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Largest marijuana bust in Benton County history

County sheriff's office teamed with Bureau of Land Management work to clear land growing nearly 8,000 marijuana plants

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The largest marijuana seizure in Benton County history took place Thursday morning near Alsea Falls. The Benton County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the Bureau of Land Management, confiscated a total of 7,951 marijuana plants in the Sept. 20 raid.

The marijuana plants were spotted through aerial surveillance in early September, said Philip Hudspeth, the public information officer for the Benton County Board of Commissioners.

"Officers made one arrest, in what we believe is the largest growing operation in history," Hudspeth said.

Initially the officers assumed that the mari-

juana growth numbered no more than 1,000 plants, but after nearly three days of counting nearly 8,000 plants were accounted for. Alsea Falls is located within the BLM's popular Alsea Falls recreation land, which includes a campground and picnic area — making it federal property.

"Because this was federal land, the suspect will probably get federal charges brought up against him," Hudspeth said.

The suspect is currently being held in the Benton County jail.

"I would imagine that the suspect would be arraigned in a federal court in Eugene," Hudspeth said. He was unaware of what charges will be brought up against the suspect or what might be the minimum sentencing for such a crime.

"He could possibly get the maximum allowable time because this is a federal offense," Hudspeth said.



One suspect is in custody after nearly 8,000 marijuana plants were confiscated in a Sept. 20 raid near Alsea Falls. The growing operation, found on federal land, is the largest marijuana bust in Benton County history.

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Some campus locales will need additional dollars

Add-on cash may be needed to use student meal cards at campus eating establishments

By Aleks Cherednichenko
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students who try to purchase a chai latte with their meal plan dollars at the Java coffee shop, may be in for a surprise. Beginning fall term, the University Housing and Dining Services has returned to the meal plan system that operated on campus in prior years.

"OSU students can use the meal plan at any of the 17 restaurants operated by UHDS," said Eric Hansen, the assistant director of marketing at UHDS. "At the remaining restaurants on campus, students have the choice

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Online services opens portal for students

'Be Well' Patient Portal gives students easier access to Student Health Services

By Nick Ngo
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students can now be connected to Student Health Services through an online service, the "Be Well" Patient Portal.

The patient portal has taken away some of the leg work for students utilizing health services on campus. Students can use the patient portal to fill out and submit medical information, view lab results, check the status of appointments and message clinicians.

The portal is meant to help cut down on the number of phone calls and visits students have to make to the SHS office.

"It's easy for the students because they can check their lab results and not have to come in and talk to a

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FREE RUCKUS music offered by

Ruckus allows students to download legal music for free from computer application

By Jennifer Meyer
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In the digital age, students are often tempted to download music illegally. However, Ruckus provides a legal service to fill the music needs of many.

Before the term started, a campus-wide e-mail was sent to inform OSU students of the services offered by Ruckus.

Ruckus is a college-only service that possesses a library of free and legal music for students to download.

Ruckus combines social networking with safe music downloads, accessible from the same network, now available to OSU students.

"Ruckus is free of charge and it is a legitimate service," said Todd Simmons, OSU spokesperson. "Supposedly this is a better connection because it's on OSU's service."

OSU created a partnership with Ruckus in January. Simmons said it took a while to implement the service, though.

"I heard about [Ruckus] last year from posters up in the library, quad and dorms," said Mallory DeGray, a student in microbiology.

Over the summer break, there were few students to advertise the program to. With students returning to school now, Ruckus is working to be better recognized by students.

"Now that summer passed, Ruckus wanted to make more people aware that the university is connected to their service," Simmons said.

OSU chose to partner with Ruckus because it offered students a free and legal option for downloading popular music.

"The biggest benefit is it's a legal downloading service," Simmons said. "That was a big point for us to encourage people not to use illegal downloading programs along the confines of the school."

The terms of agreement made for the partnership between OSU and Ruckus include the placement of Ruckus on the OSU server.

"In result, other commonly used companies, such as iTunes, would take students off local servers and onto their own server, which takes up more bandwidth," Simmons said. When students use Ruckus, they are staying on the OSU server, which cuts down on extra



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United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm, 101 NW 23rd St., Westminster House. Student Gathering. Join us for food, fun, fellowship, faith formation, and friends.

Meetings
International Programs, 4-5pm, Snell Hall 448. Study in Denmark Information Meeting. Business and Economics students may earn OSU credit while studying at the Copenhagen Business School.

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OSU Women's Rugby, 5-7pm, 14th & Jefferson Field. Everyone welcome. No experience necessary.

Meetings
OSU Speech and Debate, 6-8pm, 209 Shepard Hall. Join your fellow OSU students in learning how to publicly speak about and debate contemporary topics. Free and open to the public.

Events
Pride Center, 4-6pm, Pride Center. Fun and food and meeting new people!

Meetings
Pre-Pharmacy Society, 5:30pm, Pharm 305. We will be having our first meeting of the year! Come meet with other pre-pharm students. New & returning students welcome.

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TOP STORY

Freshman is charged in Delaware State shootings

By Susan Kinzie
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Delaware State University freshman was arrested in his dorm Monday and charged with attempted first-degree murder in a shooting that wounded two students from the District of Columbia and sparked fears of another Virginia Tech incident.

Hours before classes resumed at the Dover campus, Loyer D. Braden, 18, of East Orange, N.J., was arrested at 3:30 a.m. and charged in the shooting early Friday of Shalita Middleton and Nathaniel Pugh III, both 17.

Middleton, a Delaware State freshman, was shot twice in the abdomen and remains hospitalized in serious condition. Pugh, a freshman biology major at Delaware State, was shot once in the ankle.

Braden was charged with attempted murder, assault, reckless endangerment and a weapons violation, according to Capt. Lester Boney of the Dover Police Department.

A university spokesman said Braden apparently left the campus after the shooting and later returned.

"I question the young man's intelligence in coming back to campus this morning, if that's what he did," said the spokesman, Carlos Holmes. "Lord knows what was going through his brain. Maybe he thought he was scot-free."

When asked if it were possible that Braden was on campus all along, Holmes said, "Nope."

On Friday and Saturday, university officials limited access to campus — although students with IDs could always get in — because at that time "we didn't know who the shooter was, didn't know where the shooter was," Holmes said. "By Sunday, they knew who the shooter was, and they knew he wasn't on campus."

Holmes said police had not ruled out the possibility that others were involved in the shooting.

The shooting, which happened shortly before 1 a.m. Friday on the campus' pedestrian mall, was seen by many as the first test of a university's response to a gunman since a student killed 32 people and himself at Virginia Tech in April. Virginia Tech officials

have been criticized for not alerting students more swiftly that an armed and dangerous person was at large.

Friday's gunfire shocked the Delaware State campus, and administrators quickly locked down the university as police searched for the gunman.

