



## Examining woman's role in religion

■ Women's Center hosting weekly "Women in Religion" series

By Lauren Sigel  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Women of modern-day Buddhism may not have to refrain from shaving their armpits as they once did, but they do still face challenges that Buddhist men don't.

Exposing gender differences in religion is the focus of the OSU Women's Center's term-long lecture series, "Women in Religion." Lectures in the series take place each Wednesday of fall term.

Wednesday, associate professor of philosophy Dr. James Blumenthal gave a lecture on the role of women in Buddhism, delving into the history of the religion.

"The original Buddha said that nuns and monks were to live a homeless life," Blumenthal said.

"Around 500 B.C., the only women that left the household to travel to town were prostitutes, who shaved their armpits. So that nuns were not mistaken for prostitutes, they didn't shave their armpits."

"Buddhism is essentially following the path that the Buddha taught [to find] perfect wisdom and compassion. Although the practice of Buddhism is progressive, there was still a caste system in India and it was very hard for anyone—let alone women—to forget their rank and lead a different life," Blumenthal said.

"At times, they were considered as being on the same level as the Sudras, the lowest of the four castes, so their freedom was extremely limited."

According to Blumenthal, a woman who was both Chinese and Tibetan was the first woman to bring Buddhism to Tibet.

More often than not, the woman in a Buddhist family is often the spiritual head of the household.

"I lived in Nepal with a Tibetan family," Blumenthal said.

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Blumenthal



## DESIGNING A DIFFERENCE IN apparel design

■ OSU professor practices hands-on approach, hopes to inspire students, innovate

By Aleks Cherednichenko  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Kathy Mullet wasn't always interested in apparel design. The Virginia Tech graduate thought she was going into forestry or civil engineering.

"One of the classes that I had to take as an undergraduate was apparel design, and I just fell in love with it," Mullet said.

Recently Mullet was named Educator of the Year by Apparel Magazine, a premier trade publication for the apparel industry. Each year the magazine gives the award to an educator who has made innovative contributions to teaching and research while promoting the field of apparel design to students.

"I was nominated through my professional organization, International Textile Apparel Association, to which my department head [Leslie Burns] passed my name," Mullet said.

Mullet is the coordinator of OSU's apparel design program, which has 125 undergraduate students. She teaches four courses through the year, including a flat-pattern-making course in the fall term.

"I've worked at OSU for only three years. Before that I taught at Virginia Tech for about 20," Mullet said. "I told myself if there was ever a job opening here, I'd take it. Well here I am."

Mullet has always been interested in how the human body works and how clothes can help it function. She has worked with companies like Nike and Innovative Sports in designing functional sportswear.

"Being part of the College of Health and Human Sciences has allowed me to collaborate with people in biomechanics," Mullet said. "Which is helpful with my designs."

Mullet also practices what she preaches in the classroom. "I have what I call the 'up-the-arm theory'—if you do it with your hands, it will travel up to your brain."

"I like the fact that she makes this class interesting at 8 o'clock in the

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Kathy Mullet, professor in apparel design, explains her design of the new warming sleeve that could be worn by OSU quarterbacks and other football players. Mullet was named Educator of the Year by Apparel Magazine.

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## Mixing board, pieces of technology on their way out at KBVR



CURTIS BARNARD / THE DAILY BAROMETER

KBVR's "Silver Twinkie" is parked inside the garage during the TV station's ongoing construction.

■ Student studios get facelift thanks to efforts of new engineer, process may take two years

By Rachel Crews  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Beneath the studios of KBVR TV is the realm where Jack Kemp, KBVR chief engineer, sorts through equipment. Pieces of technology from decades past sit on tables and wait for their fate to be determined.

Kemp has undertaken a complete assessment and clean-out of KBVR-TV equipment and facilities since he began working at OSU this past spring. The studios are home to outdated technology.

An outdated Mackie mixing board here. A telephone interface from the mid-1980s there. Even a machine which has no known function. Kemp is surprised at every turn.

Formerly he taught courses at Portland State University but decided he preferred the more hands-on work that KBVR had to offer. KBVR allowed him to stay in a college atmosphere and work with students rather than over students. To him, it's more than just a radio or TV station; to him, it's a place for students to learn and grow.

Last summer Kemp began a clean-out of KBVR-FM facilities with the help of student engineer Dustin Miller. Kemp and Miller used thousands of feet of cable, brand new equipment and a wealth of knowledge to renovate KBVR-FM. That led to a very grateful KBVR-FM staff.

"Jack is amazing," Colt Murray, the hip-hop director

of KBVR-FM, said. "He came in and recognized all of our problems. He even built an entire [computer] program from scratch that has saved paper and time."

Another student involved in KBVR-FM, Emma Sales, the promotions director for KBVR, has felt the impact of Kemp's work as well.

"He's doing a lot with digital that used to be on paper," Sales said. "The station looks a lot more professional."

Now Kemp is taking on a clean-up and renovation of KBVR-TV's facilities, a process that he is predicting will take two years, mainly due to an excess of unnecessary equipment. The clean up has entailed removing much of the studio's current equipment, testing it to make sure it is still operational and deciding if it is needed. If it doesn't pass certain criteria, it goes in the dumpster—and not too many items made the grade.

"We've already hauled away three 6-foot dumpsters," Kemp said. "I'd like to see a clean and well-functioning facility for everyone."

Along with the clean-out comes replacement. Kemp is hoping to replace the ancient, dust-covered equipment with newer technology—technology that will serve students better and prepare them for the modern-media world they will be stepping into after graduation.

"That's what I'm after," Kemp said. "The best environment for students so they can learn and have fun."

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"We've got to turn the page on George Bush and Dick Cheney. In fact, we have to throw the whole book away.

This has been a disastrous period in American history, and we hope it will be an aberration."

Hillary Rodham Clinton at the latest Democratic debate.

"It was a pretty strong ride here, a lot of shaking but nothing broken."

San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed after a magnitude 5.6 earthquake shook the San Francisco Bay area.

**BREAKDOWN**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve sliced an important interest rate Wednesday — its second reduction in the last six weeks — to help the economy survive the strains of a deepening housing slump that is likely to crimp growth in the coming months.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and all but one of his colleagues agreed to lower the federal funds rate by one-quarter percentage point to 4.50 percent at the end of a two-day meeting on Wednesday.

"The pace of economic expansion will likely slow in the near term, partly reflecting the intensification of the housing correction," the Fed acknowledged in a statement, explaining its action.



**Bomb blast shatters Russian bus, killing 8, wounding dozens**

MOSCOW — A strong bomb shredded a passenger bus Wednesday, killing eight people and injuring more than 60 in a central Russian city known for gang violence.

