

## Presidential primaries, Version 2008



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The ABC network and Facebook partnered up to bring live coverage of Saturday's Presidential Primary debate in New Hampshire. The debate featured Republican and Democratic candidates meeting on the same stage between their separate debates.

■ ABC partners with Facebook to take primary elections to new levels with real-time poll results, feedback capabilities, new integration

By Aleks Cherednichenko  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

First it was YouTube, and now Facebook has tried its hand at taking part in the presidential political debates. On Jan. 5, ABC News and Facebook partnered up for the 2008 New Hampshire Debates.

Republican and Democratic presidential candidates had the opportunity to discuss key issues and present their views for the New Hampshire voters.

Voter opinion and poll results were posted via Facebook in real time, giving voters the opportunity to voice their opinions on candidates and issues in real time.

Facebookers had the opportunity to answer poll questions posted by ABC News, join debate groups, post videos and see how many people on Facebook and ABC support each candidate.

The New Hampshire primary and the Iowa caucus results, as many political analysts believe, are good indicators of Democratic and Republican

frontrunners.

The 1972 elections are the only time in U.S. history that a presidential candidate, Maine Sen. Ed Muskie (D), won Iowa and New Hampshire without becoming his party's nominee for the presidential bid.

The partnership between Facebook and ABC News gave more than 56 million active members the opportunity to educate themselves about and debate the issues critical in the upcoming election, according to the official story on ABCnews.com.

The level of involvement of the average citizen in the process of this presidential race has surpassed any previous race in history.

Partnerships such as those between CNN and YouTube have given citizens the opportunity to interact with presidential candidates directly, a trend which ABC analysts believe has redefined the presidential race.

The Iowa caucus results have proven that voters, at least Iowans, want to make sure that candidates address the issues which trouble this nation, and refuse to accept "bumper-sticker answers," according to Time magazine.

New Hampshire will hold its caucus today, hav-

ing started at midnight in Dixville Notch, which has only 16 eligible voters, according to the ABC News website.

General polls in New Hampshire will open at 6 a.m. Eastern Standard Time and close no later than 8 p.m. This will be the last primary for the month of January. Starting next month, 15 other states including California will hold primaries or caucuses.

Oregon voters will have the opportunity to participate in the state's primary election on May 20. The last day to register to vote in the primary is Apr. 29.

For students who haven't registered to vote and are eligible, Facebook has come to the rescue yet again. The site's U.S. Politics application provides a link for those who need to register — just click and complete a few steps.

For more information on Republican and Democratic candidates, visit CNN.com and click on "Election Center 2008." Or go to ABCnews.com and look for the politics link.

To keep up with news about presidential candidates, add the U.S. Politics application on Facebook to keep track of polls, join debates and even talk to Charles Gibson about politics.

## Resource fees to become more transparent

■ Sen. Vicki Walker of Eugene suggests plan, OUS Board takes action for students

By Lauren L. Dillard  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Some fees at OSU are set to become a little bit clearer thanks to an idea brought to the Oregon University System Board.

On Friday, Jan. 4, the board voted unanimously to pass the proposal that will roll resource fees into tuition costs.

Resource fees include fees such as those in place for technology and university programming.

"Students have seen the rise of these fees as a result of state disinvestment in postsecondary education that has left our universities under-funded and with no choice but to nickle and dime students for more money," said Oregon Student Association Board member Monique Teal.

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## ISS seeking to expand Diversity Development

■ Position's title change may have discouraged more applicants

By Lisa Riordan  
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The search has begun for a new Assistant Diversity Developer in the Diversity Development division of Intercultural Student Services.

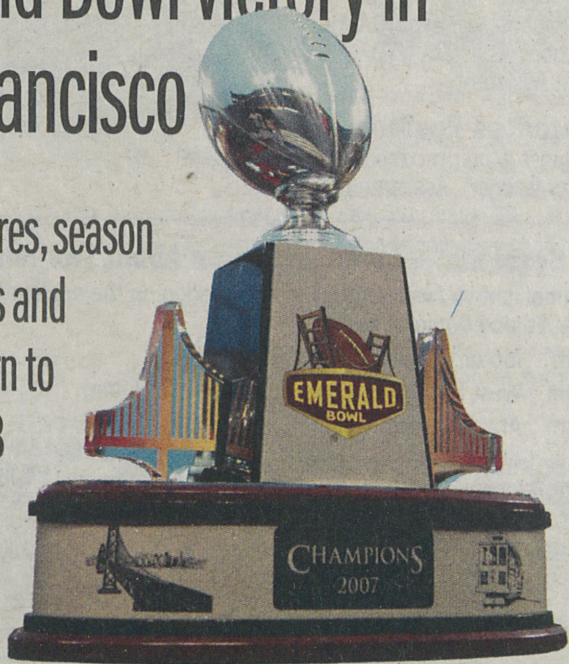
Juan Trujillo, the co-chair of the Association of Faculty for the Advancement of People of Color and instructor in OSU's foreign language and literature department is heading up the search.

"I've been involved in diversity

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## Beavers beat Terrapins for Emerald Bowl victory in San Francisco

For pictures, season wrap-ups and more, turn to Section B



## Time to jump into Winter Term

■ OSU to feature busy week of back-to-school events for those looking to get involved in campus activities

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Winter Term has kicked off, presenting a number of opportunities to get involved and learn a few things along the way. Numerous lectures, clinics and recreational activities have been planned for the duration of the term.

Today students choose from a few activities around campus, including a ski and snowboard wax-and-tune clinic starting at 6 p.m. in the Dixon Recreation Center.

This clinic is free for students and RecSports members, \$10 for the OSU community and \$12 for the general public.

Dixon is also offering a CPR/automated external defibrillator class, which will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The class is \$45 for students and RecSports members, \$50 for the OSU community and \$55 for the general public.

The Linus Pauling Institute Seminar Series continues today with a lecture titled "A Food-Based Approach to the Prevention of Gastrointestinal Tract Cancers." All

lectures are free and will take place in Agricultural and Life Sciences Room 401 at 2 p.m. Another lecture will take place on Thursday targeting aspects of cancer prevention and therapy.