On Sunday, the campus was opened for parking for the NASCAR race taking place across the street; money from that goes to scholarships, Holmes said. Classes resumed Monday.

While being taken Monday to a justice of the peace, Braden said "I'm sorry" when reporters asked him questions, according to the Associated Press. When asked what he was sorry about, he replied, "She's in the hospital."

Braden was ordered held on a \$75,000 secured bond.

Officers from several agencies — including campus police, the state attorney general's office and federal agencies — have been investigating the shootings, interviewing scores of witnesses. Holmes said authorities have not ruled out a "turf war," which

some students described as a New Jersey-D.C. conflict, or a fight over a card game earlier in the week, which some students said had become an ongoing dispute. Some said the argument ignited again sometime after midnight; soon afterward, many students were awakened by the sound of gunfire.

Pugh's mother has said that her son did not know the person who shot him and that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. She said he had never been in a fight at the university.

Students have created a "Pray for Shalita!!!" page on Facebook for Middleton, whose nickname is "Cookie," praising her spirit, energy and beautiful smile.

Braden played basketball at a Catholic high school in New Jersey, according to media reports at the time.

The university has a zero-tolerance policy for certain violations, Holmes said, including having a weapon on campus.

"He was a freshman," Holmes said of Braden. "I don't think he's going to be a freshman anymore."

NEWS IN BRIEF

World leaders meet for UN climate talks, hope for change

UNITED NATIONS — With tales of rising seas and talk of human solidarity, world leaders at the first United Nations climate summit sought Monday to put new urgency into global talks to reduce global-warming emissions.

What's needed is "action, action, action," California's environmentalist governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, told the assembled presidents and premiers.

The Bush administration showed no sign, however, that it would reverse its stand against mandatory emission cuts endorsed by 175 other nations. Some expressed fears the White House, with its own forum later this week, would launch talks rivaling the U.N. climate treaty negotiations.

President Bush didn't take part in the day's sessions, which drew more than 80 national leaders, but attended a small dinner Monday evening, a gathering of key climate players hosted by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Ban set the day's theme in his opening address, declaring that "the time for doubt has passed" on the issue of global warming. At the day's end, he said he believed the scores of speeches showed a "major political commitment" to success in the global talks.

Throughout, in remarks clearly aimed at Washington, the U.N. chief described the U.N. negotiating umbrella as "the only forum" where the issues can be decided.

Ban organized the one-day summit to build momentum for December's annual climate treaty conference in Bali, Indonesia, when Europe, Japan and others hope to initiate talks for an emissions-reduction agreement to succeed

the Kyoto Protocol in 2012.

The 175-nation Kyoto pact, which the U.S. rejects, requires 36 industrial nations to reduce carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases. It set an average target of a 5 percent cut below 1990 levels by 2012 for emissions from power plants and other industrial, agricultural and transportation sources.

Ahmadinejad presents softer image, says Iran seeks peace

NEW YORK — In his outward persona at least, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad came to America to lessen hostility toward himself and to defend Iran, not to rabble-rouse and provoke hatred. Whether he succeeded remains an open question.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, Ahmadinejad presented his country as a reasonable seeker of peace and justice. He denied that it holds any violent intentions against the United States, Israel or any of its immediate neighbors.

"We seek detente," Ahmadinejad declared. "Every stance and position has been toward peace."

He also denied all the chief accusations against Iran: that it is providing weapons to kill U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, supporting terrorism or breaking international law by developing nuclear weapons.

As with any world leader, Ahmadinejad's words cannot just be accepted at face value. Leaders are judged by their actions more than their interviews.

Given the Iranian government's record — taking U.S. hostages in 1979, supporting Hezbollah in Lebanon, hosting demonstrations with chants of "Death to America," more recent arrests of intellectuals, and Ahmadine-

jad's own questioning of the Holocaust — he faced a hard task softening his country's image.

Clearly, however, he was making a bid in the interview — as in his other appearances — to introduce himself as a rational leader, not as the dangerous, hardline radical that he is often perceived to be by many in this country.

Judge rejects bid to block vote on Oregon cigarette tax

SALEM — A proposal to increase the cigarette tax to pay for children's health insurance will remain on Oregon's fall ballot.

A Marion County judge rejected arguments that Measure 50 violates the state constitution. If approved by voters in November, the cigarette tax would jump by 84.5 cents a pack. It would raise an estimated \$153 million for the current two-year budget, with most of the money going toward health insurance for 100,000 Oregon children.

A lawsuit filed late last month argued that the measure makes three "unrelated" changes to the constitution with separate taxes on cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products such as smokeless tobacco.

The suit filed by Portland lawyer James Dumas on behalf of state Sen. Jeff Kruse, R-Roseburg, and a group of tobacco users and retailers also said the Legislature dodged a requirement that tax increases win three-fifths majorities in the Legislature.

But Judge Paul Lipscomb rejected their arguments, saying the challenge failed on each of its claims.

Neither Dumas nor Kruse could be located for late Monday.

— The Associated Press

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"Tobacco tried to keep it off the ballot because they know Oregonians are going to protect their kids instead of (tobacco) profits."

Cathy Kaufman, a spokeswoman for Healthy Kids Oregon, a group that is advocating for the cigarette tax increase. She believes that those with interests based in tobacco will try to keep the issue from reaching voters.

"We thought the best way to illustrate that point was to use our freedoms."

J. David McSwain, the editor-in-chief of The Rocky Mountain Collegian newspaper at Colorado State University, after the editorial board chose to run a column with an expletive in the headline.

BREAKDOWN

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York's attorney general is demanding that Facebook provide the state with complaints made to the social-networking site and copies of its policies.

Subpoenas were issued after state investigators say the privately held company failed to respond to their "many" complaints of being solicited for sex while posing as teenagers on the website.

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo says his office is concerned that Facebook's promise of a safe website is not consistent with its performance in policing its site and responding to complaints. He says the concerns are based on several "undercover tests" in recent weeks.

Facebook has not yet commented on the allegations.

DETROIT — Thousands of United Auto Workers are marching in picket lines outside General Motors plants around the country.

UAW President Ron Gettelinger says the union launched the strike after what he describes a "one-sided negotiations."

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Prison officials in Texas say a guard was killed after two inmates overpowered her, took her weapons then ran her over in a stolen pickup truck.

One inmate has been apprehended, while a manhunt is under way in Huntsville for the second, who was in prison for two counts of attempted capital murder.

A spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice says the prisoners were working in a field at the prison when they overpowered the officer.

The vehicle was found abandoned and recovered about a mile or two south in Huntsville.



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Student editor says he won't quit over Bush editorial obscenity

FORT COLLINS, Colorado — The editor of the Colorado State University newspaper says he has no plans to resign amid criticism about an obscenity used in an editorial about President George W. Bush.

The four-word editorial, published Friday in the Rocky Mountain Collegian, said in large type, "Taser this. (Expletive) Bush."

