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The curving ramp outside Gilkey Hall provides greater accessibility for handicapped students attending liberal arts classes. Ramps such as this one are just one example of how the Commission on the Status of Individual Disability has modified campus buildings to improve their accessibility.

## Accessibility: easier trips from home to class

With renovations and upgrades, COSID looks to improve accessibility of campus buildings

By Nick Ngo  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The dictionary defines accessibility as "an easy approach." Tracey Bentley-Townlin defines accessibility as "ease of access."

To Bentley-Townlin, associate dean-director of Disability Access Services, accessibility on campus means "to have an easy access such as traveling from the parking lot to a building and to classrooms and restrooms."

Oregon State University's buildings are continually being maintained and repaired to create an environment where students can learn. However, even with the constant maintenance and upgrades, some buildings on campus still lack accessibility for faculty and students with disabilities.

For example, Strand Agricultural Hall has an

elevator that goes to the third floor, but not the fourth. Fairbanks Hall also has an elevator that doesn't go to its top floor.

The Commission on the Status of Individual Disability is constantly working on making buildings more accessible to students.

COSID comprises members from departments such as faculty services, transit and parking services, disability access services and human resources.

COSID looks to create easier access to buildings by working on projects such as building a ramp at Gilkey Hall and upgrading elevators in Milam Hall and Burt Hall.

"It's not a black-and-white answer," said Michelle Rhoads, manager of parking services. "OSU has made great strides in the past recent years in improvements, and more improvements are still needed."

"It's not a static situation; we look at the picture holistically," Rhoads said.

Bentley-Townlin said OSU is doing its best to accommodate the needs of students and faculty with disabilities.

"We recognize if a class is not accessible, we'll relocate a class to an accessible location," Bentley-Townlin said.

OSU building codes follow the federal regulations of the Americans with Disability Act and Americans with Disability Accessibility Guidelines. However, the ADA regulations are what Bentley-Townlin and Rhoads call the minimum criteria.

"We are [not only] looking at what the law requires, but also what is needed," Rhoads said. "Sometimes what is needed exceeds the minimum criteria."

Kate Hunter-Zaworski, director of the National Center of Accessible Transportation, has been working on creating an OSU standard for buildings, a set of requirements that define what OSU

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## Women dressed in black stand in silence to be heard at OSU

Local members of international movement demonstrate weekly, show violence affects everybody

For one hour every Thursday since October of 2001, a group of women has stood in silence, dressed in black at the top of the stairs in the Memorial Union.

Women in Black is a silent vigil to protest war, rape as a tool of war, ethnic cleansing and the abuse of human rights worldwide.

The network was founded by Palestinian Jewish women in Jerusalem in 1988. According to

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## Classroom to reopen after leak damage

After repair, Moreland 362 should be ready for classes next week

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Students who signed up for a writing class and have had some classroom confusion at the beginning of the term have most likely been mixed up by the temporary closure of Moreland 362.

Over the course of winter break, a leak in a Moreland Hall gutter caused water to seep through the roof and into the room, causing damage to the ceiling, walls and floors.

"The repair team has worked much faster than we expected,"

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## Class offers 'experience of a lifetime'

Marine Research Management Program plans trip to Antarctica, seeks paying participants

By Rhett Register  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Hoping to probe some of the mysteries of the southernmost continent, OSU will be hosting a 16-day field research expedition to Antarctica.

The nine-credit class will begin in the fall with a series of webcast lectures conducted by faculty from both OSU and the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, whose program, Gateway Antarctica, is a partner in the initiative. Undergraduate and graduate students as well as interested members of the public are encouraged to apply for the program.

Although the fee is steep — almost \$8,000 for undergraduates and nearly \$9,000 for graduate students — the opportunity is a unique one.

"I would be thinking about ways to make this happen," said Michael Harte, director of OSU's Marine Resource Management Program and faculty leader for the research trip. "Be it an extra job or pleading with the parents, this is really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

For interested students and members of the community, there is much to plead for.

Participants will spend the first four days of the trip exploring the nature and culture of the Tierra del Fuego region of Southern Argentina. Afterwards, they will board the *Lyubov Orlova*, a 270-foot commercial Antarctic expedition vessel, and sail south to the Antarctic peninsula.

After arriving at the peninsula, students will divide into teams based on their research interests.

While in Antarctica, students will study wildlife and invasive species, changes in the ocean, the impact of tourism and climate change.

"The Antarctic is really the canary

in the coal mine for the rest of the planet," Harte said. "Students will be able to see the effects of global climate change there firsthand."

Participants will conduct research on the flora and fauna, ocean conditions and changes in snow and ice cover to gain an understanding of the impact of global climate change.

At night, back onboard the *Lyubov Orlova*, ecologists will give talks on the natural history of the region, and students can discuss their findings.

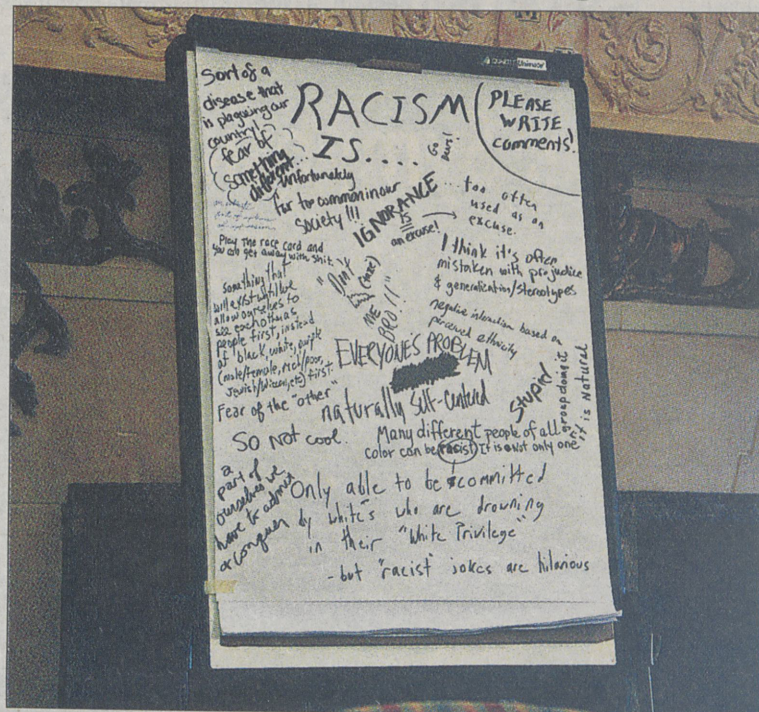
Students will also be there in time for the December solstice — the longest day of the southern year where the sun shines continually for almost 19 hours.

Some students, like sophomore Tyler Brown, a construction engineering management major, think it "would be the experience of a lifetime."

Others seem to have mixed feelings about the expedition.

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## Discussion and Dialogue



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A discussion of the definition of racism took place Wednesday in the MU Journey Room. The discussion was sponsored by ISOSU and Team Liberation. The board, shown here, had been written on by students in the MU concourse for the last week.



## QUOTED

“There really is a world of difference between not registering a car and not registering as a sex offender.”

Attorney Daniel Stotter, who filed a tort claim against Douglas County, Ore. last month asking for a \$5,000 settlement. The county offered a \$1,000 settlement for accidentally registering Stotter as a sex offender.

“The definition of substance abuse is really up to one’s perspective. I didn’t see him as a drug addict. I saw him as someone who enjoyed life. I know drug addicts; he was not a drug addict.”

Lee Daniels, who produced the critically acclaimed “Monster’s Ball,” regarding Heath Ledger.

## ON THIS DAY...

In 1908, is considered the starting date of the Boy Scouts movement in England, under the aegis of Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1742, Charles VII was elected Holy Roman Emperor during the War of the Austrian Succession.

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter’s Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of ‘49.

In 1922, Christian K. Nelson of Onawa, Iowa, patented the Eskimo Pie.

In 1924, the Russian city of Petrograd (formerly St. Petersburg) was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader. (However, it has since been renamed St. Petersburg).