On Wednesday, the Center for Genome Research and Biocomputing Seminar put on by Nicole Perna of the Genome Center of the University of Wisconsin-Madison will present a lecture titled "Looking at the Genomes of Enterobacteria Through Mauve-Colored Glasses."

Dixon Recreation Center has a free recreational sports open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Also on Wednesday, auditions will be held in the Women's Building for the 29th Anniversary Oregon Dance Concert. The auditions will take place between 3:45 p.m. and 5:50 p.m.

When Thursday rolls around, Ursula M. Burns, president of the Xerox Corporation, will speak in a free lecture titled "Lessons of Leadership: Bold Bets and Back to Basics," at 6 p.m. in the LaSells Stewart Center.

To finish the week, Christopher Sabine of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory will present "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Ocean Uptake of Atmo-

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# Golden Globes, NBC try to salvage broadcast

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LOS ANGELES — The Golden Globes, the ceremony known for getting Hollywood's awards season off to a rollicking start, will be reduced to a news conference Sunday by the writers strike and will likely draw picket lines and lack star power.

Despite the revamped ceremony announced Monday by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, the Screen Actors

Guild said it was encouraging its members to skip the show in support of the two-month walkout by the Writers Guild of America.

"The WGA informed us they will picket the event on Sunday," the actors guild said in a statement.

Patric M. Verrone, president of the Writers Guild of America West, said union leaders were uncertain if they still would picket outside the Golden Globes since they were unclear

about what form the awards announcement would take.

"I would say an awards show in news conference clothing would still be picketed, but I just don't know if it's been definitively decided," Verrone said.

As he arrived at Monday's Critics' Choice Awards, George Clooney said he belongs to six unions and would not cross any picket lines.

Later, as he made a presentation, Clooney said, "Our

hope is that all of the players involved will lock themselves in a room and not come out until they finish. We want this to be done."

Nikki Blonsky, also on the red carpet, said she was undecided about whether to attend the revised Golden Globes, where she is a nominee for "Hairspray."

"The writers are the backbone of the business, so we don't want to lose them in any way," she said.

## FEES: Not all student fees will be rolled into tuition dollars for financial aid consideration

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"The Oregon Student Association decided to take action to ensure that these fees were not barring students from access to our universities."

That means student financial aid packages will include the cost of these fees, which at OSU can mean hundreds of dollars.

The University Honors College at OSU charges a \$250 per term, totalling \$750 per year in resource fees. The fee goes toward courses and unlimited

printing for UHC students.

OSA introduced this proposal as a means to make student fees at all Oregon universities more transparent.

"Often when we ask students about their programmatic resources fees, they don't know what we are talking about, which is exactly the reason we're organizing to make them more fair for students," said OSA Board Chair Emily McLain.

"We have a major problem

when students are taking out emergency loans because they didn't know about a fee and cannot factor it into their financial aid package."

Some OSU student fees are not included in the proposal. Incidental fees, building maintenance fees and Student Health Services will not be rolled into tuition like the programmatic resource fees.

Some schools will be allowed to use "differential tuition," which allows schools to charge higher rates of tuition for certain programs such as business, engineering, honors and medicine. However, the school must undergo

consultation with students, and funds must be set aside before this can happen.

"While this proposal isn't the be-all and end-all solution to access to college in Oregon, it is certainly a step in the right direction, and students are happy to be a part of this process."

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## WINTER: Friday to feature annual MLK Jr. celebration

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spheric CO<sub>2</sub>, Ocean Acidification and the Future Global Carbon Cycle," in Gilfillan Auditorium.

The Memorial Union After Hours group is encouraging students to stay up, wake up and do something by holding the 2008 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. The celebration will begin at 9 p.m. and continue until early Saturday morning.

The group will also hold a concert in the MU Ballroom beginning at 7 p.m. with performances by Blue Ember, Honest to Empire and a few hip-hop artists.

On Saturday, a snow shuttle to Mt. Hood Meadows will depart the Dixon Recreation Center at 5:20 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. The cost to ride the shuttle is \$64 for students and RecSports members, \$69 for the OSU Community and \$74 for the general public.

For more information on activities around campus, check out [www.oregonstate.edu](http://www.oregonstate.edu).

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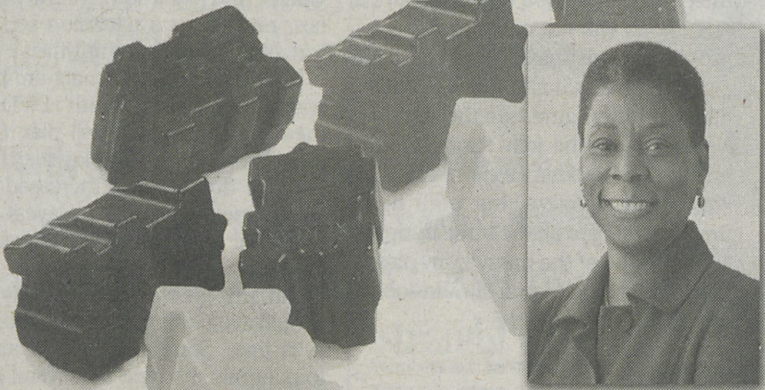
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# 2007 Emerald Bowl

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FOURTH STRAIGHT BOWL VICTORY WITH RILEY

## 21-14 BEAVER WIN

Feeling déjà vu after once again starting the season 2-3, Oregon State matched a dominating 2006 second half performance by winning seven of its last eight games.

