at the league’s men’s and women’s postseason awards voting.

Cornelissen, from Belgium,

had a 9-13 singles record this season while finishing 13-11 when playing at No. 1 doubles with Marcos Verdasco. That team was Oregon’s best at doubles.

At singles Cornelissen played at the No. 2 and No. 3 singles spots.

He was the only Oregon player honored in postseason awards.

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## ATHLETICS

### Oregon surplus sale set for May 23

The Oregon athletic department will hold its annual surplus sale on May 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the south side of Autzen Stadium near entry five.

According to a release, Oregon

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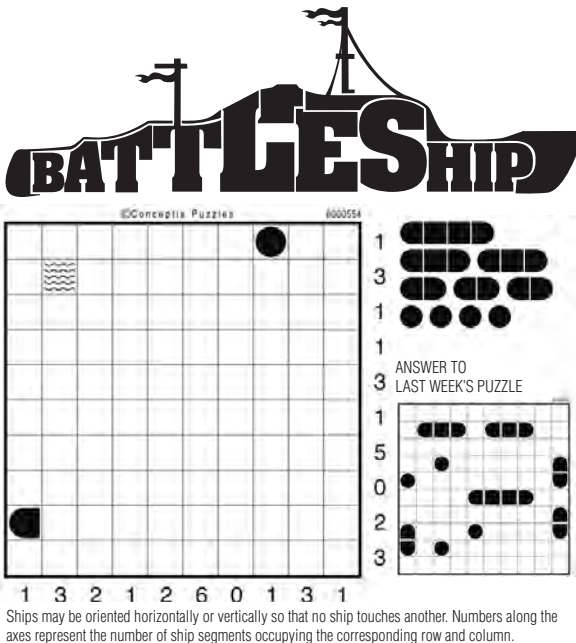
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## SWIMMING

# Michael Phelps returns to swimming after suspension

Phelps wants to  
rebuild his image after  
photo controversy

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BALTIMORE — When Michael Phelps was at his lowest, unsure if he wanted to return to swimming, he sat down with a pen and a piece of paper.

"I wrote out the pros and cons of swimming," he said, "and quitting."

In the end, swimming won out. Phelps returned to what he does best. Now, he's finished serving a three-month suspension that was doled out by USA Swimming after a picture surfaced in a British tabloid showing him inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

Tuesday was the final day of his suspension. Phelps marked it like any other day: He woke up late and headed to the pool.

"I had no idea," he told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview.

Phelps admitted the fallout from the infamous photo made him think twice about whether he wanted to stay in the public eye.

"There were days I would just come and warm up and say, 'I'm not feeling it.' I would just go home," he said. "If I wanted to swim slow, I would swim slow. If I didn't want to come (to practice), I wouldn't come. If I woke up and didn't feel like going in and working out, I would stay in bed and watch TV."

But after taking that sheet of paper, drawing a line down the middle, and writing the advantages of swimming on one side and the disadvantages on the other, Phelps got back on course.

"What am I doing even thinking about quitting?" he asked himself. "I'm 23 years old. I'm not retiring at 23. I have four more years to my career. I still have things I want to accomplish."

Phelps called longtime coach Bob Bowman on March 1 — Bowman remembers the day vividly — and said simply, "I'm doing it."

"I was not really concerned whether he would quit or not," Bowman said. "I was concerned that if he did quit, that he did it for the right reasons. Otherwise, it would just be a joke. I have told him, 'You've done all there is to do. If you quit today, you're the greatest of all time. You can walk away.' But I did think it would be bad if he walked away because of

this thing. He should go on his own terms."

Always one to needle his most famous athlete, Bowman couldn't resist making a joke about the end of the suspension, which limited Phelps to training only and made it tougher to stay motivated.

"Oh, good," Bowman said. "He can go to a meet tonight."

Actually, he'll return to competition next week at a meet in Charlotte, N.C. It will be his first time swimming competitively since winning eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics.

"I'm happy to be back in the water and be back in semi-shape," said Phelps, who's lost almost 20 pounds in last two months. "I'm sort of getting back into racing shape and getting ready to race my first race since Beijing. We'll see how it goes."

"I'm happy to have some structure back in my life," he added.

In Beijing, Phelps broke Mark Spitz's 36-year-old record of seven gold medals and became the winningest Olympian ever with 14 golds. But the photo of him attending a party in South Carolina during a lengthy break from training cost him one major sponsor and threatened to ruin his image.

"It was a stupid mistake that I made," he said during an interview on the deck of the pool at Loyola College in his native Baltimore. "But I'll have what I've accomplished in and out of the pool for the rest of my life. I'm satisfied with what I've done and happy with what I've done."