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1965, Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1978, a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite, Cosmos 954, plunged through Earth’s atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1987, gunmen in Lebanon kidnapped educators Alann Steen, Jesse Turner and Robert Polhill and Mitheshwar Singh. (All were eventually released).

## TOP STORY

# Thousands of Palestinians cross into Egypt after militant surge

By Ibrahim Barzak  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — The Palestinian woman in a wheelchair was stumped by a low wall in her path.

Like tens of thousands of Gazans, she was heading to Egypt after militants blew down the main border barrier. But the woman in her 50s was on her own, and there was no way she could get over the smaller hurdle, which others easily jumped.

A uniformed Egyptian policeman walked toward her, picked her up in her wheelchair and carried her across the obstacle to send her on her way. Only a day earlier,

club-wielding Egyptian border guards had tried to beat back hundreds of Hamas supporters to prevent a border breach.

Surreal scenes played out Wednesday across the seven-mile border, as huge crowds of Gazans, cooped up for two years by Israel and Egypt, overran what was once a formidable barrier.

They came on foot, in cars and in donkey carts, flooding through a border barrier blown up by militants — puncturing a gaping hole in Israel’s airtight closure of the Gaza Strip and giving a boost to Hamas.

In a shopping spree that

was both festive and frenzied, Gazans cleared out stores in an Egyptian border town, buying up everything from TV sets to soft drinks to cigarettes.

As waves of people swarmed through the destroyed barrier — some estimated the crowd in the hundreds of thousands — Egyptian security forces lined up on one side of the border and Hamas forces lined up on the other side. None of them interfered in any way, and it appeared Hamas militants actively participated in the border breach.

That breach, though likely temporary, seemed certain to strengthen Hamas in its show-

down with Israel, the West and its Fatah rivals — relieving some of the pain of an international blockade of the Gaza Strip following Hamas’ violent takeover of the coastal territory in June.

It also raised Israeli fears of an influx of weapons and militants to Gaza and threatened to undermine crucial Egyptian participation in a Mideast peace push by President Bush.

Official reaction to the day’s events ranged from dismay to embarrassment to outright anger.

The United States expressed concern about the border breach.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



### Congo’s government, eastern fighters sign accord for truce

GOMA, Congo — Years of fighting in Congo’s restive east ended — on paper at least — Wednesday as warlords and militia fighters signed a long-awaited peace accord with the government of this huge Central African country.

The deal commits all sides to an immediate cease-fire, followed by a pullback of fighters from key areas that will become a U.N.-patrolled buffer zone, said Vital Kamerhe, a government spokesman for the talks.

Observers praised the deal but said fulfilling it would be long and difficult work, with many details yet undecided.

In the five years since the end of back-to-back wars that destroyed much of Congo, violence continued to plague the eastern border region. Local militias clashed with each other, with army forces and with perpetrators of the 1994 Rwandan genocide who took refuge in eastern Congo’s little-policed hills.

Rights groups have accused all sides of pursuing rape campaigns and forcing underage boys to enlist as fighters.

A representative for Laurent Nkunda, the main insurgent leader, was the first to sign the document in a ceremony attended by Congo President Joseph Kabila. Delegates for other armed groups followed.

The peace deal gives militia fighters amnesty from prosecution for insurgency or acts of war, but not for war crimes or crimes against humanity, Kamerhe said.

Kabila called on the signatories to finally “stop this machine that has produced plunderers, rapists and warlords.”

Most of the unrest has been linked to Nkunda, a former general who broke with the government and established a fiefdom in North Kivu province with the

support of his defecting battalions.

Nkunda and the government have previously agreed to cease-fires, but battles have continued to break out. Fighting between his forces and the army has forced some 800,000 villagers to flee their homes in the past year.

Anneke Van Woudenberg, a longtime Congo researcher for Human Rights Watch, warned that the deal was only the beginning of a “tough road,” with many potential pitfalls.



### Vice President Cheney prods Congress to act soon on surveillance

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney prodded Congress on Wednesday to extend and broaden an expiring surveillance law, saying “fighting the war on terror is a long-term enterprise” that should not come with an expiration date.

“We’re reminding Congress that they must act now,” Cheney told the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. The law, which authorizes the administration to eavesdrop on phone calls and see the e-mail to and from suspected terrorists, expires on Feb. 1. Congress is bickering over terms of its extension.

On Tuesday, Senate Republicans blocked an effort by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to extend the stopgap Protect America Act without expanding it, raising stakes for an expected showdown in the Senate later this week on a new version of the law.

“This cause is bigger than the quarrels of party and the agendas of politicians,” Cheney said. “And if we in Washington, all of us, can only see our way clear to work together, then the outcome should not be in doubt.”

Congress hastily adopted the stopgap act last summer in the face of warnings

from the administration about dangerous gaps in the government’s ability to gather intelligence in the Internet age.

Administration allies in Congress not only want the expiring law made permanent but amended to give telephone companies and other communications providers immunity from being sued for helping the government eavesdropping and other intelligence-gathering efforts.



### Landmark \$1 billion deal would scrap Klamath River dams

KLAMATH — More than 300 miles of struggling salmon runs would be restored along the Klamath River as part of a landmark \$1 billion proposal that represents the largest dam removal project in the nation’s history.

The plan, announced Tuesday, followed two years of closed-door negotiations between farmers, Indian tribes, fishermen, conservation groups and government agencies battling over the fate of scarce water and fish protected by the Endangered Species Act.

“What we’ve come up with is a blueprint for how to solve the Klamath crisis,” said Craig Tucker, a coordinator for the Karuk Tribe, which has been working for years to restore dwindling salmon catches that were once key to members’ diet and culture. The proposal calls for the scrapping of four aging hydroelectric dams that have stood on the river for nearly a century — providing electricity for 70,000 customers but also blocking salmon from reaching their spawning grounds.

The agreement faces significant hurdles. It must be reviewed by federal agencies, including the U.S. Justice Department, and the dams’ owner, PacifiCorp, which must agree to their removal, perhaps as soon as 2015.

—The Associated Press

### Thursday, Jan. 24

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force**, 5pm, SLI Main Lounge (Snell 149). We are dedicated to creating campaigns that increase the awareness of LGBTQIA issues on campus. Please join us. Bring your ideas! Allies welcome!

**Speakers**  
**Department of History**, 7pm, LaSells Stewart Center, C&E Auditorium. Lecture by Jeffrey Pilcher, University of Minnesota, “Planet Taco: The Globalization of Mexican Cuisine.” Food for Thought lecture series.

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper and discussion.  
**Music**, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: Chanson De Soir — soprano and classical guitar duo.

**College of Business & College of EECS**, 9am-1pm, between Bexell & Kelley Halls. Microsoft Truck. Hands-on interactive exhibit on Microsoft products.

**Volunteers**  
**Society of Physics Students**, 2-6pm, Wngr 383. SPS will offer tutoring for lower division Physics and Math students.

### Sunday, Jan. 27

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st, corner of Kings & Harrison Streets. Evensong Worship with communion, especially for students.

### Monday, Jan. 28

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU**, 5pm, ASOSU, Snell 149. Women’s Affairs Task Force Meeting.

### Tuesday, Jan. 29

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU Multicultural Affairs**, 4:30pm, SLI. If you want an opportunity to get involved in ASOSU, this is it! Come join us for lots of fun and participation.

**ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force**, 4-5pm, Snell 149. Come work on environmental campaigns and help plan Earth Week 2008!

**ASOSU State Affairs Task Force**, 6-7pm, Snell Hall Lounge. Want to make a difference? Join us in the fight to reduce the cost of education and amplify the student voice. Everyone is welcome!

**Events**  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Lunch! Come and go as you are able. Homemade food (vegetarian option) and stimulating conversation.  
**Academic Success Center**, 5-8pm, Waldo 114. Study night at the ASC. Join the Academic Success Center in a great studying opportunity. Free popcorn, free coaching.  
**United Campus Ministry**, 6:30-8:30pm, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd St. The Way of Prayer — An ecclesial small group designed to help people expand their understanding of the nature and practice of prayer.

### Wednesday, Jan. 30

**Meetings**  
**ASOSU Non-Traditional Affairs Task Force**, 5pm, MU 209 (25+ Lounge). Join non-traditional students in campaigning for positive change on campus!