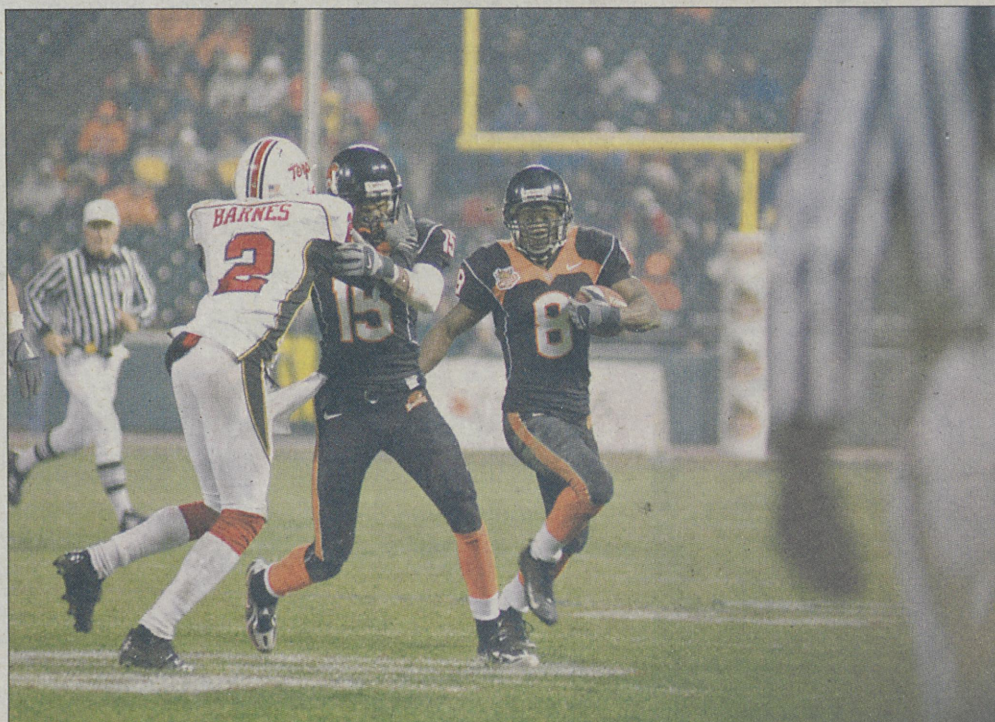
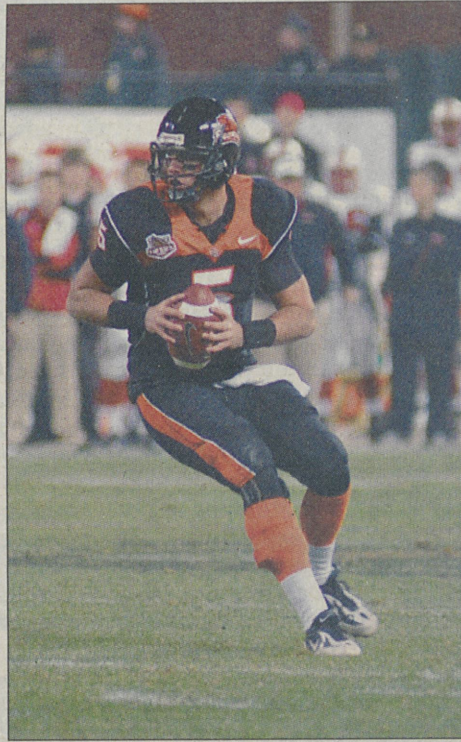
The season culminated with an impressive 21-14 win over Maryland at the 2007 Emerald Bowl under the lights at AT&T Park in San Francisco.

With a powerful running game and stellar defense, OSU won a ninth game of the season for the second straight year.

A sea of orange and black in attendance, Beaver fans also supported the team's impressive bowl-winning streak.



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# Bernard delivers once more for Beavers

■ Senior returns from knee injury to rush for 177 yards in bowl MVP performance

By Kye Johnson  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

When Yvenson Bernard took over as the starting running back for Oregon State three years ago, few people surrounding the program knew a lot about him. Now, after he has finished up his career by setting multiple bowl game records and earning honors as the 2007 Emerald Bowl Offensive MVP, you'd be hard pressed to find a college football fan who doesn't know the guy.

It would be difficult to plan a better ending to an illustrious career than the ending Bernard had with the Beavers. He set the Emerald Bowl record for most carries (38) and most rushing yards (177), helping lead the Beavers to a 21-14 win over Maryland.

But those weren't the only records going down thanks to Bernard. In the bowl game alone, his performance moved him up the Pac-10 all-time rushing list from the No. 11 spot to No. 6. Bernard's 177-yard game moved him past the likes of USC's Ricky Bell and former OSU standout Steven Jackson to conclude his career as one of the top rushers in conference history.

"I just went out there and played football," Bernard said. "I wasn't worried about the records and all of that. I just wanted to lead the seniors and this program to a win, and I think we all did a great job."

Bernard also became the Beavers' second all-time leading rusher, trailing only Ken Simonton on the list of Oregon State's best running backs.

His 1,214 rushing yards this season also tied him for the lead with most 1,000-yard rushing seasons in con-



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In his first game since November, tailback Yvenson Bernard demonstrated why he was one of the best in the nation by leading Oregon State over Maryland in the 2007 Emerald Bowl. He leaves OSU as the No. 2 rusher in school history and sixth best in the conference.

ference history. Simonton is another Beaver in that category.

But even though Bernard did his part to rewrite record books during his final game as an Oregon State Beaver, he gives all the credit in the world to his offensive line.

"I never doubt the offensive line, the way our coaches push those guys," he said. "I know they are going to give 100 percent regardless of the situation, and they did a great job. I've always praised my offensive line, and once

again they came up big."

Bernard's productivity in the Emerald Bowl may have even surprised a few people. Midway through the game at Washington State on Nov. 11, Bernard went down with a knee injury that required minor surgery. He was forced to sit out from his last Civil War game against Oregon and was even listed as questionable to play in the bowl game prior to the match-up with the Terrapins.

Head coach Mike Riley knew, however, that if Ber-

nard was good to go, he was certainly going to be the Beavers' focal point on offense.

"If he's able to, he's going to get that many carries," said Riley about Bernard's 38 touches. "And he always knows where he's at in terms of playing ability. We've gone through that a few times during Yvenson's career at Oregon State, but he just gets warmed up at about 25 carries."