One official speculated the blast in Togliatti was a terrorist attack, but others said that was only one possibility. They said investigators were also looking into whether it resulted from a turf battle between criminals or even the careless handling of explosives.

Police in the Volga River city also weren't immediately sure whether the bomb was hidden inside or beneath the bus or carried on by a passenger, officials said.

With parliamentary elections coming up in December, the blast raised fears of another round of violence like that which has occurred before past elections.

"Due to (the blast's) character, its consequences, the main version being considered is a terrorist attack," Yuri Rozhin, head of a local branch of Russia's Federal Security Service, the main KGB successor agency, said in a televised statement.

But President Vladimir Putin's envoy to the Volga River region said other theories were also being considered.

"A terror attack is a likely theory, but not the main one," envoy Alexander Kononov was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

Kononov cited the possibility that someone may have been carelessly and dangerously carrying explosives, and he said investigators were also looking for links to gang rivalries in the city.

Togliatti is headquarters to Russia's largest carmaker, AvtoVAZ, and the city has a reputation for gang violence as varying groups have competed for control of the lucrative state-owned factory. The company could not say whether any factory workers were among the victims.

The green bus stood in the middle of the street, its windows blown out and roof partially peeled back, while paramedics attended to people with bloody

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faces and legs.

Valery Matkovsky, a local emergency official, said eight people died and 53 suffered burns and shrapnel wounds. Russian media said a child was among the dead, and Kononov later raised the injury toll to 63.



**Sex offenders declare themselves homeless in California**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Hundreds of California sex offenders who face tough new restrictions on where they can live are declaring themselves homeless — truthfully or not — and that's making it difficult for the state to track them.

Jessica's Law, approved by 70 percent of California voters a year ago, bars registered sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of a school or park where children gather. That leaves few places where offenders can live legally.

Some who have had trouble finding a place to live are avoiding re-arrest by reporting — falsely, in some cases — that they are homeless.

Experts say it is hard to monitor sex offenders when they lie about their address or are living day-to-day in cheap hotels, homeless shelters or on the street. It also means they may not be getting the treatment they need.

"We could potentially be making the world more dangerous rather than less dangerous," said therapist Gerry Blasingame, past chairman of the California Coalition on Sexual Offending.

Similar laws in Iowa and Florida have driven offenders underground or onto the streets.

"They drop off the registry because they don't want to admit living in a prohibited zone," said Corwin Ritchie, executive director of the association of Iowa prosecutors.

The organization tried unsuccessfully in the past two years to persuade lawmakers to repeal the state's 2,000-foot residency restriction.

"Most legislators know in their hearts that the law is no good and a waste of

time, but they're afraid of the politics of it," Ritchie said.

The problem is worsening in Florida as about 100 local ordinances add restrictions to the state's 1,000-foot rule, said Florida Corrections Department spokeswoman Gretl Plessinger. Sixteen homeless offenders are now living under a Miami bridge, while another took to sleeping on a bench outside a probation office.



**Oregon governor says abuse scandal not discussed until 2004**

PORTLAND — Gov. Ted Kulongoski says he's known Fred Leonhardt for more than 20 years, gone to baseball games with him, and taken walks together. But he insists Leonhardt never told him that former Gov. Neil Goldschmidt had sexually abused a teenager while Goldschmidt was Portland mayor.

"We had a good working relationship," Kulongoski said of Leonhardt.

But in an affidavit filed with state investigators, Kulongoski repeated that he did not learn about Goldschmidt's abuse of the teenage girl until it became public in 2004, contradicting Leonhardt's claims he had told Kulongoski about it years earlier.

"The evening before the story broke in the media, my chief of staff called to inform me that a friend of his had called him to say that tomorrow's newspaper would have a story about Gov. Goldschmidt's sexual relationship with a minor female," Kulongoski says in the affidavit, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

Leonhardt's claims have received renewed attention in recent weeks as the state Department of Public Safety Standards and Training wrapped up a five-month investigation into whether Multnomah County Sheriff Bernie Giusto knew about the abuse before 2004.

A draft report by the police standards agency released Monday said Giusto has admitted he told Leonhardt about the abuse.

— The Associated Press

**Thursday, Nov. 1**

**Meetings**

**Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship**, 8pm., Arnold Dining. Come join us as we experience God together!

**ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force**, 4pm, SLI Lounge. Create a welcoming and inclusive environment for the LGBTQIA community at OSU.

**ASOSU Community Affairs Task Force**, 5pm, SLI Lounge (149 Snell). Update on styrofoam, research for Party Smart flyer, and organizing plan of attack for Neighborhood Street Lights campaign.

**Speakers**

**Women's Center**, 6:30-8pm, Women's Center. Self-centered gratification is a discussion on the art of self love, facilitated by Dr. Sex (Kathy Greaves).

**STAND**, 6pm, Milam D26. Faces of Darfur. Presentation by an award-winning photo journalist Paul Jeffrey. Discuss the genocide in Darfur.

**Events**

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

**OSU Music Department**, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à La Carte: OSU Chamber Choir and Crescent Valley High School Concert Choir.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest! Simple supper and discussion.

**Men's Rugby Club**, 6:30-8:15pm, Truax Indoor Facility. Practice.

**M.E.Ch.A.**, 11am-2pm, MU Ballroom. Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Cultural, educational, workshop, traditional.

**Friday, Nov. 2**

**Meetings**

**NASA/AISES Meeting**, 12-2pm., Native American Longhouse. Come join NASA & AISES and help plan many campus events including the Powwow. Native and non-native students welcome.

**ASOSU Women's Affairs Task Force**, 4pm, Women's Center. Discuss various women's issues affecting OSU and the greater Corvallis community.

**Academic Success Center Student Advisory Board**, 11am-Noon, Waldo 102. Advisory Board group to Academic Success Center. Everyone welcome. Help us choose artwork, write budget and get involved.

**Events**

**Native American Longhouse**, 3-9pm, MU Ballroom. Native American Heritage Month Kick-Off Event — Mini Pow Wow. Come and enjoy Native drumming and dancing.

**Sunday, Nov. 4**

**Events**

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st — corner of Kings & Harrison Streets. Taizé prayer.