**Events**  
**United Campus Ministry**, Noon-1pm, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd St. University Learning Community. Join us for conversation. Our book focus is, “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman.

**United Campus Ministry**, 5:30-7:30pm, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd St. Student Gatherings. Come for a home-cooked meal, followed by a time of study. We will explore our understanding of the nature & practice of prayer.

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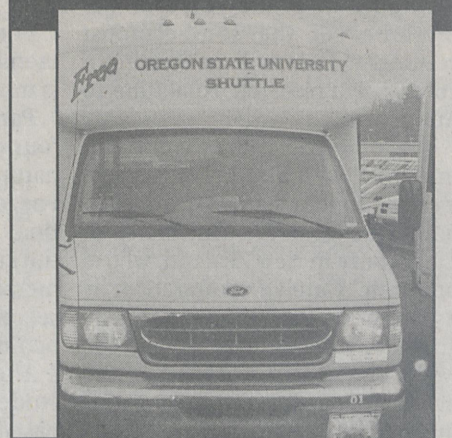
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## ACCESSIBILITY: Federal standards changing, OSU seeks own standards to improve safety and accommodate assistive devices

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is looking for in terms of access.

"We've been working on this for years and years and years," Hunter-Zaworski said.

"We're trying to make this more formal and make it a more standard document that facilities services can share with architects that can work on campus."

During the Apperson Hall remodeling, COSID worked closely with architects to design a building which has a higher level of accessibility.

Hunter-Zaworski said when the ADA was originally written in the early 1990s, it was for people with push-wheelchairs.

"The demographic has changed," Hunter-Zaworski said. "More people use powered chairs, people are larger, and chairs are larger."

To meet the needs of the changing demographic, Hunter-Zaworski said buildings will need automatic doors with sensors instead of buttons. Classrooms — like those in Gilkey Hall — will need to be remodeled to have

seats to accommodate larger people.

Buildings that are wired need to not interfere with the listening devices for people with impaired hearing.

"There's a new revised federal design standard that is coming out. It reflects the needs for buildings to accommodate larger mobility aids and people with severe injuries," Hunter-Zaworski said. "[However] it's stuck in the Department of Justice; it's been in the federal regulatory process for a year now."

Some of the upcoming accessibility remodelings OSU is looking to include upgrades at Rogers Hall and Milam Hall.

"[For Milam Hall], we're working on the concrete ramp that goes to the first floor, and we're going to put more additional lighting up to make it more illuminated," said Fred Wood, manager of Building Services. "We're just enhancing by adding additional lighting and a no-skid surface."

The project will take place during the summer.

David Raleigh, assistant manager in Construction and Inspection Services, said a consultant has been contacted to look at accessibility issues.

"We just put a new ADA ramp in the southeast corner of Gill Hall," Raleigh said. "The old one wasn't that accessible. [The new one] will probably be open in February."

Construction and Inspection Services is also working on building a unisex restroom in Rogers Hall. Raleigh said that in that end of campus, there are very few ADA restrooms.

"Parking is also a situation that evolves," Rhoads said. "We do periodic assessments of the demand for ADA parking."

"The mix of ADA and non-ADA parking may change year to year, depending on students and faculty coming to campus."

OSU's Parking Services is currently working on a survey on the usage of ADA parking. They're looking at the demand of ADA parking to see how much they need to meet the demand.

"We can appropriately and efficiently meet those needs," Rhoads said.

Accessibility remodelings depend on the budget available.

"It depends on customer funds or what's

available in the Academic Modernization and Repair budget," Wood said. "There are always opportunities for improvements."

"Based under the budget restraints we have in Facilities Services, I think we're getting the biggest bang for our bucks as far as what we're doing with our dollars. We're doing quite well with our resources."

Remodelings also depend on the building. Historic campus buildings are a challenge, as Bentley-Townlin noted that historical buildings are usually remodeled on the inside, while there are limited options as to what can be done on the outside.

"One building I'd like to see done is Gilbert Hall," Hunter-Zaworski said. "There's no safe way for somebody in a wheelchair to evacuate.."

"For rooms 124 and 224, if you were a person in a wheelchair, there are no real accessible ways to evacuate that building."

Students and faculty with disabilities in need of assistance can contact Disability Access Services at 541-737-4098 or Parking Services at 541-737-2583.

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## PROTEST: International campaign connects issues, invites participation from all people

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womeninblack.net, "We are silent because mere words cannot express the tragedy that wars and hatred bring."

Every Thursday between noon and 1 p.m., students, administrators and staff members of the OSU community pass by the MU stairs, offering different reactions to the committed solemnity of the women.

According to Lani Roberts, assistant professor in the department of philosophy who largely developed the OSU Women in Black network, some passersby say thank you, some express their disapproval, some stop to read their signs and move along, and some stand and join them.

The sign that stands with the women is the cause that holds the network united. The interest behind Women in Black is to "attract attention to suffering outside of the sealed bubble of good times in college," Roberts said.

Participants of Women in Black at OSU hope to open students' eyes to a global issue.

"Originally, we were looking for things that were universally of interest to people on campus," said Roni Sue, who assisted Roberts in the network's development on campus.

"It is doing something active, a way to honor the humanity and dignity of folks around the world who face violence in a way that I have never faced," Sue said. "It is a poignant way to make a point."

"Lani Roberts has been the instrument in putting this together," said Polly Jeneva, an administrator in language arts who has also participated in the protest.

According to Roberts, participants dress in black because it catches people's attention

Not to be mistaken as an organization, Women in Black is a way of communicating what an extensive, international network of women believes is a formula for action against suffering as a by-product of war.

OSU is not alone in its involvement. Over thirty countries and forty states, including Washington, D.C., are involved in the network.

"It's a silent vigil of grief for what we human beings do to one another... the harm that is freely chosen to cause one another," Roberts said. "The goal is to keep in mind that every person who dies in a war is some person's child. It helps others to stay reminded of the unnecessary violence and death being caused."

The reason for Jeneva's participation is two-fold: "It is a visible protest against war as a reminder to others, and is also a time to reflect on my own pacifism as well as reflect on the transition that must be made for returning soldiers," she said.

Silence is essential to the message that Women in Black represent.

"It makes visible the grief that is caused by violence, and the silence in this case

is really important," Sue said. "It's a way to connect, in a broader sense, with women around the world who are very often in the front lines of violence. It is a way of standing with women around the world without actually being next to them."

Women in Black is open to anyone who is interested. In the Corvallis area, there are currently between 10 and 12 women on the e-mail list for Women in Black.

"It isn't essential to stay for an entire hour," Jeneva said. "People are welcome to come and go as their lifestyle permits."

Although the network was developed by and for women, there are branches of the network that include men.

In other areas where the protests occur, men actively participate, although they stand behind the women.

"There is a popular idea that associates war with men, but it has a direct effect on women," Jeneva said.

Participants hope the protests will encourage men, women and children to speak up on global issues in hopes of promoting peace.

"For many people who are unsure of a way to speak up, this is a way to do it," Sue said.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in Women in Black is encouraged to visit [www.womeninblack.net](http://www.womeninblack.net) or to join the silent protest every Thursday during the regular school year from noon to 1 p.m. at the top of the stairs by the MU lounge.

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## MORELAND: Equipment loss, room changes disrupt classes

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said Tracy Daugherty, the English department chair.

The room, which had 14 courses assigned to it, was not expected to be ready for student and faculty use until spring term at the earliest.

But according to Daugherty, the floor of the room has been refinished and the walls should be repainted by the end of the week.

"If all goes well, the room should be available by next week," Daugherty said.

The room's closure has posed a major disadvantage for the writing classes it was intended to host.

"Hopefully we get back into a classroom with

out the chairs bolted to the floor," said Barry Lawler, a professor in the English department.

Lawler has two classes that normally are held in Moreland 362, but for the time being he has been relocated to Strand and Kidder halls. According to Lawler, the relocation to more auditorium-like classrooms isn't necessarily a good thing.

"This is a nice room [in Kidder Hall], but the other room is better," Lawler said. "This is clearly not the right ambience for a workshop setting."