Bernard's ability to get healthy quickly from knee surgery obviously played a huge role, if not the biggest

role in the Beavers fourth straight bowl win.

"It was absolutely great to have him back," Riley said. "He got a little mad in the first half about not getting the ball, but that's just typical him."

With the game tied at half-time, Bernard made his last half of collegiate football a memorable one, helping carry OSU downfield for the game-winning score. He and freshman James Rodgers wore down a tired Maryland defense for the entire second

half, ending any chance of the Terrapins getting back into the game.

And while records and awards were a huge part of his swan song in San Francisco, going out with a victory will be the lasting memory for the senior from Boca Raton, Fla.

"Just getting the win was all that I could think about," Bernard said. "And it feels great. Can't think of a better way to leave this program."

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## Oregon State vs. University of Maryland BY THE NUMBERS



**4** Straight bowl wins for Oregon State, the longest streak in the Pac-10. The Beavers have won all four games under head coach Mike Riley, who has never lost a bowl game in his coaching career (7-0).

**5** Sacks by Maryland, a season-high for the team, with four being its previous best against Villanova and Boston College.

**9** Total wins in 2007 for the Beavers. With 10 wins the previous year, it marks the first time in school history that OSU has won at least nine games in two straight seasons.

**14** Points the Oregon State defense gave up in the first quarter. Coming into the game, the Beavers had only given up 16 first quarter points all year.

**19** Total rushing yards allowed by the OSU defense. It was by far Maryland's lowest team rushing total in the 2007 season.

**50** Consecutive starts by all-conference guard Roy Schuening, a new school record.

# With Riley at helm, Oregon State wins fourth straight postseason game

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THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State wins bowl games.

Thirty years ago, Beaver believers couldn't have fathomed the amount of success that the program has recently grown accustomed to. Fortunately for them, they don't have to imagine anymore. Oregon State's seven-point victory over Maryland in the 2007 Emerald Bowl was its fourth straight bowl victory and its fourth victory in as many tries under head coach Mike Riley.

Even with sloppy weather, a handful of offensive starters unable to play and an early strike by Maryland, Oregon State was able to claw its way to another postseason victory, making those longtime Beaver believers proud as ever.

Unlike the majority of the season's games, the Emerald Bowl didn't have the greatest beginning, as starting quarterback Lyle Moevao went down twice in the first quarter. Moevao first suffered an arm injury on the Beavers' first possession before a leg injury took him out of the game for good. Once sophomore Sean Canfield was at the helm, however, Oregon State was able to do enough to ensure a win.

"We just had to keep on going like we had been doing," said running back Yvenson Bernard about Moevao going down. "We'd gone through our bumps in the road, and we just keep on going, and that's what I love about this team."

Canfield hooked up with freshman James Rodgers on a 14-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at seven, giving the Beaver offense a much-needed spark early on. That was just the begin-

ning of a memorable night for Rodgers.

Known for his speed on the fly sweep, the true freshman ran for 115 yards and two touchdowns. He was also Oregon State's leading receiver on the night, catching five balls for 40 yards.

"That kid does it all — he's definitely a threat," said Bernard about Rodgers. "You see what he causes, on the offensive side, and I can't really imagine being a defense going against our offense with James back there."

But the Beaver defense, much like it had all year long, proved to be the deciding factor in the win. The Terrapins rattled off two long touchdown passes in the first quarter, but from that point on, first downs became virtually obsolete for the Terp offense.

"We knew it was going to be tough running on these guys," Maryland running back Keon Lattimore said.

OSU's defense held Maryland to a season-low 19 yards rushing. The previous low was an 89-yard performance against West Virginia in early September.

"It was tough," said Lance Ball, Maryland's other feature running back. "They penetrated us, and we just didn't get the job done. They have a really great defensive line though, so that's a credit to them."

Even as the Beaver defense snuffed Maryland all second half, the Terps had an opportunity to put together a game-tying drive late in the fourth quarter.

With just over six minutes to go, trailing by seven with the ball at the Oregon State 43-yard line, Maryland head coach Ralph Friedgen opted to punt on fourth and six instead of leaving his offense on the field to convert a fourth down. That choice ultimately did Maryland in, as they wouldn't get the ball back for the remainder of the game.

"I was tempted to go for it," Friedgen said. "But I thought we could pin them deep and hold them down there, but we didn't, and that was pretty much the game."

The Beavers put together a drive that started at their own one-yard line and ended at the Maryland eight as time expired thanks to a load of carries by Bernard and Rodgers.

"I was just thinking that maybe we could get a couple of first downs and punt it out of there and be in pretty good shape," Riley said about the last drive. "But the work of our offensive line and the running of Yvenson and James did the rest."

"Our win came down to three hard weeks of practice and we used it on the field to our advantage," Rodgers said.

Expect to see plenty of Rodgers in the near future for Oregon State. And hopefully for all Beaver believers, Rodgers, Riley and the rest of the team can keep bringing home those newly familiar bowl wins.



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(Above) OSU student Josh Azevedo bows his head while listening to the national anthem at the start of the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco. (Top right) Alex Bianchi of San José, Calif., passes OSU fans while carrying an "O" flag in front of AT&T Park. (Bottom Right) Matt Wimore, Jenna Pouncy, OSU student Carly Moran and Kevin Krainman watch the game from the front row of the stadium.



**154** First quarter passing yards by Maryland quarterback Chris Turner, who also threw two touchdown passes to give the Terrapins a 14-7 lead.



**170** Total yards by freshman wide receiver James Rodgers. He rushed for 115, led all receivers with 40 yards on five catches, ran back one kick return for 15 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns.

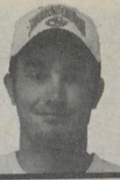
**3,682** Career rushing yards for OSU tailback Yvenson Bernard, the second best mark in school history. By rushing for 177 yards in the Emerald Bowl, Bernard also moved up five spots to No. 6 all-time in Pac-10 history.