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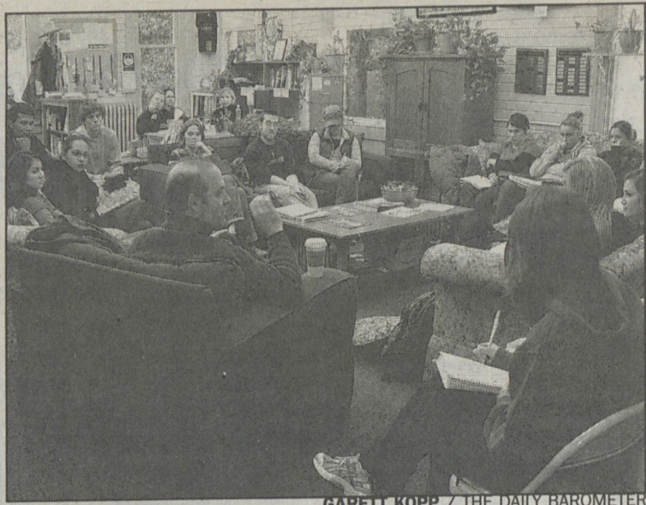
ily, and although the husband [was once] a monk, the wife would always wake up at 4 in the morning to chant Buddhist prayers and would always go on retreats, public lectures and maintain the family shrine. She was extremely devout," Blumenthal said.

Nick Armstrong, a junior majoring in English, attended the lecture for his Quests for Meaning: World Religions class.

"I thought it was very informative and good," he said. "I like learning about different religions, especially Eastern religions."

According to Buddhist studies, the wife occupies an equal position with the husband. The religion, unlike others, does not restrict the educational opportunities of women or their religious freedom.

Buddha unhesitatingly



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**Dr. James Blumenthal, associate professor of philosophy, gives a discussion on women in religion Wednesday night in the Women's Center.**

accepted that women were and are capable of realizing the Truth just as much as men are.

"When Buddhists talk about feminine and masculine things, perfect wisdom is embodied as feminine, and perfect compassion is embodied as male. You

need to achieve both of these things to achieve nirvana," Blumenthal said.

The Women's Center will continue to host "Women in Religion" through next term.

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**Prosecutors to decide whether to charge child in LA County blaze**

By Jacob Adelman  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors will review the evidence before deciding whether to charge a 12-year-old boy whose play with matches started a blaze that ripped through nearly 60 square miles and destroyed 21 homes, authorities said Wednesday.

"It was a child-set fire, but it is not clear what his intentions were at this time," said Bill McSweeney, chief of the Los Angeles County sheriff's homeland security department.

The boy admitted to starting the fire in north Los Angeles County after arson

investigators determined the blaze began Oct. 21 outside his Agua Dulce home. The home was not damaged, said Los Angeles County fire Capt. Michael Brown.

The prosecutor's office was "not sure whether they'll bring any charges, given that it was an accidental fire," Brown said.

Prosecutors were set to evaluate evidence in the case as investigators continued to question what started more than 15 major wildfires last

week. Downed power lines, arson and construction workers have been blamed with starting five other fires that destroyed some 2,100 homes and blackened 809 square miles from Los Angeles County to the Mexican border in the past 10 days.

State Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner estimated that damage from the fires, most of which were contained by Wednesday afternoon, would exceed \$1.5 billion.

**PROFESSOR: Mullet: design is approach to life instead of haute couture on runway**

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morning," said Marcella Owsley, a student in Mullet's class and sophomore in HDFs. "We're actually doing something in class. We're not just sitting there listening to her lecture."

"I try to make what I teach relevant," Mullet said. Her classes are constantly involved in ongoing projects with different companies.

Currently four of Mullet's students are preparing for the Design and Human Environment Symposium, an annual design event that draws people from the apparel industry to campus.

"The students present their designs and get feedback from

the advising board," Mullet said.

"Dr. Mullet is much more than an educator of academia, but a challenger of previous constructs of design and aesthetics," said Benjamin Moua, one of the four students involved in the DHE Symposium. "She teaches that fashion is much more than haute couture on a runway; it's an approach to life."

On top of teaching, Mullet is also the advisor for graduate students enrolled in the apparel design master's program.

"Kathy gives me a lot of freedom of what I really want to do or research about," said

Traci Tung, a graduate student in the apparel design master's program. "Because I am an international student, this is a strange place to me. Her support lets me know I can do it."

"At one time I had my own business, but I realized that you don't really get to design when you have to take care of the marketing side of the business," Mullet said.

Mullet does consulting work for other companies, which allows her to do what she loves — design.

"I'm working with Innovative Sports, a company out of Eugene, in developing a heated sleeve for quarterbacks," she said.

"I design the garment — it's their job to do the rest of this stuff."

Mullet's students describe her as being extremely help-

ful. "She's always available if you have questions," said Kimberly Holling, a senior majoring in HDFs. "We're currently working on a huge project, creating a line of garments based on a certain time in history."

Mullet is very passionate about teaching and OSU. "I really enjoy teaching and seeing all the ideas [the students] have."

The article featuring Mullet will run in Apparel Magazine's December issue.

"It's going to be interesting to see people's reaction after the article," she said. "The most rewarding part would be if a past student of mine picks up the magazine and says, 'She was the best teacher I ever had.'"

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## Guest Editorial

### Knot helpful

HARVARD CRIMSON

The New York State Senate last week approved a bill banning the image of a noose, the infamous symbol of lynchings. If the State Assembly and Governor Eliot Spitzer sign off on the bill, any etching, drawing, or painting of the symbol will constitute a felony.

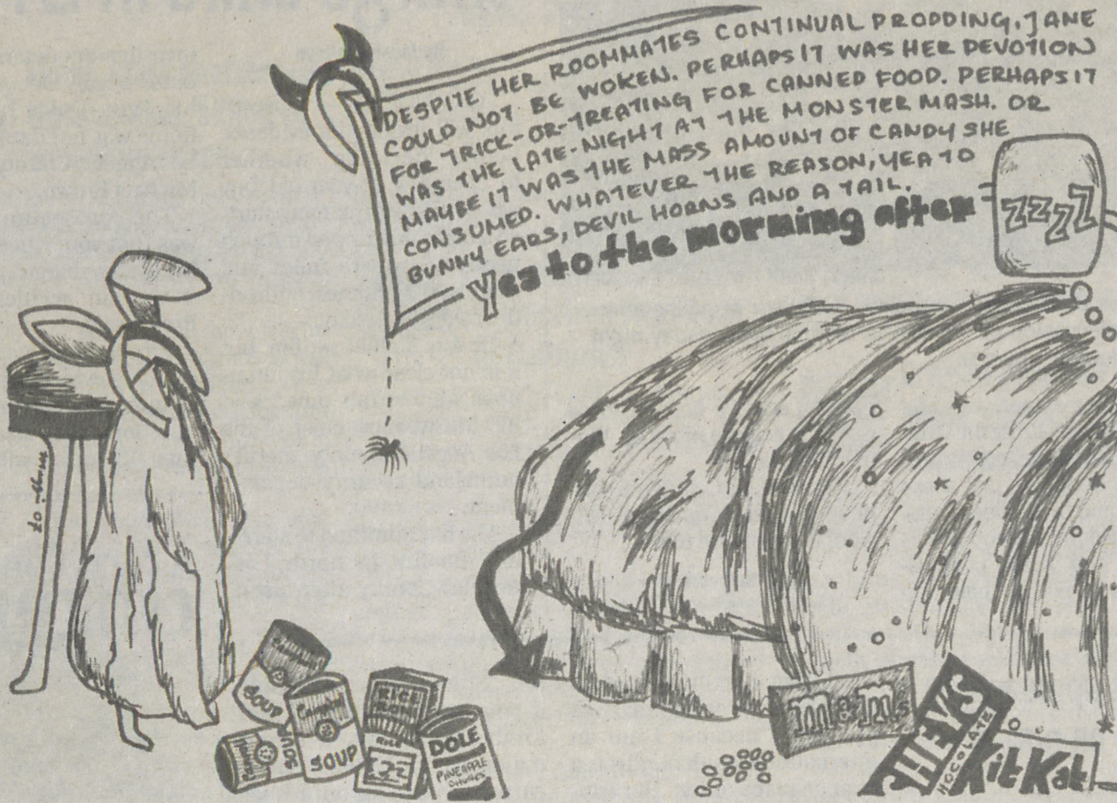
Though New York legislators believe this measure is a necessary response to recent incidents across the state, we find the measure an inherently bad idea. To be sure, the recent rash of harassing noose imagery in New York is troubling — from the letter sent to a black high school teacher in Brooklyn, to the hanging of a noose on a black professor's door at Teachers College at Columbia University, to its display outside a lower Manhattan post office and throughout Long Island.