Daugherty said the only setback to the move was the smart technology the class utilizes, which was damaged in the leak.

"Once we have all of the equipment hooked up and online, the class should be ready," Daugherty said.

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## ANTARCTICA: 'Natural wonders' make class worth the expense

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"I think this could be a good, so long as they come back with some new data or information," said Harold Cuffe, a 5th-year senior majoring in economics. "Getting down there itself contributes to global warming."

Haruyoshi Matsumoto, an OSU research associate whose work with hydrophones frequently takes him to Antarctica, believes the expedition is well worth the time and money.

"Seeing pristine ice shelves on the Antarctic Peninsula and city-size icebergs are [an]

almost religious experience for anyone who can afford to visit there," Matsumoto said.

Bob Dziak, associate professor and colleague of Matsumoto, agrees with Brown.

"This trip would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, a fabulous opportunity to experience the natural wonders of southern Patagonia and Antarctica," Dziak said.

Although the class runs during fall term 2008, the deadline to sign up is Feb. 15. Fifteen participants will be selected. For more information, go to [oregonstate.edu/international](http://oregonstate.edu/international) and type the word "Antarctica" into the search box.

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## Food for Thought

History, Technology, Gastronomy

### Planet Taco: The Globalization of Mexican Cuisine

Jeffrey Pilcher, University of Minnesota

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Editorial

## Transparency

Defined by Merriam-Webster as "characterized by visibility or accessibility of information" and "free from pretense or deceit," transparency is increasingly a part of Western institutions. Increasingly quickly are the debates about, requests for and systems providing transparency.

The First Amendment — freedom of speech — protects our rights to discuss and critique issues affecting us all, and transparency enables us to do this — if we have the access. Americans have long held this to be true and are increasingly decentralizing these efforts. In Jan. 2007, Trendwatching.com reported transparency as one of five top trends for 2007.

As said on Trendwatching.com, the effects of transparency on the market have already been significant — effects such as prices, brand power and purchase decisions, which the group says is, "scaring the s--- out of [the] non-performing." As any business class would show, perfect competition requires informed decision-making.

Blogging and multimedia platforms, through so-called "citizen journalism," have already shown their power to catch crooks, expose flawed products and embarrass celebrities.

Nationally, projects such as FedSpending.org and Opensecrets.org aim to expose the inner financial details of the government and those who run it, in addition to donors of political campaigns.

Even pop-critic Perez Hilton has joined in reporting donations made to candidates by celebrities.

Adequate local transparency, however, has not yet been established. Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski stated in a Jan. 16 press release that transparency and oversight are guiding principles for economic and environmental sustainability.

Defending his position, Kulongoski said, "These issues are regional, non-partisan, long-term and critical to our economy, environment and quality of life."

On Jan. 4, the Oregon University System Board passed a proposal to increase transparency in fees and tuition.

Discussing similar topics during a Jan. 23 forum, President Ed Ray answered questions from students.

The Editorial Board has learned of ASOSU's desire to publish information about university fees.

The State of Oregon, OUS, OSU administration and ASOSU have seen the opportunity to greater serve their public. We encourage them to act quickly and make the information accessible. Since technological advancements have reduced the burden of publication and dissemination, little is needed to encourage these efforts.

Greater access to information not only exposes mistakes and criminal actions, but provides the opportunity for greater trust in oft-maligned institutions. Americans' First Amendment rights provide an excellent framework for effective, free communication and decision-making, but now, to advance our democracy, we require accurate, honest disclosure.

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Jonathan Boydston

Off the Fence

## Leave it to Bill

On Monday night, the three Democratic candidates for president still left standing after the first few primaries faced off with each other in what was later revealed to be the most-watched primary-season debate in history.

The debate, held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., by CNN and the Congressional Black Caucus Institute, saw more personal attacks by the candidates than any held in the race so far. Amid the barrage of these attacks, the viewers — both in the audience and at home — could easily tell that the bulk of the debate was being spent focused on the growing rivalry between the heavy frontrunners, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

Clinton would attack Obama on his record, Obama would fight back by saying Clinton was lying, and every once in a while John Edwards would find the time to make a few points before Hillary and Obama would start their bickering again.

I found the entire thing to be rather entertaining, if not very informative with regards to the issues. But in particular, I felt that the most intriguing confrontation between the two leaders came when the most controversial person was brought up: Bill Clinton.

Barack Obama, both on Monday night and throughout the most recent part of this race, has commented that he sometimes does not know who it is that he is running against: Hillary or Bill.

These comments have been made for good reason; ever since it became clear that Obama would be Clinton's main opponent, Bill has been on the campaign trail both praising his wife and, more importantly, bashing Barack Obama.

Although they are unusual (a former president has never campaigned so hard for a prospective president) Bill Clinton's actions, in and of themselves, are not completely surprising. After all, anyone that has the sort of platform and following that Bill Clinton has would probably do the same thing for their spouse.

Yet the key difference between what we have seen before from spouses of candidates and what we are seeing with the former president is the aggressiveness by which he is presenting his arguments.

From calling Obama's rhetoric "false hope" and "fairy tales" to criticizing the junior senator's experience and youth, Bill Clinton has gone above and beyond the norm of political competition to make the race for the Democratic nomination just as much to do with tearing apart others as it is about building up who you actually support.

One must ask the question, though, of just how much Bill's vigorous campaigning actually helps Hillary.

Bill Clinton is generally one of our more well-regarded presidents in modern history, still having a great deal of support from both the Democratic Party as well as the American people

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## Taxes: the price of civilization

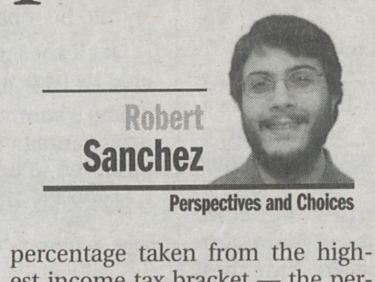
Influential Supreme Court Justice Learned Hand defined taxes as "the price of civilization." In a modern nation-state system, taxes are what provide for all governmental services, what build our society and our economy. Without sufficient taxes, the government cannot adequately provide for the basic needs of citizens.

Without a progressive tax system, one in which people are taxed more heavily as income increases, an "aristocracy of wealth" is created in which members of rich families have access to all the benefits of our society without paying a proportional share of the upkeep costs.

Last week I was driving to school in my partner's car, and we were stuck in traffic coming off the Harrison Street bridge. Looking out at the wall of cars in front of us, and doing a quick mental calculation, I said to her, "You know, the people in all those cars could fit in one bus. Most of those cars have only one person in them. That's like 40 times the pollution, and however many times the wear on the road, the resource use of the metal..." I rambled on, and traffic began moving slowly forward.

One bus, I thought. One bus could hold the 40 or so people on the road around us, saving individuals hundreds of dollars a year in gas costs, saving the environment from excess pollution and perhaps even building community by putting people in contact with each other. Creating a comprehensive modern mass transit network to serve the entire contiguous United States would likely cost several trillion dollars, depending on the chosen design and complexity of the system. Where could we come up with several trillion dollars? Hmm...

Tax cuts and tax-related statutes passed during and after the Reagan administration have severely altered the way our country is funded. Over the last 40 years the



Robert Sanchez

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percentage taken from the highest income tax bracket — the percentage of income above \$349,700 which is owed the government — fell from 70 percent to 35 percent. Over the last 40 years many rich people have become vastly richer thanks to the "restructuring" of income, estate and gift taxes, and the government has been forced to operate without the hundreds of billions of dollars of revenue that would have been taken in during the last several decades had the tax laws been left alone.

These are taxes on the very rich — taxes only affecting people making close to half a million dollars or more a year.

Considering the condition of America's civil infrastructure and the dwindling funding for education, medical care and other essential needs, I think the people of the United States would be better off had these taxes been paid. Do the rich not have a patriotic responsibility to give back to the community on whose backs and whose purchases their fortunes were made?

The poor and middle classes pay a far higher percentage of their income to taxes than the very rich do. Additionally, the rich have the liquid assets and connections to engage in tax evasion schemes.