**32,517** Game attendance at the 2007 Emerald Bowl, the second highest in the seven-year history of the bowl game.

## BEAVERS 2007 SEASON

Opponent	Results
Utah	24 - 7 (W)
Cincinnati	3 - 34 (L)
Idaho State	61 - 10 (W)
Arizona State	32 - 44 (L)
UCLA	14 - 40 (L)
Arizona	31 - 16 (W)
California (2)	31 - 28 (W)
Stanford	23 - 6 (W)
USC (13)	3 - 24 (L)
Washington	29 - 23 (W)
Washington State	52 - 17 (W)
Oregon (18)	38 - 31 (W)
Maryland	21 - 14 (W)

Nick Lilja



# Smiley Riley

If there is ever a time when Mike Riley isn't smiling, I don't want to be there to witness it. I've seen lion cages and lava pits that are more enticing. I understand that the half-time speeches and film sessions aren't lollipops, candy canes and hip-hip-hoorays, but you get the idea. If Riley were to not have a smile on his face, people would ask what happened.

And I don't know if I'd want to hear the answer.

Here is a guy who started this season, much like last season, with high expectations and endured a few weeks of interesting results. Another 2-3 start? Meh. Just get better with every game, he said. He smiled through disappointment, frustration and even through the criticism. He'd probably smile through a broken ankle or a root canal.

It begs the question, though: If he is always smiling, what's he so happy about?

Two years in a row, there have been 2-3 starts, and two years in a row there have been questionable decisions made by his players on and off the field. What's got him so giddy?

After the Emerald Bowl, Riley entered the post-game press conference as usual, with a huge smile. It was the smile you'd find on a 7-year-old boy listening to baseball cards in the spokes of his new bike, a smile of pure bliss.

Riley's smile was contagious. I was smiling. So was the guy next to me. And the guy next to him. I looked behind me and smiles were perking up all over the room. Even the event staff was smiling.

That's when Riley gives out his first clue: he loves the game of football. *Maybe that's why he's smiling.*

"I think this is where a game like this is kind of fun," Riley said. "There is some mystery to the whole preparation for the game and the intrigue about a team that you never see."

Most people in football don't like mystery and intrigue because it means you are seeing something new. "New" is a hazard, a tic in the L column. "New" is also scary, but "New" doesn't bother him. Riley is undefeated against "New" with a perfect 4-0. Maybe that's why he's smiling.

As gracious as he is, though, he wouldn't take the credit. It wasn't him; it was the rest of the team and the fans. What did he do? He'd probably say he just wore a headset and called a couple plays. No big deal.

The team was peaking at the right time, his coaching staff had his players ready, his players were making plays, and the fans were showing up.

"I'm excited for our fans. I think they were awesome," Riley said. "I think they caused a couple penalties."

The Beaver fans love to support their team and their coach. Maybe that's why he is smiling. Being loved by thousands will do that to a person. When thousands of people travel hundreds of miles to watch you do your job, you might open your eyes a little faster in the morning.

And why shouldn't the fans love him? Has he started seasons slowly? That goes in the yes column. Are his play calls predictable? For the most part. But for the last two years he has helped the team finish in a more than just a flurry — it's been a blizzard. Last season, the Beavers finished the season winning eight of their last nine, and seven of their last eight this year.

How does Riley pull it off, you ask? It's simple. He does it by doing what he does best: smiling.

He might start a season a little shaky, but he never gets down, never gets upset. He just tries to get better with every game, and he succeeds. The Emerald Bowl was no exception.

"It came down to finding a way to win it," he said.

And he did find a way to win, like usual, with a smile on his face.



(Top Left) Senior linebacker Derrick Doggett capped off his impressive career at OSU by adding the Beavers' only sack of the game on Terps quarterback Chris Turner. (Top Right) Safety Bryan Payton tries to break a tackle on his first interception of the season. (Left) Freshman wideout James Rodgers recovers an Yvenson Bernard fumble in the end zone for the game-winning touchdown in the third quarter. (Below) Wide receiver Shane Morales works his way through two Maryland defenders.

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(Left) Senior running back Matt Sieverson looks for extra yards against the Terrapin defense in the 2007 Emerald Bowl.

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# Foreskin: the controversy

Alaric DeArment  
Daily News

**F**oreskin. Yes, that's the skin that naturally covers the head of the penis. If you're a Midwest-born man of college age, chances are about 74 percent that you don't have one, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, and you probably pity any guy who does.

Women might hear "foreskin" and think "eww," even if they've never seen one. You've heard uncircumcised penises resemble anteaters instead of mushrooms.

Exempting religious traditions, secular American culture has a compulsion about circumcision. Like any compulsion, it defies rationality.

This great American absurdity began in the Victorian era. Back then, people actually thought masturbation caused mental illness, so doctors in the English-speaking world appropriated the idea of lopping off the foreskin, hitherto a Jewish and Muslim custom, to decrease the penis' sensitivity and manipulability. Even as Victorian anti-sex hysteria subsided, the fad stuck, and new reasons to clip the tip were concocted: It prevents penile cancer! It guards against urinary tract infections! It prevents sexually transmitted diseases! It makes personal hygiene easier! The ladies love it!

According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, the absolute risk of boys contracting UTIs is only 1 percent. The annual penile cancer rate is 0.31 men per 100,000. Circumcision reduces risk of UTIs and penile cancer by 1 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively. It does help prevent STDs, but so do good hygiene and safe sex practices.

A World Health Organization study in sub-Saharan Africa offers yet another justification. According to the study, circumcision helps prevent HIV transmission from women to men. After the WHO released the study, New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene recommended that men at high risk of contracting HIV get circumcised.