J. David McSwane, the Collegian's editor-in-chief and a CSU junior, said the newspa-

per's governing board may fire him but he won't voluntarily step down.

"I think that'd be an insult to the staff who supported the editorial," McSwane told the Fort Collins Coloradoan on Monday's edition.

The newspaper's business manager has said the operation lost \$21,257 in advertising in the hours after the editorial was published, and that the pay of student staffers would be cut 10 percent to compensate.

MEALS: Less money spent at Blimpie, Panda Express means less dollars for activities

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to pay with cash, credit or debit — or they can put cash on their student accounts."

UHDS attempted to expand the number of locations at which students could use their dining dollars — which resulted in more than a \$1 million loss.

"Our folks had to guess about our budget, and sometimes they would guess right and we would make money," Hansen said. "But when they guessed wrong we lost a lot of money."

The Memorial Union is a separate agency from UHDS, generating its own funds. Some business owners who have made the MU their home aren't too happy about this recent change.

"I'm certainly not happy with it," said David Haskell, owner of Blimpie. "This will definitely have an economic impact on us."

Haskell thinks students should have the right to choose where they spend their meal plan money. "I don't think students realize that they have all the power, and UHDS does this

because there's no response," Haskell said.

Unused meal plan dollars roll over every term, but at the end of the year any unused cash is kept by UHDS. "By the end of the year it's basically a 'use it or lose it' case," Hansen said.

"What doesn't come through the register here doesn't go to the MU, and that means less money for activities and programs coordinated for students," Haskell said.

Hansen contends that this is the way meal plans operate on other campuses nationwide. "Having two different institutions in charge of food at OSU is the best way for us to operate," he said.

An average student spends about \$250 a year in purchases at the MU, and Hansen encourages everyone to put that amount toward their meal plan. Students can do so through the university's ID Center, Valley Library or online at <http://mycard.oregonstate.edu>.

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RUCKUS: University server use cuts down on extra bandwidth costs from students

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bandwidth costs.

"I've been using [Ruckus] since last Fall Term because I heard about it from my friends at University of Idaho," said Julie Barter, a student in interior design. Ruckus is already working with over 120 colleges and universities nationwide.

"It's very easy to use, but the only downfall is that you can't burn CDs of the music you download; you can only listen to what you download on your computer," Barter said.

Along with music, Ruckus also offers videos and games on its website. Students can access the free music by simply downloading the Ruckus application. To sign up for a Ruckus account, students can use their ONID e-mail accounts. More information can be found at www.Ruckus.com.

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Test results show decline in math scores of younger Oregon students

■ Dip in scoring attributed to adjustment of passing scores from state officials

By Julie Silverman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND — The scores earned by some of Oregon's youngest students on the state's standardized math tests dropped in the 2006-2007 school year.

Seventy percent of third graders, 72 percent of fourth graders, and 68 percent of fifth graders got passing grades on the state math test, down six points, three points and four points, respectively, the Oregon Department of Education said Monday.

The dip came in part because state officials adjusted the passing scores on the state tests this year, the first such change since the testing system was put into place in 1996.

The tweak, which made it more difficult for elementary students to score a passing grade, came after concerns that earlier incarnations of the elementary school standardized tests

were too simple, lulling parents, students and teachers into a false sense of security.

But even when the scores from the 2005-2006 school year are calibrated on the new scale, last year's elementary school students fell short of their predecessors.

State education officials have said the dip in student performance could also be due, at least in part, to the abrupt, midyear switch from online tests to old-fashioned pencil and paper testing, after a dispute between the state and its online testing provider. Online testing is back in place for the current school year.

Usually, elementary school students are the bright spot when state testing results are released, since scores tend to dip as students age. But this year, it was older students who posted modest improvements, with seventh, eighth and tenth graders all either holding steady or making small gains on math and reading tests.

Older students likely ben-

efited from the tweaking of passing scores as well: At the same time that educators made it more difficult to pass the elementary school tests, they made it slightly easier to pass the middle and high school versions.

That decision came after studies showing that middle school Oregon students stacked up well when compared to their peers nationally, better than their in-state testing results suggested.

High school students remain a trouble spot for the state — just 66 percent of 10th graders scored a passing grade on the state reading test, and only 55 percent passed the state math test and writing tests, scores that are virtually indistinguishable from previous years.

Things are about to get tougher for the state's high school seniors, too: The state Board of Education voted this year to increase the number of credits students will need to graduate from high school. By 2014, an Oregon high school

diploma will require four years of English, three years of math at the Algebra I and higher level, and three years of science.

The state standardized tests are the academic basis for the rankings issued by the state government under No Child Left Behind, the federal education law that says every child should be reading or doing math at grade level by 2014.

According to the Oregon Department of Education, 923 Oregon schools met the federal government's standards this year, or about 74 percent, compared with 70 percent of schools last year. An additional 21 percent did not meet the federal standards this year. Designations for the remaining 5 percent are incomplete.

The state testing scores are the second in a series of data releases about Oregon schools. Next month, the state Department of Education will issue its annual "report cards" for schools, rating them on testing performance, attendance, dropout rates and improvement over time.

SHS: Portal offers students unprecedented healthcare by offering online, easy-to-access records, test results

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lot of people," said Brittany Mosher, a sophomore in Spanish.

Mosher said the service of the patient portal is fast and easy to use.

The patient portal became available to students toward the end of Spring 2007. The patient portal is part of SHS's electronic medical records system which started in April 2006. Electronic medical records are part of a new system allowing SHS to store and organize information.

"They way that it used to be was when students came into the medical office, everything was done on paper," said Sue Jackson, the patient portal coordinator.

With electronic medical records, doctors can put their notes into the system by using electronic templates. Medical records and patient information can also be stored electronically. Jackson said the advantages are more space and easier

organization.

"It's absolutely streamlining the medical field," Jackson said. "Everything is held in electronic form instead of paper. The information is much easier to access."

Jackson said the reason for releasing the patient portal a year after the EMR is because of security purposes.

"With so many different features, we had to make sure other parts of it were ready," Jackson said.

Jackson said multiple firewalls ensure that the portal and patient confidentiality are secured.

Extra firewall protection is also set up on the e-mail features so students can feel comfortable talking to their doctors.

"The reason we take so much time to activate [firewalls] is we don't want any interruptions with student care,"

Jackson said.

A committee of individuals from SHS and OSU's central computing worked to create the patient portal. The university bought the program to create the portal from eClinical Works.

One feature the portal doesn't offer students is appointment scheduling. Students can view appointments that are already scheduled, but they can't schedule new appointments online.

"We still have not figured out how to do that yet," Jackson said. "That's a feature for the future."

Jackson said they also plan to add a prescription refill feature.

To log on to the patient portal, students may use their student ID numbers. Each student's password is his or her birth date.

"We're very excited," Jackson said of the patient portal. "Our goal is to be completely electronic within the next couple of years."