Means such as multi-layer partnerships, "deferral" of income into interest-bearing accounts where the income emerges as capital gains subject to a much lower tax rate, creation of offshore headquarters for tax purposes and exploitation of other loopholes are increasingly common.

Based on extrapolation from

known cases, the rich and upper-middle classes cheat the government out of billions of dollars in taxes every year. It is unclear exactly how much the government is defrauded out of, because few cases of fraud by the rich are investigated or prosecuted, even when overwhelming evidence exists.

Congressional decisions have systematically defunded the IRS to the point that they perform only a fraction of the audits they once did, and growing pressure exists to placate the rich. The average person is considerably less likely to be audited today than he was 20 years ago. The rich are even more insulated from the scrutiny of tax collectors, perhaps not surprisingly, given that they have the wealth to buy the personal attention of their legislators. Current IRS mandates, dictated by Congress, favor investigating the poor.

IRS statistical reports tracking employee productivity are based on the number of cases completed, not on the amount of taxes owed collected, creating an incentive to go after the poor and middle classes, who will have fewer resources with which to engage in a legal battle with the IRS.

If efficient mass transit and other similar domestic investments are serious priorities to the American people, perhaps we should consider restructuring our tax laws in a manner that will fund these programs without pinching anyone. The rich can still get richer, just at a bit slower rate, and the middle class and poor would not need to be taxed above current rates. If getting tax reforms passed was too difficult or more funding was needed to get needed programs up and running, we could even consider increasing our national debt.

The debt owed by our nation will be passed on to our children, and we should not idly consider stacking more on top of an already heavy

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# Buying the freshman fifteen

The freshman fifteen is a little exaggerated. Maybe it's the alliteration or just a result of melodramatic 18-year-olds, but I don't think too many college first-years actually undergo such extreme weight gain. I'll admit that before writing this introduction, I weighed myself and discovered I had, in fact, gained a few pounds during my first term at Dartmouth College. But my jeans are snug — not busting at the seams.

Nevertheless, there is an obvious method to combating the freshman six-and-a-half: eating healthily. The only problem is, at Dartmouth, like in the real world, maintaining a well-balanced diet isn't cheap. The Dartmouth administration should subsidize the budget of Dartmouth Dining Services to make healthy food less expensive.

According to researchers at the University of Washington, junk food is already cheaper, and its price is less likely to rise with cost of inflation than that of fruits and vegetables. Low-calorie, nutritious food tends to be more perishable and thus more expensive to transport and maintain. Additionally, the government apportions only 37 percent of its farm subsidies to fruits and vegetables, whereas 73.8 percent is handed out to meat and dairy farmers — ensuring the cost of high-fat beef remains low.

Tack on the added cost of organic and locally grown cuisine, and it's no surprise a double cheeseburger at the food

## Jordan Osseman The Dartmouth

court costs significantly less than healthier options.

Unfortunately, as price-conscious college students wary of going negative on our DDS dollars, we are given the incentive to eat unhealthy food. As Associate Director of Dartmouth Dining Services David Newlove explains, DDS receives no money from the school to conduct its business operations.

The goal of DDS is to break even each year, meaning food prices are set so DDS makes just enough to run its business — about a 32 percent markup from the cost DDS pays its distributors. Ultimately, this means DDS prices are a reflection of the real world. If beef is cheap at the grocery store, then it's cheap at Home Plate. Kosher chicken will always be pricey, and if students aren't buying enough fair trade bananas, then Collis will take them off the shelves.

In a college environment, this is an inherently flawed system. Sure, in the real world prices aren't fair — Americans seeking to lose weight or stay healthy will inevitably pay more for a nutritious meal than will fast-food crazed teenagers eating at McDonald's. But should a health-conscious student at Dartmouth have to pay such a high premium to stay fit? Shouldn't the college promote healthy eating rather than everything fatty and fried?

Instead of allowing the costs of eating healthily to dictate our DDS spending, Dartmouth should allocate part of its endowment directly to DDS. This money should serve the explicit purpose of allowing DDS to charge less for healthy food. It should also allow DDS to make purchasing decisions based on nutrition, not profitability.

Even if reduced-price vegetarian fare doesn't market well with the entire student body, the college should still offer a greater variety of inexpensive vegan and vegetarian meals for the herbivores on campus, few as they may be. Not only would the system be more equitable for those whose diets are in the minority, but over time, it would likely encourage more hardcore meat-eaters to try new things.

Granted, this tactic would cause the college to spend more of its endowment than it currently does — but given we spend about \$135 million of our \$3.8 billion endowment per year, I think it's safe to say Dartmouth could easily afford the increase. In fact, the college's commitment to providing inexpensive, healthier options to students on campus would likely encourage alumni — who would undoubtedly see the move as a positive step forward — to donate.

Dartmouth already promotes health consciousness with its requirement of three physical education credits for graduation. Why shouldn't it extend this mindset to our dining options?

Jordan Osseman  
The Dartmouth (Dartmouth)

## BOYDSTON: Bill Clinton might just be helping wife's rival out

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in general. Even if he is not universally liked, Bill Clinton the person and the ideas he holds are looked upon with some deal of reverence by the majority of Americans.

Still, though, I keep getting the feeling when I turn on the news and see the former president bashing Obama that such criticism might actually help Hillary Clinton's rival.

Obama keeps on pushing his ideas of change as the campaign moves forward, and keeps convincing voters that the Washington, D.C., we are familiar with is fundamentally flawed.

On the flip side, you have Bill Clinton, someone who really represents the old guard of the Democratic Party, spouting off about how his wife is so much more qualified and experienced in D.C. than Obama is.

Only one of these messages is going to win a candidate a nod from the Democrats to face off in November with the GOP, and though experience is a great strength to possess, it may not be what the American people want.

On top of all of this, the Clinton campaign must look beyond what benefits its chances to get the Democratic nomination and see that its actions could possibly hinder its party's chances to win back the presidency later this year.

Many prominent figures within the party, both in and outside of D.C., have expressed worry over how much this back-and-forth arguing will actually help their chances against the Republicans.

Instead of taking jabs at their opponents' voting records or professional lives, Democratic candidates must instead return to the issues that are most important to them and thus most important to their party's chances of winning.

Instead of Bill Clinton criticizing Barack Obama over miniscule votes he made at the state level in Illinois, he should instead voice his concern over the Bush economy. Instead of Hillary picking apart Obama's financial sources, she should focus on health care, energy and ending the war in Iraq.

I am, naturally, rather biased when it comes to my feelings on the candidates. I am an Obama supporter myself, have been an Obama supporter since before he announced his candidacy and have indeed expressed my views through my writing and other outlets.

I see the actions and rhetoric of Bill and Hillary Clinton as rather petty, especially coming from a former president and possible future president.

Yet I also understand that Barack Obama has not been a model candidate either; he certainly plays into the bickering as well and has not been one to hold back his feelings about the other candidates.

I suppose the most important thing for both candidates now — and for Bill Clinton too — is to realize we are not going to move forward and win back the presidency if we are perpetually caught in this cycle of criticism.

The issues are certainly not everything in an election; the candidates themselves and the lives they have led are important and must be thoroughly scrutinized. Yet for once I find myself dying to hear the candidates, at least the Democratic ones, get back to the outlandishly boring task of explaining their feelings on the important issues.

It may not be quite as entertaining as hearing politicians take cheap shots at each other, but it certainly is as important.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Crosses in the Quad

#### Question for administrators

Every year the crosses come out, and every year there is controversy and arguments about the morality of abortion.

Quite frankly, I'm tired of talking about it (morality, that is).

The pro-lifers start with this display, then bring in the GAP (pictures of aborted fetuses on billboards) and have them set up in the Quad and drive back and forth in front of the grade schools around town.

The questions that come to my mind out of all of this are: Why is it that OSU allows the pro-life group to stick crosses in the lawn, but forbids the women's rights groups from tapping in tent stakes to hold up their posters? Why when the GAP comes do they use outside, paid labor instead of students? And reserve the whole Quad so NO other groups can practice free speech in response to what is being displayed?

Basically it all comes down to this question: Why does the OSU administration give special rights to the pro-life groups and restrict or punish women's rights and pro-freedom groups?