So can circumcised men forget all that mumbo-jumbo about condoms? Before you foreskin-free guys start partying, look at some statistics. According to the World Health Organization, between 76 and 92 percent of American boys are circumcised, the highest rate of any Western country outside Israel. According to the CIA World Factbook, the HIV infection rate here is 0.6 percent, also higher than other Western countries. The infection rate

is less than 0.1 percent in South Korea, where most boys are circumcised. It's the same in Japan, where most are not. Rates of HIV infection and circumcision are similarly low in Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

Of course, this doesn't mean foreskin protects against HIV or that the WHO's results are invalid. The WHO made it clear that circumcision alone would not protect against the virus. But could the notion in those countries that good hygiene better guarantees cleanliness than surgery and the absence of circumcised-equals-clean delusions also explain the lower infection rates?

Maybe American men and boys wouldn't have to worry if they had better personal and sexual hygiene. And as you might have guessed, circumcision accidents happen. They don't happen often, but try to imagine the pain a boy will feel later in life if the doctor takes off the whole head or even the whole penis, which occurs.

So why do so many American parents have their sons circumcised? Why do we hypocritically denounce female genital mutilation in Africa while condoning male genital mutilation here?

Americans view mutilated penises as normal. Even the word "uncircumcised" implies circumcision is normal.

Being uncircumcised supposedly elicits ridicule in high-school locker rooms, so circumcision provides an effective substitute for teaching healthy self-esteem. Fathers want a body part that mostly remains hidden to look like theirs so they can avoid the awkwardness of explaining why daddy's looks different.

If we were not meant to have foreskins, evolution would have eliminated them because a vestige on the penis would interfere with reproduction and therefore be maladaptive. Circumcision's persistence in American secular culture is an anomaly, especially considering the other Anglophone countries already know better. A painful, cosmetic surgery usually performed without patients' consent that carries risk of accidents and may dull sexual sensitivity has overstayed its welcome.

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## TAVARES: Trying hard to keep up with technology, wasting money in the process

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exponential rate.

Terabyte hard drives have become affordable to the average consumer, and innovations such as Comcast's On Demand and Netflix's online rentals have gained a significant following. Then there's the possibility of new hardware that could be more reliable than laser-discs. Within four years, Blu-ray and HD DVD could become obsolete, even before a winner is decided.

In fact, one only has to look to the CD to see this. Often in the media world, one can look to audio to predict the future of video. After all, radio broadcast predated television, audio cassettes came before video

cassettes, and the CD was, of course, the early form of the DVD. Too small to carry movies, it was a natural replacement for audio cassettes due to its higher quality and capacity.

Shortly after, one was hard pressed to spot someone still using a tape deck to listen to music. But look around today — it is just as difficult to spot someone walking around with a CD player. Now, when someone buys a CD, they immediately upload it to the computer so as to add it to an mp3 player — that is unless they just downloaded it from iTunes. Even the CD players on new vehicles are beginning to come equipped with an mp3 player input stan-

dard.

The CD has quietly been led to its death in favor of digital storage and conveyance. The format war between next-generation DVDs will be lost to a completely different format. So don't let yourself be Betamax-ed. Save your money. And to those of you who owned a Betamax or have purchased Blu-ray or HD DVD, I am truly sorry.

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## WOMEN'S HOOPS: With two players left on court for Wildcats, Oregon State took control

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"We were back on our heels," coach LaVonda Wagner said. "We weren't executing our shots, and we didn't have any rhythm or energy, which is something we need to work on. Coming into the game we were comfortable and prepared."

With 14:21 left in regulation, Beaver guard Ashley Allen hit a three from the corner after having a contact lens knocked out to bring OSU within seven.

On the following possession, guard Arizona's Marie McGee fouled Brittney Davis, that led to a disqualification and left Arizona with only five eligible players.

Seconds later, the game got weird. With Arizona holding a 63-60 lead, Tasha Dickey was called for a charge, fouling out of the game, leaving only four players on the court for the Wildcats.

Playing five-on-four, the Beavers inched their way back into the game on a three by Allen from the corner that tied the game at 63 apiece. Both teams exchanged buckets, and with the game tied 65-65, OSU guard Mercedes Fox Griffin had a layup blocked by Arizona's Beatrice Bofia to send the game to overtime.

Whisonant began the first overtime continuing what she had been doing all game by speeding to the basket for lay-ups. After Arizona's

Amina Njonkou missed two free throws with 11 seconds left, Davis went to the line and drained both shots to tie the game at 78, prompting a second overtime.

"Their point guard kept us on our toes the entire night," Wagner said. "We were finally able to slow her down when we put Brittney Davis on her."

The Wildcats entered overtime number two with four players, three of which had four fouls. With an extra defender, the Beavers double-teamed Whisonant for the early parts of the period. With 2:28 left, Njonkou was called for a charge for her fifth foul, bringing the total of eligible players to three. A minute later, Davis scored back-to-back layups to tie the game at 87 apiece. Arizona struggled to get the ball down the court before Whisonant also fouled out, leaving two Wildcats on the floor.

Playing five on two, the Beavers were able to cement a victory, as Arizona even struggled to get the ball in bounds. Davis and Allen led OSU with 30 and 29 points, respectively, in the 94-88 victory over the depleted Wildcats.

"It was a win, but it was an ugly win that we probably were not worthy of," Allen said. "We need to use this as a learning experience. We have to make sure we go in and play and execute our offense."

Using the Arizona game as a wake-up call, OSU was set to take on No. 24 Arizona State (4-0, 10-5 Pac-10). From the opening tip, the game looked to be fast-paced and physical. The opening tip led to a mad scramble on the floor in which no team gained possession. The referees called for a re-tip, this time between 5'7" Fox-Griffin and 5'5" Arizona State guard Reagan Pariseau.

It was won by the Sun Devils, who then traveled on the opening possession, leading to a bucket at the other end of the court by Davis. OSU went on a run early in the game, taking the lead to as much as 11 points in the first half.

With the Sun Devils struggling to hit shots, Mitchell was a force in the middle, getting extended minutes for her second game in a row. With 8:33 left in the half, Mitchell grabbed at the ball after an ASU offensive rebound, causing a jump ball with the possession to OSU.

