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SHAB takes steps toward smoke-free OSU

Student Health Advisory Board proposes Fresh Air Initiative to ban smoking on campus

By Regi Seitz The Daily Barometer

OSU's Student Health Advisory Board has launched the Fresh Air Initiative to assess how students and faculty will react to a new smoking policy on campus.

The current procedure at OSU is a boundary policy, which entails nonsmoking areas around certain buildings. The goal would be to make the entire campus a smoke-free environment

The initiative, however, raises a

would affect the recruitment process and cause fewer students to attend OSU.

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Charlie Fautin, deputy administrator for the Public Health Department, thinks that such a scenario won't occur.

A recent CNN article confirms Fautin's predictions, reporting that going smoke-free is a trend that's catching on across campuses nationwide.

According to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, five colleges in Oregon have either smokefree residential housing or are entirely smoke-free. OSU is not on the list. One major benefit of a smoke-

free campus is an updated learning

concern that a smoke-free campus process for students - a reminder about the dangers associated with smoking.

"International students sometimes come from countries where it is encouraged to smoke," said Tina Withrow-Robinson, coordinator of special programs at OSU.

One of the goals of the smoke-free initiative is to educate international students about the dangers associated with smoking and second hand smoke

SHAB is basing all progress of the initiative on the feedback from university staff and students.

"We want to know what students want," said Lisa Sarish, vice chair of SHAB.

The problem with the current smoking policy is that it is difficult to know what buildings are restricted, according to Sarah Ballini, chair of SHAB.

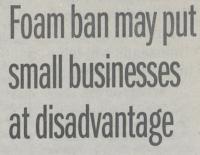
Due to the fact that even brief second hand smoke exposure causes harm, over 75 other schools across the U.S. have adopted policies against smoking.

New policy options include the sunset policy which outlines specific hours of smoking.

This policy would prohibit smoking during certain hours, when more people are on campus.

Students and staff, however, would

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Potential ban on plastic foam containers in Corvallis to be presented to city council

By Daniel White THE DAILY BAROMETER

Today ASOSU will be presenting a proposed ban on products made from expanded polystyrene foam, like styrofoam containers, to the Corvallis City Council.

More specifically, the proposed ban will pertain to plastic foam containers made from petroleumbased materials.

"We want to plant this idea in the minds of the council and the community," said Shayna Rogers, director of environmental affairs at ASOSU.

Expanded polystyrene products are harmful to the environment because they are non-biodegradable and can stay in landfills for thousands of years.

According to the California Department of Transportation, expanded polystyrene products account for about 15 percent of the all the trash that collects in city streets and gutters.

The products are considered to

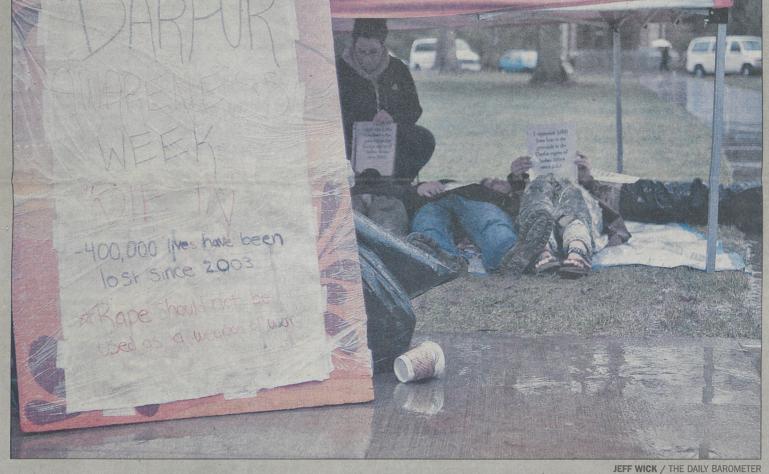
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In Brief

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Beaver Bus will not be operating during the Thanksgiving Weekend, Nov. 22 through 24. Services will resume Nov. 29 through Dec.1. OSU students, faculty and staff ride the bus free of charge, in addition to any community member whose employer currently participates in a group pass agreement with Corvallis Transit Services.

The Beaver Bus will not be running through winter break. Services will resume Jan. 10, 2008.



Representing Repression

Randa Smith, sophomore in women studies, leads a groups of students in the Darfur Die In Friday afternoon in the quad. The students were representing dead bodies in Darfur. The group's goal was to get one person for every 5000 people killed in Darfur since 2003.

Gamers heat up fundraiser with Halo 3 tournament

Group finds creative way to raise money for charity of choice

By Dominique Smith THE DAILY BAROMETER

Halo 3 gamers had an opportunity to show off their skills and win some prizes in the process.

Over the weekend, Bexell Hall hosted a Halo 3 tournament. For a small donation fee, Halo players all over campus had a chance to compete for a variety of prizes including Xbox 360 games, controllers, gift certificates, bragging rights and a grand prize of a Xbox 360 console.

It cost \$10 to reserve a spot in advance or \$13 at the door. All profits were donated to the National Military Association, Inc., one of the top charities in the nation, to provide important aide to the hundreds of thousands of military families who need the support.

The charity was chosen because of the obvious relationship between the Halo theme and the U.S. military.

The tournament rounds consisted of three matches played between four individual players at a Free For All Slayer style with 25 kills to win the match.

Each match had a 10 minute time limit and the player with the highest cumulative kill count of all the matches advanced to the next round, eliminating all other players.

Round 1 was conducted on Friday while Rounds 2 and 3 were held on Saturday. Rooms with projected screens in Bexell Hall were provided by OSU's College of Business while the consoles were supplied by several tournament supporters and friends.

Certain prizes were donated by local firms such as Albany Costco, Timberhill Athletic Club, Pepsi, and Smith-Weekly Consultants, while others were purchased with some of the revenue generated by the event.

The event was managed by students from the College of Business as part of a graded team assignment for the BA 462 Project Management class, under Erik Larson.

"Several different things are taken into consideration for the grade," said Sher Fenn, one of the students managing the event.

The grade was based on "the amount of money raised for our chosen charity, the quality of all of our deliverables leading up to this event, as well as the overall success in terms of attendance and satisfaction," Fenn said.

This type of project has not been done before.

"Our team has the confidence and know-how to get the project done while having fun doing it," said Andrew Weekly, one of the Project Management students running the event. "It will be a learning experience as well."

Close to 100 people showed up to participate in the event. The exact profit figure won't be available until later in the week. For more information about National Military Association, visit http://halo4heroes.110mb. com.

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Student officials help keep score and watch over the matches on Friday and Saturday nights at the Halo 3 tournament in Bexell Hall. The tournament "Halo for Heroes" was raising money for the charity National Military Families Association. The gaming began with round 1 on Friday and continued into Saturday with rounds 2 and 3.

Newsree The Daily Barometer

By Sergei Chuzavkav

The Associated Press

39 miners in the ex-Soviet

nation's worst mining acci-

dent in years, emergency offi-

Authorities rescued 367

miners but at least 51 others

remained trapped inside the

mine - one of Ukraine's larg-

est and deepest, officials said.

So far 27 miners have been

around 3 a.m. more than 3,300

feet below ground inside the

Zasyadko mine, the Emergen-

Rescue workers found 39

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"Taking 50 humpbacks from a population of tens of thousands will have no significant impact whatsoever."

Hideki Moronuki, whaling chief at Japan's Fisheries Agency. Japan's whaling fleet is about to embark upon the first known large-scale hunt for the whales since a 1963 moratorium put them under international protection

"The toll is rising fast as we are receiving more information from outlying areas, where telephone lines have been restored." Mokhlesur Rahman, a Ministry of

Disaster Management official, on the rising death toll from a cyclone that savaged coastal Bangladesh.

BREAKDOWN

BARGUNA, Bangladesh - The death toll from Bangladesh's most devastating storm in a decade climbed to at least 2,300 on Sunday and relief officials warned the figure could jump sharply as rescuers reach more isolated areas.

Teams from international aid organizations worked with army troops in a massive rescue effort that drew help from around the world. Rescue workers cleared roads of fallen trees and twisted roofs to reach remote villages, but tents, rice, water and other relief items were slow to arrive.

GUIYU, China — The air smells acrid from the squat gas burners that sit outside homes, melting wires to recover copper and cooking computer motherboards to release gold. Migrant workers in filthy clothes smash picture tubes by hand to recover glass and electronic parts, releasing as much as 6.5 pounds of lead dust.

For five years, environmentalists and the media have highlighted the danger to Chinese workers who dismantle much of the world's junked electronics.