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Editorial

How far is too far?

The editorial board of any college newspaper has intense debates from time to time on the content presented in its paper. What to run, what to hold, what opinion to take or who to endorse.

The Daily Barometer had a debate last spring over a photo that accompanied a story about Playboy's Playmate of the Year (who was also an Oregon State student).

The editorial staff made the decision to run the somewhat racy photo as it was. In return, we received many negative responses from the community, but it was a decision the editorial board, and ultimately the editor-in-chief, had to defend. Such judgement calls are made all the time, and some garner more attention than others.

The Fort Collins Coloradan reported Monday that the editor at The Colorado State University Rocky Mountain Collegian newspaper decided to run the headline "Taser this. F--- Bush" with a Sept. 21 column — except he kept the profanity intact.

J. David McSwane, a CSU junior and editor of the Collegian, is facing a great amount of criticism, as well as a review by the Board of Student Communication, over his decision to run the headline.

The Coloradan reported that McSwane stands by his decision — which was made in cooperation with the rest of his editorial staff — and said he would not step down from his position.

Just hours following publication, the paper lost \$30,000 in advertising, which in turn will cause the news staff's pay to be cut by 10 percent.

McSwane said, "They can fire me if there are overwhelming complaints from the community and students."

But the question is not whether McSwane should be fired. The better question is, where do we draw the line for profanity use in any newspaper — especially a college paper?

People may say, "It's just a college paper," but what does that mean? It is clear that collegiate papers do not hold themselves to the same standards as would the New York Times, but each paper has its own standard, and running profanity — especially the F-word — falls outside the limits of acceptability.

College papers are a place for aspiring journalists to learn the ropes and prepare for possible future careers — but the paper's presentation to the campus and community is ultimately in the hands of the editor-in-chief.

In the high-pressure setting of the daily collegiate newspaper, conflicts are inevitable, but this incident with profanity in a headline comes across as merely a shock value tactic.

Editorials serve as a means for Barometer editors to offer commentary and opinions on issues both global and local, grand in scale or diminutive. The views expressed here are a reflection of the editorial board's majority.

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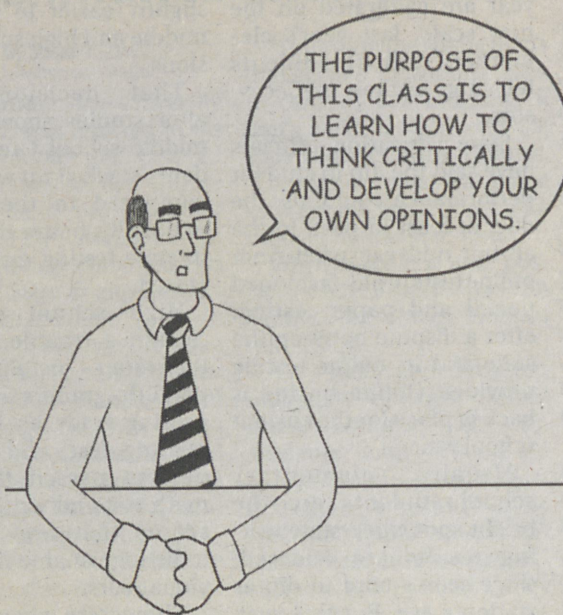
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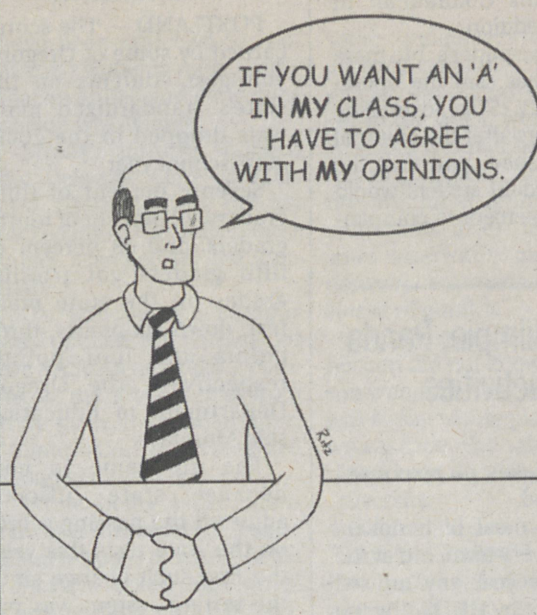
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WHAT THEY SAY



WHAT THEY MEAN



Political correctness has gone too far

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The other day, I was sitting in class, waiting for the professor to arrive, and happened to hear a conversation between two students that made me unsure whether I wanted to laugh or wretch. One woman was lamenting the fact that a text she had been assigned to read featured repeated use of the word "negro." It was not being used in a pejorative sense, simply in the mode of speaking that was prevalent at the time in which the author lived.

This woman was horrified, insisting that it was, in fact, quite difficult for her to read the entirety of the essay. I shudder to think what her reaction would have been had she been assigned Joel Chandler Harris, or, for that matter, the lyric sheets of the top hip-hop acts. Obviously, few of us would want to sit down and read Nazi propaganda or other such single-minded dehumanization of non-aryans.

But the fact remains that the word "negro" — along with "Caucasian" and "Mongoloid" — has

been for decades — and, in fact, centuries — the accepted scientific designations of the three major branches of the human race. People like the woman in my class, especially guilty white liberals, have been so brainwashed into being deathly afraid of offending anyone that they have taken leave of their senses.

Political correctness has grown in such a cancerous fashion that it has gone far beyond the avoidance of ethnic slurs, however. In the name of "tolerance" and "diversity," liberals in academia and the mainstream media have taken PC to new heights to justify their anti-American bile.

In 2002, in the wake of the Sept. 11 atrocities, school districts in (of course) California began requiring public school students to attend three-week courses on Islam.

As part of the course, students must don Muslim attire, adopt an

Islamic name and memorize bits of the Koran, although it is doubtful these would include Sura 5:52, which says, "O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians for friends. They are friends of each other. And whoso among you takes them for friends is indeed one of them." Or Sura 2:193 and 8:39 that read, "Fight against them until idolatry is no more and Allah's religion reigns supreme," and (translated differently), "Fight them until there is no persecution and the religion is God's entirely." Elizabeth Christina Lemmings, a teacher in Byron, Calif., said of this program, "We can't even mention the name of Jesus in the public schools ... but ... they teach Islam as the true religion, and students are taught about Islam and how to pray to Allah. Can you imagine the barrage of lawsuits and problems we would have from the ACLU if Christianity were taught in the public schools, and if we tried to teach about the contributions of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and the Apostle Paul?"

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Embrace the quirky experiences of dorm life

Lina Chung

Daily Bruin

If I made any mistakes before my freshman year, they were that I browsed a few too many Bed Bath & Beyond catalogs and watched an overdose of "Gilmore Girls" reruns, allowing myself to falsely idealize the "glamour" of dorm life.