"Alex brings size to us, and she needs to be able to be on the floor and be able to guard posts in the Pac-10 because there are so many good posts players in the Pac-10," Wagner said. "She has been able to get around defensively and get some rebounds for us, which is really important. I was really proud of the way she played tonight."

It was at the 13:36 mark in the second half when Arizona State began to turn things around. Pariseau blew past the defense by delivering the ball

to Lauren Lacey for an easy two. The Oregon State possession that followed ended with a steal by Diamond that led to another Lacey basket, reducing the margin to four.

ASU took the lead with 7:22 remaining and never looked back, finally allowing Pariseau to dribble out a 69-60 victory. Allen led the way against ASU with a 22-point showing, while Mitchell led all players with seven boards.

"The first half really felt good," Allen said. "We were playing as a team and playing hard and everything was going our way. The second half, they came out and played like a top 25 team and did what they needed to do to fight back and get the victory."

The Beavers head to the Bay Area this week, meeting No. 2 Stanford on Thursday and Cal on Saturday.

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## FOOTBALL: OSU finishes at 9-4 overall

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Maryland's 19 total yards on the ground was the lowest amount all year. Its previous low was 88 yards against Georgia Tech in early October.

With the win, Oregon State finished the season 9-4 and quietly became one of the best teams in the Pac-10 Conference. The bowl win left a good taste in Riley's mouth as the Beavers head into the off-season.

"We really appreciate the Emerald Bowl. Everything that they've done to put this game on, we're just so proud to be here," he said.

"I'm excited for our fans and the way they traveled down here. I think they really made an impact on this game, and I'm really proud of our football team for once again kind of fighting through a strange game in a lot of ways and persevering and winning the game."

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## MEN'S HOOPS: Even without Bayless, Arizona comes back to defeat Oregon State

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the Sun Devils outscored the Beavers 9-3 over the next three minutes to open a 49-34 lead.

Harden was 6-of-10 from the floor in the first half, while his teammates combined to make only 5-of-14 attempts as the Sun Devils led 32-24 at halftime.

On Thursday, Johnson led the way with 19 points, a career high, as Oregon State built a halftime lead over No. 21 Arizona. But the Beavers fell to the Wildcats, 76-63, in the Pac-10 Conference opener for both schools.

Seth Tarver added 13 points in a losing effort for Oregon State as the Beavers looked to pull off the upset. However, Jordan Hill had 20 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Wildcats, and Arizona mounted a comeback in the second half.

Nic Wise, starting in place of injured freshman point guard Jarryd Bayless, scored 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting. He had 12 points in the second half when the Wildcats (10-3) rallied from a seven-point deficit.

Hill scored seven points in a decisive 12-3 run that put the Wildcats ahead 59-51. Budinger capped the outburst with a three-pointer, just his second basket in nine shots.

After Oregon State led by six at the half, Arizona picked up the tempo in a 9-0 run to take its first lead since the opening minutes, 47-44, on Daniel Dillon's three-pointer with 11:10 to play. Budinger started the spurt with four field goals. Then Wise's fast-break basket tied it at 44-44.

Arizona had one field goal in a 4.5-minute span late in the first half. Hill's inside basket cut the lead to 27-25 with 2:17 to play, but Roeland Schaftenaar made a three-pointer and Calvin Hampton scored inside to put Oregon State up 32-25 1:17 before the half.

ously? The Mitchell Report was released in mid-December and the first time you have answered any questions whatsoever regarding your inclusion in the report is on Jan. 6? Exactly what are you tired of, Roger? Whether or not your New Year's resolution is to exclude HGH from your vitamins? Since the report was made public, Clemens had made a couple of statements through his attorney, his agent and via a webcam. None of those included questions to him, only statements from him.

I honestly don't think that anyone would particularly care if he would just be honest with the world, state that he tried HGH a few times when they were not illegal in baseball and state that he has not done so since. In fact, Clemens could learn something from Pettitte. Pettitte stated that he used HGH a couple times in 2002 to help himself return from an injury, and continued to say in hindsight it may not have been the best decision but one he has to live with now.

Pettitte signed a \$16 million, one-year contract to pitch for the New York Yankees in 2008. Water under the bridge, it seems.

For now, Clemens will appear in front of Congress next week and will most likely attempt to be seen as the victim, denying any involvement with HGH. Whatever Clemens is selling, I am not buying.

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## LOGHIDES: Flaws in situation could damage his reputation

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ens have to lose if the allegations are true? A whole heck of lot, that's what.

Of Clemens' 354 career wins, 141 have come since 1998. Two of his seven career Cy Young Awards have been won since that year. Just take those away from his career numbers and you are talking about a possible hall-of-famer, not a surefire one.

There were two separate questions asked to Clemens in the interview that raise a red flag for me. First, when asked if he would submit to a lie detector, Clemens said, "Yeah, but I don't know if they are good or bad." If he has nothing to hide, why not just answer with an emphatic yes? Instead, he seemed kind of nervous to even be fielding that question.

Second, he said he had no idea that teammate, best friend and workout buddy Andy Pettitte had taken HGH in 2002. For any guy out there who has a particular friend who works out with you, don't you both pretty much always what the other is taking? Red flag number two.

The last part of the interview that shocked me was Clemens' decision to play the victim card. At one point, he actually says that he is "tired of answering all of the questions." Seri-

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— LSU safety Craig Steltz on playing in the BCS national title game

Adam Loghides



## The Rocket used wrong fuel, should shut down forever

When can 60 minutes do fatal damage to a 24-year career? When your name is Roger Clemens.

A Dec. 28 interview with "The Rocket" aired Sunday, and it was Clemens' first public appearance since being named in the now-infamous "Mitchell Report" as one of 85 Major League Baseball players who used illegal Human Growth Hormones (HGH) and steroids over the past 10 years.

With an opportunity to finally answer questions regarding his alleged use of HGH, Clemens seemed skittish and unsure of his answers. His attitude was borderline defiant at times, and he used the interview as a way to claim his innocence, stating he has never used any illegal substances, ever.