Just one

spokesman Ihor Krol said. He said a fire raging through the DONETSK, Ukraine — A methane blast ripped through mine had partly destroyed the ventilation system and was a coal mine in eastern Ukraine early Sunday, killing at least

hampering rescue efforts. The mine accident was the deadliest in Ukraine since an explosion at the Barakova mine in the eastern Luhansk region killed 81 miners in March 2000. The country has some of the world's most dangerous mines.

There is a growing appetite for Ukraine's rich coal reserves, particularly amid rising natural gas prices. The government has called for production to be increased by a third, to 80 million tons this year.

not doing enough to reform coal mining and ordered an official panel to investigate the accident and bring those responsible to account.

Local authorities declared three days of mourning for the dead miners. TV footage showed relatives in tears, some fainting from grief.

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, a native of the region, visited the site about 450 miles southeast of Kiev, pledging to help victims' families. The Zasyadko mine is near Donetsk, the heart of the Ukrainian coal mining sector. Since the 1991 Soviet col-

lapse, more than 4,700 miners President Viktor Yushchen- For every 1 million tons of equipment, officials said.

bodies, the ministry's chief ko blamed his Cabinet for coal brought to the surface in Ukraine, three miners lose their lives, according to official data.

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Experts say Ukraine's mines are dangerous largely because they are so deep, typically running more than 3,280 feet underground. By comparison, most European coal beds lie at a depth of 1,640 to 1,970 feet.

Methane is a natural byproduct of mining, and its concentration increases with depth. More than 75 percent of Ukraine's some 200 coal mines are classified as dangerous due to high methane concentrations.

Mines must be ventilated to prevent explosions, but some in Ukraine have been killed. rely on outdated ventilation

Taliban militants hang mutilated police **bodies in Afghanistan**

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Taliban militants slashed the hands and legs of five abducted policemen in southern Afghanistan and hung their mutilated bodies from trees in a warning to villagers against working with the government, officials said Sunday.

The discovery of the bodies came as officials said that recent violence and clashes had left at least 68 people dead across Afghanistan.

The officers had been abducted two months ago from their checkpoint in southern Uruzgan province, said Juma Gul Himat, the provincial police chief. The Taliban slashed their hands and legs and hung the bodies on trees Saturday in Gazak village of Derawud district, he said.

"The Taliban told the people that whoever works with the government will suffer the same fate as these policemen," Himat said. "This village is under Taliban control. There are more than 100 Taliban in this village.

Two tribal elders received the bodies of the policemen on Sunday, he said.

More than 6,000 people have died in insurgency-related violence this year a record number, according to an Associated Press count based on figures from Western and Afghan officials.

The executions followed several days of violence in the country's south which

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39 killed in mine explosion in latest Ukraine mine disaster

left at least 63 people dead, including 58 militants and two Canadian soldiers.

Also in Uruzgan, police shot and killed two suspected Taliban militants on Sunday as they approached a police checkpoint on a motorbike, Himat said.



Large settlement reached in priest sexual abuse cases

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A Roman Catholic religious order has agreed to pay \$50 million to dozens of Alaska Natives who were victims of sexual abuse by Jesuit priests, their lawyer said Sunday.

The settlement with the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus is the largest one yet against a Catholic religious order, said Anchorage lawyer Ken Roosa.

However the superior of the Oregon Province called the announcement premature. The Oregon-based province covers Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

He called the settlement "a great day" for the victims in which the truth of what had occurred over many years was recognized.

"These are people who were altar boys and altar servers and altar girls," Roosa said. "These are people who tried to tell their story and in many instances were beaten or told to shut up and told, 'How can you say such things about a man of God?

The settlement announcement is premature because some issues need to be

finalized, said the Very Rev. John Whitney, provincial superior of the Oregon Province.

'When those issues are resolved we will be available for a more complete discussion of the matter," Whitney said in a prepared statement. He described the settlement announcement as "premature and detrimental."

Oregon's 2007 vote: Allies parted, enemies partnered for results

PORTLAND — It's no secret that the voters of Multnomah County are more tax-friendly than Oregonians on the other side of the Cascade Range.

But, usually, voters in a few other left-leaning enclaves, from Corvallis to Hood River, can be counted on to vote for new taxes to shore up or expand state services.

Not this year.

Multnomah County stood alone in supporting Measure 50, a proposed tobacco tax increase to expand children's health care programs. In 35 other counties, residents turned the plan down flat - by 12,000 votes in liberal Lane County.

That's just one anomaly in a generally haphazard election season, that saw both traditional allies part ways, and unlikely bedfellows band together.

As expected, Multnomah County voted to roll back changes to land-use regulations voters approved in 2004.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Associated Press

CALENDAR

Monday, Nov. 19

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 **ASOSU Multicultural Affairs Task** Force, 5pm, SLI Lounge. Discuss events that will happen on campus

that affect students of color Sigma Lambda Delta Sorority, 5-8pm, CCCC. Come meet and hang

out with the ladies of Sigma Lambda Delta

Events

Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry, 7:30-9pm, Westminster House. Liberal Religion Lives!

Men's Rugby Club, 3:30-5:30pm, Peavy Field. Practice.

Native American Longhouse,

2.30pm, Native American Longhouse Acorn Soup Demo - Come learn how a traditional Native soup is prepared Student Leadership & Involvement, 4-5:30pm, MU Board Boom, Serving

food at open events workshop. Native American Longhouse, 2:30pm, NAL. Acorn soup demonstra-

tion. Join us as Margaret Mathewson of the Anthropology Dept. demon-strates the traditional way to make acorn soup.

ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force, 8-9pm, MU Quad. "Trans Day of Remembrance Candle Vigil": Gather to honor individuals who have been violently targeted because of their gender identity/expression

APCC & JASA, 6-7:30pm, MU 206. "Through The Eyes of A Film Maker Learn about the creation of two short films by Ethnic Studies professor Dr. Patti Sakurai, "Air" and "Monument." Afterwards there will be a discussion about the opportunity for APA film makers today

Tuesday, Nov. 20

Meetings

ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 6-7pm., Snell 149. Come work on campaigns related to the environ-

ASOSU Accessibility Task Force, 4pm, Snell Hall, Discuss plans and brainstorm ideas for OSU's Accessibil ity Task Force.

ASOSU Campus Affairs Task Force, 4pm, Snell Hall Conference Room We try to find the problems around campus and fix them

ASOSU State Affairs Task Force, 6pm, Snell Hall Lounge. Discuss how students can make a positive difference in the state and local governments

Events

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

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Lunch! Come and go as you are able. Homemade food, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option.

Student Leadership & Involvement, 4-5pm, MU Board Room. Publicity & Marketing on the OSU campus. Work

shop for student organizations Men's Rugby Club, 3:30-5:30pm, Peavy Field. Practice

STAND, 9am-4pm, MU Quad. Darfur Awareness Day!



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Red Sox rookie star gets hometown hero's welcome

By Jeff Barnard THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

rookie Jacoby Ellsbury came home to a hero's welcome Saturday after a fairytale season that saw him rise from double-A to World Series champion.

"I need a basketball," the 24year-old Ellsbury said before wading into the roaring crowd that filled the gym of Madras High School, where the newly minted big-league star lettered in basketball, football, track and baseball.

"Yeah, but there were never this many people," high school teammate Jake Jaca reminded him before a grinning Ellsbury started shaking hands and waving to the pressing crowd of some 3,000 people, many decked out in Red Sox hats and shirts.

Ellsbury is widely believed to be the first Navajo to play major league baseball, but was born and grew up in this small farming town on the Oregon high desert, where his mother, Marjorie Ellsbury, moved from her home in Arizona to become a special education teacher for the nearby Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs.

Here she met Jim Ellsbury, a forester for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, and they raised four sons, of which Jacoby is the oldest. He is an enrolled member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes in Arizona.

"I'm really proud of Jacoby, coming out of the Navajo Nation," said Ken Man, a member of the Warm Springs tribes who called the radio play-by-play of Ellsbury's high school basketball games. "He could have been in the NBA, too, he's that good."

Man wore a Red Sox cap he bought at Fenway Park MADRAS - Boston Red Sox last August, and a red T-shirt emblazoned with a white buffalo, the Madras High School mascot, wearing four red socks and branded with Ellsbury's No. 46.

> Though the day was rainy, the sun broke out just long enough for Ellsbury to sit on the back deck of a black Corvette convertible for a parade through town, where the sidewalks were packed with cheering fans.

"The parade in Boston was amazing, but this is even better," he told the crowd to cheers. "You guys are incredible.

Drafted by the Red Sox in the first round in 2005 out of Oregon State University, Ellsbury started 2007 with double-A Portland, Me., and moved up to triple-A Pawtucket, R.I., before being called up to Boston to fill in for injured center fielder Coco Crisp in June.