Indeed, I was the bright-eyed and eager little Bruin who actively clicked the "Dorm Central" link on The Container Store's website, dreaming of the decorative possibilities available in the vast expanses of Rory Gilmore-esque square footage.

That said, I threw myself into the trenches by voluntarily signing up for a triple in a residence hall. A sour mistake for a girl who never quite understood the appeal of summer camp and considered sharing a bathroom with her older sister as getting shortchanged.

Yet, I so bravely decided to live the "authentic" college experience, and convinced myself that

living in a triple, sharing a bathroom with at least 40 other girls, and sleeping in a squeaky old bunk bed would be cozy and enchanting.

I was in for a devastating wake-up call that drab Friday morning I moved in to Hedrick Hall.

My dorm room, with bleak white walls and a window that never fully closed, had all the charisma and allure of a prison cell. The closets had paint chips falling off the doors and drawers that would make the sound of nails on a chalkboard when you attempted to yank them open.

When my roommates and I finally set up our desks and unpacked our load of textbooks for the fall quarter, there was barely enough wiggle room to vacuum our 3-foot-wide strip of free

space.

Despite the physical boundaries of my living situation, Hedrick Hall became my home away from home.

And I, Rory-Gilmore-deception and summer-camp-hating aside, learned to obligingly grit my teeth. I accepted the dismal realities of dorm life — the lodging politics, the shower-stall etiquette, and even the skewed feng shui.

I can't tell you how much I love having someone snicker at me for using the elevator while living on the second floor. And how — despite having the urge to snap, "Hey sparky, I'm paying just as much for housing as you are!" — I'd resort to mumbling about a sprained ankle, torn ligament, or stress fracture while awkwardly shuffling my way out.

I can't express the overwhelming emotion I felt

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Lauren Dillard

I'll Get Right On That

Reminiscent of chicken

No, it doesn't taste like chicken, but it reminds me of chickens. The collective flocking and the rushed hustling.

This summer I had the opportunity to intern at The McMinnville News-Register, where I was for nine weeks working as a reporter and for two weeks a page-maker/layout/design person.

At the News-Register, I bonded — from afar — to a few individuals. Particularly the special sections editor, Racheal, and the lady who sat next to me, Marna. Sometime during my stead as a reporter, the news editor was gone (he took his week of vacation for the summer) and those two hens were fighting to get the Saturday edition out. They weren't fighting each other, mind you. They were fighting the clock. (Specifically, fighting each other is something more reserved for cock fighting.)

It reminded me of the Barometer, the place I call home. It reminded me of our nightly struggles to get the paper out.

Only, these two women don't do it alone very often, and they can only do it three times per week at maximum (it's a tri-weekly paper). We, in our small, college-level, microcosmic way, do it more often than do the big boys (or girls in this case).

This is not true at other daily newspapers like the Gazette-Times and The Oregonian, but something tells me that I will never have to work this hard again.

It's funny that in college, I work hard, get paid very little and will leave with some of the best memories of working for the Barometer and working with friends.

I have been criticized for my role as the editor of the Barometer. I am fairly young, I am strong-willed, I am occasionally aggressive and I am a

New policy preventing student independence, responsibility

You may have heard about UW's new, questionably titled "Show and Blow" policy, which requires students with a previous ejection or citation during a football game to blow into a Breathalyzer before games to prove sobriety. Mess up just once, and you'll be blowing into a tube for the police before kickoff.

I was disturbed to learn about another UW guideline from a recent article in the New York Times: The parental notification policy. Under the policy, the parents of any student under 21 implicated in extreme alcohol or drug incidents, such as a trip to detox, will be informed by a dean.

The reasons cited by the university when implementing the policy were concern for student safety and to curb binge-drinking. Other incidents that can call for parent notification include behavior that puts the student's own or other lives in danger. This conveniently vague statement leaves plenty of room for interpretation.

If the university expects students to act like adults, then it should treat students like adults. The hypocrisy of asking students to

Michelle Turcotte
The Daily Cardinal

exercise good judgment and to act responsibly, while subsequently using looming threats to tattle to mom and dad, is maddening and insulting.

Make up your minds: are we adults or not? The timing of the policy's implementation is curious. It was enacted in Sept. 2005, right on the heels of UW's coronation as the No. 1 party school by the Princeton Review. It was no secret that Chancellor John Wiley and Interim Dean of Students Lori Berquam were not fans of the title.

The parent notification policy seems to be the result of a UW administration grasping at straws for a solution to combat the reputation, and to deter students from drinking in excess.

However, the policy is misguided. Isn't part of the purpose of college to learn responsibility? Involving parents seems to be a step in the opposite direction.

Rather than forcing students to take

responsibility, calling parents reinforces a notion that they are not yet adults, unable to control themselves and unaccountable for their actions. Dealing with the situation on their own is more likely to force the offender to take responsibility for his or her actions.

The policy is also incongruent with other university guidelines. There is a widely known university policy of not disclosing students' grades to parents. If this would be a violation of student privacy, how can the university justify notifying parents about their adult son's or daughter's drinking habits?

The only instance in which parental notification is justified is in extreme cases, when there is an intentional overdose or there was a real threat of death. However, in a large majority of instances, this is not the case. Sometimes people make mistakes and sometimes students exhibit poor judgment. That does not justify calling parents.

It seems the university fails to realize that many students are independent and self-sufficient, paying their own tuition and working to get by. It is degrading for the princip... er,

dean, to call parents to tell them their son or daughter had too much to drink last night.

To add insult to injury, it seems this is not enough. The University of Wisconsin system is currently reviewing whether a UW school should be able to punish students for off-campus incidents, including receipt of off-campus under-age drinking tickets. Possible punishments could include academic probation or suspension for an incident that didn't even occur on campus. If the university adopts this policy, individuals will be punished twice.

Most students are hardworking and responsible, who occasionally like to do a little partying, perhaps sometimes involving a beer bong or two. The university should give students a little credit and some room to make the occasional lapse in judgment, rather than the threat of a call to the parental units or double punishment.

The university must remember its primary job is to educate, not to baby-sit the adults who chose to attend its hallowed halls.

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The Daily Cardinal (University of Wisconsin)

CHUNG: Embarrassing moments in the dorm a part of the first year experience

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when my neighbors coarsely blasted techno music, allowing the melodramatic and stale lyrics of Delirium featuring Sarah McLachlan to stir me awake from an agitated slumber. At two in the morning. During finals week.

I can't relay the utter joy I experienced each time I went to take a shower and accidentally locked myself out of my room. I'd have to march down to Hedrick's front desk, red-faced and rattled, wearing a bathrobe and carrying a sopping shower bucket.

Most of all, I can't communicate the delight of being woken up by yet another fire alarm at 5 a.m., after I'd dreadingly chugged down some NyQuil in a desperate attempt to fight off the winter's flu — only to find out the alarm was a prank.