Nevertheless, banning an image — however reprehensible — is a violation of free speech. If we accept the premise that all people should be free to express themselves, then we cannot deprive certain citizens of that right, even if they promulgate unsavory views in unsavory ways. To do so would be the pinnacle of self-contradiction. According to State Sen. Dean G. Skelos of Long Island, the "rash of incidents clearly demonstrates the need for tough new penalties." We appreciate the legislators' wish to stamp out racism wherever it exists, but unfortunately, this bill won't do that. Skelos has compared the image of the noose to that of a swastika or a burning cross. But his examples prove our point: banning an image doesn't extinguish the hatred behind it. Germany banned the swastika in 1945, yet neo-Nazis still fester in the far-right National Democratic Party. And we highly doubt that banning burning crosses would kill the Ku Klux Klan. Rather, these hate groups would find another symbol to abuse, or ignore the law altogether.

It is unfortunate that racist incidents involving noose imagery have spiked in New York lately, but we cannot support banning an image. Indeed, such a move ignores the real problem: the hatred that motivates a person to use such an image. Outlawing the noose may allow New Yorker legislators to feel as if they have dealt a mortal blow to racism, but in reality they have merely put it on the back burner. Our country cannot overcome racism by passing meaningless laws, only by encouraging dialog and cooperation across racial lines.

Still, the most frightening consequence of this bill is the idea that the government can dictate to us which of our views are appropriate. In this case, New Yorkers haven't lost much, but if politicians can ban the socially intolerable, then they can eventually ban the politically controversial. Such a move would lead to an even greater suppression of free speech, and is one against which we caution. We commend the New York legislature for its zeal in fighting racism, but as for this bill, we hope it collects dust on a shelf in Albany.

Staff Editor  
Harvard Crimson



Jonathan Boydston



Off the Fence

### Up in smoke: No on Measure 50

With less than a week left before Election Day I thought I might take a small hiatus from discussing politics on the national level and instead make some of my opinions on Oregon politics better known.

I must admit, I was not planning on covering anything having to do with the happenings in Salem anytime this term; it isn't to say that the governing of this state isn't important to me — I just never seem to get too opinionated over the slew of measures voters of the state face every year.

Yet, when it comes to Measure 50, that pitiful excuse for legislation, I merely couldn't resist putting my two cents into the debate.

The measure, for those who are not aware, would rewrite the Oregon constitution to mandate an 84.5-cent tax on all packs of cigarettes sold in the state as well as a tax on smokeless tobacco that would make a can nearly \$8.

The money gathered from said taxes would go towards providing health care to Oregon's uninsured children as well as aiding programs that aim to prevent tobacco use.

Now, say what you want about smoking or chewing, the habits may disgust you on a personal level, you may have never picked up a cigarette in your entire life and plenty of you never will. What one needs to remember, though, is that personal preference is not what we are discussing here. Rather, we must look towards the principle we are setting if we as voters approve this legislation.

It is one thing to say that a child should never go without medical attention when needed; I am firmly in support of this feeling and, like most other liberals, await the day we will have universal health care in this country. Yet, who are we as voters to place the burden of insuring our children on one group of people? Who are we to violate the rights that we should all share?

What Measure 50 plainly says is that those who decide to use tobacco products are in some way responsible for the failures of our government, responsible for the overwhelming number of children in need.

After all, it was the politicians in Salem voting against the Healthy Kids Initiative that made it necessary to create such a measure. Truthfully, providing such care, whether through taxes or personal support, should be the responsibility of all of us, not just a group that our hypocritical society has labeled as sinners.

On top of all of this, Measure 50 also leaves a copious amount of questions to ask about just where all of the money is going.

After looking through arguments on both sides of the issue, I still am

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### Blackface: Race, meaning and understanding

The recent black-out of Reser Stadium and the resulting responses have made me think. It is easy to take sides or feel defensive when a topic like racism is brought up. Open dialogue is essential for digesting the tension that race issues often engender. We can argue about who is right and who is wrong, but this strong polarization limits the usefulness of discourse. An opportunity is lost when judgment of others' opinions takes precedent over reflection and desire for understanding all sides and parties involved. Before discussing the black-out further, a brief overview of race seems in order.

Anyone who has taken an introductory sociology class likely knows that race is more of a sociological construction than a concrete biological classification. It seems that the idea of race has historically been constructed to create the justification for social hierarchies. Despite this, the effect of the role race has played in framing relationships between individuals and between communities continues to be seen today.

For thousands of years, cultural and genetic distinctions, what we often call race, have played an enormous role in defining how we perceive ourselves, both physically and psychologically. Isolated by geographic boundaries and controlled by natural selection, the human species developed cultural and biological characteristics which varied across space. Being a highly social and cooperative species, these characteristics became like signposts, indicating who "our people" were.

This social imperative still informs our understanding, but perhaps the foundation of this need to gravitate towards racially similar individuals or communities no longer exists. We live in an increasingly globalized world, where geographic, genetic and cultural distinctions are steadily pushed towards homogenization. A strong attachment to race and heritage is now often seen as antiquated.