When slugger Manny Ramirez pulled a muscle in his side in August, Ellsbury took over left field. He ended the regular season batting .353 with three home runs, 18 RBIs and went 9-for-9 on stolen bases after 116 at bats, but with Ramirez healthy was back on the bench for the playoffs.

With the Red Sox down three games to one in the American League Championship Series and Crisp slumping, manager Terry Francona put Ellsbury back in, and he helped the Sox make a run of seven straight games to win the American League pennant and the World Series.

During the World Series he collected 16 hits, second only to Dustin Pedroia.

A candy bar, a wallet, even a hairbrush in hand can make police shoot in tense confrontations

By Marcus Franklin THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A candy bar, a wallet, even a pair of baggy pants can draw deadly police gunfire.

The killing of a hairbrushbrandishing teenager last week was the latest instance of police shootings in which officers reacted to what they erroneously feared was a weapon. It has revived debate over the use of force, perceptions of threats and police training.

"We have cases like that all over the country where it can be a wallet, a cell phone, a can of Coca-Cola and officers have fired the weapon," said Scott Greenwood, a Cincinnati attorney who has worked on police use-of-force cases across the country and who is a general counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"It does not necessarily mean it was excessive use of force," he added. "However, those types of incidents do give rise to greater suspicion on the part of the public about how police use force and they call into question the training departments are using to train officers to perceive and respond to threats.

Department says the officers who fired 20 shots at 18-yearold Khiel Coppin on Nov. 12 were justified in their use of

ager approached officers outside his mother's home with a black object in his hand — the hairbrush — and repeatedly ignored orders to stop.

The officers were responding to a 911 call in which Coppin could be heard in the background saying he had a gun. But in a second 911 call Coppin's mother told the operator her son wasn't armed, and after officers arrived she repeated that to them.

"Why did the police not heed the warnings ... that her son was unarmed?" said Paul Wooten, the family's attorney. "Why was it necessary for the overwhelming use of deadly force? Five police officers, 20 shots, eight hits. Is there no proportionality?

Last year, New York officers fired 50 bullets at three unarmed men in a car, killing Sean Bell on his wedding day and seriously wounding his two friends. Three officers are scheduled for trial in Febru-

In 1999, four New York City undercover officers fired 41 shots at Amadou Diallo, striking him 19 times, when the 22-year-old man reached for his wallet while standing in The New York Police an apartment building vestibule. The officers said they thought Diallo was reaching for a gun.

The 2001 Cincinnati police

force. The mentally ill teen- killing of Timothy Thomas something unidentifiable in the 15th black resident to die at police hands since 1995 led to the city's worst civil unrest since the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Thomas was unarmed,

but was reaching to pull up his baggy pants while he was being chased.

In that case, as in other police shootings, the officer who fired said his actions were triggered by fear for his own safety

At least 64 U.S. law enforcement officers have been killed by gunshots this year, . according to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund.

Andre Burgess was walking down a New York street in 1997 when an undercover federal agent shot him in the thigh, saying he thought the foil-wrapped Three Musketeers candy bar in his hand was a gun.

Violent confrontations between police and crime suspects occur daily in big cities, and officers are often called upon to make snap judgments on the use of force.

Early Sunday, officers in Brooklyn shot two people who they believed were dangerous; one was a suspect in a stabbing who police said advanced on officers with a broken bottle.

"Just because a subject has 1996 it was 30.

his or her hands, that's never an automatic justification for the use of deadly force,' Greenwood said.

However, "If someone is carrying around a toy pistol we don't expect the police to know it's a toy," he said.

Critics of police shootings have said racial stereotypes factor into officers' perceptions of threats. Some studies, for example, have shown that police use less force on white suspects than on nonwhite suspects. Thomas, Bell, Diallo, Burgess and Coppin were black.

NYPD instructors say recruits are repeatedly cautioned to be aware of their surroundings and to try to take cover and assess a situation before opening fire. But once shooting starts, officers are trained to "shoot to stop" by firing at a target's "center mass" or torso.

Despite the Bell and Coppin deaths, police officials argue that statistics show the NYPD has become more restrained: Officers fired 540 shots last year, down 13 percent from 616 in 2005. In 1996, the total was 1,292. This year, members of the 36,000-officer department have killed 10 people. Last year, the total was 13 people, up from nine in 2005, and in

Pakistan says US envoy who called for end to emergency rule brought "nothing new"

By Paul Haven IATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's government dismissed a last-ditch U.S. call to end emergency rule, leaving the Bush administration with limited options Sunday in steering its nuclear-armed ally back toward democracy.

Pakistan said U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte brought no new proposals on a make-or-break visit, and received no assurances after urging Musharraf to restore the constitution and free thousands of political opponents.

"This is nothing new," For-

ful that the emergency rule of al-Qaida and the Taliban back government forces. imposed more than two weeks believed to be sheltering in ago could lead to a potentially destabilizing round of political turmoil.

In an early morning news conference before departing Pakistan, Negroponte said he hoped that the president listened to his appeal to end a crackdown on opponents before legislative elections scheduled for January.

"I urged the government to stop such actions, lift the state of emergency and release all political detainees," Negroponte told reporters at the U.S. Embassy. "Emergency rule is not compatible with free, fair and credible elec-

the country's rugged northwestern tribal areas.

Pakistani army helicopter gunships strafed militant positions in the northwest on Sunday, hitting a valley where fighters loyal to a pro-Taliban cleric have been battling security forces for months, the army said.

Soldiers also fired artillery and mortar shells at militants in Swat, inflicting "many casualties," the army said. It did not offer any specific casualty figures

Fighting in Swat, a former

On Saturday, a top general said 15,000 troops were massed for a major offensive against the insurgents, and the military said that between 35 and 40 rebels had been killed in attacks by army helicopter gunships a day earlier, bringing the total number of rebels killed in the past week to more than 100.

Elsewhere in the northwest, rival Sunni and Shiite Muslims battled Sunday in a town where three days of sectarian violence has left 91 people dead, officials said.

Both sides fired mortars tourist destination about 100 and other heavy weapons miles northwest of Islamabad, at each other in the town has turned parts of the region of Parachinar late Saturday mosques, an intelligence offi tion of anonymity because he Fighters loval to Maulana was not authorized to speak to the media.

McCain says it's OK THE A to make people mad, challenges Clinton

By Philip Elliott

RINDGE, N.H. - Making people mad is a good thing, presidential hopeful John McCain said Sunday in a speech aimed at playing up the Arizona senator's outsider reputation.

"I didn't seek public office

go along, to get along," McCain that," McCain said. "Senator said, trying to remind voters of the "maverick" label that helped him defeat then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush in New Hampshire in 2000. "I went to Washington to get something done for the people who sent me there. And since then, I know I've made some people angry.

withdrawal that would do just Clinton rejected unconditional talks with Iran, but now says she would negotiate with no preconditions."

candidate Hillary Rodham

Clinton has done everything

she can to land on the popular

Clinton says we can't aban-

don Iraq to al-Qaida and the

influence of Iran. On the other,

she wants a firm deadline for

"On the one hand, Senator

side of most issues.

"I'm the conservative Republican with the best chance of defeating Senator Clinton, or whomever the Democrats nominate, and take on the challenges that confront us," McCain said Democratic the Arizona Republican said.

eign Ministry® spokesman tions. Mohammed Sadiq told The Associated Press. "The U.S. has been saying this for many days. He (Negroponte) has said that same thing. He has reiterated it."

Locked in a battle with increasingly powerful Islamist militants, Pakistan is seen as a key front in the war on terror. U.S. officials are clearly fear-

But Musharrafhas appeared intent on setting his own pace despite warnings from Washington, which has been hesitant to match criticism with actions such as cutting military aid.

Militant gains have raised U.S. concerns about Pakistan's ability to combat militancy and flush out remnants

into a no-go zone for jour- and early Sunday, targeting nalists, and the army claims residential areas and hitting could not be independently verified. The rebels could not cial said. He spoke on condibe reached comment.

Fazlullah, a rebel cleric who wants to impose Islamic rule, have steadily advanced down billowing from two Sunni the Swat valley since July, tak- neighborhoods in the town ing over towns and driving early Sunday, the official said.

Plumes of smoke were seen

FOAM: Burning of expanded polystyrene releases toxic chemicals to environment CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

be the fifth largest creator Agency.

The disposal of expanded polystyrene has environmental consequences. When burned, it releases toxic chemicals into the air.

This leaves landfills as one of the few options for disposal of expanded polystyrene.

Similar bans have been of hazardous waste by the enacted in nearly 100 cit-Environmental Protection ies and regions around the country - Portland, San Francisco and Oakland are just a few.