It's really indescribable.

But, then again, so is the ease with which I learned to navigate Hedrick Hall and dorm life in general.

There are a few tips and tricks I picked up along the way.

Be wary of making popcorn; 30 seconds too long in that crafty MicroFridge contraption can trigger an unwarranted fire alarm. Always wear flip-flops in the shower, unless you happen to have a spare bottle of Clorox you'd be happy to dump on the floor. The prime time to do laundry is any time before 10 in the morning, as no sane-minded and sleep-deprived college student would be up that early anyway. Brunch is your first meal of the day, and a cup of Ramen noodles is your last.

But, sitting here and telling you about my residence hall

experience pales in comparison to what actually occurs. In truth, every living situation — good or bad, noisy or boring — is unique and deserves the excitement that every Bed Bath & Beyond mega-store hypes it up to be.

Despite the shoddy living conditions of my first year, I have no regrets. I threw myself into the trenches, got about as close to "roughing it" as this L.A. native would allow and, hey, turned up with something to write about.

So, when you find yourself with some hazardous foot fungus from the shower stalls or you're on the verge of shoving your room key down your neighbor's throat, cheer up. Remember the euphoria you felt on move-in day upon seeing move-in assistants in those goofy blue T-shirts, trucking around those gold and blue carts, leading you up to your future nest or makeshift sanctuary.

Lina Chung
Daily Bruin (University of California — Los Angeles)

BERKOWITZ: People have right to be offended, not harassed

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But when it comes to furthering the Islamic religion in the public schools, there is not one word from the ACLU, People for the American Way or anybody else. This is hypocrisy."

Indeed it is. Forgive me, but it is not the duty of the American taxpayer to soothe and assuage the every sensibility of offended Muslims, even those who don't wish to kill all "unbelievers." Where is the alleged regard for separation of church and state? You know, that bugger that comes up every time a valedictorian thanks God at his or her graduation ceremony?

No one has a right to not be offended. You have a right to not be harassed or intimidated

or assaulted. However, you don't have a right to come to a country and expect its laws to be subverted or bent in any way to suit your unwavering moral indignation.

It is not the place of government, in any sense, to indoctrinate children into a religion from which nearly all acts of terrorism in the past 50 years have sprung.

This is not a call to arms against Muslims. Obviously, not all Muslims are terrorists.

But we are under no obligation to kowtow to any group that continually commits acts of barbarism and then cries "persecution" when retaliation occurs. While cowering and asking how we can better appease suicide bombers would be the politically correct thing to do, it would also be the suicidally correct option.

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DILLARD: Getting the job done, as computer whiz-kids

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woman. I get e-mails that say "Dear Mr. Dillard."

Hey World, Mr. Dillard is my dad. That's not me! It's hard to be female in a position that is predominantly held by men.

That week, those two women were sitting in their positions because their male staff members were missing. But the thing is, they got the job done, and the only reason they had a tough time was not because they were women — it was because they were short-handed.

Later in the summer, the News-Register news editor took a trip into the sideboards at an ice-skating rink. I was the only other staffer who had experience with the layout program that the News-Register uses.

That chicken-with-its-head-cut-off moment led to my promotion. Suddenly, a group of short-handed women was an effi-

cient team (I won an award for getting the pages done in record time).

I'll get the job done. I will be sensitive to my staff (the staff that I push harder than any professional newspaper would push entry-level workers).

Readers may criticize our work, and we will accept that criticism, but my staff is in the minority. We put out a daily paper, and there are very few other groups on campus who produce something daily.

We do what we can with a young staff. We do what we can while we try our best to not run around like chickens with our heads cut off.

Generally, we leave the chicken-running to the animals at the zoo.

Being young and learning the ropes of any industry can be merely a battle, or it can be a cock fight.

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Software design research adds new perspective to high-tech gender gap

By Jessica Mintz
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — For more than a decade, academics and technology executives have been frowning at the widening gender gap in computer science. Everyone has a theory, but no one has managed to attract many more women.

Now, some computer science researchers say one solution may lie in the design of software itself — even programs regular people use every day.

Laura Beckwith, a new computer science Ph.D. from Oregon State University, and her adviser, Margaret Burnett, specialize in studying the way people use computers to solve everyday problems — like adding formulas to spreadsheets, animation to websites and styles to word processing documents.

A couple of years ago, they stumbled upon an intriguing tidbit: Men, it seemed, were more likely than women to

use advanced software features, specifically ones that help users find and fix errors. Programmers call this “debugging,” and it’s a crucial step in building programs that work.

Beckwith decided to investigate why women and men might interact so differently with the same software. She pored over 30 years’ worth of books and academic papers from psychologists, education researchers, economists, computer scientists and others about gender differences in problem solving and computer use.

One theory grabbed her attention: High confidence correlates with success. Both men’s and women’s confidence in their ability to do a challenging task affects their approach and the outcome. And most studies indicated that women — even ones who study computer science — have less confidence than men in their computer skills.

So Beckwith wondered,

could that be one of the culprits? Are women less confident than men when it comes to software debugging? Are women less willing than men to try using these advanced features?

Beckwith tackled these and other questions in her dissertation, with guidance from Burnett and Susan Wiedenbeck of Drexel University.

She started by asking a group of women and men, in a questionnaire, whether they believed they could find and fix errors in spreadsheets filled with formulas.

Then, she sat them down in front of a computer with two spreadsheets. One tracked students’ grades, and another calculated employees’ paychecks.

Beckwith buried five errors in each one without telling the participants. She gave them a time limit and asked them to test all the formulas and fix any bugs.

The program included a

debugging feature that helped the users spot miscalculations by the formulas underlying the spreadsheet and other errors. When they clicked on a number that seemed wrong — a grade point average that looked too low, given the student’s test scores, for example — cells in the spreadsheet grid that contained the possible source of the error changed color. If the participants were sure a formula or value was correct, they could check it off.

In this experiment, the key to success was using the debugging feature. Both men and women who used it were better at finding and fixing the bugs.

The level of confidence expressed by the participants in the questionnaire about debugging, however, played a much different role for the genders.

For men, it did not really matter whether they believed they could complete the task. Some men with low con-

fidence used the debugging tools, and some with high confidence did not.

But for the women, only those who believed they could do the task successfully used the automated debugging tools. The women with lower confidence in the task relied instead on what they knew — editing formulas one by one — and ended up introducing more bugs than when they started.

Beckwith was faced with a conundrum. From questionnaires handed out after the experiment, she knew women understood how the debugging tools were supposed to work, so it seemed their confidence level was lower than it deserved to be. She also knew that one way to boost confidence is through successful experiences. But it was this low confidence that was keeping women from using the debugging tool and having a successful experience.