Robert Sanchez



Perspectives and Choices

Perhaps we no longer need to seek "our people"; perhaps everyone and anyone could be our people, and the imperative exists only because it continues to be recreated through social patterns.

The economic, political and technological forces of modern globalization help bring us together as a species, and we see the beginnings of a global culture. Race and culture were formerly central sources of meaning and understanding for us as individuals seeking to comprehend the context of our lives. As the pressures of globalization marginalize these signposts, we see in response a renewed attachment to them as a source of meaning.

Race is a strong source of identity, especially for non-white people who are constantly reminded that they are not white by the way society and individuals interact with them. Further, within the context of the Reser black-out, we must consider the historic use of blackface to stereotype and degrade African Americans. What happened at the Reser Stadium black-out, and what role does the meaning of race play in our reactions to it? I wasn't there, and I haven't talked directly to anyone who was, but here is what I have gathered from the Gazette-Times and Daily Barometer coverage of the black-out and surrounding controversy.

Students were explicitly encouraged to show solidarity by wearing all black clothing, and tacit approval was given to the wearing of blackface makeup. A number of students also wore afro wigs, adding a distinctly racial undercurrent to the use of blackface. Some students have expressed concern and offense

regarding the perceived racial insensitivity of the event; other students have expressed similar feelings in response to the perceived labeling of the use of blackface as racist.

It is unclear as to whether there was intended racism. What does seem clear is that no one wants to be considered racially insensitive. Renee Roman Nose has been accused of constructing a racial issue where none "really" existed. Critics of her interpretation of the facts even express concern that she is furthering racism herself by raising the issue. I am not qualified to judge who is right or wrong. It would be terribly insensitive and closed-minded of me to say that anyone's concerns are not legitimate without careful consideration. Just as I will never really understand sexism from a woman's point of view, I cannot understand racism from a black person's point of view. If someone expresses that they have experienced racism, sexism or any other form of negative discrimination or stereotyping, I have no right and no capacity to judge whether or not their claims are legitimate. These are feelings and perceptions we are talking about, and we each have our own perspective on what happened. Society cannot ensure that no one will ever be offended. What we can ensure is that when someone claims to have been discriminated against or offended by the acts of others, we give them a chance to be heard and seriously consider their claims.

Was the wearing of blackface and afro wigs offensive and insensitive? I think so, but any insensitivity certainly seems unintentional. To blame others for their unintended insensitivity is to polarize the dialogue. To refuse to consider the significance of cultural insensitivity also limits the usefulness and scope of a conversation. I think if students had asked themselves, "Could wearing blackface and afro wigs be offensive to black people," many would

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## BOYDSTON: Measure 50 advertises suffering for support, propoganda-like tactics

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not entirely sure what amount of money is going towards what programs. Sure, we have been told that the tax will fund uninsured children, but just how much will go towards such a cause? I have not been living in Oregon very long, but I have certainly been around long enough to know that trusting the politicians in Salem with my money is just about one of the worst mistakes I could make.

I understand, or at least hope, that those who are in support of Measure 50 have only the best intentions; they see the crisis over child health care and they figure that money should be taken wherever we can get it. Yet, I have also seen far too many commercials, flyers, etc. that show me a picture of a sick

child with "Yes on 50" scrolled across the top.

This brings me to my third and final point. When one goes about utilizing the suffering of another individual to try and provoke us to lend our support to their cause, it is nothing short of propoganda. On top of that, when one deliberately uses the suffering of a child, it is nothing short of sickening.

I realize there are those children out there who need the help of others to pass through such a trying time of their life. Yet, those in this state who try and make others feel personally guilty with campaigns filled with traumatic tales of loss and sorrow in an attempt to rouse votes for a measure that is mediocre in its attempts to aide children

are simply despicable.

Please, for those who support this measure, ask yourselves if this is actually the best the state of Oregon can do. Are we really ready to claim that smoking and chewing are such evils that they must be stopped completely? Are we really ready to say that those who use tobacco are in some way responsible for the actions of the misguided government which put us into such a predicament in the first place?

Please, I beg of you, ask yourselves these questions in the next week before you send in your ballot, and try and realize that no matter who you are and how you spend your time, rights are rights, and we all have them.

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## SANCHEZ: Look for ways to spark dialogue on campus

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have arrived at the conclusion that, yes, it could easily be seen as insensitive and racist. But how many students considered this possibility, and how many acted with innocence and simple desire to support their team?

To judge or blame is to shut down communication and limit the useful discussion that we can engage in. Negative discrimination is very much present in our lives, and to say that because we were taught to be sensitive means we are excused from responsibility is myopic and closed-minded. The fact is we can never really be sensitive without understanding, and we can never fully understand the lives of others. It is not for us to judge the legitimacy of peoples claims of prejudice; rather it is our place to listen with respect and reverence for the insight we can gain by listening to the experiences of others.

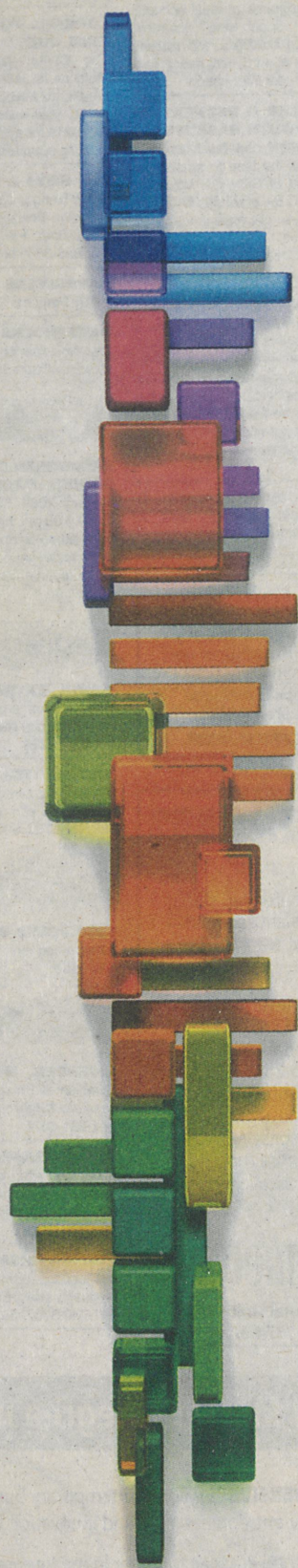
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## Letter to the Editor

### Reser black-out Unifying, not offensive

Who could have known that the simple idea of the student body all dressing in black at a football game could have caused so much controversy? I'm not going to lie, I was surprised and shocked by the past week of editorials in the Barometer. When I think of the Reser black-out, I am not ashamed in any way. Rather, I am proud that the entire student body was able to unify in our school color. Naturally, some die-hard fans were going to go "all out" and paint their faces black, as well. The Reser black-out is not something to be ashamed of; it should be celebrated that we were all able to come together with school pride. Now Ms. Roman Nose, as usual, will find some sort of racism or offense where ever she looks. Tell me, Ms. Roman Nose, when Ohio State had a white-out at one of its basketball games, should I have been offended? I'm sure at least some of the fans painted their faces white for the occasion. The only group that should be offended is the entire student body of OSU for being degraded by Ms. Roman Nose for our act of unity and pride for our school.