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OSU Alumnus

### Crosses in the Quad

#### A different approach

I was surprised to read your article Wednesday about the abortion protest on the MU lawn, which consisted of 3,000 crosses. I wasn't surprised that the demon-

stration took place (this is a fairly conservative school, after all), but I was surprised at the method they chose to stage their protest. Crosses? That doesn't seem like particularly powerful imagery to me. I mean, who cares.

"Geez, I didn't mind killing babies before, but now I see all these crosses, I'll change my heathen ways for sure!"

You want a good idea for a protest? OSU Right to Life should steal a page from the book of those Irish political prisoners from 1981 who actually starved themselves to death for their political cause. Bobby Sands survived for 66 days without food before finally succumbing. Now that's a protest!

Or how about this: as my great hero Bill Maher once said, "Put your cervix where your mouth is."

There are about 400,000 unused, fertilized embryos in storage, leftovers from fertility treatments across the country. These embryos will eventually be thrown out if they're not used, or even worse, they'll be used for stem cell research. Why don't you female protesters offer up your uterus to be a home to one of these unwanted zygotes for nine months? Hell, why stop at one? You could fit two or three embryos in there! Not convenient for a single college student to have triplets? Tough. Do you think it was convenient for Jesus to be crucified?

If OSU Right to Life stops talking the talk and starts walking the walk, then they will have my respect.

NICK PETERSEN  
Student

## SANCHEZ: Tax payers' money for war could be used to fund current needs of our nation

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burden. The current war in Iraq, largely financed by the cutting of discretionary budget items and by taking on new debt, has currently cost American tax payers approximately \$1 trillion and is estimated to cost as much as \$3 trillion after adding in future costs of ongoing operations in Iraq,

a lifetime of disability payments paid to the thousands of injured veterans of the war and other associated costs.

Those trillions could, and still can, be put to much better use. They could fund a national health care program, help meet our nation's education needs, manage our natu-

ral resources more effectively and subsidize the construction of a mass transit system that would serve all population centers (several thousand or more people in a small area) with local transit, along with providing high-speed interstate transportation for people and goods.

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## Pact on emergency economy rescue near

By Andrew Taylor  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — House Democratic and Republican leaders appeared close to agreement with the White House Wednesday night on a significantly reworked package of emergency tax cuts to jolt the economy out of its slump.

At a Wednesday evening meeting, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi made major concessions to drop increases in food stamp and unemployment benefits in exchange for tax rebates of at least \$300 for all people earning a paycheck, including low-income earners who make too little to pay income taxes. Families with children would receive an additional \$300 per child, while those paying income taxes could receive higher rebates as well, a senior House aide said.

Pelosi, D-Calif., and House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, had yet to reach agreement on a package of tax breaks for businesses after estimates showed a tentative agreement could exceed \$70 billion, far more than had been expected, the aide and a Democratic lobbyist said.

Pelosi and Boehner appeared optimistic Wednesday night as they left their third extended negotiating session of the day with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson. A tentatively scheduled Thursday morning negotiating session was called off, her spokesman said, as Pelosi first needed to brief fellow Democrats on the emerging but controversial plan.

"We'll have more to say tomorrow," Boehner said. "We're hopeful."

Democratic aides said greater GOP flexibility over giving income tax relief to poor families with children — who would not be eligible under President Bush's tax rebate proposal — had moved the talks forward.

Asked whether agreement was near, Pelosi said, "We're moving toward that, but all the issues are not resolved."

The business tax portion still being negotiated would give businesses incentives to invest in plants and equipment, give small businesses more generous expensing rules and allow businesses suffering losses now to reclaim taxes previously paid.

## Edwards criticizes Clinton for leaving South Carolina before primary

By Susanne M. Schafer  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BENNETTSVILLE, S.C. — Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards said South Carolina voters should question Hillary Rodham Clinton's commitment to the state since she left in the run-up to the state's primary.

"After the debate, she flew out and she's been gone and she won't be back until I don't know — later in the week or until primary day," Edwards told a crowd of about 150 people in this small city on Wednesday. "What are the chances she's coming back when she's president of the United States?"

Clinton took part in Monday night's debate in Myrtle Beach and then left to campaign in states scheduled to hold contests Feb. 5, including California, New Mexico and New Jersey. She's expected back in South Carolina on Thursday, and her husband has been campaigning for her around the

state this week.

Barack Obama also has been campaigning in South Carolina ahead of Saturday's primary.

Edwards is emphasizing his biography in an attempt to gain traction even as polls show him lagging both rivals. A South Carolina native and son of a mill worker, he stresses themes focused on the middle class and an economic plan that would bring help to family farmers, and jobs and broadband Internet connections to rural areas.

"I will not forget where I came from," Edwards told the crowd during one of three campaign events he held Wednesday alongside a bluegrass band. He said he's not a candidate who "thinks of Bennettsville as some place you fly over on the way from New York to Miami."

Edwards later stopped at an auto parts store in rural Patrick, asking people for their support. He reiterated his opposition to President Bush's economic stimulus package, saying "it leaves out too many people."

## Romney says economic focus that won in Michigan can play in South

By Glen Johnson  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLUFFTON, S.C. (AP) — Mitt Romney on Wednesday swapped talk of resurrecting the auto industry that helped him in Michigan with a pledge to pay attention to textile and other industrial job losses that have punished the South.

"You've seen it here, in furniture. You've seen the textile industry, where Washington watched, saw the jobs go and go," the Republican presidential contender told a group of senior citizens at the Sun City Hilton Head Retirement Center.

"I'm not willing to declare defeat on any industry where we can be competitive. I'm going to fight for every job," Romney said.

Later, during a news conference, the former Massachusetts governor acknowledged he may not always be successful, but he renewed his Rust Belt criticism of rival John McCain for suggesting some automotive

jobs will not be replaced.

The Arizona senator has suggested Romney is pandering for votes and ignoring the realities of the global economy.

"Can I guarantee that we'll be able to protect every industry and every job and be successful keeping every job?" Romney said to reporters. "I don't think any person can make that guarantee. But I can guarantee that I'll fight and do my best."

South Carolina votes Saturday, and Romney's trip south inspired a reassessment of his victory a night earlier in Michigan. That was the state where he was born, Romney's father served as governor for three terms and where Romney himself pledged to do more than any other candidate to reduce the state's nation-leading 7.4 percent unemployment rate.

On Monday at the Detroit Economic Club, Romney told industry titans they should support their native son because, "I've got Michigan in my DNA, I've got it in my heart and I've got cars in my bloodstream."

## Ruling raises tax concern about benefits for Oregon volunteers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEND — State lawmakers are trying to rework state law to allow nonprofit groups to offer their volunteers benefits such as free season passes at ski areas.

A state agency and the Oregon Court of Appeals have found that the passes the Mount Bachelor Sports Education Foundation gave volunteers for setting up gates and logging times at ski races amount to a wage, which means they are taxable.

Organizations that rely on volunteers are wondering what other incentives might be taxable.

"Our concern, like most of the volunteer managers in the state, is, unless this is overturned, we're setting a precedent where any sort of incentive that's provided to a volunteer is called into question," said Kathleen Joy, executive director of the Oregon Commission for Volunteer Action & Service.

One expert said the rulings probably don't cover items of small value — T-shirts at a

charity race or doughnuts at a telephone bank for a public radio fund drive.

"We don't know where that line is," said Nena Cook, an employment attorney with Sussman Shank in Portland. "I suspect that T-shirts are OK, and now we know that ski passes are not."

State Rep. Chuck Burley, R-Bend, has drafted a bill to exempt the rewards given to volunteers at ski areas, including ski patrollers, from unemployment tax, minimum wage and workers' compensation laws.

But on Tuesday, witnesses and committee members voiced reservations, saying it was overly broad and could put Oregon out of compliance with federal tax law, possibly costing the state \$97 million in federal funds.

Rob Edwards, tax manager for the Oregon Employment Department, suggested keeping the value of incentives to a minimum and not making them contingent on completing the volunteer work.

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# Sharapova, Federer both advance in Australian Open

By John Pye  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maria Sharapova just keeps getting better at the Australian Open.