As a computer scientist,

Beckwith was not interested in changing women’s confidence levels. She was interested in whether changing the software could help women over this hurdle.

So she explored whether a gentler presentation of the debugging tool, one that seemed to require less confidence, would appeal to women.

In the first study, the debugging tool let users mark values “right” or “wrong.” To mark something as wrong, participants had to right-click with the mouse.

In later studies, Beckwith added two more choices: “seems right maybe” and “seems wrong maybe.” The “maybe” buttons worked just like the more certain-seeming ones, but used softer colors to indicate possible errors. She also changed the program so that no one needed to right-click the mouse, something less-experienced computer users are reluctant to do.

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GOLF: Johnson, Allenby lead Beavers in huge opening win, group of freshmen arrive for OSU

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pated in the tournament, with the Cougars finishing a close second in the team scores to the Beavers (1743-1746). With the win over the Ducks, Oregon State took an early lead in the 2007 Northwest Dodge Civil War Series.

The veterans of the group were vital in the team's victory, with seniors Vincent Johnson (68-67-70) and James Allenby (68-69-69) finishing second and third, respectively. With three-round scores in the low 200s, the seniors are bound for a strong final season for the Beavers, who finished seventh at the Pac-10 Championships last spring. Boise State's Troy Merritt would go on to win the individual title with a three-round score of 204 (68-67-69).

"To kick off the first tournament of the year this way, it's a great way to start the season," coach Brian Watts said. "I think it's a tournament that is only going to get better from here on out."

Along with Johnson and Allenby, the nucleus of the team from last season will return for the 2008 campaign. Sophomore Diego Velaquez and junior Alex Williams were in the varsity lineup last spring and were two of the team's top performers. With a rotation of guys getting the fifth and final varsity spot last season, sophomore Scott Barton looks to be one of the top returning golfers in contention to earn the spot. The sophomore finished fourth for Oregon State at the Giustina Memorial Classic, and sophomore Paul Peterson was right in front of him, tying for 18th with a score of 216.

Although the team only lost two seniors from last year's squad in Mitch Gillis and Jonathan Green, a group of freshmen will get their first chance to compete this fall for the Beavers. Joining OSU will be Sean Jarvis (Vancouver, Wash.), Alex Moore (Richland, Wash.), Dale Stypula (Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada) and Brandon Taylor (Corvallis, Ore.).

With a win already under its belt, Oregon State will travel to Seattle next week to compete in the Opus NW Husky Invitational. Other upcoming tournaments for the Beavers will be at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational the following week in Fairfax, Calif., and at the Big Ten/Pac-10 Challenge in Tacoma, Wash., on Oct. 22.

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LILJA: Difficult to locate things on website's new design, too many links to choose from

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"vow" like "vowel" only without the "el" ending.

I'm glad I was taking notes. I need a nap.

My last name is Lilja. "Lil" as in the untalented and ghostwritten Lil Wayne, and "yah" like the beginning of "yuck" but without the "ck" ending. Some would say that sentence is ironic.

Speaking of yuck, am I the only person who has been to osubeavers.com recently? Contrary to Sammie Strouther's cameo, nothing is "Coming at you, Beaver Nation ... Online."

It's easier to navigate the Bermuda Triangle, in a canoe, during a hurricane than it is to travel around that hole in cyberspace. I'd bet Randy Johnson has a better chance of sideswiping another dove with his fastball than web-browsing patrons have of navigating this website conveniently. I'd go as far as to say I have a better shot at getting a date with Brittany Cahoon than a fan does at actually finding her name on the site.

The content is still great — it's the delivery that is a little weird. It's like our site was hijacked by Tim Lincecum's pitching arm. You'd think with all the donations the BASF gets, they could route some of that money into paying for a web designer that wasn't ADHD or at least one that took their Ritalin that day.

That's the only thought I came to that explains why there are the pictures that change every few seconds, the TailMail link in the middle of recent Beaver news and there are seemingly two links for everything on the home page. There are literally six different links, three drop down menus and one giant picture that encourage browsers to either buy some Beaver merchandise or donate money.

In hindsight, I'm not giving myself enough credit. I have more in common with Roger Clemens than I originally stated. I, too, came out of retirement, much to the dismay of many.

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More run-ins with law continue for Tyson

■ Troubled boxer pleads guilty after driving under influence following night of drug use at strip club

By Chris Kahn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MESA, Ariz. — Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson pleaded guilty Monday to charges of drug possession and driving under the influence stemming from a traffic stop last year as he was leaving a nightclub.

Tyson quietly acknowledged to a judge that he had cocaine and was impaired when he was stopped for driving erratically in Scottsdale on Dec. 29.

He pleaded guilty to a single felony count of cocaine possession and a misdemeanor DUI count and faces up to four years and three months in prison when he is sentenced Nov. 19. A felony charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and a second misdemeanor DUI charge were dropped as part of a plea

agreement.

Defense lawyer David Chesnoff said Tyson has been clean and sober for eight months.

"It's obvious this was a crime he was committing against himself," Chesnoff said.

Police stopped Tyson after the boxer had spent the evening at Scottsdale's Pussycat Lounge. An officer said he saw Tyson wiping a white substance off the dashboard of his black BMW, and that his speech was slurred. Authorities said they found bags of cocaine in Tyson's pocket and in his car.

Tyson told officers later that he used cocaine "whenever I can get my hands on it," and that he preferred to smoke it in Marlboro cigarettes with the tobacco pulled out, according to court documents. He also told police that he used marijuana that day and was taking the antidepressant Zoloft, the documents state.

Since his arrest, Tyson checked him-

self into an inpatient treatment program for what his lawyer called "various addictions."

County Attorney Andrew Thomas said Tyson should be put in prison, noting that Tyson was convicted of rape in Indiana in 1992 and pleaded no contest to misdemeanor assault charges in Maryland in 1999.

"Mike Tyson is a repeat offender with a violent past," Thomas said. "I believe only a prison sentence will send the right message and properly protect the public."

In 1986, Tyson became the youngest heavyweight champion in history when, at 20, he knocked out Trevor Berbick. He lost his title four years later when he was knocked out by James "Buster" Douglas. By 1997, Tyson's career hit a low point when he bit Evander Holyfield's ear during a fight.

Tyson, 41, recently had been trying to revive his career with a series of boxing exhibitions.

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Men's soccer gears up for Pac-10 slate

■ Beavers will continue to use group of freshmen, large shot selection as Pac-10 play nears

By Noah Tinker
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Coming up on the mid-way point in the season and the beginning of the Pac-10 schedule, the Oregon State men's soccer team is looking to stay in victory's corner after notching a hard-fought win over Loyola last Saturday. The win ended a bitter three-game slide for the Beavers.

To date, the men in orange and black have compiled a deceiving record of 3-5, with all but one of those losses coming by way of a single goal. The Achilles heel for the Beavers has been an inability to finish chances, something OSU has had little trouble creating so far.