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PIEDRABLANCA, Dominican Republic — Tropical Storm Noel triggered mudslides and floods in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, pushing the death toll to 81 on Wednesday and forcing some parents to choose which of their children to save from the surging waters.

The storm was slowly moving away from the north coast of Cuba and was projected to skirt Florida and batter the Bahamas, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

A tropical storm watch was issued for parts of south-east Florida's coast, which was already being buffeted by strong winds and high surf. Forecasters warned that gusty winds would continue hitting Florida through Thursday.

With rain still falling two days after the storm hit, rescuers were struggling to reach communities cut off by flooding on the island of Hispaniola. As they did, they found a rising toll of death and damage — at least 56 dead in the Dominican Republic, 24 in Haiti and one in Jamaica.

A swollen river overflowed its banks Monday night and swept away the hamlet of Piedra Blanca in the central Dominican Republic, forcing Charo Vidal to climb a tree. She watched her neighbor struggle to do the same nearby, clutching infant twins while water swept an older daughter away.

"She couldn't take care of all three," Vidal said Wednesday. "That is something very significant, to have a child snatched from your hands and you cannot do anything for them."


The mother, Mary De Leon,

was inconsolable. "The river tore her from my hands as I held her," she said through tears.

"A lot of people had to choose between losing one child and losing another one," said Liony Batista, a project manager for Food for the Poor, an international Christian relief organization.

Sagrario Diaz, a 42-year-old farmer, also struggled to hold on to his son in the surging waters but failed. "I fought, I swear I tried to save him, but I couldn't," Diaz said. "I would like to die."

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### FOOTBALL: Both played key roles in Beavers' win over Stanford last week

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"Obviously it didn't happen that way, so I'm in it."

Catchings feels the same way. "I probably did not expect to play as early as I have," he said. "I kind of expected to redshirt when I came in, but I was working hard, and stuff just happened where I had the opportunity to play."

And it has paid dividends for the Beavers so far. Last week against Stanford, Rodgers carried the ball three times for 60 yards, and OSU has primarily incorporated him in the running game with reverses and end-arounds, something he is very familiar with.

"We used to run that in high school," he said. "It's pretty much the same kind of thing."

Against Stanford, Catchings also got into the action, making a team-high six catches on the afternoon.

"I like just being able to come out and play my game," Catchings said. "Being able to come out and just help the team the best way I can, just doing my part."

The Beavers also boasted a new look against Stanford, as they lined Rodgers up as the deep tailback out of an I-formation.

"We did some things against the Stanford defense and we thought that would be an effective way to help move the ball down the field and get us into the end zone," said Canfield afterwards.

"When I get the ball, I just need to do what I got to do," Rodgers added. "That's basically it. I mean, during the week we get prepared all week and then we get our chance to go out and perform it on the field."

For both Rodgers and Catchings, it's been a positive experience to get out there and be a part of winning football right away.

"I just liked the opportunity," said Rodgers about coming to Oregon State. "A lot of the receivers we have are seniors, and I wanted to get the opportunity to play, and this is where I'm at."

"I just enjoy being able to come out and play my game," Catchings said. "Being able to come out and just help the team the best way I can, just doing my part."

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### SANTELLI: Colts-Patriots game will feature NFL's best offense versus league's second best defense

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Moss is the recipient. If only I had intramural flag football numbers that were that good.

One more thing worth noting about New England is its perfect offensive line. Seriously, Brady gets all the time in the world to throw the ball; he could take a nap, wake up and still would have time to throw the football. I give props to them; it will be almost impossible for the Colts' defense to get an ounce of pressure on Brady. If the Colts can, I think they have a great chance of winning the game.

Featured in this important game are two punters who rarely get the opportunity to step onto the field.

On the Colts side, you have Christian rock star and punter Hunter Smith, who has only kicked 20 times this season, the second fewest punts in the NFL. The fewest goes to the guy who will be on the other side of the field in Patriots punter Chris Hanson, who has only punted 18 times this whole year. Not only will the match-up feature two high-powered offenses, but it will also feature the two punters who have the fewest punts this season.

Let me give some respect to the Colts' defense that last year was criticized for its performance throughout the year. In the 2007 campaign, they've shut up the critics. The fierce defense is No. 2 in the league in points allowed by opponents, and it leads the league with containing pass yards by opponents, with 165.4 yards a game. Brady and the Pats' offense lead the league in every offensive category this season, so it will be one the best

of the best. Strong Safety Bob Sanders is one the NFL's finest, and he is the leader and motivator of the New England defense. With him on the field, most people (including myself) would be intimidated.

Will the Colts' defense prevail over the high-powered, touch-down-throwing machine of a quarterback, Tom Brady, and his hands-of-steel receivers? We won't find out until football Sunday.

Manning plays this game with poise, honor and love, and he goes out on the field and plays hard every game. He has only thrown three interceptions this season and is getting lots of production in wide receiver Reggie Wayne and from tight end Dallas Clark, who is one of the X factors for Indy's success going into this game. Clark is a quiet guy who shows up every Sunday strapped in and ready to play. He currently has six touchdowns this season and is averaging just over 12 yards per play.

All in all, this game is going to be one of the best and biggest games in the NFL. It is worth all the hype and excitement, and it will feature some mega superstars in Brady, Moss, Manning and more.

Indianapolis has the tools to take down the Patriots in close game. Manning will throw at least three touchdowns, and both defenses will step up and take the hitting and blocking to new levels. Defense wins championships, therefore it is all about Indy football.

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### VOLLEYBALL: Rourke, Sawatzky lead team in kills, need big weekend matches from both

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ly strong, with six players with 100 digs or more. They are led defensively at the net by middle blocker Ellen Orchard with 132 total blocks, helping to lead the Golden Bears to 3.68 blocks per game as a squad.

Upon leaving Berkeley, the Beavers head to Palo Alto for a meeting with the Stanford Cardinal (20-2, 9-2 Pac-10). Oregon State enters Maples Pavilion having not secured a victory in the building. OSU is not only winless at Stanford but also winless against them in 45 matches.

The Cardinal swept the Beavers at Gill Coliseum in a match that the Beavers played very well. They were led on offense by sophomore outside hitter Rachel Rourke and her 20 kills.