Come on, Roger. Minutes before the interview aired, Clemens filed a defamation lawsuit against former trainer Brian McNamee, who named Clemens as a player he once injected with HGH up to 20 times between 1998 and 2001. McNamee's reputation as a good, honest, hard-working family man works against Clemens in this situation, that's for sure.

What does McNamee have to gain by calling out Clemens? Absolutely nothing. When he was interviewed by George Mitchell, McNamee was made aware that lying could result in possible jail time. Sources, with anonymity, have stated that McNamee struggled with the decision to name Clemens because of what it would do to the pitcher's reputation and what that kind of news could do to the game of baseball.

Does that sound like a liar to you? That sounds like a guy who bit the bullet and did what he had to do to keep his life on the straight-and-narrow to me. Clemens could take a lesson or two from McNamee, in my opinion.

On the flip side, what does Clem-  
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Showing no signs of rustiness after not playing for two months, senior tailback Yvenson Bernard capped off his impressive career at Oregon State by rushing for 177 yards and a touchdown to lead the Beavers to a 21-14 win over Maryland.

## OSU repeats success with bowl win

Football concludes 2007 season with comeback win against Maryland at Emerald Bowl, winning ninth game of campaign

By Kye Johnson  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A win doesn't have to be pretty to count, and the Beavers' performance against Maryland in the 2007 Emerald Bowl was far from being the prettiest game they played during the season.

The 21-14 victory, however, was just as rewarding as any of the others.

After a slow start to the season, Oregon State got on a hot streak and won seven out of its last eight games, capping things off with a fourth straight bowl victory under coach Mike Riley.

Riley, who was all smiles after the game, said, "Our team has just gotten on a roll. Last year we won eight out of nine a year ago, and seven of eight to end the year the last two seasons."

Riley is now undefeated (4-0) in bowl games as a head and assistant coach at the college ranks, and all of those victories have come at Oregon State. Riley was quick, however, to give all of the bowl credit to his players.

"Our theme is kind of about trying to get better every week, and it plays itself out where the bowl game just becomes a part of that," he said. "We don't do anything magical in terms of preparation for these games other than the fact that our players always practice well."

For some of the older players, the bowl win was as good as they could have imagined to end their careers, particularly for senior running back Yvenson Bernard, who set a pair of Emerald Bowl records. He carried the ball 38 times and shattered the previous yardage record by finished the night with 177 yards and a touchdown to go along with a 4.7 yard-per-carry average.

"I just went out there and played football," Bernard said. "I wasn't worried about the records and all that. I just wanted to lead the seniors and this program to a win."

But it wasn't just Bernard carrying the rock. Freshman receiver James Rodgers picked a good game to have a career night, as he added 115 yards rushing to the total.

"That kid does it all," said Bernard about Rodgers. "And he's a huge threat for us. You see what he causes on the offensive side of the ball for us, and I can't imagine being a defense lining up against

our offense with James back there."

The Beavers racked up 275 yards on the ground against the Terrapin defense, also an Emerald Bowl record.

Rodgers led the team in receiving, hauling in five catches for 40 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Sean Canfield midway through the first quarter.

But even during a record night for the Oregon State rushing attack, the Beaver defense set the tone and led the way to another win.

Senior linebacker Derrick Doggett was named the Defensive Player of the Game for the Beavers, recording eight tackles and a sack. Oregon State's rush defense, ranked amongst the nation's best coming into the game, played to its potential, holding a solid Maryland rushing game to just 19 yards on the ground.

"We couldn't run the ball at all against them," Maryland coach Ralph Freidgen said. "They do a great job of getting off blocks. We didn't sustain our blocks very well, and they have very good quickness and are very athletic, and they also have good size and strength."

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Guard Brittney Davis averaged 21.7 points per game in the Beavers' first three Pac-10 games, including 30 points against Arizona.

## Emotional beginning to Pac-10 play for Beavers

Although OSU lost two of first three conference games, women's basketball falls short against in-state rival Oregon, Top 25 program Arizona State

By Casey Grogan  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Conference play has begun for the OSU women's basketball team, and in three games it has become evident how tough the conference really is.

The Beavers exited their second week of conference play losing two of three (7-6 overall). The opening game of the Pac-10 season pitted Oregon State against rival Oregon (8-6, 2-1 Pac-10) at Gill Coliseum.

Ducks guard Taylor Lilley took control early, draining shots from all over the court and using her speed to drive past the OSU defense on her way to 21 points, leading Oregon to a 76-72 victory.

Next up on the schedule was the University of Arizona (0-4, 6-9 Pac-10). The undermanned Wildcats entered Gill Coliseum with only six players suited up due to injuries and academic and personal issues. Lack of depth did not play an issue for Arizona until late in the game.

The first half belonged to the Wildcats and guard Ashley Whisonant, who scored 11 of her 34 points in the first half, giving Arizona a 39-27 lead at halftime.

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## Men's basketball drops games over weekend

Lack of consistency hurts Oregon State against Arizona schools on road, dropping to 0-2 in conference play for second straight season

THE DAILY BAROMETER

TEMPE, Ariz. — Oregon State had four players score in double figures. That was not enough, however, as the Beavers fell to Arizona State, 72-53, in Pac-10 Conference action on Saturday.

Freshman James Harden scored 24 points as Arizona State won its eighth consecutive game. Jeff Pendergraph added 18 points with nine rebounds and four blocked shots for the Sun Devils (12-2), who are off to their first 2-0 start in Pac-10 play since the 1987-88 season and their third since joining the conference 30 years ago.

Josh Tarver scored 14, and Omari Johnson added 11 for the Beavers (6-8, 0-2 Pac-10). Lathen Wallace and Calvin Haynes each came off the bench to score 10 apiece for Oregon State.

After leading by eight at the break, Pendergraph scored four points, and Jerren Shipp added a layup as Arizona State opened the second half on a 6-0 run to take a 38-24 lead with 17:10 left.

Oregon State cut the lead to nine on Johnson's three-pointer with 13:39 remaining. But Shipp converted a three-point play, and Pendergraph added four points as

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