While OSU has taken more than twice as many shots as its opponents, 121-60, they have been outscored, 9-7. At this juncture last year, the Beavers had raced out to a 5-2-1 record thanks to a 14-9 advantage in the number of goals scored. Compared with their 2006 campaign, the Beavers are taking more shots (15.1 per game compared with 11.2 last year) but scoring less (.86 goals per game compared with 1.13 last year).

The deficiency may be the result of having lost starters Robbie Findley and Bryan Jordan to graduation. Together they accounted for 11 of the team's 22 goals last year.

OSU, which returned seven starters while losing four, has been battling hard, and a large group of freshmen has offered a surprising amount of assistance. Coach Dana Taylor has shown no qualms in regard to putting freshmen in the starting lineup.

"Anyone who puts in the required work effort will get a shot," Taylor said. "We will see how it works out."

In a 1-0 overtime loss to Northern Illinois, four freshmen took the field as starters: defenders Chris Miller, Zac Zaher and Mike Epple (who also plays midfield), as well as forward Morgan Zeeno. In the preceding 2-1 loss to IPFW, freshman forward Brian Ramsey came in as a substitution and proved his worth by scoring his first collegiate goal, sending the game into overtime. Miller, Epple and Zeeno also started against Loyola with Zaher coming in as a substitute.

OSU started its 19th season flip-flopping between victory and defeat. After falling to the Spartans of Michi-



Junior Ryan Callahan and the Beavers (3-5 overall) will get the next week off before kicking off their conference season at Stanford on Oct. 5.

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gan State, 1-0, the Beavers came away with their first win against Wright State 2-0. This was followed by a 3-1 loss to UC Davis, and a 2-1 win over Sacramento State. They then came home to start a four-game home stand that would see them get consistent results — unfortunately, not the results they were looking for. After three consecutive one-goal losses to Oakland (1-0), IPFW (2-1 OT) and NIU (1-0) OSU's defense held, and one of the Beavers' 11 shots found the back of the

net, which was all the scoring they would need.

One statistic OSU is glad to see decline from last year is the number of penalty cards issued. The Beavers are averaging one yellow card per game, which should put them under last year's total of 26. In addition to this, they have yet to receive any red cards, something that happened twice during 2006.

Injuries have been kept to a minimum, however. As Oregon State prepares for the start of Pac-10 play, the

Beavers will be without freshman forward David Gates, who suffered a fractured leg in practice last week and will be out for the remainder of the season. Junior Lloyd Fobi will also be out two weeks with a dislocated shoulder but may be ready in time when the Beavers travel to the Bay Area to take on California on Friday, Oct. 5, and Stanford on Sunday, Oct. 7.

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"We were a little bit stunned at the amount of labs we found as a result of this investigation. It's not something that's on a scale that we've ever seen."

— DEA spokesman Garrison Courtney on the biggest raid of illegal steroids in U.S. history

Nick Lilja



No, not really

School is back in session, and it's time to test your acuity. What do Roger Clemens and I have in common?

Answer: We were both approached to have a Cingular commercial. Mine never made it to air. During recording I was supposed to sit in my office, on a call, asking Brandon Hughes if I was too hard on Matt Moore. He was supposed to scream 'Yes' repeatedly, to no avail because the call was dropped. Instead, during recording Kyle DeVan grabbed the phone, reached through it, and punched me in the face. I think that means we are cool now.

I think I'm ready to come back and write again. That's right, I rescind my bid for retirement. I can't give this up yet; it's too much fun and I need some way to pay for my Dr. Pepper habit. On top of that, I was blown away by the support I received from everyone from Mike Parker and Seth Tarver, to Oregon State's biggest fan Brandon Williams and my server Kelly at Ruby Tuesday. It was that support that persuaded me to return.

So I'm back, and as always I do have a few things on my mind.

For starters, Lyle Moevao has the best last name in the history of life. Here's a name that is pronounced differently by every person at this university. Poor Lyle. I haven't seen a population trip over a name this bad since Tarnatea Hill, New Zealand, was changed to Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateapokaiwhenuakitanatahu. Say that three times fast. Hell, just try and sound it out. I can barely look at it without going cross-eyed.

Props to you, Moevao. I even think you should be starting quarterback. Not because Sean Canfield threw five interceptions last week or because the last time Oregon State started a quarterback that was 5-11 and over 200 pounds it turned out pretty well, no. I just want to hear the Eric Bartz of KBVR Sports trip over your name all season when calling play-by-play for football games.

Mo-ah-voh, Mo-vow, Mo-ah-vo-ah. Damn. It couldn't just be Smith? Even your explanation on how to pronounce his last name is difficult. It's "moy" like "toy," but you take off the "t" and add an "m." Then it's

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Ayotte-Law bound for Oregon hall of fame

■ Former Oregon State gymnast will be inducted Tuesday into prestigious company after being three-time All-American for Beavers

THE DAILY BAROMETER

PORTLAND. — Former Oregon State gymnast Mary Ayotte-Law is set to be inducted to the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame on Tuesday.

A three-time All-American, Ayotte-Law became OSU's second gymnast to win a national championship with her floor exercise title in 1982. An outstanding overall gymnast, she also earned All-America status in 1981 on the balance beam and in 1982 in the all-around where she finished third that year.

In addition to her brilliant performances on the biggest of NCAA stages, Ayotte-Law also earned 11 NCAA Western Region titles in her career, including four straight in the all-around. She also earned regional championships on the vault in 1980 and 1981, on the uneven bars in 1981, on beam in 1980 and on the floor in 1980, 1981 and 1982.

Ayotte-Law capped her OSU career when she received the American Award, which is based on a gymnast's career academic and athletic achievements to honor the nation's top senior gymnast.

Following the 1981 season Ayotte-Law competed as a U.S. national team member at the World University Games in Bucharest, Romania.

Ayotte-Law continues to work as a vital part of the Oregon State gymnastics program as the home meet manager.

Others to be inducted are Lance Deal, Joe Etzel, Ryan Grossenbacher, Robert "Pudgy" Hunt, Shannon MacMillan, Dewey Sullivan and Jim Shanley.

Men's golf get ready for 2008 season

■ Beavers return majority of team this fall that finished seventh at Pac-10 Championships in 2007

By Sean McLean
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After missing out on the NCAA Championships by a mere one stroke, the Oregon State men's golf team has geared up for a fall season in preparation for the 2008 season. Although the team will only compete in four tournaments, it will be enough tune-up for the spring season in one of the nation's toughest conferences.

The Beavers started the 2007 fall season on the right foot, taking home top honors in the team standings at the Giustina Memorial Classic last week, hosted by OSU at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis. The Beavers went on to defeat 10 teams from across the west coast. Conference foes Oregon and Washington State partici-

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Senior Vincent Johnson had an impressive showing at the Giustina Memorial Classic last week, finishing second overall.