> The ban of expanded polystyrene foam products is expected to help the Corvallis community become more eco-friendly.

city and in landfills.

Using alternative products, to those made from expanded polystyrene foam, is not as cost effective for smaller businesses.

Businesses like the North Shore smoothie shop, rely on styrofoam cups on a daily basis.

"No company cares more about the environment than North Shore," said Tim Lesmeister, the owner of North Shore.

Lesmeister wants to see It will also help cut down an alternative to one-use hazardous waste around the cups that will not put him at

a disadvantage.

North Shore is currently offering its customers a reusable plastic insulated cup for a one time fee of \$1. No alternative, however, has been found for disposable cups.

The proposal for the ban is being held today at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the fire station at 400 NW

Harrison Blvd.

Students and community members are encouraged to participate.

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SMOKE-FREE: Inconvienence for smokers who would need to walk to edges of campus CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

smoke after designated hours.

The smoke-free policy would ban smoking anywhere on campus.

The down side to the policy would be inconvenience.

Smokers would have to walk off campus grounds to indulge in a cigarette — which puts safety into question, especially during late hours.

OSU is also hosting the Great

still be exposed to second hand American Smokeout to create awareness about the dangers of smoking.

The annual event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, and encourages those who smoke to quit for 24 hours.

For more resources on quitting smoking, visit www.quitsmoking.com.

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Guest Editorial NewThursday

A recent study by the University of Missouri found that students with Friday classes drank half as much as students who started the weekend early. In response to this incredible finding, administrators at the University of Iowa have decided to do the unthinkable: They've created a monetary-incentive program to entice departments in the university's college of liberal arts and sciences to switch classes to Friday.

The program, which will begin next fall, will pay departments \$20 per student switched per class - and not just any class. According to a column in the Daily Iowan, the departments can only receive the incentive for extending to Friday certain classes that in the past have been taught on days other than Friday. The course must also fulfill University of Iowa's general education requirements or be historically popular and must enroll at least 22 students (that's \$440 in monetary terms).

At Iowa, much like at Pitt, Fridays are traditionally unpopular days for classes, as students - as well as faculty members — enjoy the weekend jump start. But, as the study findings suggest, some students use the extra weekend night as an excuse to head to the bars — a phenomenon known as "Thirsty Thursday." Iowa administrators' rationale was most likely by scheduling more popular and, in some cases, required classes on Fridays, students who, in the past, had been able to avoid Friday scheduling in favor of long weekends and an extra night at the bar will be forced to stay in on Thursdays, studiously writing papers and pouring over their textbooks.

The problem with the program is that it's not offering the right incentive to the right people. Are the departments seriously going to give into this nonsense? How much revenue will they realistically generate from a couple of switched lecture hall classes? An extra cheese plate at the faculty luncheon? A computer in the department's library? The plan also suggests a certain condescending "administrators know best" approach. It's like the university thinks it can just pull the wool over the students' eyes. "Haha! We got you. Try going to the bar now!'

The most realistic, but least likely, incentive for Friday scheduling would be to offer the money to students themselves. While \$20 can barely pay for one "Thirsty Thursday," maybe it would be enough to attract some students to the merits of Friday classes

And if it doesn't, it doesn't. College students like to drink. This phenomenon has been going on for decades, believe it or not. We also like having our Fridays off for other, non-alcohol induced activities, like going home for the weekend, catching a movie or actually studying. Rather than spending the time and money implementing the Friday scheduling program, we suggest that the University of Iowa rethinks its policies. What do the students want? What would be the most effective strategy to curb binge drinking? These are all questions that need to be asked by both administrators and students in order to really tackle the trend of binge drinking on campus.



Fighting the "Holiday Blues"

ell, it's the holiday season again. Halloween was a few weeks ago, Thanksgiving is in a couple days and winter break is not far off from that. It also means the coming of the dreary and dark period that

they call an Oregon winter. In such an environment, it is almost expected to suffer some level of the "Holiday Blues." Yet it always seems to come at the worst possible time. It is very difficult to study for one's finals or finish one's projects as the lethargy, apathy, and depression of these blues sets in.

For many, this is just an inconvenience as it leads to a simple distraction from their responsibilities. But for some this condition can be debilitating, causing severe depression. This condition is known as Seasonal Affective Disorder or, fittingly, SAD for short. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, symptoms of SAD include: depression, loss of energy, social withdrawal, oversleeping and difficulty concentrating. As I said earlier, these symptoms can be particularly damaging in the final weeks to come. Luckily, there are some simple treatments that can help alleviate the depression and allow



sufferers.

If you believe you suffer from SAD, or any depression, it is important to consult a licensed psychiatrist who will be able to help you. But if you are experiencing the gloom of the dark and the damp, here are a few uncomplicated home remedies.

The first, and most important, is to bring the sunlight back into your life. I know, that was horribly corny, but it is the truth. There have been conclusive results in light therapy, simulated sunlight, which has been shown to completely reverse the symptoms.

There are natural light lamps available at many hardware stores that are designed to mimic the sun's rays with its full-spectrum light. But it is still possible to find relief from fluorescent lights as well, as long as they produce 2500 to 10,000 lux at eye level. Just basking in this light for 20 to 60 minutes a day will improve your mood. This is because the light illuminates the photo receptors of the lower retina, which regulate the antidepressant response. Student Health Services even rents out these lights. For the first two weeks it's \$10 and after the third week it is \$20. Another remedy is to take vitamin D supplements along with the light therapy. We get the majority of our vitamin D from the sun's ultraviolet rays, which trigger its synthesis in our skin. With the overcast skies and increased darkness, many do not receive enough sunlight, and thus, not enough vitamin D. This results in a deficiency causing poor bone health and muscle weakness or, more generally, lethargy and sore bodies. Supplements make up for this to help promote better health and energy

It is also important to reduce the cabin fever caused by the involuntary sequestering caused by the rainy outdoors. Just being alone or locked up inside all the time can drive a person to depression, or worse. Though most will probably find themselves locked inside studying in the final weeks of this term, it is important not to cut yourself off completely from social activity.

This does not just mean going to classes, but continuing favorite hobbies and going out with friends. After all, some things can be more fun when played in the rain or the mud. Just be sure to keep warm and avoid a cold. It is often hardest to just bring yourself to go out, but once done, it helps so much. By simply retaining your habits and leaving your room socializing — you can stave off a

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This Is What I Do

The little things in life

few days ago I was talking to my mom about my plans for Thanksgiving, which now is "our" plans since Reid and I became engaged.

Since I have moved to Oregon from Texas in 2005, I have gone with Reid to his family's Thanksgiving gathering. Namely because flying to Mississippi takes about 14 hours total travel time — getting to Portland, flying, layovers, then driving to my parents house — and if I would only be there for four days, I would actually only get about two days with my family. Even though I would love to get to see my family, it just doesn't seem worth it, which is why I usually only go home for Christmas.

My friends from Texas also question when I will be coming home, but it is awkward because my family moved to Mississippi right after I graduated, so "home" is a rather ambiguous term for me right now - and Oregon is really what I have begun to consider my home.

However, being able to see the traditions other families celebrate during holidays interest me. Then I started to think about other traditions families have, the ones that are not connected to holidays.

Think back. What other family traditions did your family have? Did your family have a tradition for Friday nights when you were in grade school? Saturday mornings? Or the after school shows?

Because mine did. Do you remem-ber when TV was fun? When television stations actually seemed to care about "family viewing."

On Fridays my parents would often order pizza and my siblings and I would anxiously await ABC's "TGIF" to start. Shows like "Full House," "Step by Step," "Boy Meets World," "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" and "Family Matters" would come on and the night would begin. How many of us remember Steve Urkel? Or little Michelle?

My two older siblings would make it through all of the shows, but my younger brother and I would pass out in front of the TV among a cluster of blankets, sleeping bags, pillows and couch cushions.

Then our mom would sometimes wake us up Saturday morning with pancakes we could eat as we watched ABC's "One Saturday Morning." Although Kenneth and Lauren, my older siblings, would eat the pancakes, they didn't really seem to like the cartoons. They might have, but being older, they had to act as though they did not. Philip, my younger brother, and I loved the shows. You know, "Doug," "Pepper Ann," "Recess," "Sabrina: The Animated Series," "The Bugs Bunny Show," "The Weekenders" and "Rugrats."

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you to enjoy the holiday season again — or just finish your assignments.

SAD is primarily believed to be caused by the waning hours of light that happens in the northern hemispheres during the winter. Everyone has experienced the sad reality of the Pacific Northwest winter of going to school or work in darkness, and returning home in the same darkness. This lack of sunlight seems to weigh down the soul, and this is especially true of SAD great deal of the winter blues.