This time around, the Car-

dinal are coming off their second loss of the season, losing to UCLA in four games only to be beaten in four by USC the next night.

"Stanford is a great program and will always be great," junior libero Ashley Evans said. "If we keep the attitude of having nothing to lose, we can go in there and put up a good fight again."

Stanford is led by outside hitter Cynthia Barboza, who averages 4.23 kills per game with 300 total on the year. Outside hitter Alix Klineman and middle blocker Folu Akinradewo round out the offense with 296 and 283 kills, respectively. Setter Bryn Kehoe has 1,016 assists on the year and is third on the team in digs with 209. Libero Gabi Ailes leads the Cardinal with 343 digs.

If OSU wants to walk out of the Bay Area with a win, it must get big numbers out of its attackers. Rourke leads the Beavers with 394 kills, followed by freshman outside hitter Jill Sawatzky with 253. Up front, defense will be important as well, as middle blockers Bree Knitter and Lexie Rathgeber have 205 total blocks between the two of them.

Since taking over the libero position, Evans has tallied a team-high 350 digs.

"We know these two teams

are great teams," coach Taras Liskevych said. "We need to take them one at a time. The way we envision it is to not look at the teams we are playing, but what we do on our side of the net."

The Beavers meet Cal tonight at Haas Pavilion before meeting the Cardinal at Maples Pavilion tomorrow night. Oregon State returns home against UCLA and USC next week.

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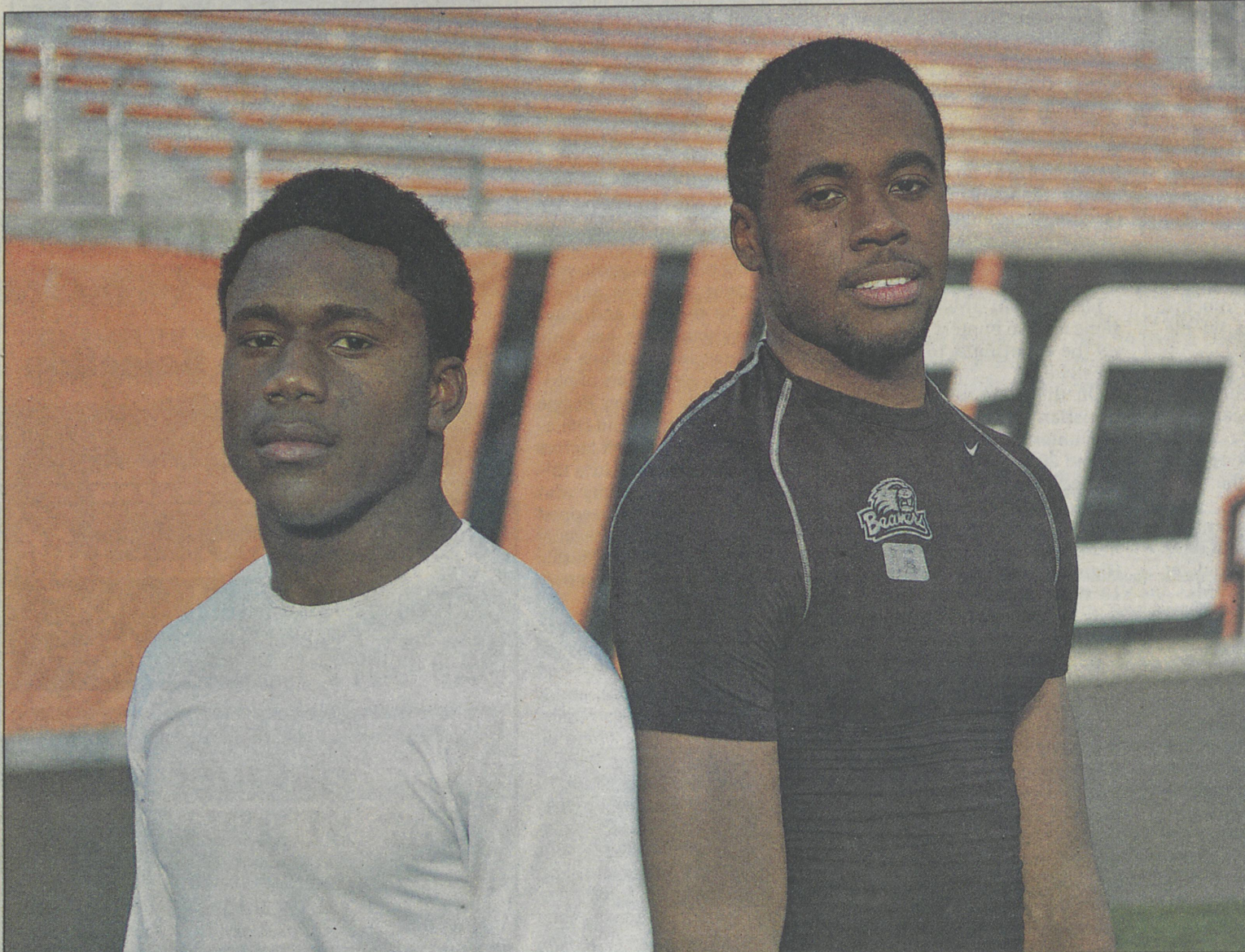
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*The one thing I wanted to make sure was explained is, no steroids. I never took nothing like that before in my life. That would be 50 games, and that would affect me a whole lot more.*

— San Diego Padres outfielder Mike Cameron on being suspended the first 25 games after testing positive for a banned stimulant



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Known for their speed and athleticism, freshman receivers James Rodgers and Darrell Catchings have been a focal point of Oregon State's offense this season, helping get the team off to a 5-3 start.

## Double trouble

■ With All-American receiver Sammie Stroughter out for season, pair of true freshman receivers have stepped up to play vital roles in offense

By Kye Johnson  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Every once in a while you find that you get forced into a situation you didn't necessarily expect to be in. For Beaver freshman receivers Darrell Catchings and James Rodgers, being forced into early playing time has been a blessing for them and the Oregon State football team.

Both Catchings and Rodgers have made huge impacts offensively for the Beavers this season and both continue to see their roles grow as the season wears on.

The duo are just true freshmen, but both

have played like veterans all year. Rodgers is currently second on the team in rushing with 264 yards on just 16 carries. He also has six catches on the year for 90 yards, making him the most versatile asset on the OSU offense.

Catchings is third on the team in receptions (24) to go along with 261 yards and a touchdown. His playing time has significantly increased due to the injury of All-American Sammie Stroughter.

"It's really nice to see those two step up for us," said Sean Canfield after the Cal game. "Once Sammie went down, we were kind of looking around and we needed them to step in and make plays, and they've done that."