Phelps said the whole experience has "shown me who my real friends are. It's also given me a lot of time to think. Pretty much since Beijing ended, I didn't really know what I wanted to do."

Once he got that resolved, Phelps returned to the plan all along — to keep swimming through the 2012 London Olympics. Although he's not going to attempt eight gold medals again, he will continue to do a program that would be exhausting to most swimmers.

In Charlotte, he'll swim five events: the 50-meter freestyle, 100 free, 200 free, 100 backstroke and 200 butterfly. Only two were on his record-breaking program in Beijing, the 200 free and 200 fly.

"I'm feeling good in the water and swimming some decent times in practice," Phelps said. "But I have no idea what to expect in the meet. I'm going in

open minded."

As for his life away from the pool, Phelps wouldn't discuss tabloid reports that he's dating Miss California, Carrie Prejean, who made headlines of her own last month when she finished runner-up in the Miss USA pageant. Some thought her opposition to legalizing same-sex marriage, which came in response to a question, may have cost her the title.

"She's a friend of mine," Phelps said. "But my private life, I want to keep to myself."

That said, he can certainly sympathize with what Prejean is going through.

"It's tough," he said. "I'm sure it's not fun for her. But we're in America. We have freedom of speech. If she feels that way, she can say it."

As for tabloid reports of his supposedly heavy partying, Phelps rolled his eyes and said nearly everything written about him was false. Specifically, he denied a report detailing a wild night in New York City.

"The only thing I can do is laugh about it," he said. "Come on, I do have some common sense. People can say whatever they want. That's just how it is."

Not that he hasn't had some high-profile stumbles in his life. After the Athens Olympics, where he won six gold medals and two bronzes, Phelps pleaded guilty to driving while impaired.

"I know I have not been perfect by any means. But I have learned from all of my mistakes. That's all you can ask for."

Phelps worked out for more than three hours Thursday, even giving a brief glimpse of the new stroke he'll try out in the 100 free, a windmill motion with his arms that Bowman hopes will provide more speed. He endlessly picked on one of his five training partners, fellow Olympian Katie Hoff, and needled Bowman when the coach gave out some wrong information about the next day's schedule. "At least the athletes know what we're doing," Phelps said sarcastically.

"It's the old me, the normal me," he said. "I'm coming in, working hard and taking steps toward my goals."

And that sheet of paper? He wouldn't reveal what was on it, and there's no need for the tabloid media to go through his trash looking for it.

"That," he said, breaking into the sly grin of someone who's learned some valuable lessons about life in the public eye, "went right into the shredder."

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Goalie Cody Miles pushes out a shot by Oregon State last Saturday, a 2-1 loss that was the fourth of Oregon's five games during the spring season. The Ducks finish against Western Oregon on May 8 in Eugene.

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High School.

"We have a roster of 15 right now," head coach Tara Erickson said. "And we've got some injuries with those few, as well."

Overall, the Duck squad will feature five sophomores, eight juniors, and four seniors in addition to the incoming class next season, as well as several new additions to the coaching staff. Associate head coach Lauren Hanson and volunteer coach Joe Beeler are in the midst of their first spring seasons as a part of the Oregon team, while assistant coach Mac Wilson also will join the staff for the 2009 season.

"We've had some good,

quality play," Erickson said. "As a team, we've had some really good performances."

Erickson will look to continue to improve upon her impressive first three years at the helm of the Oregon team. Erickson has never had a team fall below the .500 mark during her Oregon tenure, and should be able to keep that streak going in 2009.

"This spring is the first time our new coaching staff and players have all been able to get together and work on developing our program to a higher level," senior Danielle Sweeney said.

Sweeney, like Miles, started all 20 games for the Ducks last fall, and was recognized as an All-Pac-10 honorable mention selection during her freshman

campaign and named to the All-Pac-10 freshman team. Last year, she was named to the honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic squad. Sweeney also will continue to be a captain for the young Duck team for the second year in a row.

But the main focus for the Oregon women this spring has been from a defensive aspect.

"We have been learning a new style of defending, which is a more individualistic way of defending," Sweeney said. "We have come a long way in our defending, even though we still have moments of chaos and things get unorganized. We're trying to stick with our new style and not revert back to the old one."

Erickson shared similar feelings with Sweeney.

"We've been great at times, we've just got to find our consistency," said Erickson. "But individually they're taking to (the new defense) very well."

With a plethora of new faces joining the Oregon women's soccer team between now and the start of the fall season, there will undoubtedly be an adjustment period for the entire program.

"I want to help our team grow even closer together so that come this fall, we are all so close and know each other so well, that only good things will translate on to the field," Sweeney concluded.

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