Though the weather is dark and dreary, and we seem to always be in night, there is still hope. Don't let vourself fall victim to the holiday blues or SAD. There are steps to be taken and, if needed, help to be found at SHS. This is a crucial time in the term, and depression can be catastrophic on one's university experience.

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After our Friday night and Saturday morning ritual, our mom would

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SLOCKI: Remembering the past and appreciating it for what it is, enjoying simple things CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

made us start homework, and told us to do a clean-up of our room — even if we didn't.

I would usually end up outside with my little brother and neighbors playing in the mud, riding bikes and just getting into trouble.

Sunday night was when I would do whatever I could for school. This is when the weekends were a break from school, and as the "One Saturday Morning" song goes, it was, "five hours of summer once a week." But the weekends really were two days of a mini summer vacation ... not at all what they are now.

These were shows that were not only humorous but educational in an odd way. Not necessarily academic knowledge, but looking back on it, those shows had some life lessons I actually did learn. Lessons such as the way people are treated, a way to deal with being an outcast or even something as simple as sibling rivalry.

Is it sad that I took lessons from this? I don't think so, seeing that current shows seem mindless, but that could just be because I am older now.

I guess I am outing myself in admitting that I still watch cartoons or family sitcoms. It is

are others out there.

Then let's think about the after school cartoons. All four of us kids would come home, get our snacks and then watch cartoons until we started homework and had dinner, then of course mom would get us all bathed and fight with us to go to bed.

These are the shows everyone remembers the most: "Legends of the Hidden Temple," "Pete and Pete," "Are You Afraid of the Dark?," "Rescue Rangers," "Goof Troop," "Mickey Mouse Club" and "Darkwing Duck."

This was when life was simple. A life I truly miss, but know it is a time in everyone's life. So often I hear about college: life." Well, is it? Or is it up to me a verb, noun, adjective and

sonal attacks/endorsements

phase, soon to be followed

by the ever-popular awkward

On the Grand Old Party

side, things are significantly

more wide open than on the

Democratic side, where it is

looking more and more like

Hillary Clinton is destined to

Lately, though, all of the

Republican candidates have

veered from a true conserva-

tive platform to distinguish

themselves from President

Bush or take blind stabs at

candidates can get his act

together and band the lead-

erless conservatives together

The conservative Nation-

al Right to Life Movement

recently endorsed actor/for-

mer senator Fred Thompson,

but there are questions about

just how pro-life he is. Twice

as a senator, Thompson

voted against an endorse-

ment of Roe v. Wade, yet he

has a completed survey to

his name that says he is in

favor of legal abortion. He

to win the presidency?

terms of popularity.

be the nominee.

Clinton.

of it yet?

my life is? Or am I simply too young to know? An even better question is, am I finally growing up and starting to appreciate the small things in life?

I was talking with some friends about homework and tasks in elementary school. When my math teacher in the fifth grade would make us take a test twice, check our answers and redo any questions we got incorrect - this was a 20 question test and we had 50 minutes to do it in. I now realize it was difficult and tedious.

Then every week in preparation for our spelling test remember those? - we would have to alphabetize the words, then write them out ten times, "this is the best time of your make sentences with them as

okay though — I am sure there to say when the best time of adverb (yeah, try to make the school — at least not for me. word Reindeer into an adverb), and finally we would take the test

Then I would often question how I would get through the week. How would I be able to do my math, English, history and science homework all in one night?

Now, although I don't have the same classes every day as I did before, I still wonder how I am going to make it through the week, and also realize how much I miss the old days.

The days when Friday night did not consist of figuring out what party I am going to go to, or when I will, if ever, get my homework done for the week, and trying to find out when to eat or sleep. Although weekends are a break from classes, they are not a break from

Although I miss the little things, I know when I graduate I will look back and say to myself, "You had it good in college." I don't think I have it "bad," I just wish I could actually recognize the small stuff in life. Maybe I do - like going home and getting to cuddle with my cat, or just sit at my computer for an hour browsing the Internet.

However, either way you look at it, there are traditions and rituals everyone misses, and looking back on those does help. So, what is your favorite memory of your days in elementary school?

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The lowdown on new phones

Bill Conant The Daily Cougar

erizon is launching four new phones this season, all droolworthy for one reason or another.

First up is the Samsung Juke. This phone is really a digital audio player with a cell phone radio tacked on at the last minute.

Packing 2GB of onboard storage, it also crams in a microSD slot for extra space to store MP3s, AAC files and WMA files.

The phone, which you may have seen swiveling about in recent commercials, is extremely narrow and easy to use for music playback.

Unfortunately, the cramped keypad makes nearly every other function more difficult than it should be. The 1.3 megapixel camera is more than adequate for most things, but don't expect to be the next Ansel Adams.

Call quality is good, if a little tinny sounding — the music sounds like this too, so chalk it up to an underpowered speaker.

That said, don't forget that it also sports the A2DP Bluetooth protocol, allowing you black bar to appear on the to use your stereo Bluetooth sides of the photo. headphones to control and listen to music.

two-year agreement and is meant to compete directly considered a base model — with the iPhone (though they no V-Cast, which is odd. You'd will only say it's meant to rival think a music phone could

is respectable at 20 days of standby time. Though it's considered mid-range, the phone's \$199.99 price after signing a two-year agreement isn't half bad.

The third newcomer is the Verizon Voyager. For \$299.99 and a two-year contract, you can get this phone whose clamshell design also brings two screens to the party one huge display on the outside and one slightly smaller on the inside.

The external touchscreen also features the vibrating feedback and the same sluggish response times as the Venus. The phone opens up to reveal a full QWERTY keyboard and built-in television tuner

Unfortunately, the TV tuner won't be of any use until Verizon can secure Channel 55 in the Houston area; however, it does work in a select few other parts of the country, and Verizon representatives say they are close to closing a deal for good old H-town.

The 2.0 megapixel camera does stills and video well, but the screens aren't exactly suited to show the photos at any respectable size - the photos' dimensions are mismatched with the phone's display resolution, causing a

Perhaps a firmware update will remedy this somehow. The \$99 device requires a This phone, their flagship, is "that Other Phone") and may

Where has the real Grand Old Party gone? There are 353 days **Kevin Bunkley** until the 2008 elec-

We're currently in the per-

ber such a survey. In his wavering, Thompson isn't alone: Rudy Giuliani was endorsed by evangelist Pat Robertson, and some quesappearances to branch out phase, and yet no candidate tion Giuliani's faith, given his marital scandals as mayor of or party has separated itself from the rest of the pack in New York.

It seems that none of this year's Republican field even remembers what a Republican is.

So what should a Republican be? There is no strict set of views a candidate must have, and that seems to be the problem with this bunch: They're all trying to say just the right thing that will make voters say, "Aha! It's Ronald Reagan all over again!" But was Reagan a true conservative? His two terms were So which of the Republican notoriously spend-happy, though George W. Bush would put him to shame.

Reagan said in 1975: "A political party cannot be all things to all people. It must represent certain fundamental beliefs which must not be compromised to political expediency."

That's a statement he never shied away from, even on hot-button issues like military spending, religion and, of course, taxes. Whatever Reagan was, he was just the right amount of it at all the claims he does not remem- right times, considering his who are out of touch with

dates seem like the antithesis of the fundamentals of Reagan: They are catering to the masses rather than being confident in why they belong in the Republican Party.

Giuliani can't go anywhere without the phrases "America's mayor" and "stopping the next Sept. 11" being uttered. Mitt Romney became a "lifelong member" of the National Rifle Association almost overnight, and he spends more time defending his faith than he does his politics.

John McCain is the most worthy of the nomination, because he has answers for the Iraq problem (he's actually been there), and he wants to reduce the deficit, but has anyone changed positions more often than McCain in and winning elections. recent years?

Ron Paul, the most surprising of all the candidates, has surprising popularity, but anyone who has so little faith in the system to want to is no Republican.

This field is lackluster, but not for a moment do I count myself among those relishing the return of someone like Newt Gingrich.

The Republicans are only now beginning to overshadow their negative image as a bunch of corrupt fat cats

government go into a shutdown rather than compro-

Such an image might as well be Gingrich's personal legacy: The last thing the party needs is to accept the entrance of the man whose fall from grace was just as drastic as his storied rise.

Crooked political scheming within the party may have started with the administration of Richard Nixon, but there's no reason to have that be a newfound fundamental of the GOP. Thankfully, it's looking more and more like the party won't have to make that choice.