Two days after ending top-ranked Justine Henin's 32-match winning streak in the quarterfinals, Sharapova outclassed Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 6-1 on Thursday to advance to the final Saturday and a bid for her third Grand Slam singles title.

Sharapova, who lost in the final last year to Serena Williams, will play the winner of Thursday's second semifinal between another Serbian player, Ana Ivanovic, and Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova.

It's the second time in four majors that the Serbian duo has made it to the semis, repeating their run in the last French Open.

The 20-year-old Sharapova, who hasn't dropped a set in six matches at Melbourne Park this year, won her first major at Wimbledon in 2004, then added the U.S. Open title in 2006.

She led 5-0 in the opening set before No. 3 Jankovic came back with two service breaks to pull to 5-3. But Sharapova clinched it on her sixth set point when an attempted drop shot was ripped back across the net and past a stretching Jankovic.

"I had a bit of a letdown. I was too good for my own level," Sharapova said of her first-set lapse. "But I'm really happy to get back in the final."

Sharapova broke Jankovic's serve to open the second set, after which the Serbian player received treatment for an apparent back strain. Trailing 3-0, Jankovic again had treatment, laying outstretched on a towel while a physiotherapist massaged her lower back area.

Looking increasingly as if she was playing with pain, Jankovic had trouble getting to several balls and Sharapova won the match when Jankovic hit a backhand wide.

The start of the match was delayed for about 10 minutes when rain began falling in the warmup, forcing organizers to close the roof at Rod Laver Arena.

On Wednesday, Roger Federer talked

about the tension and nerves players feel before a Grand Slam semifinal, and with good authority — on Friday he will play in his 15th in a row.

But while it might reassure Novak Djokovic to hear that the man he'll be facing in his first Australian Open semifinal experiences some nerves too, he'd better be wary of the rhetoric.

"I remember when I made my first Grand Slam semifinals or my finals, I was so nervous," Federer said in an almost confiding tone, after beating James Blake 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-4. "Now it's been so many that it's almost become some sort of a routine. That's helped me a great deal being able to cope with those moments."

Federer has a brilliant conversion rate, reaching the last 10 Grand Slam finals and winning 12 of the last 18 dating to his first at Wimbledon in 2003.

The momentum and experience gives Federer the edge, he says: "Maybe they blink a little bit in those important moments, whereas maybe usually they wouldn't."

At 26, Federer is the oldest of the men's semifinalists, and will meet the youngest in 20-year-old Djokovic on Friday. The third-ranked Djokovic beat No. 5 David Ferrer of Spain 6-0, 6-3, 7-5 to complete a run to the semifinals at all four majors.

Rafael Nadal, who will play unseeded Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the other semifinal, is the longest-serving No. 2 in tennis history, and he's only 21. Nadal knows something about catching Federer on a bad day in a Grand Slam, though, after beating the Swiss star in the last two French Open finals.

Federer had more to play for against Blake than just his 8-0 record against the American and his bid for a 13th major, which would move him within one of Pete Sampras' record.

One of the anomalies of the rankings is that despite his domination last season — 68-9 with a tour-high eight titles — Federer could have lost the top spot he's held since February 2004. Nadal would have taken

over if he'd reached the Australian Open final and Federer lost to Blake.

"I heard rumors I could lose it," Federer said, mockingly. "Someone reminded me of it."

With a tiebreaker looming in the first set, Federer was at his usual best under pressure, breaking Blake as he served at 5-6.

Blake saved two set points at 4-5 in the second and three more after falling behind 6-2 in the tiebreaker, but Federer cashed his sixth.

He was cruising at 5-1 in the third set when Blake ran off three straight games, but Federer finally held to finish.

"I really went in thinking I had a good chance to win," Blake said. "I played pretty well, but he came up with some of his best at the right times, and that was the difference."

It was the same for Djokovic, who had set points against Federer in the U.S. Open final but could not convert them.

Against Federer, he was only troubled when it was time to close out, dropping his serve and losing his temper before regaining his composure.

"As the third player of the world, I have a lot of expectations and pressure, and sometimes it's difficult to stay calm on the court," Djokovic said. "I'm working on that. I'm still young and I still need to improve some elements in the game as well as the mental stabilization."

Things changed for Djokovic when he beat Federer and Nadal en route to the Montreal title in August, then reached the U.S. Open final. He is widely considered a worthy No. 3.

"They were saying the year after a breakthrough year is the most difficult one. But you know, I'm feeling really, really good," Djokovic said. "I'm playing with a lot of confidence."

In the late men's doubles match, two-time defending champions and top-seeded Bob and Mike Bryan went down 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (5) to Mahesh Bhupathi and Mark Knowles in the quarterfinals.

## MEN'S HOOPS: Beavers basketball to face number of issues in hiring new head coach

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ton. When Payton left for the NBA draft the following spring, he may have taken the last breath of Oregon State basketball dominance with him. Anderson was fired in 1995 after six lackluster seasons.

After Anderson's dismissal, Eddie Payne took the lead at the front of the bench, and Beaver Nation hoped he would be the one to bring Oregon State back to the top. Payne landed prized recruits such as Corey Benjamin and Carson Cunningham, and the losing ways were supposed to be over. But alas, it was not to be.

Benjamin was an outstanding player, but he stayed only two years before leaving for the NBA, and Cunningham played only one year before he vacated Corvallis. The Payne era ended with a giant thud in 2000 without any postseason berths, or a winning season for that matter. Discipline problems and character issues were becoming evident in a program that was starting to look desperate to get back to its winning ways.

Oregon State then decided to go with a disciplined coach who was also determined to clean up the program and create a winner. Ritchie McKay took over and instilled discipline and a mind-numbing offense. After two 9th-place seasons filled with player-and-coach feuds, Ritchie McKay left for New Mexico, which led Oregon State to Jay John.

Monetarily, the Oregon State Athletic Department does not have a lot to work with. In a perfect world, the Beavers would build a new arena and hire a top-notch coach who could land solid recruits, and within two years the Beavers would be competing for post-season play once again. That is simply not the case.

The facility is one of the biggest concerns for recruits. Gill is falling apart, and if 3,500 fans are showing up each week, that is not exactly creating an environment that athletes want to be a part of.

Oregon State has to choose basically one of two things: Which basket do you put all of your eggs in — paying for the higher-priced coach, or upgrading the facilities? If De Carolis believes in Kevin Mouton or someone of similar experience, then OSU's facilities will get a face-lift. And if he wants the high-priced coach, then we will all just have to suffer at Gill together in the hopes that one man can make all the difference.

The players seem to believe in Mouton.

"He brings energy and calmness," sophomore Josh Tarver said. "The guys respect him on the team, and we're going to play hard and listen to what he has to say."

"We're ready for Mouton," senior Marcel Jones said. "We're ready to play hard for him."

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## Blazers fall in New Orleans, gear up for home stand

By Brett Martel  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jannero Pargo scored a season-high 24 points in 24 minutes, and the New Orleans Hornets extended their season-best winning streak to six games with a 96-81 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

Pargo's 10-of-18 shooting, five assists and energy coming off the bench helped the

Hornets overcome an early 12-point deficit and surge into the lead for good in the second quarter.

David West scored 22 for the Hornets (29-12), who have won 14 of 16 games and lead the Southwest Division after their best first half of a season in franchise history.

Chris Paul had 18 points and 10 assists for New Orleans, while Tyson Chandler had nine

points and 14 rebounds. Peja Stojakovic added 12 points.

LaMarcus Aldridge led Portland (25-17) with 17 points, while Steve Blake hit four 3-pointers and finished with 15. Brandon Roy and Travis Outlaw each had 14 for Portland, which wound up 3-4 on its seven-game road trip.

New Orleans began to pull away when Stojakovic, who didn't score in the first half, hit

a mid-range jumper and a 3-pointer to open the third quarter.

Chandler's tip-in of Paul's missed jumper and West's driving layup through a crowd fueled a 7-0 run, capped by Paul's free throws, that gave New Orleans a 67-55 lead.

Portland made one last run in the fourth quarter, starting with Roy's fast-break dunk as he was fouled.