Even though Stroughter has only appeared in three games this season, he has still made an impact on both players' progression.

"He helps me out a lot," Catchings said. "We'll do stuff like watch film together and he'll help me remember plays, stuff like that. Because there is a lot of stuff to remember, and he goes over all of that with me because it can be kind of tough."

"He's been a really good mentor for me," Rodgers added. "When I first got here I didn't really talk to him too much. But then as I started coming along, I would go to him to talk about how to run good routes, just the details of the game."

For both guys, however, it was a surprise to even be playing this year.

"When I came [to OSU] I was pretty much told by the coaches just be ready to play, but I was planning on redshirting," Rodgers said.

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Jenna Santelli



## NFL's big guns will shine in Sunday match

Football excitement is high for this weekend. First off, the Beavers play the USC Trojans in the Coliseum, where the Beavers haven't won since 1960.

By my calculations, it has only been 47 years since OSU took down the Men of Troy at their spacious stadium. Sean Canfield will have his first shot at ending that winless streak, and while there may be no Yvenson Bernard, that's okay. Back-up running back Clinton Polk only had his biggest collegiate game in last year's upset of SC.

Following a Saturday showdown in Los Angeles is, of course, the big game between the undefeated New England Patriots and the undefeated, Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts. This is probably going to be the biggest game of the regular season, and while the game is being played in Indianapolis, the Colts are considered the underdogs.

The Super Bowl champions are considered the underdogs, and that is hard to imagine in my eyes.

The Colts' defense is going against the No. 1 offense in the league. With Randy Moss in company, this offense knows how to score; just ask the Washington Redskins. In last week's game, the Patriots amassed 55 points, and quarterback Tom Brady is having a record-breaking season with 30 touchdown passes. Oh, and by the way, he is on pace to break his opponent Peyton Manning's touchdown record this season.

The signing of Randy Moss in the offseason wasn't the best idea in my opinion, but man was I wrong. He has been nothing short of sensational, and he has been the Michael Jordan of the NFL this season. Going into Week Nine, he is averaging 16.7 yards a catch, with 11 touchdowns and 779 yards of receiving. For one out of every three touchdowns thrown by Brady,

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## Women's golf in third after Day One

■ Trailing only LA schools in team standings, OSU will look to end 2007 fall golf campaign on strong note today in final round of Kent Youel Invitational

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The Oregon State women's golf team is currently in third place after completing the first round of action at the Kent Youel Invitational. The Beavers' Jessi Gebhardt is in first place following the first round of the tournament, carding the best score of the day with a 3-under 69.

Gebhardt's score marked the second time this fall she has shot a 69, as she tied her best round of the fall season.

The Beavers put up a score of 17-over-par, 288 and are 11 strokes back of Southern California for second place. UCLA led after one round of play.

In addition to Gebhardt, the Beavers' Julianna Uhrik is tied for 22nd place with a score of 5-over 77. One stroke away from Uhrik is freshman Cara Freeman, registering a score of 6-over 78, which ties her for 31st overall.

Rounding out the scoring for the Beavers are Lauren Archer (81) and Martha Burkard (83). Archer is tied for 68th, while Burkard is currently in a tie for 84th.

The second round was also scheduled to be played on Tuesday, but as of press time, results were not available.

## Bay area awaits OSU volleyball

■ Beavers return to road to face top 10 opponents Cal, Stanford for second half of season

By Casey Grogan  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Staying on the winning side of things may be difficult for the OSU volleyball team this weekend as they travel to the Bay Area to take on two ranked teams in No. 8 Cal and No. 5 Stanford.

The Beavers (10-13, 3-8 Pac-10) are coming off a week in which they split with the Arizona schools inside Gill Coliseum. They won a five-game thriller against Arizona in a match where both teams made costly mistakes. The Beavers made the most of the Wildcats' mishaps and handed them the loss.

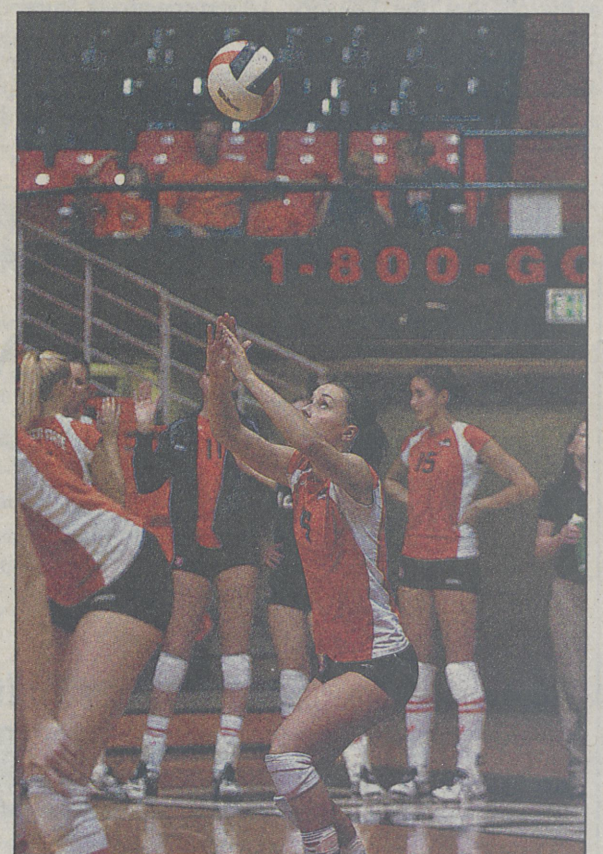
On the season, the Beavers have played best on the road, winning eight of their matches away from home. First up on the trip for OSU are the Cal Golden Bears (17-5, 7-4 Pac-10), who are coming off a split weekend with the Los Angeles area schools. They lost to USC

in five games and knocked off UCLA in five the following night.

In their last meeting, the Beavers were knocked off in three straight as they struggled to return the Golden Bears' serves. Cal served its way to nine aces, including two by outside hitter Morgan Beck, but the Beavers passed the ball well against the strong serving of Arizona on their way to a victory. Cal holds a 34-17 record against OSU all-time, including victories in eight of the last nine matches.

"It is a confidence booster," senior outside hitter Kristin Murray said. "In our previous matches against Arizona and Cal we didn't pass very well, and to pass well against Arizona gives us confidence going up against Cal."

Outside hitter Hana Cutura leads the Cal attack with 288 kills, while outside hitter Angie Pressey has 277 of her own. Setting things up for the Golden Bears is setter Carli Lloyd with 970 assists. The Golden Bears' defense is extreme-



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Junior Natalie Hooper and the Oregon State volleyball team will get another opportunity this weekend against the Bay Area schools.

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