The Republicans must stop pretending to be Reagan and start paying attention to what actually made him so good at building coalitions

As soon as one candidate can figure out how to have the rhetoric of Reagan while also mastering his skill at personal communication, timely, weighed proposals completely dismantle all of it and mass appeal, it is that person's charge to bring the party back under one banner.

> It's the only chance the Republicans have of escaping the fate President Bush's recent bumbling seems to have locked them into: Losing the election.

> > **Kevin Bunkley** Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

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device — the top screen is a display only, but the lower cle. screen is a dynamic touchthis is a cool idea, the navigation is clumsy and counterintuitive.

It features a slide-out keypad for calls and other functions, sports the same musicand allows V-Cast downloads for music and video, along with other advanced features.

The touchscreen vibrates letting you know you actually pressed something. This is useful, since you

have no other way of knowing if the button worked — the phone is sluggish and unresponsive to its controls.

The 2.0 megapixel camera takes decent pictures and videos, call quality is outstanding and the battery life

well steal some market share

Finally, Verizon is set to Next we have the Verizon launch its version of the Venus. This is a dual screen BlackBerry Pearl soon after you finish reading this arti-

The phone, which rocks screen: the buttons change to Research In Motion's tradematch the task at hand. While mark "push" e-mail, is a more consumer-friendly version of their business-oriented phones.

Verizon is the last major network to launch this model, but it does include some playing features as the Juke minor hardware upgrades over the other models - a 2.0 megapixel camera and a full-size headphone jack for music.

The phone will cost you in response to your touch, \$199.99 and two years of undying devotion.

All of these phones will be available in time for the holiday rush. The Juke has been on sale since the beginning of the month and the Voyager and Venus both debuted this week, while the Pearl will ship "before the Christmas rush."

> Bill Conant The Daily Cougar (U. Houston)

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND ON INTERSTATE 5 PIT RIVER BRIDGE **10 MILES NORTH OF REDDING**

Long delays on the Pit River Bridge over Shasta Lake are expected during the Thanksgiving Weekend. A two-year emergency deck replacement has the structure reduced to one lane in each direction and speeds have been lowered to 45 MPH. Caltrans asks motorists to be patient, plan extra time to reach their destinations and choose off-peak times, alternate days or other routes to travel.

Caltrans will use highway advisory radio and the internet, caltrans2.info, to update motorists of delay times and backups. For additional information call the Pit River Bridge Hotline at 530-225-3054

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Evidence ties Blue Mountains to other ranges

logical evidence ties the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon with the Klamath and Sierra Nevada ranges hundreds of miles to the south.

In a study funded by the National Science Foundation, researchers at the University of Oregon and Washington State University dated zircon grains from Triassic- and Jurassicaged sedimentary rocks in the Blues.

The grains match the ages of rocks found in the Klamath Mountains, a heavily timbered, rugged range in southwestern Oregon and northern California. So we think at this point that we may have the most definitive evidence to date that during (the) Jurassic time there was a connection between the of several individual uplifts, rocks of the Blue Mountains

Todd LaMaskin, a UO graduate student, said in a press release.

There is also the linkage with the Northern Sierra Nevada Mountains, much closer to the Klamaths in the present day.

LaMaskin's fellow researchers are his UO adviser, Rebecca Dorsey, a professor of geological sciences, and Jeffrey Vervoort, a geology professor at Washington State University.

The zircon dating is part of a broader research project examining the evolution of the Blue Mountains region. It has long been known that the Klamaths and Blues constitute the oldest rocks in Oregon. The Blue Mountains are actually a mountain chain the Ochoco, Aldrich, Straw-

horn mountains heading into extreme southeastern Washington.

The Wallowa Mountains of Northeast Oregon, the highest range in the state east of the Cascades, are distinct Eastern Oregon. from the nearby Blues.

But LaMaskin explained that the larger Blue Mountains predate the Cascades and the John Day Basin.

It appears that the uplifts originated as volcanic island arcs off the prehistoric West Coast, located along the present-day border between Oregon and Idaho, and were scraped onto the continent some 100 million years ago as the Pacific tectonic plate plunged beneath North America.

The zircon grains were North America," he said.

LA GRANDE - New geo- and eastern Klamath ranges, berry, Greenhorn and Elk- extracted from rocks that formed basins during the dinosaur-ridden Mesozoic period, between 144 million and 248 million years ago.

These layers now constitute some of the highest uplifts in

Determining how those ancient basins were created is another big thrust of the teams research. As LaMaskin explained in the press release, The gist is that as tectonic plates are moving and volcanoes form, there is always rock being eroded and deposited into adjacent sedimentary basins.

"The Blue Mountains provide a window through the younger volcanisms that allows us to view the older rocks and history of western

Gobble this up: President Bush to highlight site in Virginia for thanksgiving

By Sonja Barisic THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORFOLK, Va. - The Pilgrims' feast in Massachusetts has always overshadowed Berkeley Plantation's place in history. Now, a planned visit from President Bush has some Virginians giving thanks for the recognition.

On Monday, the president plans to stop by the plantation on the banks of the James River, where English settlers held a thanksgiving service almost two years before what is traditionally known as the nation's first Thanksgiving in New England.

"It's such a wonderful piece of history that I think has been sort of lost in the mists of time," Peggy DeBellis Bruce, president of Virginia Thanksgiving Festival Inc., said Friday. The group organizes a yearly festival at the plantation, which sits between Williamsburg and Richmond.

When Capt. John Woodlief and his crew of 37 men came upon the site on Dec. 4, 1619, they fell to their knees and read a proclamation stating that the day of their ship's arrival should be "yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day

of thanksgiving to Almighty God."

During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln declared the fourth Thursday in November to be a national holiday.

With the South losing the war, the New England Thanksgiving tradition prevailed, although President John F. Kennedy did acknowledge Virginia in his 1963 Thanksgiving Day Proclamation that began: "Over three centuries ago, our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving.'

Lisa Suhay, a Norfolk children's author, has been trying to get Bush to pardon a pig in recognition of the Berkeley thanksgiving - which may have included a meager meal with bacon or ham.

Suhay recounted the thanksgiving story in her recently published book "Pardon Me. It's Ham, Not Turkey." So far, more than 6,500 people have signed her pardon petition on a Web site that is collecting donations for the nonprofit Federation of Virginia Food Banks.

Report says Coos Bay rail line closure justified

Federal Railroad Commission bases and slid off footings. concludes that the Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad was justified in closing its Coos Bay rail line earlier this fall.

The report was ordered by Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore. and supported a private engineering firm's report that three tunnels in the Florence-Mapleton area along the rail line are unsafe.

Engineers found rotting timber supports and timber mainly in late March.

COOS BAY — A report by the sets that had rotted off of their

"These tunnels are hazardous to train traffic and maintenance operations. Any future inspection or maintenance should be done with great care, with an understanding of the potential hazards," the report concluded.

The railroad filed papers on Sept. 21 to close the line citing deteriorated tunnels, citing tunnel inspections done

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of the closure, which angered shippers and led to a federal lawsuit by the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

railroad violated lease agreements for its use of the Coos Bay Rail Bridge and the North Spit rail by not giving 180 days' advance notice of a shutdown. DeFazio conceded last week that the report validated the railroad's claim that the tunnels are dangerous. But he

But it gave only a day's notice said the railroad and its parent company, RailAmerica, should give up the rail line.

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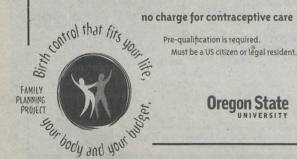
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Carr to step down today at Michigan

By Larry Lage THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan coach Lloyd Carr will retire Monday after 13 seasons, ending an era marked by highs of winning a national championship and five Big Ten titles and lows of losing to Ohio State and Appalachian State.

Carr told The Associated Press of his decision Sunday by phone, saying he wouldn't comment further until a Monday morning news conference at the school.

The 62-year-old coach informed his players and staff of his retirement Sunday during a team meeting at Schembechler Hall.

"It's a hard thing to deal with," safety Jamar Adams said. "We're like a family, and when the head of your family is leaving, it's hard."

The news comes a day after Michigan lost to Ohio State for the fourth straight year, ending a trying season for Carr and the Wolverines that started with an embarrassing loss to second-tier Appalachian State.

It was a move many expected last winter when he altered his contract, paving the way for this to be his last season on the sideline, and later made sure the school gave all of his assistants unprecedented, two-year deals.

Carr is 121-40 with a .752 winning percentage, ranking him seventh among active coaches just behind Florida State's Bobby Bowden and ahead of South Carolina's Steve Spurrier before he retired.

But in a what-have-you-done-lately environment, Carr will be remembered by some for the way his team closed seasons toward the end of his career and how it opened 2007.