## LILJA: Baseball, football get nice stadium upgrades, while basketball gets a garden

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and John Wooden could pull an All-American to play in that "legendary" barn with a gaggle of no-name players who haven't had a winning season since neon was fashionable. There has been word that a recruit recently left in the middle of his trip here. Didn't tell the coaches, didn't tell the team. Just left.

I don't blame him. What's here to see?

Coaches: "And here is Gill Coliseum, where you will be playing with teammates like Kyle Bjornstad and Calvin Hampton."

Recruit: "This is our practice

facility, right? Where the fans watch us practice?"

Coaches: "Well, yes and no. Have you seen our glowing football outside?"

Instead of blaming a coach for failing in the best conference in America, take a look around. What did Coach John have to work with? The intramural games are played in better facilities. And in the winter, the men's basketball team shares the court with the women's team, the wrestlers and the gymnasts.

The basketball team must look around and ask, "What

about us?"

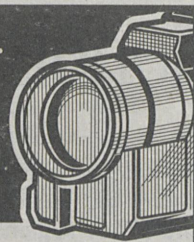
The football program has a multi-million-dollar renovated stadium. The baseball team has added a couple thousand more seats. Meanwhile, the basketball team has a new garden outside, some new walls inside and some banners on the ceiling. They play in a building that a pro

scout recently called a "pile of [expletive]."

So, while fans were more upset at Jay John than the great Joe Dimaggio was at the movie "The Seven Year Itch," what's really appalling is that an athletic department would treat a coach like this. Absurd.

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*"We always said Smitty would be a great head coach because the time he put in and the way he interacted with players and how seriously he took his job."*

— Falcons quarterback Byron Leftwich on being reunited with his new head coach in Atlanta, Mike Smith

## Coaching changes nothing new for OSU hoops

OSU interim head coach Kevin Mouton steps in for OSU as sixth Beaver head coach since 1989

By Kacy Hochstatter  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The new era of Oregon State men's basketball officially begins today as the Beavers welcome freshman phenom O.J. Mayo and the USC Trojans to Gill Coliseum.

Although many fans, boosters and students were relieved to hear that Jay John would no longer be the head coach, his mid-season firing may have raised more red flags than it lowered.

For as much blame John took recently, he was in fact the only head coach to lead the Beavers to any post-season appearance since Gary Payton graced the friendly confines of Gill back in 1990.

Now it is up to former assistant Kevin Mouton to try and build some momentum for a program that has not seen any real success in nearly two decades.

For Mouton, being an interim coach for a program that is in a downward spiral is not exactly the ideal situation for him in his first head coaching stint, but he has taken the move in stride.

"I'm just really honestly thinking about preparing our guys on a daily basis," Mouton said. "All that stuff will take care of itself."

With the search for a new head coach now in high gear, let's take some time to reflect on what the last four coaching changes have done to jump-start the program.

Since the departure of legendary coach Ralph Miller in 1989, Oregon State has had four head coaches: Jim Anderson, Eddie Payne, Ritchie McKay and John — none of which has had any real success in his time at Oregon State.

Jim Anderson led Oregon State to an NCAA tournament berth in 1990, but that was due solely to players that were left over from Miller's era, like future NBA superstar Gary Pay-

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Beaver wing Seth Tarver (Above) has been a pleasant offensive surprise so far this season, leading all OSU players in scoring with 12.6 points per game. The sophomore has also started in all 18 games for OSU.

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Nick Lilja



## Debacle? What Debacle?

There are three ways to fire someone and make him feel like the biggest piece of chicken-bleep in the world: fire him for trying and failing, fire him on his day off and fire him in the middle of completing a job.

In a press release stating Jay John's removal, Bob De Carolis was quoted as saying, "I want to thank Coach John for his contributions to Oregon State University and his tireless effort in trying to turn around the men's basketball program."

Check, check and check. Nice job, Oregon State. Oh, my bad. You didn't fire Jay John — you relieved him of duty.

Relieved of duty? That's what you do to a Marine on watch or a troubled police officer, not a head coach. The last time anyone involved in sport was "relieved of duty," it was Bob Feller. And he was in the Navy.

Relieved of duty? Can you patty-cake around firing someone any more? Jay John was canned and humiliated. And Bob De Carolis was the one screwing the lid on extra tight and slamming the label on the front that read "D-U-N." A coach can't be dismissed quietly or gracefully in the middle of the season. Every party involved feels pressured to find a solution, the details of dismissal become too public, and eventually it trickles out to the players, and they stop showing up. Once the players stop playing for a coach, it's over.

It's true, he couldn't win in the Pac-10 this season, he didn't have control of his team, and he brought in a bunch of transfers and gambled his future on their success. But just come out and say it. It wasn't Jay John who failed. You failed, Oregon State Athletics Department.

In the same press release mentioned above, De Carolis also said, "I commend [John] for being an ambassador for the university and his solid record of graduating his student-athletes. However, our progress on the court has not been what we all had hoped for, so we are moving in a different direction."

What did you hope for? 20 wins? 25 wins? Not in the Pac-10 with the facilities you have the team practicing in. Not in the Pac-10 with a hand-me-down weight room. Not in the Pac-10 with such poor support.

You were the one that made this firing too late, you were the one that allowed it to trickle down to the players, and you were the one that led this team to its demise.

I know this is a limb that no one — not even the tree it's on — supports, but I don't care. This is absurd. Fans want to blame someone for a 72-97 record? Fans want to blame someone for .387 field goal percentage? Fans want to blame someone for a dismal 61.6 points per game?

Blame the Oregon State Athletics Department.

Sure, we have history, but history can't recruit the "ballers" to sign a letter of intent. History doesn't improve guys' shots from the line. History does absolutely nothing but put a feather in the cap of the front office. Most recruits today don't care about Oregon State's history and aura that ended more than two decades ago, before they were born. And if Oregon State thinks it has pull on players because Gary Payton played here or Ralph Miller coached here, it's got bigger issues than just a head coach.

Recruits care about coaches, teammates, winning and where they will be playing. Not even the combined efforts of Bob Knight, Mike Krzyzewski

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## Women's basketball starts four-game road trip in L.A.

Oregon State looks to fix troubled history of playing USC with win away from home

By Kye Johnson  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State women's basketball kicks off a four-game road trip tonight against USC in Los Angeles.

The Beavers are currently riding the mini-wave of a two-game conference winning streak following their pair of wins over Washington and Washington State last weekend.

USC, however, has won seven of its last ten games following a 4-4 start. In USC's last game, the Trojans beat down their cross-town rival, UCLA, 64-56.

USC is 4-3 in Pac-10 play and 11-7 overall on the year. Oregon State is 3-4 in conference and 10-8 overall. USC's four conference wins have the school sitting tied for third in the Pac-10, with Oregon State just one game behind them. This weekend's trip to southern California to play USC and another 4-3 team in UCLA gives OSU a huge chance to gain a little ground and move up the conference ladder.

If the Beavers are going to head into the Galen Center and knock off USC, they'd better do a good job rebounding the ball, because USC can be a very suspect rebounding team at times.

The Trojans are being out-rebounded by more than three boards per game, and opponents have 25 more offensive rebounds this year than USC has.

USC owns the lead in the all-time series against the Beavers, winning 31 of the 47

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Defensive specialist and former OSU outfielder Natalie Johnson was part of a Beaver softball team that finished the 2006 season No. 15.

## Beavers softball earns USA Today Top 25 honors

After top 25 finish last year, Oregon State softball will begin season ranked No. 18

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The 2008 Oregon State softball team received 201 votes in the USA Today/NFCA Division I Top 25 Pre-season Poll and will start the season ranked No. 18, as announced Wednesday.

The Beavers ended the 2007 season ranked No. 15 after consistently appearing in the top 25 and finishing with a 41-23 overall record, 10-11 in

the Pac-10.

OSU ended the season with its ninth consecutive postseason appearance at the NCAA Regional in Ann Arbor, Mich., falling in the championship game to host No. 10 Michigan.

The 2008 campaign will begin at the Cathedral City Kick-Off, hosted by Oregon State in Cathedral City, Calif. The team will face Winthrop and New Mexico State on Friday, Feb. 8, to officially start the season

OSU's first home event of the year will be Wednesday, Feb. 20, against Portland State University.