The four consecutive losses to Ohio State, matched Michigan's longest losing streak in the storied series, and Carr became the first coach in school history to lose six times in seven years in the rivalry.

The Jim Tressel-led Buckeyes beat the Wolverines 14-3, Saturday, dropping Carr to 6-7 overall in the matchup that matters most.

"Lloyd Carr is one of the true gentlemen of college football," said Tressel on Sunday. "His legacy is extraordinary and his leadership in the coaching profession is greatly appreciated. He made a difference in collegiate athletics."

Carr led the Wolverines to the 1997 national championship and five Big Ten titles. He won .779 percent of his conference games, trailing the success rate of just two coaches that were in the Big Ten for at least a decade: Michigan's Bo Schembechler and Fielding Yost. Against top-10 teams, Carr was 17-9.

Michigan has lost its last four bowl games, including three Rose Bowls, the longest postseason skid since Schembechler dropped seven straight in the 1970s.

The Wolverines were ranked No. 5 before this season started with voters who thought returning stars on offense would make up for inexperienced players on defense and special teams.

Then, they began the season by losing to Appalachian State, becoming the first ranked team to lose to a team from the Football Championship Subdivision, formerly Division I-AA. That led to an unprecedented fall out of the poll.

Michigan followed up that embarrassment by losing to Oregon 39-7 at home, its worst loss since 1968.

The Wolverines did rally, however, with eight straight wins and had a chance to win the Big Ten title outright and earn a spot in the Rose Bowl in the regular-season finale against Ohio State. With the loss to the Buckeyes, Michigan is likely to end up in the Outback Bowl or the Alamo Bowl.

Carr's career was a lot like the 2007 season: Relatively rough at the start, great in the middle, lackluster toward the end.

The longtime assistant was elevated to interim coach on May 16, 1995, after Gary Moeller resigned following a drunken confrontation with police. Michigan dropped the interim tag toward the end of his first season.

The Wolverines lost four games in each of Carr's first two seasons, then went 12-0 and won the national championship a decade ago accomplishing a feat the late Schembechler didn't.

Michigan won Big Ten titles in 1997, 1998, 2000, 2003 and 2004 under Carr.

The Wolverines were 7-5 two years ago, their worst season in two decades, and bounced back in 2006 with 11 wins and a third trip to the Rose Bowl in four years.

Carr was born July 30, 1945, in Hawkins County, Tenn. He graduated from Northern Michigan and began his coaching career at Nativity High School in Detroit.

After a few more stops, Schembechler hired him in 1980 as defensive backs coach and promoted him to defensive coordinator in 1987. He held that job through the 1994 season.

People have been talking about his possible successor for months, if not years.

LSU coach Les Miles seems to be at the top of the list because he played for Schembechler at Michigan, where he met his wife and later became an assistant there under Schembechler.

Even though Miles appears to be in a great situation leading the top-ranked Tigers in a talent-rich area of the country, the school was concerned enough about him bolting for Michigan that it put a specific clause in his contract to make it an expensive move.

SOFTBALL: Chandler named MVP during high school career in Texas

Ore.), a right-handed pitcher. In her freshman and sophomore seasons, she was named Metro League Player of the Year and earned First Team All-State honors. Last season, she was the Metro League Pitcher of the Year, First Team All-State and Oregon Class 4A Pitcher of the Year. She spent the past year playing for the Northwest Bullets 18 Gold.

"Paige Hall was a big signing for us here instate," Walker said. "Obviously she's a big recruit, a big name athlete at a very good high school program and I think she has great potential to follow in the class of big time Northwest pitchers that we have had in our program."

Nikki Chandler (Houston, Texas) comes to Oregon State from Langham Creek High School in Houston, Texas.

The shortstop/second baseman was named Rookie of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year, All-District and Most Valuable Player during her three-year career.

"Nikki Chandler is really a great find out of Houston," Walker said. "She is a tremendous

BASKETBALL: Tarver scores 12 points in first game of tournament CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Alaska battled back to claim the victory. The Beavers' largest lead was eight at 12:19 in the second half and Oregon State held a sevenpoint lead with just over seven minutes to go. However, Alaska responded with a 10-0 run over the next three minutes to regain the lead.The Nanooks did not relinquish the lead the rest of the way as Jones' three-point attempt at the buzzer rimmed out and Alaska held on for the win.

Mladen Begojevic led the way for the Nanooks with 17 points, including a three to start the deciding 10-0 run, as Keven Campbell added 15 in the victory.

Oregon State shot 22-of-47 (46.8 percent) from the floor as the Beavers held Alaska to 37.5 percent (18-of-48) from the field.

The Nanooks overcame their shooting woes with a decided edge at the free-throw line as Alaska attempted 38 free throws to just 17 attempts for the Beavers. Oregon State managed to go 10-of-17 from the line as Alaska converted on 22-of-38 attempts.

On Thursday, Seth Tarver set a new career-

shortstop. We feel like she is someone who can come in and play shortstop in the Pac-10 and make an impact. Offensively, she will grow and get stronger, but she is a great athlete."

Ashley Sanchez (Alameda, Calif.) is a left handed center fielder from Alameda High School named to Student Sports Softball's list of the Class of 2008 Top Prospects. She is a two-time First Team All-League honoree, Alameda Newspaper Group First Team All-East Bay member and a 2A CIF NCS playoffs participant. As a freshman in 2005, she was named First Team All-League, received Honorable Mention All-East Bay honors by the Alameda Newspaper Group and was part of the 2A CIF NCS Championship team. She plays for the NorCal Shockers 18Gold after two years with the Berkeley Bears 18Gold. Sanchez also competed in varsity water polo.

"Ashley Sanchez was a great opportunity that came about through our camps and clinics and a connection with a coach," Walker said. "She is an absolute dynamic centerfielder, unbelievable speed, aggressiveness, power, just really plays heads up ball."

"Once again overall I think we are bringing in some kids from some great families, great support and we certainly look forward to bringing them into our family," Walker said.

high with 12 points, but it was not enough to overcome Colorado State as the Oregon State men's basketball team fell to the Rams, 69-56, in first round action.

The Rams hit 50 percent (26-of-52) from the field for the contest as Stuart Creason led the way overall for Colorado State with 17 points and 17 rebounds, while Willis Gardner led the Rams in scoring with 20 points on the evening.

In building a 41-33 halftime lead, Colorado State hit 16-of-27 shots (59.3 percent in the first half) as the Rams continued to build their lead over the final 20 minutes.

Trailing 49-33 with 16 minutes remaining, Oregon State went on an 8-0 run to cut the lead in half, but the Rams went on a 15-3 run over the next few minutes to put the game away. Lathen Wallace came off the bench to score nine points in a losing effort, while Jones added eight points in the loss as Oregon State shot 22-of-63 (34.9 percent) from the field in the contest.

Colorado State held a 45-29 edge on the boards while the Rams out-rebounded the Beavers, 45-29 for the contest.

Oregon State will return to action on Friday, Nov. 25, as the Beavers host Idaho State in their regular season home-opener at 7:00



FOOTBALL: Secured bowl berth with seventh win of 2007 season CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Brink to Brandon Gibson, the apparent touchdown was overturned on review. McCall scored on a one-yard run the next play.

Two plays later, Polk zigzagged 56 yards to make it 45-17.

After Doggett's second pick of Brink, Moevao hit Howard Croom with a three-yard scoring strike to make it 52-17. The loss eliminated Washington State from bowl contention and ensured a losing record this season. The Cougars play Washington in the Apple Cup in Seattle next week.

With seven wins, the Beavers are assured of a bid to one of six bowls guaranteed to Pac-10 teams.

The victory in Pullman was only the second for the Beavers in 11 tries since 1984.

The Beavers' Brandon Hughes, Bryan Payton and James Dockery sat out the first half after being ejected from the Washington game for fighting, but their absence was little noticed.

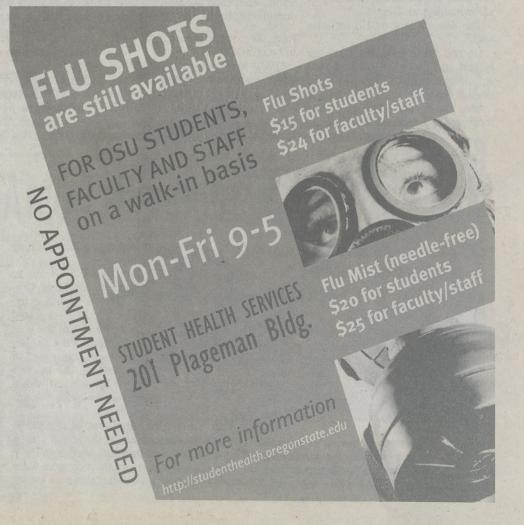
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AIMING HIGH: Mandy Rodriguez performs her routine on the uneven parallel bars at Saturday's intrasquad gymnastics meet at Gill.

Beaver softball signs recruiting class for 2009

Oregon State head coach Kirk Walker receives commits from four recruits on Friday, including two all-state prospects from Oregon for next season

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The Oregon State softball team signed four for the 2009 roster, announced Friday by head coach Kirk Walker.

"Obviously we are excited about this class," Walker said. "We got four great athletes, two from here in the state, one from California and one from Texas. I think we are bringing in some speed and some power. We are definitely bringing in some capable players that can step in and compete right away."

Mary Claire Brenner (Portland, Ore.) is a three-sport athlete at Jesuit High School in Portland, Ore. She earned First Team All-State honors, as well as First Team All-Metro League honors for softball the last two seasons, making appearances at first and third bases and in the outfield. She led the team in runs batted in for the last two seasons and has qualified five times for nationals through her seven years of ASA experience. Brenner is a member of the National Honor Society and has been named to the Honor Roll all throughout high school.

"Mary Claire [Brenner] was the last to commit," Walker said. "We have known Mary Claire for a number of years. She is a tremendous athlete from here in the Northwest, a strong athlete who has great potential to swing the bat and impact our program. She has a very athletic family, and we are certainly very pleased to add her to the class.'

Joining Brenner is Jesuit teammate Paige Hall (Portland, See SOFTBALL / page 7

Beavers dismantle Brink, Cougars in Pullman

Defense intercepts Cougar quarterback seven times in OSU's 52-17 romp of WSU

By John Wiley The Associated Pre

PULLMAN, Wash. - Yvenson Bernard ran for two touchdowns and Oregon State came up with seven interceptions in a 52-17 rout of Washington State on Saturday.

Lyle Moevao, James Rodgers, Clinton Polk and Matt Sieverson also ran for scores as the Beavers (7-4, 5-3 Pac-10) assured themselves of a bowl game.

The Beavers came into the game with the best run defense in the nation at 62.1 yards per game. Washington State (4-7, 2-6 Pac-10) tried to let quarterback Alex Brink carry the offense, but he was intercepted six times, five in the first half. Backup Gary Rogers also threw an interception.

The Beavers came one interception short of a school record.

Making the best of his second career start, Moevao completed 15 of 28 for 202 yards, and threw for another score: The Beavers had 431 yards of total offense.

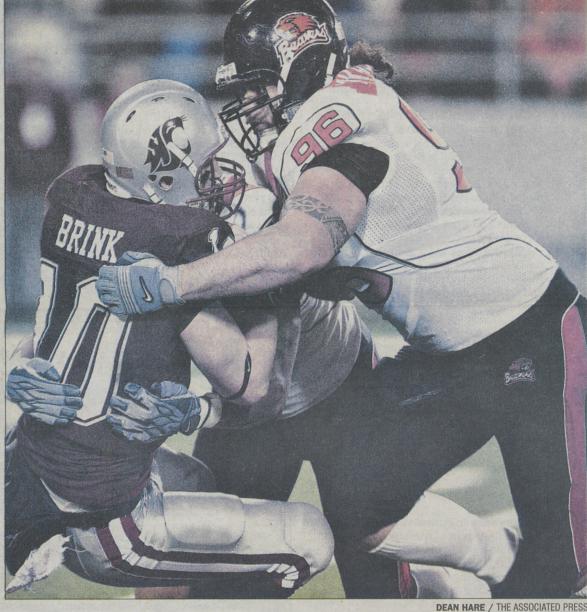
Bernard, who has been dealing with injuries, carried 17 times for 74 yards, but sat out the second half as a precaution after what OSU said was a minor injury to his right knee.

Kevin McCall had scoring runs of 19 and one yards for the Cougars' only touchdowns.

The Beavers rushed for 218 yards, including 121 in the first half when the Cougars were held to minus-4 yards on the ground.

Brink completed 21 of 45 for 314 yards. He was sacked once. WSU had 397 yards of total offense, but only 83 yards rushing on 30 carries.

The Beavers took a 31-3 halftime ead



Senior defensive lineman William 'Akau'ola Vea hits WSU quarterback Alex Brink during Oregon State's dominating 52-17 win. It was just the second time since 1984 the Beavers won in Pullman.

Bernard scampered 18 yards ceptions, while leff Van Orsow and it 31-10 late in the third quarter. to make it 14-0. Oregon State responded with a 54 Gerard Lawson also picked off yard drive of three plays, capped by OSU's Joey LaRocque picked off Brink Brink's pass and returned it to the Washington State took just two Matt Sieverson's seven-yard scoring WSU 30. Rodgers ran eight yards to plays and 16 seconds to get its first run to put the Beavers up 38-10. After a 67-yard pass play from

Walker earns milestone honor for wins Coach will receive award from

NFCA for his 400th college win

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In other notes, the National Fastpitch Coaches Association will present Easton Victory Club awards during the NFCA National Convention in Las Vegas to Walker, who achieved his 400th win milestone during the 2007 softball season.

He joins over 200 other head coaches who earned Easton Victory Club honors, eclipsing the 100-win, 200-win, 300-win, 400win marks and beyond during the previous year.

Mike Candrea surpassed the 1,300-win plateau after guiding Arizona to a second straight national title, eighth overall, in his 27th season as a head coach at the Division I and junior college levels. A trio of coaches passed the 1,100-win mark in 2007. Iowa's Gayle Blevins and LSU's Yvette Girouard both reached the milestone in their 28th seasons.

Chris Bellotto of Florida Southern achieved her 1,000th career win during a 2007 campaign, her 26th, in which she lead the Mocs to a second straight top-eight national finish.

Robert Maglione, following his 12th season at Sacramento City College and 27th as a junior college coach, topped the Cal JC listing as he earned his 1,000th career win during a 2007 campaign in which his team topped the Northern California standings while going on to finish fourth at the California state championship. Walker and those coaches who reached milestone victories will be honored at the Easton Victory Club luncheon Thursday, Nov. 29, at 12:15 p.m. PST.

Oregon State took the opening kickoff and drove 76 yards to take a 7-0 lead on Moevao's one-yard touchdown run.

After the Beavers' Daniel Drayton recovered a fumble by WSU's Chris

score, putting the Beavers up 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.

touchdown; a 61-yard pass from Brink to Jeshua Anderson and a 19-Derrick Doggett had two inter- vard scoring run by McCall to make

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Men's basketball rebounds from Alaska loss to defeat USC Upstate

Hitting 10-of-11 shots from field, senior forward Marcel Jones leads Oregon State in Alaska tournament seventh place game

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FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Marcel Jones scored 23 points on 10-of-11 shooting to lead the Oregon State men's basketball team to a convincing, 65-46, win over USC Upstate in the finale of the BP Top of the World Classic. With the win, Oregon State improves to 1-2 on the season as USC Upstate falls to 0-4 on the year with the loss.

The decisive stretch of the game occurred early in the second half with the score tied at 37-37 as Oregon State responded to a game-



Marcel Jones

lead.

Jones and Seth Tarver combined for 11 of Oregon State's 13 points in the run as the Beavers would cruise the rest of the way. The game ended with Oregon State's largest lead of the game as the Beavers ended the contest with a 7-0 run to claim the 19point win.

After missing his first shot of the game, Jones did not miss again as the senior scored 23 points for the second consecutive game. Seth Tarver was the other Oregon State tying jumper by USC Upstate with a 13-0 player to finish in double figures as he set

run to take a commanding a new career high with a 16-point effort on 6-of-12 shooting from the field. The sophomore was one rebound shy of his first career double-double as he finished with nine rebounds for the contest.

The Beavers held a decisive, 36-22, edge on the boards as Oregon State's Roeland Schaftenaar grabbed a career-high 10

rebounds to lead all players in the victory.

The Oregon State defense held USC Upstate to just 35.8 percent (19-of-53) from the floor while the Beavers shot 55.6 percent (25-of-45) from the field in the win.

USC Upstate hung around until the decisive second half run as the game was tied at 30-30 heading into the half.

Oregon State shot 9-of-11 from the line while managing to hit 50.0 percent of their shots from behind the arc, going 6-for-12 from three-point range for the contest.

Josh Tarver added nine points for the Beavers in the win while Calvin Hampton tied a career-high with eight points in the victory.

The following night, Jones scored a gamehigh 23 points to lead the Oregon State men's basketball team; however, Alaska managed to come away with a 62-60 win over the Beavers

After leading by three at the half, the Beavers could not put the Nanooks away as

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Seth Tarver